



St. Mark 

THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

GROWING IN THE GOOD NEWS

PRESERVING OUR LEGACY
SECURING OUR FUTURE



A LETTER FROM FR. TIM

Dear Friends,

I hope that you and your family are healthy and doing well during what has been a difficult time. Let's continue to thank God for the many blessings that He has given our parish family, which remains vibrant and has continued to grow even in the midst of the challenges of a global pandemic!


In 2020, St. Mark began the thoughtful and prayerful planning for our future and identified a set of priorities that needed to be addressed with financial resources.

Last fall, we conducted a feasibility study to gather advice and thoughts regarding our campus maintenance and construction priorities. I thank everyone who participated in the study and provided their opinions on the future of our parish. After reviewing the positive results of the study, and with much prayerful consideration, St. Mark has decided to embark on a capital campaign: **Growing in the Good News**.

This campaign is a great step forward in our work of caring for our campus and creating spaces that can accommodate our tremendous growth. This will be an incredible opportunity for us to preserve our legacy and secure our future. Our parish is on an incredible trajectory of growth and development, and we are ready to ensure that we have the best possible environment for that to continue. As you will find in this booklet, the campaign intends to give everyone in our parish a chance to commit to and invest in our incredible mission here at St. Mark. The future of our parish has never been more exciting!

The pages that follow will outline the many benefits this campaign will bring to our parish and the ways you can be involved. Success in this campaign requires that we all embrace this journey with open arms. **Growing in the Good News** will require the participation of every St. Mark family. I so very much look forward to beginning this process with you and the rest of our parish! Let us all pray for the success of this effort. Only together can we bring this to fruition. May God continue to bless you, and please know of my prayers for you and your family.

Sincerely,

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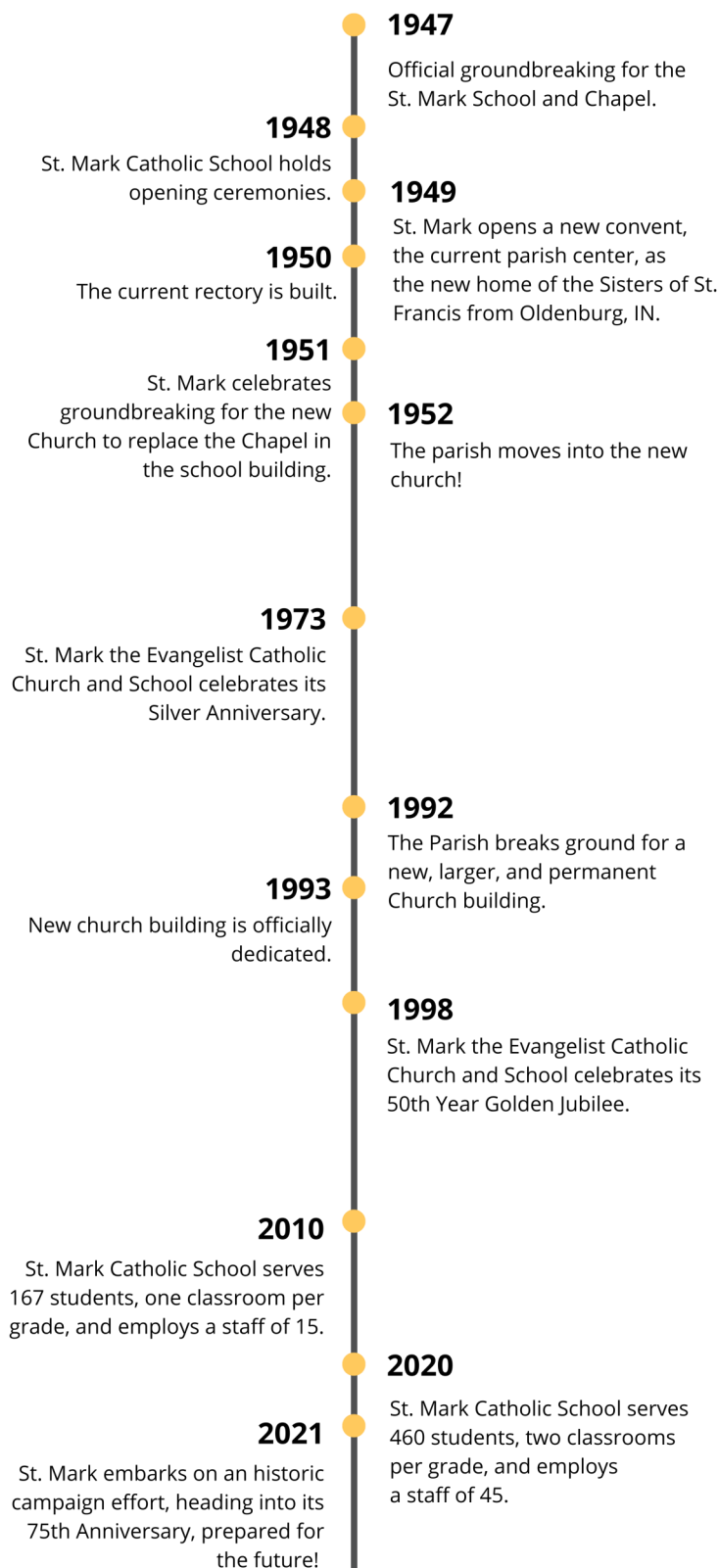
Fr. Tim Wyciskalla

