

2018

ANNUAL REPORT

ST. MARK'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



From the Rector



The Rev. Elizabeth Knowlton and Rabbi Mara Nathan of Temple Beth-El welcome guests to the 2018 Fiesta Concert at Temple Beth-El.

"And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work."

-2 Corinthians 9:8

It has been a full and abundant year here at St. Mark's. We have continued to live more fully into our calling to be a resource for our city, diocese, and the broader church. We hosted the first Alamo Baroque Festival, which gathered world class musicians here in San Antonio, who then shared these gifts through teaching and performing at a number of venues, including our partners at Crockett Elementary. As one of San Antonio's first Tricentennial events, we were able to offer our love of music even on the Alamo Plaza!

We then offered hospitality to the national conference for the Consortium of Endowed Episcopal Parishes in February, which included gracious welcome and fellowship from our wonderful team of volunteers. Whether at the Grand Hyatt or within our parish walls, we were able to give a warm welcome to Episcopalians from across the country. We then hosted another national conference this summer, the Association of Anglican Musicians. Each of these gatherings required untold hours of service from our parish and the staff, and it was done with enthusiasm and grace.

We live out our Core Vocation to Feed San Antonio with the Bread of Life because it is who we are.

This was again evident during our fall celebration of our 160th anniversary. As we look to our future to imagine where God is calling us, it was helpful to remember the many ways we have embodied our Core Vocation from the earliest days. It was a grand celebration and an honor to name The Rev. Michael Chalk as our Rector Emeritus. The new coloring book featuring our stained glass windows was a wonderful way to engage our history and the beauty of our worship spaces with our children (of all ages!). These will continue to be available around the Parish House.

It was also a year of staff transitions as we bid Dr. Joe Causby and The Rev. Carol Morehead farewell as they accepted new calls to ministry. While it is always hard to say goodbye, the reality is part of our ministry is to foster leadership in the wider church. So, while we will miss them, we know they will continue to embody the love of Christ in their new settings.

We were delighted to call Jon Johnson as our new Organist and Choirmaster and have more recently welcomed Samuel Gaskin as our Assistant Organist and Choirmaster. Our commitment to music will continue to thrive with these outstanding new staff additions. I look forward to calling another clergy person to serve in our midst in the coming months as well.

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From the Rector (cont.)

As I reflect on the past year, I am struck again by what a full and abundant time of ministry it has been for us. As we seek to pay down our capital debt, expand our outreach to the city, and find ways to incorporate our members into the community, we will enter a new season of visioning with one another. We will host small gatherings in the coming year to see where God is continuing to call us forth. I encourage you to attend one of these.

It is a privilege to serve in this place. I give thanks for the staff, the leadership of our parish, and each person who calls this place their church home. Special thanks to our outgoing vestry members, Dawna Boudreaux, Joey Oliver, Angela Torres-Lopez, and Agatha Wade. I am also grateful for our wardens, Paul Allen and Jan Briley. Jan and Paul graciously agreed to serve two years as wardens to allow for greater continuity in our parish life. This meant each was willing to serve an additional year on their terms. So thank you to Jan as she completes her fourth year! Paul will continue as Senior Warden in 2019.

I give thanks for the abundance of this past year and look forward to the new opportunities that await us.

Peace,



The Rev. Elizabeth Knowlton, Rector

Wardens' Report



We found ourselves writing this as winter weather has descended upon San Antonio in an instant. This change of seasons is not dissimilar to that of the landscape of our parish. We are infinitely pleased with how our parish has responded this year, and it is important to reflect as we plan for the year that lies ahead. As a resource we have served faithfully in San Antonio, in the diocese, and nationally having hosted the Alamo Baroque Festival, the Consortium of Endowed Episcopal Parishes, and the Association of Anglican Musicians.

