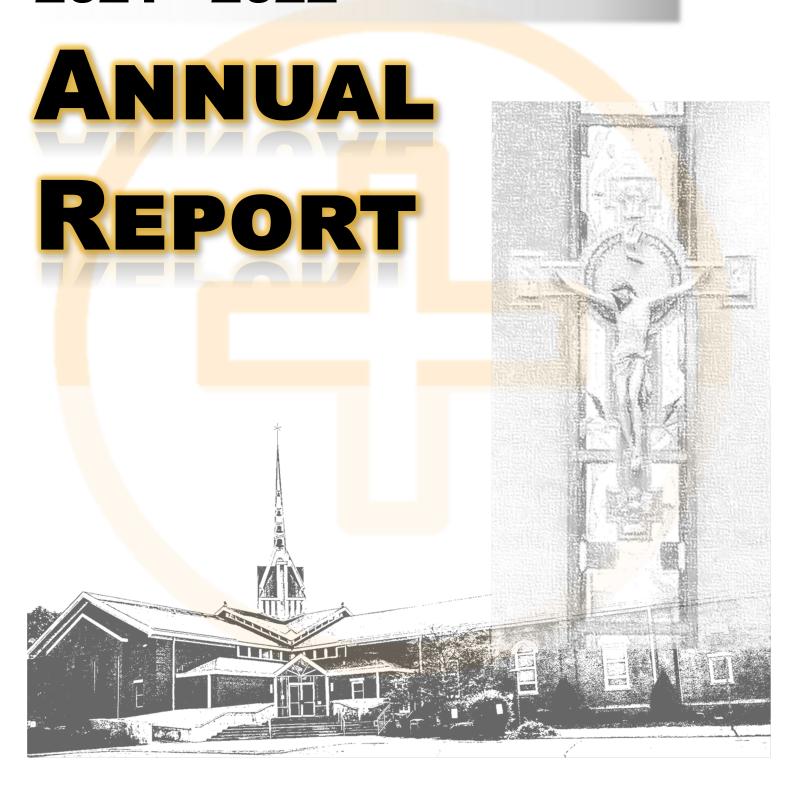
2021 - 2022





St. Mark The Evangelist Catholic Church

Hello Everyone,

I am very excited to be able to present to you all this year's annual report. The last fiscal year 2021-2022 was a great one for us here at the parish! Not only did we welcome our new associate pastor, Fr. John, but we broke ground on the largest construction project we have undertaken since building our current Church in 1994. The vibrancy and strength of St. Mark as a parish is as evident now as it has ever been!



Once again, this annual report is a chance for us to acknowledge the various aspects of our parish: the financial, the ministerial, the social, the Sacramental, and the spiritual. As a snapshot of last fiscal year, it gives us much to remember and reflect on, and much to think about as we move forward into the future. It can be easy to overlook the larger picture from any given ministry within the parish, and this annual report is a great reminder for us to consider the entire parish as a whole. Of course, it is impossible to capture everything in one report, but our Stewardship Committee has once again done a great job condensing so much data into this very accessible publication.



I want to thank you all, our parishioners, for continuing to make St. Mark such a remarkable parish, and such a wonderful place to be pastor. Let us continue to celebrate our parish and thank God for the many gifts he has given us.

St. Mark, pray for us!

-Fr. Tim

ANNUAL REPORT

July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022



2021-2022: By the Numbers

Parishioners	
Number of Households	1262
Number of Individual Catholics	3684



Sacraments	
Receptions into the Church	
Infant Baptisms (0—6 years)	58
Minor Baptisms (7-17 years)	0
Adult Baptisms (18 and older)	2
Received into Full Communion Other Christians who became Catholic	2
First Communions	51
Confirmations	28
Burials	31
Marriages	
Catholic	4
Interfaith	6
Weekend Mass Attendance	935

Year in Review

- Intro of Safe Parish Training
- Parish Festival
- Young Adult Summer Book Study
- World Grandparents Day Celebration

2021

Resumption of Choirs
Start of Children's Catechesis
High School Youth Group Kickoff
Volunteer Roundup

- Central Indiana Life Chain
- MMA Trip to St. Mary of the Knobs
- SVDP Blanket Sunday
- Franks & Beads

OCTOBER

- Trunk or Treat
 - Annual Stewardship Report

DECEMBER

- Advent Giving Tree
 Advent Sunday Spirituality Series
- MMA Christmas LunchHoly Season Concert
- Pro-life Christmas Gifts for Baby Jesus

AUGUST

- First Day of School
- Start of Citizenship Classes

SEPTEMBER

Men's Club Golf Outing

NOVEMBER

Selection of General Contractor for Building Project
National Catholic Youth Conference

Staff Spotlight

Hello

In January 2022, St. Mark contracted **Agresta, Storms, & O'Leary**

accounting firm to oversee the

financial and business operations of the parish. The firm has taken on responsibility for overseeing and producing monthly financial statements, reporting to the Finance Council, creating and overseeing the annual budgets for all ministries, monitoring expenses and income for the parish, producing annual reports, overseeing transitory business needs, and other duties as needed in this area.