Pastor, St. Mark the Evangelist



ST. MARK

AT A GLANCE



TODAY

Whether you have been a parishioner at St. Mark since our founding or are new to our community, you know we are unlike any other parish. We are more than just a collection of ministries. We are more than just a church and a school. We are a uniquely vibrant community, a family of faith, a diverse group of Catholics from different age groups, ethnicities, and spiritual backgrounds. We are more than the sum of our parts.

Church goers and school families alike say that what makes St. Mark unique is its welcoming nature; parishioners feel deeply connected to a genuine sense of community. Our parishioners are humble and warm. We welcome one another with open arms and we strive to be generous in nature.

We continue to enjoy growth in our community, ministries, and faith. Despite the current challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, we have much to be grateful for, especially as St. Mark remains a dynamic, healthy parish continually discerning God's call.

OUR VISION

St. Mark is at a pivotal moment in its history. Our parishioners are maturing, new families are joining our church and school, and the number and size of our ministries are increasing at an exciting rate. This creates unique opportunities to address the changes to our demographics, and in turn, the changing needs of our parish as a whole.

God is calling us. We are blessed to be well-positioned for the future and to reflect on a rich history, but we must also contemplate how we respond to God's call to not only preserve our legacy but secure our future.

We seek to preserve our legacy and secure our future by ensuring the facilities that have served our parishioners for decades continue to reflect the beauty of God's creation. By creating new spaces on our campus for our growing ministries we ensure everyone will be able to grow in discipleship and prayer that is accessible to all.



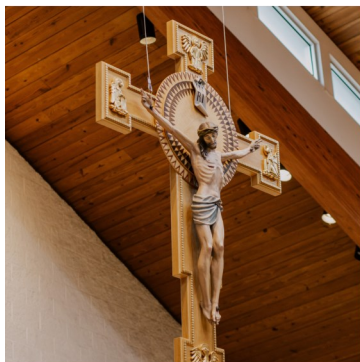
*"Do not neglect hospitality,
for through it some have
unknowingly
entertained angels."*

(HEBREWS 13:2)



PRESERVING OUR LEGACY

To make our vision possible, we must undertake critical renovations to ensure that our parish receives the care it deserves. This involves ensuring our facilities are accessible to all by conducting urgently needed deferred maintenance. Now is the time for us to improve access, make repairs, and replace inefficient systems:



ACCESS

Replace the concrete around the church, ensuring access to all parishioners regardless of ability.



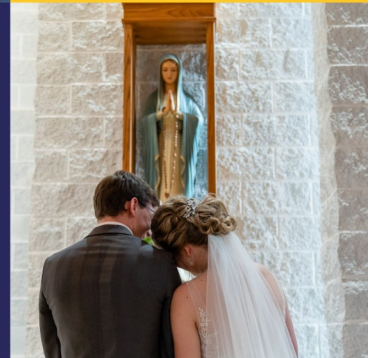
REPAIR

Repair the church steeple's consistent leak to prevent potential injuries.



REPLACE

Replace the boiler in Schafer Hall to improve air quality and ensure the building better serves the needs of the parish.