Change has touched us in the configuration of our staff. First, we received the news that Dr. Joe Causby received an opportunity to return to his home state of North Carolina. Since our parish serves as a beacon throughout the Episcopal Church, this transition was a direct result of the strong music program that St. Mark's has built and continues to nurture each year. The parish responded by developing a Search Committee that completed a national search which produced a wonderful result; we are so blessed to have Jon Johnson join us. The next change came when we learned of the news that The Rev. Carol Morehead

received a call to serve as the Rector for a parish in Medford, MA. This again was further affirmation that St. Mark's is living into its Core Vocation in more ways than we always realize. The search is well under way to discern who is being called to serve as our third clergy. We should all be honored that we serve those outside our walls in this most special way.

With the mindful guidance of our Rector, The Rev. Elizabeth Knowlton, we continue to examine and allow our processes to evolve. This is evident in our 2021 Vestry slate. The divergence from a ballot election to a slate affirmation is further indication of our health. This was approached in a thoughtfully discerning way to ensure we instituted a process that garnered feedback from our diverse congregants. The Vestry Discernment Committee used their specific knowledge of our parish, in conjunction with direction from the current Vestry, clergy and staff, to formulate a slate for which we can all be grateful.

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Wardens' Report (cont.)

On the facilities front, your Facilities Committee (comprised of parishioners Dick Westbrook, Steve Hays, Jan Briley, and staffers Dina Aboul Saad and Eric Nelson) has continued its work to maintain and improve our historic buildings and grounds. A project to restore the windows of the older part of the Parish House is currently being bid by three well-qualified contractors. That work will proceed upon the committee's evaluation and recommendation to the Vestry. A new Fire Safety and Evacuation plan is in development and will be completed in 2019. And finally, due to the extraordinary diligence of committee members Dick Westbrook, Steve Hays, and Operations Manager, Eric Nelson, we are realizing significant cost savings in our utilities. We are grateful to them for sharing their gifts to professionalize our systems as the work continues to find efficiencies throughout our physical plant. These savings are being applied to more regular preventative maintenance.

As we look toward 2019, we encourage you to engage in upcoming opportunities for small group gatherings. We, the parishioners of St. Mark's, are our greatest asset. While our voices are many and varied, we have one mission -- to *feed San Antonio with the bread of life*. We urge everyone to choose a ministry that speaks to you and engage. In this way we are living into our Christian identity in the city. Participating in conversation about our path forward will ensure we can harness the full magnitude of our resources. As your wardens it is a humbling honor to serve each member of this strong, growing, and vibrant congregation.



Paul Allen, Senior Warden



Jan Briley, Junior Warden

Music from St. Mark's



Living into our Core Vocation of *feeding those hungry for beauty and creativity* in our parish and city is central to the music ministry of St. Mark's. Every Wednesday and Thursday, the third floor is filled with singers of all ages and backgrounds, as we come together to learn, pray, and sing – all to the glory of God. Our work together is a spiritual discipline – a sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving – coming together to create something much larger than ourselves, and grounding our daily lives in community.

As of October 1, I am thrilled to work with our new full-time Assistant Organist and Choirmaster, Samuel Gaskin. Samuel has just completed his Master of Music degree from the University of North Texas, Denton, where he studied with Organist, Jesse Eschbach. Samuel will serve in all aspects of the music ministry at St. Mark's.

Also, we anticipate plans about a choir residency abroad – more details forthcoming. Other short-term goals include a Children and Youth Choir Camp; and an annual Chorister Festival as an opportunity to bring several children and youth together for a long weekend of music-making with renowned musicians from the U.S. and across the globe.

It is a privilege to work in such a thriving community of faith, and with so much support from the entire St. Mark's parish.

Alamo Baroque Festival

New to St. Mark's and our city was the inaugural Alamo Baroque Festival in January 2018. As an official Tricentennial event, the Alamo Baroque Festival helped kick off the year-long celebration of our city's founding. The design of the week-long festival centered on *feeding the community with beauty and creativity* at all levels of artistry and engagement. Educational events conducted by the artists-in-residence from all over the world included a presentation for students at Crockett Elementary School, masterclass opportunities for individuals, and a rehearsal with advanced singers of the Children's Chorus of San Antonio; all executed with the goal of engaging the community in a deeper understanding of baroque repertoire. Our artists-in-residence team also conducted intensive rehearsals with area musicians - steeped with learning and advancement in the art of period performance practices - and, together, presented an acclaimed closing concert featuring Handel's brilliant and virtuosic *Dixit Dominus*. Many thanks to our festival patron, Rich Butler, St. Cecilia donors, and staff for helping to make this event possible!