In conjunction with this change, **Rose Awi** became the parish book keeper. The St. Mark community was already familiar with Rose as the assistant school secretary. As the part-time book keeper, her duties include payables (cutting checks) and receivables (recording income).



In March, Mrs. Jen Kocher was introduced as the new Principal of St. Mark Catholic School. After working in the corporate world, Mrs. Kocher found her calling the last 12 years working in education, which has included teaching mathematics at

Roncalli High School, Ivy Tech Community College, and most recently St. Jude Catholic School. She brings an incredible excitement to this position, and for the opportunity to lead the school in its strong Catholic identity, beautiful diversity, and academic excellence. She shared, "What I have found is that no matter how much experience you gain, you can never stop learning and growing."

Mrs. Kocher, her husband, and her two children are members of St. Jude parish.

Farewell & Thank You!

Junior High Youth Rally

After 13 years as St. Mark Catholic School Principal, **Mr. Rusty Albertson** retired from that role at the end of the 2022 school year. During his tenure, school enrollment climbed from a mere 165 students to nearly 500. He has also been credited with nurturing a strong sense of diversity within the school. While the school and students will miss Mr. Albertson, he will not be going too far. Rusty remains on staff as the Director of Outreach, with responsibilities as a liaison to the Burmese community, for coordinating the school voucher program, and to manage the parish social media outlets.

2022-2023 School Year Enrollment Brother Fraternus' Arrival Jr. High Winter Wonderland Dance "The Search" Lenten Series Father John Mang's Arrival JANUARY Contracting of Agresta for Financial Ops Lenten Opportunities: Sunday Speakers, Service Days, **Building Groundbreaking** MARCH Stations of the Cross, Penance Service, Fish Fries **Prayer Workshop** Deacon Nick's Ordination Introduction of Mrs. Kocher as New School Principal Mary's Way **End of School Year** CRHP 20th Anniversary **FEBRUARY** Stewardship Video Publication APRIL Catholic Schools Week Youth Ministry Senior Recognition Men's Club Men's Night Out Initiation of RCIA Candidates **Building Project Final Approval** Soul Sisters Cookie Decorating 8th Grade Confirmation

Jr. High South Deanery Olympics

Ministry News

Vocations

The year has been booming with vocation news at St. Mark. Father John Mang finally arrived to serve as associate pastor. The parish hosted transitional deacon Brother Fraternus over the summer. Two seminarians from St. Mark, Khui Shing and Khaing Thu, continue their studies in major seminary at Saint Meinrad. The community was also thrilled to welcome one of their very own, Deacon Nick Martin, as a newly ordained deacon.

Seminarian (Timothy) Khui Shing is currently in Configuration Stage at Saint Meinrad. When asked why he wanted to be a priest, he replied, "I wanted to become a priest because I loved what the priest does. Growing up, there were many priests around me. I was inspired by what they were doing to serve God's people and bring them back to God."

Khaing Thu started major seminary this fall. Considering the change of pace, he said, "The community is a lot bigger, so it's going to take longer

to get to know everyone. But I think it's a good change since the more people means that I am interacting with people with different personalities and skills, which will be helpful for me as a future pastor when working with all kinds of parishioners. I like the location although it's isolated (from restaurants, gas stations, farther from home, etc.), but it's really peaceful with hiking trails and ponds. It is generally a good place to meditate and connect with God through nature. I'm enjoying learning Theology after having spent four years studying philosophy as a foundation for Theology."

We are very blessed at St. Mark to have such a thriving vocational community!

Music Ministry

Among St. Mark's greatest strengths lies the parish's extensive music ministry. Throughout the pandemic, these musicians were sorely missed. In fall of 2021, all choirs were able to return to full swing. The choirs enlist youth in grade five through some of the most senior members of the parish and include the following:

- Children's Choir
- Adult Choir
- Ensemble
- Bell Choir
- Men's Choir
- Funeral Choir
- Brass Choir

The annual Holy Season Concert was welcomed back in December, featuring all music ministry choirs and musicians. A full house of parishioners and guests turned out to enjoy this holiday celebration.

Members of the choir perform at the Holy Season Concert.



Seminarian Khui Shing, Fr. John Mang, Brother Fraternus, and seminarian Khaing Thu pose together.

School

The 2021-2022 school year was welcomed with relief from the many COVID protocols faced the prior year. Mask requirements were lifted, small group work increased,

students were able to switch classes, and most importantly, all students were again able to come together in the church for all-school Masses!

