



Snapshot of St. Mark's Parish November 2018

I. Parish Life

Faith Formation

- A. Sacramental Preparation:
Baptisms; home visits to prepare the couple. The sacrament is always performed during the Sunday Liturgy
- B. First Communion and Reconciliation: (25 candidates)
An initial home visit to meet the parents and the child, and to explain the process which will be followed. There are several meetings with the parents alone as well as the meetings with the children where at least one parent is expected to be present.
Confirmation; (11 candidates) Instruction is given by a Confirmation Team in the parish
RCIA Program;(8 candidates) Instruction is also be given by a RCIA Team in the parish
- C. Other Catechetical:
Children's Liturgy at both the 9 and 11 o'clock Sunday Masses
Other Faith Formation, books available by the Knights of Columbus,
Bible study group
Christian Meditation

Liturgy

- A. Characteristics of Liturgical celebrations:
Well prepared, always greeters at the 2 entrances
Choirs at all 3 Sunday celebrations
The homilies are always well prepared and related to the scripture readings
- B. Non-sacramental celebrations:
Penitential Celebrations during Advent and Lent, with several priests for individual confession
Liturgy of the Word
Way of the Cross on Friday during Lent, preceded by a hunger meal
- C. Other celebrations:
Feast of St. Mark, Immaculate Conception, and All Souls Day
Distribution of Communion to shut-ins
Sacrament of the sick available upon request

Fellowship

- A. Describe the fellowship aspects of the parish:
Coffee Sunday 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month, Youth Group, parish supper, garden party, several dance and get togethers each year
- B. How are volunteers welcomed and supported:
volunteer's appreciation evening. After the call to ministry, Father John Malazdrewich acknowledges the volunteers at a Sunday service.
- C. What attention is given to those who aren't regular parishioners:
Funeral Lunch outreach, Supper of Love for the less fortunate at Christmas, pastoral visits in private homes and senior homes, with communion
- D. What is in place to facilitate consultation in the parish
PPC, Fabrique, Knights of Columbus, CWG, Youth Group, and Liturgy Committee

II. The Mission of the Parish

Evangelization

- A. Describe the evangelization activities:
we make an effort to involve the parents in sacramental preparation
we reach out to newcomers to make them feel welcome.

Solidarity with the poor

- A. Parish activities:
St. Vincent de Paul Supper of Love, Guignoleé Sponsoring of 2 refugee families from Syria
- B. Training on social doctrine:
through the homilies
- C. Support of community organization,
food bank donations, volunteers for meals on wheels
- D. Recognizing the efforts of parishioners in solidarity with those in need:
volunteer appreciation event

The Parish in the larger community

- A. Links with the municipality and neighborhood;
all of the above
- B. Public manifestation of Faith
The way the cross on Good Friday together with the other Christian denominations, which finishes at St. Mark's for hot soup; Guignoleé

III. Parish Resources

- A. Demographic makeup:
multi-cultural, mix of families and seniors
- B. Pastoral team:
Priest, Fr. John Malazdrewich, OMI, PPC and Fabrique
- C. Catholic Organizations:
Development and Peace, Knights of Columbus, CWG, and St Vincent de Paul
- D. Administrative Staff:
Fr. John Malazdrewich, OMI Pastor, Tracey Shea Administrative Assistant.
Michel Lambert, Caretaker
- E. Material Resources:
The Fabrique is happy to state that our financial status is slightly above break- even, compared to operating at a loss in previous years. We have done some major fundraising for the church, specifically the Bell Tower Fund, with great success. The project was initiated by our insurance company, to do major repairs to the exterior of the building, including the bell tower. We are thankful to our parishioners' commitment to St. Mark's in rising to this challenge. This project is now underway and should be near completion. There are many areas within the church building, both inside and out, that still need attention. We are currently investigating these needs and will be embarking on another major fundraising campaign, once we have finished our research. We look forward to working with all parishioners to make this another successful fundraiser for St. Mark's Parish.