Children's Ministry



What a wonderful year 2018 has been. I have thoroughly enjoyed being a part of the St. Mark's community, and the opportunity to grow in relationship with the children (and their families) of this parish. What a happy, silly, and thoughtful group they are! Each Sunday is a joy as they arrive, ready to learn and participate so eagerly in whatever is planned for them. I feel honored that I get to witness their minds taking in the great truths about God and about what it means to be God's children in this day and age. It is my prayer that more and more of our parish will get to experience this alongside me in the coming years.

2018 has been a full and busy year for us in Children's Ministry. Each month included our regular Sunday programming (Children's Chapel and Sunday School), and at least one special event or service. In January, Meredith and I were blessed with the opportunity to attend the Forma conference, put on by the National Episcopal Church, in Charleston, SC. This conference, focused on Christian formation, was a great place to share and gain new insights and ideas to bring home to St. Mark's, as well as to meet like-minded colleagues in ministry.

In May we wrapped up our regular program year offerings and jumped right into Vacation Bible School as the summer arrived. We had a fantastic time exploring the stories of Daniel, and his courage in the midst

of captivity. In studying this theme, we were reminded again and again that we are never alone - God is always with us no matter what the circumstance!

The rest of the summer flew by, and we are happy to once again be together on the second floor for Children's Chapel and Sunday School. This program year (2018-2019), we have introduced a new offering for Kindergarten through 5th Grade - Study Hall on Wednesday evenings. This new weekly activity has been a blast as we gather to eat, do homework, and play while the adults attend Wednesday evening programming. I'm grateful for the opportunity to have some less-structured, "down" time with the kids. All school-age kids are welcome to come anytime - we'd love to see you!

As we finish this church year and look toward Advent, I am deeply excited for the joy and life God has given us in the children at St. Mark's. Advent is always a special time of year, and I know the children will enjoy all we have planned for them. We know God's love will be evident all around us. --Submitted by Abby Richards



Youth Ministry

Over the course of the last year, through service to their community or service to their church, 81 youth earned a total of 1,870 hours of service. Whether it was serving as an acolyte, painting over graffiti, helping lead VBS, or being a part of Christmas to the Street, our youth love to serve. Last summer we introduced serving and having fun more regularly as a part of our rhythm of life together. Each month over the summer we went out into the community for our “Get It Done Days” and served alongside other Episcopal churches. We helped Camp Capers in their preparation for summer camp in June, we painted over graffiti in partnership with No Graffiti SA in July, and we helped get Good Samaritan Community Services classrooms ready for their yearly afterschool program in August. Each month we also gathered for our Fun Days, we went to Fiesta Texas, Laser Quest, and met at the church for a movie day.

Followership (a new group for High School youth) meets on the second Tuesday of each month at Los Patios to gather and talk through the Little Books of Guidance series. These help the reader find answers to life’s big questions, rather than to have them answered for us. This approach does not attempt to cover everything in the given topic for the month, but rather tries to create a safe space for our youth to have deep and difficult conversations about spiritual and emotional issues that are important to them. For the first time in Sunday Formation, our youth have been using the curriculum “Weaving God’s Promises,” created specifically for the Episcopal Church. There are 40 core lessons we teach as well as special sessions that tie into the church seasons and lessons on the church and its sacraments. During Wednesday Night Fellowship, I am leading three-to-six-week blocks on a variety of topics, including: The Parables in Luke, Poverty, Advent, Spiritual Disciplines, and the Way of Love. In addition to these formational opportunities, Youth Confirmation classes will be offered for 8th graders (and above) and will meet beginning in January 2019.