The sixth through eighth grade musical returned with greatness! Thirty-five students performed Seussical Jr. Staff, students, and families were very excited to see the students shine with their musical and theatrical talents.

2021-2022 also brought an increase in participation in extracurricular activities such as the Quest for Excellence Academic Competition. Approximately 30 students in grades seven and eight represented St. Mark. These students placed in 13 different academic categories and brought home a total of 24 awards!

The parish capital campaign, "Growing in the Good News," was completed. The school is looking forward to the new gym, cafeteria, and PreKindergarten classrooms, which will provide more space and opportunities for the students at the school.

After 13 years of service, Mr. Albertson retired as school principal. Those he touched will always be grateful for his leadership and efforts to build a school that truly embodies the message "All Are Welcome!"

Mrs. Jen Kocher was hired as the new principal of St. Mark Catholic School, bringing new energy, excitement and ideas. Staff and families look forward to continued growth and development under her leadership.

Youth Ministry

Although many great Youth Ministry events have taken place at St. Mark in the past year, the one that stands out most is NCYC. With 12,000 attendees in 2021, National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) is one of the largest gatherings for Catholic high school youth. The Archdiocese of Indianapolis is very blessed that this bi-annual event takes place locally in Lucas Oil Stadium. Even though the conference basically takes place in our own back yard, the cost to attend is still high. St. Mark youth are blessed to have such a supportive parish! Support of a Sock Religious fundraiser and additional generosity from parishioners made it possible for 30 of our own youth to attend.

While there, youth were able to learn and grow through wonderful keynote speakers, breakout sessions, various forms of prayer, sacraments, and of course, encountering and having fun with many other Catholic teens. A majority of the teens attending said that their favorite pass-time was trading crazy hats and random other items with others. Watching how many different hats some wore throughout the three-day conference was hilarious!

Although great just to see attendees having such a fun time, two other moments stand out. The first was seeing how a stadium, filled with thousands of teens, quickly fell silent when the Blessed Sacrament was processed in and how they all adored Our Lord Jesus on the Altar for an hour. The second moving moment came when a group of St. Mark girls volunteered to run a quick errand to pick up a food order for the whole group. A mishap, though, occurred with the order. The patience and charity the girls exhibited was beautiful. Each one showed great concern, offering kind words to all involved and wanting to, with their own money,

generously tip the worker who went out of her way to help. We are all proud of our St. Mark teens, as they are respectful and faith-filled disciples!



Fr. Tim joins St. Mark youth in sporting their crazy hats at NCYC.

REFINING DESIGN

Ministry News

Growing in the Good News

During fiscal year 2021-22, the Capital Campaign celebrated breaking \$5 million in total pledges. St. Mark has been truly blessed by the generosity of parishioners, friends, and school families. The current pledge total exceeds \$5,076,000.

But while the pledges were being celebrated, a dark cloud hung over the initiative. The rumored rise in construction costs, inflation, labor and material shortages threatened moving forward with construction.

Fervent prayer and a strong faith that Christ's hand was guiding the campaign were evidenced by the incredible pledge total received thus far. As Campaign Chair, Donna Kern related, "On too many occasions, I witnessed unexpected contributions seemingly 'drop out of the heavens.' I had a strong conviction that for this project to move forward it would take continued prayer, total reliance on Christ, and an unwavering faith that Christ would continue to guide us through this challenging process."



In fall of 2021, a planning committee was tasked with making the daunting decisions that lay ahead. The committee scrutinized the design and initial budget. Staff and parishioner suggestions were heavily considered. Decisions were made to retain the overall footprint of the new construction and to connect the new structure to the church. Upon receiving preliminary estimates, fears were realized as the projected costs exceeded budget by more than \$1.5 million. To reduce construction costs, "value engineering" decisions were made to eliminate some of the more costly design details. These included removing some exterior brick, deleting the interior second story overhang, relocating the HVAC system, and redesigning the atrium connecting the school and Parish Center entrance. The changes resulted in significant total cost reductions.

In December 2021, the final phase to produce a complete set of construction documents for bidding and negotiations began. However, reluctance of subcontractors to commit to the project resulted in lengthy delays. Months came and went while awaiting final bids. With the next hard deadline of May 4 for submitting all details to the Archdiocese for review, pressure was on the general contractor to negotiate and secure reliable, quality subcontractors with acceptable bids. The St. Mark Finance Committee also had to approve the final budget and strategize how to address the projected shortfall of nearly \$1 million. But once again, prayer, reliance on Christ to remove all obstacles, and the continued generosity of the parish were working overtime. Deadlines were met to secure the Archdiocese's final approval on Thursday, May 19th.



