



St. Mark's Times



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ST. MARK'S FEAST DAY:

COME MAKE WONDERFUL MEMORIES!

This is an event that you will not want to miss! On **Sunday, April 27th**, St. Mark's will be celebrating a Feast Day in honor of our patron saint,



Saint Mark the Evangelist. We will all enjoy a complimentary fish fry and beverages, an energizing Blue Grass Band, a children's scavenger hunt, and a celebration of St. Mark's many ministries. This

special day will be a time to explore how God is calling you to steward your time and talent in our church ministries. If you can help out with the festivities, please contact members of St. Mark's Stewardship Commission: Michelle D'Antonio (Chair), The Rev. Bert Baetz, Lyle Marshall, Marilyn Turner, and Dorothy Valencia.

IMPACT THE FUTURE:

DID YOU COMPLETE THE PARISH SURVEY?

It is the year 2017. What do you "see" happening for you and your family at St. Mark's Episcopal Church? A Strategic Planning Task Force is asking you to complete a twelve-question survey sharing your ideas and opinions on our future. Your responses to these questions will be used in creating strategic goals for 2015-2017.



Sarah Peters hands in her parish survey

How do you complete a survey? Pick up a paper copy of the survey at church, fill it out, and place it in the box in the nave labelled "Impact the Future" or go to the St. Mark's web site and follow the link to the survey. Print off a copy, complete it, and then mail it, deliver it or send it electronically to the church. **Together we will plan the future!**

THE ST. MARK'S SCHOOL RECEIVES \$195,000 GRANT

It was with great joy that Father Bert recently learned that St. Mark's grant request to a local foundation was approved for \$195,000, the amount of our full request. The funds will go for organizational and start-up costs associated with the St. Mark's School, such as furniture, instructional materials and technology, a playground, and telephone and security systems. Our St. Mark's School will open in the Fall of 2014 with classes for two, three and four-year-old children and a "bridge" program to kindergarten. Applications for enrollment are now being accepted.



Our grant will provide a new spacious playground

IS GOD CALLING YOU TO SERVE WITH THE E.Y.C. (EPISCOPAL YOUTH COMMUNITY)?

Is God calling you to serve by planning and leading programs for St. Mark's active and growing youth group? This great group is involved in church activities, fellowship, formation and community outreach. Adult lay ministers walk faithfully with young people as they transition from childhood to young adulthood, recognizing their questions, their need for connection, and their desire to make a difference in the world. Questions? Contact Melissa Hamon, Newcomer Coordinator.





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Have you seen the progress of our new Education/School Building? It's looking great!



This is the back of our new, beautiful building looking from the detention pond .

FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR THE *GROWING IN GRACE* CAMPAIGN

PROGRESS TO DATE

Total number of pledges:	47
Amount of capital campaign pledges:	\$521,310
Total pledge contributions to date:	\$336,802
Pledge amount that is not yet received:	\$184,508
Amount given as one time contribution:	\$604,328

EXPENSES

Total Estimated Expense:	\$2,279,497
Total of Expenses to date:	\$1,684,687