Last summer before our college students left for school, we had our very first alumni event, the graduated youth got to explore all the places in the church they might not be familiar with, from the Bell Tower to the archive room. We hope to host at least two events a year to ensure our graduated youth are involved and know they are cared for even after they are not physically in the halls of St. Mark’s.

This is an exciting time of growth and change in both our children and youth ministry departments. By hiring full-time, experienced ministers, whose gifts are well aligned with our community’s needs, we continue to move forward in integrating ministries for our parishioners from birth to college. These ministries will create an intentional formation arc that will serve our young people and our parish well for generations to come.

I think the best people to hear from however are the youth, “I think that we are family and we should never change that.”
--Submitted by Meredith Rogers



Liturgy and Adult Formation



Liturgy

As a community of common prayer, everything that we do flows out from and circles back to our worship. The liturgies of our church help create the framework for who we are and who we are longing to become, and the rhythm of the liturgical year allows us to experience the breadth of our rich tradition of worship.

Beginning with Advent each fall, the year follows the life of Jesus as we prepare to receive Christ again in our lives and in our world. Advent has become a wonderful time of intergenerational gathering at St. Mark's with our combined liturgy at 10.00am allowing us to connect with parishioners who attend other services. Last Advent, during the Formation hour, we made Advent wreaths, paraded together through the Parish House halls in Las Posadas, and had a beautiful Christmas Pageant and Living Nativity.

Epiphany began with baptisms on the Feast of the Baptism of

our Lord, as well as the Daughters of the King Epiphany Baby Shower, which collected donations for Good Samaritan Center mothers and children. Ash Wednesday led us into Lent, when we turned to our community with weekly Music in the Park concerts and The Day of Prayer and Service, a day for us to pray together and then go out into the community to serve, following a Benedictine model.

On Palm Sunday, led by Seth the Donkey, we traveled in joyous procession from Travis Park into the Nave, where we experienced the story of Jesus' Passion. The daily services of Holy Week walked us through the triduum of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday, culminating with the coming of the Light at the Easter Vigil and the kindling of the new fire. Alleluias rang out as we celebrated the Risen Christ.

Eastertide reminded us of the joy of Christ in our lives, and Bishop Brooke-Davidson's first visit for the Feast of St. Mark included confirmation for both adults and youth. At Pentecost we remembered the Spirit and celebrated with a Parish Picnic in Travis Park.

Summer was a time of rest and planning, with the combined services allowing many to reconnect. Homecoming Sunday kicked off our new program year in September. The annual Blessing of the Animals, always a highlight, included a first for The Rev. Elizabeth Knowlton – blessing an albino pygmy hedgehog! The year continues as we celebrate All Saints Day with several baptisms. We look forward to starting the liturgical year over again in Advent this year.

In addition to our usual weekly and pastoral liturgies, we held several special liturgies over the course of the year. These liturgies included an Evensong service for the Consortium of Endowed Episcopal Parishes conference in February. As well as an Evensong and a moving Eucharist celebrated as part of hosting the Association of Anglican Musicians in June.





Formation

The Adult Formation theme for the 2017-2018 program year was taken from Hebrews - *The Word of God is Living and Active*. The Rector's Forum was a practical exploration of this theme that used scripture and imagination to explore the ways in which we could more intentionally focus on embodying the creative love of God in our relationships, communities, and workplaces. The Rev. Dr. Jane Patterson, The Rev. Mary Earle, The Rev. Dr. John Lewis, and guest presenters Dr. Joe Causby and James Dennis, OP taught alongside The Rev. Elizabeth Knowlton to lead these forums. Track Two offered classes called *What is the Bible?* and *Episcopal Basics*, as well as an Eucharistic Instruction class, and an introduction to *Daring Greatly* based on the work of shame and vulnerability researcher, Brené Brown. Advent and Lent both included Quiet Days, which offered space for reflection and renewal to those who participated. Both the Youth and Adult Confirmation classes met in the spring, with 10 people being confirmed, received, and reaffirmed in their baptismal vows. The Annual St. Mark's Bookstore Luncheon quickly sold out and featured an inspiring address (and poem sharing) by poet Naomi Shihab Nye and led us beautifully into our Summer Adult Formation classes focused on experiencing God's presence in poetry.