Plans were then made to demolish the Parish Center and move staff to a temporary location so the work site could be prepared before school began in August.

On June 18th a groundbreaking ceremony was conducted after the 9:30 am Mass. Many of the same parishioners who 30 years earlier in 1992 attended the groundbreaking ceremony of the current church were present.

The success of this Capital Campaign is a result of the continued support and generosity of our parishioners, but it has also been a testament to the power of constant prayer, trust, and faith in Our Lord Jesus Christ that He can and will work through each one of us to accomplish all His good works.

Romans 8:28

Stewardship

Generosity and love are at the very core of our faith. Every day, St. Mark parishioners share God's gifts with

others—whether contributing financially, volunteering their time, or simply interacting with other people in a kind, respectful manner.

While impossible to completely enumerate, here is but a sampling of how St. Mark parishioners are sharing their time, talent, and treasure.



Spiritual Life

CATECHESIS

SPRED, CHILDREN'S CATECHESIS, SACRAMENTAL PREP

Catechists

20

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Weekly Attendance **7**7

SMALL CHURCH COMMUNITIES

Active Teams

-51

Participants

! |7 |

Parish Life

FUNFEST

Event Day Volunteer Hours

1000+

We can never out-do God in generosity!

Planning Committee

Members

3U+

Representing 100s of hours preparation

Outreach

ADVENT GIVING TREE
Donations
\$986

MMA

MINISTRY FOR MATURING ADULTS

Meals

prepared & delivered

for wellness checks

682

Phone Calls

2350

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

St. Mark Conference

Members & Associates

49

Helpline Responses

Añ

Financial Assistance

\$18,000

Food Pantry & Distr Center
St. Mark Volunteer Hours

7651

St. Mark Athletics

Athletes 316

Teams 2

Coaches

Classes Instructors Class

ENGLISH
LANGUAGE

Students/
Class

2

CITIZENSHIP 30 5

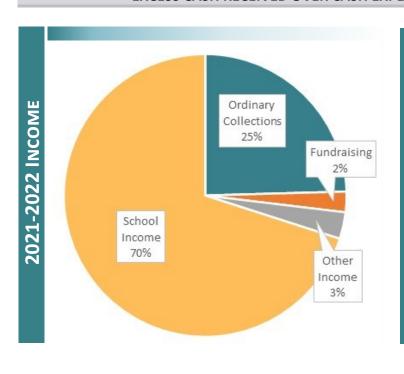
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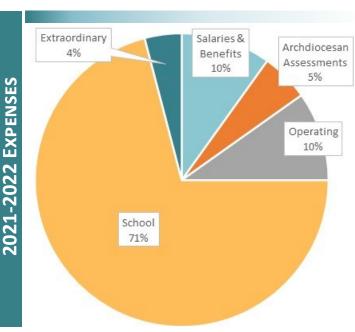
HIGHLIGHTS

- ♦ Boosted by ordinary collections, income was 17% over budget for the year and exceeded expenses by nearly \$100,000.
- The school finished the fiscal year with income ahead of expenses.
- Income received from endowments each year is used for school operations and tuition assistance.
- Reported income and expenses do not include the capital campaign. However, contributions to the campaign that have been received are reflected as donor restricted funds in the Statement of Financial Position.

INCOME AND EXPENSES

INCOME		
Ordinary Collections	1,055,937	25%
Fundraising (Festival and Men's Club)	100,811	2%
Other Income (Donations, capital improvement donations, misc income, endowment investment income, etc.)	131,157	3%
School Income	3,011,766	70%
TOTAL INCOME	4,299,671	100%
EXPENSES		
Salaries and Benefits (Parish Staff and Admin)	416,741	10%
Archdiocesan and High School Assessments	221,909	5%
Operating (Occupancy and Administrative)	412,937	10%
School Expense	2,983,737	71%
Extraordinary (Capital assets & improvements, mission support)	171,245	4%
TOTAL EXPENSES	4,206,569	100%
EXCESS CASH RECEIVED OVER CASH EXPENDED	93,102	





Financial Report

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

ASSETS	
Cash	1,678,847
ADLF Savings	1,370,321
Other Assets	85,928
Total Assets	3,135,096

LIABILITIES	
Deferred Income	92,885
Other Liabilities	14,356
Designated Funds	24,664
Donor Restricted Funds	2,096,159
Total Liabilities	2,228,064

NET ASSETS	
Total Net Assets	907,032
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	3,135,096



SCHOOL ENDOWMENTS

St Mark School Endowment \$267,779

Molli Cassetty Scholarship Endowment 22,853

Evan Taylor Tuition Assistance Endowment 8,487

Joe Cauchi Tuition Assistance Endowment 30,868

Blanche Kern Library Endowment 67,086

Total \$397,073