Estimated costs for repairs and maintenance:

(Please note the final numbers are under review and subject to change)

Replace the concrete around church, ensuring equal accessibility	\$100,000
Repair the church steeple	\$50,000
Replace the boiler in Schafer Hall, renovate Schafer Hall to become a flexible meeting space	\$150,000
Total estimated costs:	\$300,000

ST. MARK IS GROWING

FOR THE GLORY OF GOD



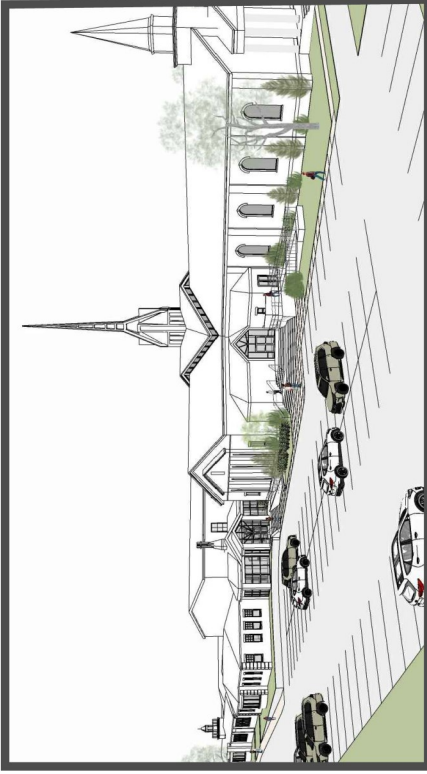
SECURING OUR FUTURE

In addition to preserving our legacy, we must also look ahead at the tremendous growth experienced by our parish. Our community is growing in its diverse offering of ministries, demographic details like backgrounds and ethnicities, and enrollment in our church and school.

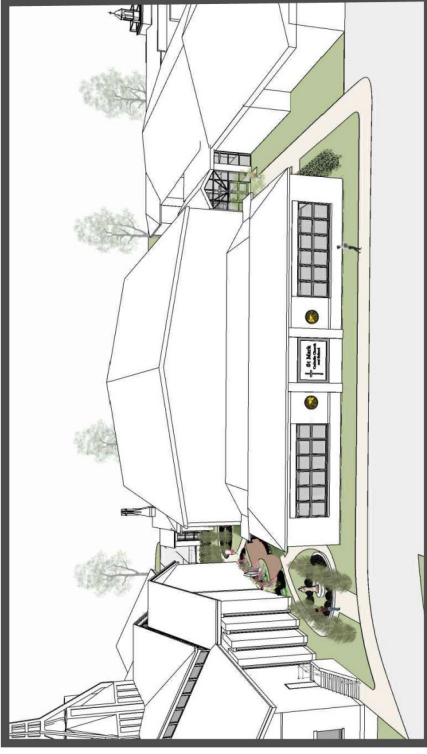
Our Vision is:

To construct a new parish hall that houses a gymnasium/cafeteria that better accommodates the growing St. Mark community and can act as a revenue generator.	\$2,500,000
To build a new parish offices that offer additional meeting spaces for our numerous ministries.	\$1,000,000
To build two additional classrooms to house our growing school community and create optimal learning environments for our youngest parishioners.	
Funding the St. Mark endowment	\$350,000
Subtotal :	\$3,850,000
Estimated Costs for repairs and maintenance	\$300,000
Operation and contingency fees	\$350,000
Grand Total:	\$4,500,000

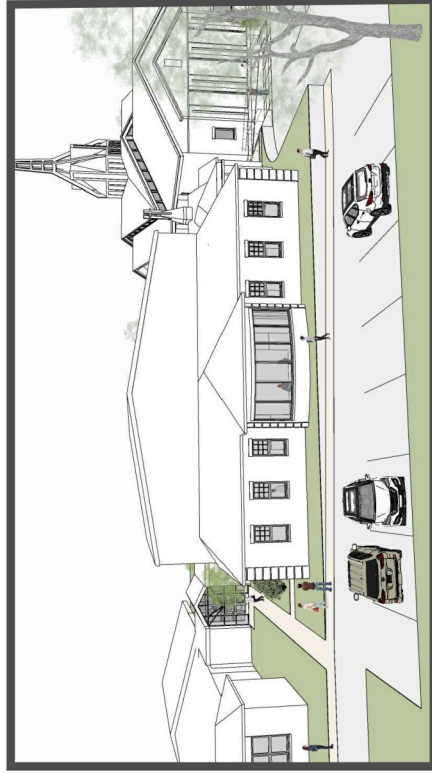




View of Entire Campus



Prayer Garden, Classroom Addition, and School Entrance



School Entrance and Parish Offices



Parish Office and Parish Hall Entrance

Capital Campaign

St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Parish
Indianapolis, Indiana

January 2021