Mid-week offerings started back up this fall, including a two Education for Ministry (EfM) classes, a morning lectionary-based Bible study led by The Rev. Elizabeth Knowlton, an evening introductory Bible Study called The Path led by The Rev. Elizabeth Knowlton, Time Out Bible Study led by The Rev. Matthew Wise, weekly Group Centering Prayer, Gift of Years Book Study, weekly Spanish class and art class, and a Daughters of the King book study. Our 5.30pm Wednesday Evening Eucharist resumed in September, and weekly Evening Prayer continues each Thursday at 5.30pm.

New opportunities continue to be developed as we live into our Core Vocation. The 2018-2019 theme from Luke's Gospel, *But Who Do You Say That I Am?*, promises to lead us deeper into our Christian identity and invite us to more intentionally follow Jesus.

Outreach

Outreach makes up 21% of St. Mark's annual budget, and is represented in many forms including diocesan support as well as individual line items for Haven for Hope, Good Samaritan Community Services, St. Paul's Montessori School, Christian Assistance Ministries, SAMMinistries, Christmas to the Street, and walk-in assistance. Within the outreach budget, \$60,000 is budgeted each year to be awarded in two types of outreach grants, the Bread of Life grant and Vocational grants.



We are in our second year of The Bread of Life Grant cycle with Communities in Schools, San Antonio (CIS-SA). You'll remember that through this grant we've awarded CIS-SA \$60,000 over three years creating space to establish a long-term and more impactful relationship between our congregation and the students, families, teachers, and faculty of Crockett Elementary School. Crockett is part of our immediate neighborhood in downtown San Antonio and is only two miles away from the church.

Since this partnership began, we've collected and donated 70 winter coats, given 50 students Christmas gifts, cleaned up the campus courtyard, planted flowers and plants on campus, cleaned and painted the gym, helped host a pep-rally before the STARR tests with the Spurs Coyote, read to K-2nd graders, fed and honored teachers at the end of the school year, and some of us have started personally mentoring Crockett students. All in all, more than 192 St. Mark's volunteers have given more than 325 hours of volunteer time through this partnership. Thanks to the leadership of our Crockett Team (Charis Brady, John Brady, John Carr, Gary Chambers, and Amy Phipps), we will continue to build these relationships and look forward to where this partnership might take us in the next 18 months and well into the future.

Vocational Grants (smaller, one-year grants dispersed to entities whose applications best fit the thematic areas drawn from our Core Vocation) were awarded to 12 recipients this year, with preference

given to applicants who could articulate their project/ministry/work in terms of *feeding those who are hungry for knowledge and meaning*. They include: The Children's Bereavement Center of South Texas, The Children's Chorus of San Antonio, The Children's Shelter of San Antonio, Christian Hope Resource Center, Corazón Ministries, Haven for Hope, Lifetime Recovery, Mission Road Ministries, Morningside Ministries: Creative Aging, The San Antonio Public Library Foundation, San Antonio Youth Literacy, and The Youth Orchestra of San Antonio. An additional gift was awarded to The San Antonio Christian Dental Clinic in honor of its founder (and St. Mark's member) Corky Carnahan.

In addition to these grants, St. Mark's formed a unique partnership with St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Rockport, Texas following the devastation of Hurricane Harvey. Thus far, we have sent six teams to Rockport on several different weekends to do recovery work in the church, in and around parishioners' homes, and in the community. We've also supported St. Peter's with around \$9,000 for their on-going recovery and preventative work for the future. Rockport's recovery will be a years-long process, and we are engaged with them in how we might continue to be supportive and helpful in the months and years to come.

