



How Will St. Mark's Be a Light on the Hill in Fort Bend County?

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A people illumined. The light of the world. A city on a hill. The season of Epiphany seems to capture these ways in which we describe the church. Epiphany is the season of light and revelation; it's about God revealed to us. It is about the "aha" moment when God shows us what has been made possible in Jesus Christ.

And the church has a purpose to share that good news with the world. As Matthew says, "no one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house." We were baptized and made to be light-bearers. What will this look like for us at St. Mark's? How will we be the city on the hill? How will we be the light located on Farm-to-Market 762?

We can expect our new building to be completed in the not-so-distant future, and it will only be a matter of time before we can "flip the switch." So, when the lights are on, how will Christ be revealed in that new space? No doubt our school will open its doors and shine. How else will that new space be a place of light? How brightly will Christ shine through our mission and ministry? These are the questions we may delightfully discern in this season of Epiphany for the future of St. Mark's is bright.

Faithfully, Bert +

Let's Bring People to Share Joy and Celebrations



The Rt. Rev. C. Andrew Doyle dedicates St. Mark's new Education/School Building on Sunday, January 5, 2014, as Ann Normand, Canon to the Ordinary, looks on.



Mat Coyle enjoys the jubilant sounds of Warren Maas and Randy Snyder.

Let's Bring People in to Learn the Word of the Lord



Standing with Bishop Doyle and Father Bert are, from left to right, Austin Cherry, Vincent Arnold, Tori Eavenson, Jason Purifoy, Sara Hawkes, Lindsey Eppolito McMahon, Tracey McMahon, William (Bud) Little

Bringing People to Find Healing and Comfort



Members of St. Mark's Order of the Daughters of the King are dedicated to a life of prayer, service to those in need, and to evangelism.



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Let's Bring Little Children to Christ

St. Mark's is excited to announce that Tracey McMahon has accepted the position of Founding Head of St. Mark's Episcopal School. As Founding Head of School, Tracey will manage the daily operations of the school which will include equipping classrooms, hiring faculty, developing curricula, acquiring instructional materials, and marketing to the community. Since this is a new school, Tracey will have the great responsibility of recommending to the School Board the school policies and practices that will lead to a highly successful preschool.



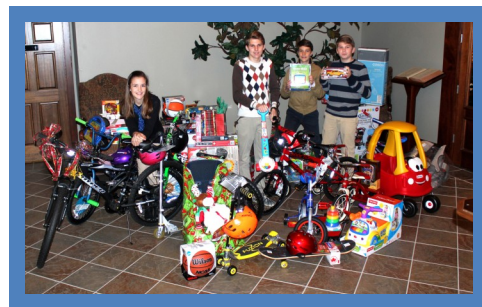
Kim Janke and Father Bert welcome Tracey McMahon, Founding Head of School

Tracey brings both a depth of education and experience to this position. She has a Master of Arts in Education Administration, has teaching experience in Fort Bend County ISD, St. John Neumann Catholic School in Tennessee, and Temecula Valley ISD in California. Tracey has also served as an assistant principal and holds a Principal K-12 Licensure from Tennessee. St. Mark's is surely blessed to have Tracey be part of our Church family.

Prayer for the Head of School

O God, the source of all truth and goodness, the fountain of wisdom and shepherd of souls: We humbly pray you to guide, comfort, and protect our head of school, that by a good example of godly living, faithful instruction, and constant care, all those committed to her charge may learn the lessons of your abiding love and steadfast righteousness, be led to serve your good purposes in this world, and finally, by your mercies, attain everlasting life in your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reaching Out in Service to the Community



Generous church members donated over 200 "Giving Tree" gifts to Fort Bend's Rainbow Room at Family and Protective Services.