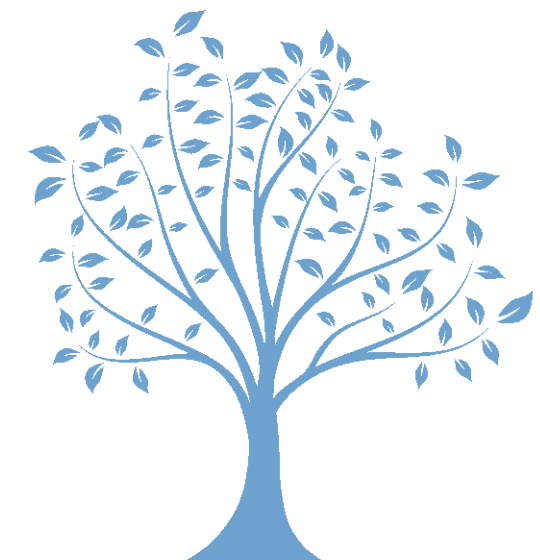


*A \$600,000 capital campaign
for St. Mark's Episcopal Church.*

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*The
second
100
years*

Dear Lord
and Creator,

help us to see clearly the
blessings you have
poured upon our
parish, and with
grateful hearts and a
deeper love for you,
and for each other, may
we walk the path to a
new prosperity that you
have laid before us.

A M E N



AS ST. MARK'S CONCLUDES a year of visioning for the future, we begin the second decade of the 21st century and the second hundred years of parish life. The visioning process confirmed that St. Mark's is a vibrant, growing parish, rooted in baptism, living our faith through our core values of worship, education and service.

In order to make our visioning a reality, we have chosen to begin our capital campaign.

So many dreams for the future were revealed...

For the parish, you envisioned a robust music program with expanded choirs and more variety of worship services. You envisioned more programs for children and young adults.

For the community, you envisioned involvement in the arts, expanded services to provide food and shelter to the homeless. You envisioned a preschool based at St. Mark's that serves children in our local area.

For the world, you envisioned expanding our relationship with San Marcos in Mexico. You envisioned forming new ties with global partners who labor for Christ in the poorest and most neglected cities and neighborhoods on earth.

Is the funding available? Yes, but it is being held hostage to servicing the debt. We need to cast off our debt and liberate the funding needed to begin our second hundred years as the vibrant parish that you envisioned.

Why a capital campaign now?

Why now? Because of the building program of 2004, St. Mark's is blessed with a welcoming parish hall and a safe and secure place for many wonderful events. But it has also left us with a debt of \$2.4 million. Servicing this debt, including payments of principal and interest, drains \$195,000 each year from the operating budget.

At about the same time, due to differences with the national church, many of our members left St. Mark's, and our pledge base dropped more than 40%. Facing a bleak financial outlook in 2006, St. Mark's was blessed with an unexpected, but very generous bequest from the Lillian Campbell estate. With this additional funding reserve, the Vestry decided we could grow St. Mark's even while dealing with this heavy load by drawing on our reserve funds at the rate of nearly \$100,000 per year in both 2008 and 2009. If this continues, our reserve funds would be depleted in 2012.

In 2009, The Diocese of Chicago indicated their support of St. Mark's growing programs by granting us dollar-for-dollar matching funds for any money we raise to retire our debt, up to \$600,000.

We remember that our Lord says that his yoke is easy, and with his guidance we can rise to the challenge of paying down our debt and re-directing these funds. For every \$1,000 of debt that we repay, we lower our debt service by nearly \$80.

Our goal is to raise \$600,000. This would enable us to receive a matching total of \$600,000 from the Diocese.

By cutting our debt in half, we can balance our budget and begin our second century with the strength and flexibility necessary to respond to the needs of our growing congregation as well as to the needs of the community around us. Any money we raise beyond this amount will liberate more operating income to fund more staff hours in critical areas as we grow.

Every gift matters.

The following chart illustrates the number and size of gifts necessary for a successful \$600,000 capital campaign

Size of gift	Number needed	Cumulative total	Monthly over 3 yrs.
\$100,000	1	\$100,000	\$2,778
\$75,000	1	\$175,000	\$2,083
\$50,000	2	\$275,000	\$1,389
\$25,000	4	\$375,000	\$694
\$10,000	7	\$445,000	\$278
\$5,000	10	\$495,000	\$139
\$3,000	20	\$555,000	\$83
\$1,000	25	\$580,000	\$28
\$500	40	\$600,000	\$14
<\$500	Many	Goal Achieved	Variable

In addition to your campaign pledge, you may also wish to consider a planned gift, such as a bequest in your will or a gift of appreciated property. To learn more about planned giving, call the campaign office at 630-858-1020 x231.

Your generosity is deeply appreciated.