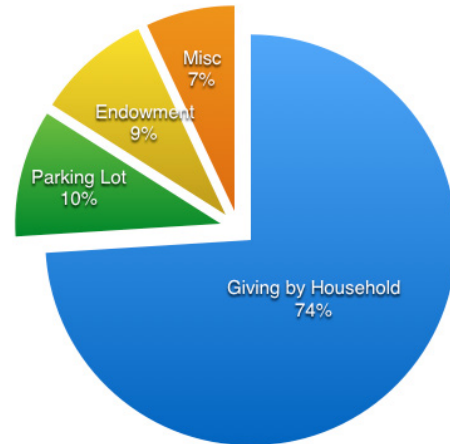
Stewardship



Our theme, *Reflecting Christ, Enacting our Faith*, reminds us of our christian identity. Together we are called to live fully into our baptismal identity and reflect it in every other aspect of our lives: how we interact in our families, how we participate in civic life, and how we exercise our generosity.

While all of us have competing claims in our lives and many communities that call upon our time, energy, and financial resources, your pledge and regular giving help us to live into our identity as Christians and be formed as Christ's own.

2017 Annual Revenue



2018 Pledges by the Numbers

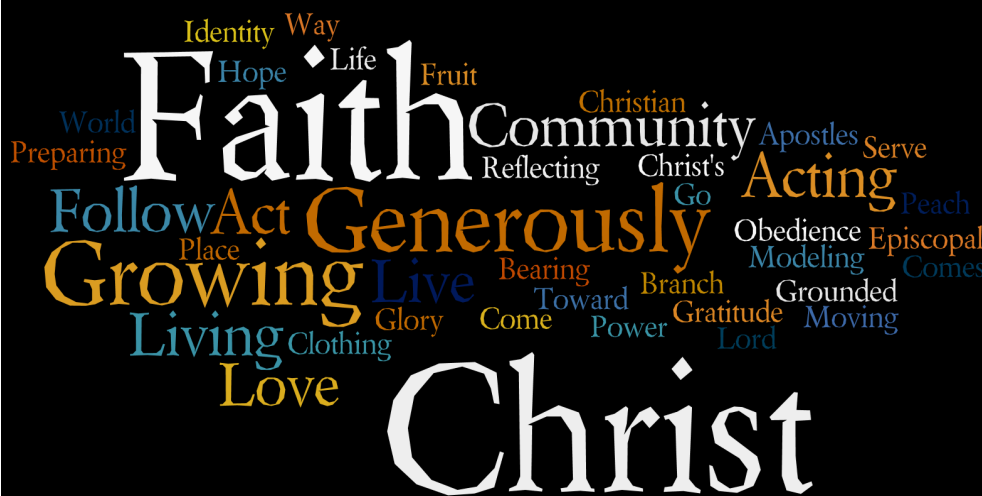
Average Pledge
\$5,514

1/3 of all Pledgers Give
≥ \$5,000

Median Pledge
\$2,875

First Time Average Pledge
(Adults up to age 40)
\$1,200

First Time Average Pledge
(Adults up to age 45)
\$3,500



2019 Pledge cards are available at the front desk or pledge online at stmarks-sa.org/give.

Contact Dina Aboul Saad (dsaad@stmarks-sa.org), Priscilla Briones (pbriones@stmarks-sa.org), or call us at 210-226-2426 for information on pledging, scheduled giving, or giving by text.

Treasurer's Remarks

Dear St. Mark's Family:

At last year's Annual Parish Meeting, we talked about our beloved pies as a sweet reminder that we are bakers, consumers, givers, and receivers. This holiday season, we are blessed with a new tasty treat – an opportunity to significantly reduce and potentially extinguish our debt. All contributions designated to repay debt received by the end of 2018 will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$250,000. How often do we get the chance to turn \$250,000 into \$500,000 almost overnight? Our generous donor is a baker giving us pie a la mode, so let's heap on the ice cream, family style.

As in most families, finance impacts us all, but we entrust our parish financial management to a few. The foundation of that trust starts with our clergy and staff. They are good stewards in managing the business operations of our parish, along with their valued service in liturgy, pastoral care, education, music, outreach, and so much more.

Our family supports this core team with member volunteers who provide experience, assistance, guidance, and oversight in a variety of areas. I have the honor to serve as your Treasurer, and I thank you for that privilege. And we all thank the scores of parishioners who collect money, count money, and actively serve on a variety of value-enhancing committees (Vestry, Finance, Investment, Outreach, Facility, etc.).

We also thank you. Your pledges and commitments of time and money to our community are sincerely appreciated and are the primary source of operating capital for our church. We should continually strive to grow pledge revenue as a sign of our corporate commitment to our family and to growing the influence of Christ in the world through the work of our St. Mark's family.

We serve you and welcome your feedback and questions about our family finances.

Yours in Christ,



Joey Oliver



We are committed to presenting financial information in ways our members find useful.

Email us at
finance@stmarks-sa.org
with any questions.

2018 FINANCIAL REPORT as of 9/30/18		
75% of annual budget	Actual (YTD)	Budgeted (YTD)
Pledge Revenue	\$1,300,500	\$1,357,849
Non-Pledge Revenue	\$216,443	\$189,000
Open Plate/Seasonal Giving	\$12,445	\$10,000
Other Rev (parking lot, fees, carryover)	\$306,258	\$312,989
Endowment/Fund Revenue	\$244,513	\$264,527
Total Revenue	\$2,080,159	\$2,134,365
Total Expenses	\$1,953,175	\$2,083,118
Over/(Under)	\$126,984	\$51,247

\$1,670,817 in 2018 Pledges • 303 Pledges • Average Pledge is \$5514 • Median Pledge is \$2,875

2017 Membership

Total Active Baptized Members	1377
Total Adults	1107
Total Youth (under age 16)	270
Others Who Are Active (not Baptized)	110
Average Sunday Attendance	451
Total Weekend Eucharists	144
Total Weekday Eucharists	88
Marriages	8
Burials	21
Baptisms	16
Confirmations	10
Received by a Bishop	1



2017 Summary Financials

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENT-GENERAL FUND

	2017 Actuals	2017 Budgeted	% YTD Actual to Budget
REVENUE			
Pledge Revenue	\$1,692,809	\$1,734,000	98%
Non-pledge and Open Plate Offerings	\$241,469	\$252,000	96%
Seasonal Giving	\$21,683	\$40,000	54%
Other (parking lot, wedding, etc.)	\$465,608	\$432,477	108%
Endowment/Fund Revenue	\$357,178	\$346,601	103%
Total Revenue	\$2,778,748	\$2,805,078	99%
EXPENSES			
Children's Ministries	\$50,718	\$55,875	91%
Christian Education	\$3,584	\$2,079	172%
Fellowship and Support	\$40,838	\$62,045	66%
Youth Ministry	\$19,088	\$22,000	87%
Music Ministry	\$63,267	\$75,300	84%
Liturgy	\$3,247	\$4,535	72%
Outreach and Apportionment	\$560,779	\$565,332	99%
Food Services	-\$20,413	\$3,660	-558%
Promotional	\$28,620	\$24,110	119%
Administration	\$67,859	\$76,101	89%
Insurance	\$56,383	\$57,000	99%
Salaries and Benefits	\$1,214,605	\$1,236,045	98%
Parish House	\$547,467	\$600,710	91%
Use of Facilities	\$21,570	\$18,000	120%
Total Expenses	\$2,657,612	\$2,802,792	95%
Total Revenue Over/(Under) Expenses	\$121,135	\$2,286	

Notes

Food Services shows \$20,413 in revenue. This is made possible by the catering services offered outside of St. Mark's by Kitchen Ministries. This revenue stream offsets food costs associated with St. Mark's hospitality.

Total Revenue Over is a combination of savings on budgeted expenses and year end giving that carries forward into the next fiscal year. Generous year end giving in 2017 enabled us to present a balanced budget to Vestry for 2018 and strengthened our cash-on-hand balance for the beginning of the year.

Thank you!

Planned Giving



Dina Aboul Saad

The Everett H. Jones Legacy Communion is made up of parishioners who have designated St. Mark's in their estate documents. We are grateful to those who have already shared their intent with St. Mark's. If you have already included St. Mark's in your plans, and have not yet notified us, please contact Dina Aboul Saad or clergy so that we can include you in the Communion.

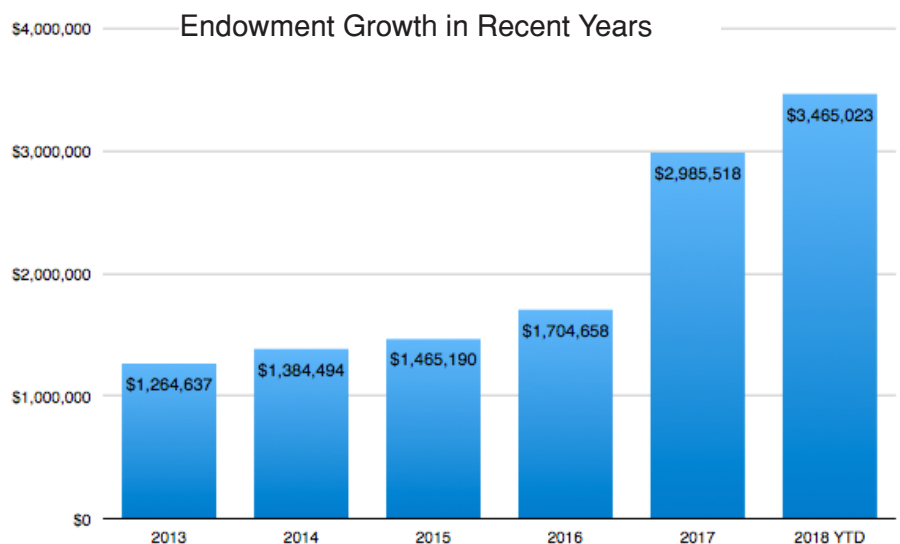
9% of our annual revenues come from the St. Mark's Endowment and funds established by estate gifts.

Why Build Endowment?

St. Mark's Endowment is a key unrestricted revenue source that St. Mark's uses to bridge the gap between annual giving from members and total annual operating expenses. A gift to the endowment gives St. Mark's the flexibility to use funds as needed for worship and programs.

A Healthy Endowment

A healthy endowment should be at least 2 times our annual operating budget. Thanks to recent additions, ours has risen to just over one year of annual operating budget. An additional \$2.6 million is needed to meet this goal and provide stability into the future for St. Mark's.



Ways to Remember St. Mark's in Your Estate Plans

- Non-cash options: Name St. Mark's as a beneficiary of your will, bank account, 401K, or insurance policy
- In wills and trusts, consider indicating a % of assets as a legacy gift. This offers the benefit of adjusting your gift as your circumstances change over time without needing to revisit your gift language.
- Use a Donor Advised Fund, Charitable Annuity, or other tool to meet tax and giving goals.
- Endow Your Pledge (annual pledge x 25 based on our 4% distribution rate).
- Consider giving an accelerated legacy gift now to maximize its impact for St. Mark's in the near term as well as the longer term.

Retiring the Renovation Debt

Grace and generosity often come in ways we don't anticipate. In September of this year, St. Mark's was presented with a wonderful opportunity to pay off the remaining debt from our recent renovation projects. Every dollar you give between now and the end of the year designated for the debt will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$250,000. If we can raise \$300,000, our debt will be extinguished all together!

As of the press date for this publication, we are more than halfway there! New opportunities and expanded ministries are made possible when we respond in faith to the movement of the Holy Spirit.

Legacy Communion

Thank you to all those who have named St. Mark's in their estate plans and informed the church.



Margaret & Stephen Allison
Susan Bain
Elspeth Blakeman*
Beverly & Ken Bryars
Ruth & Richard Butler
Joyce & John* Carothers
Kelly & Stephen Cavender
Betty Cavender
The Rev. Michael & Mrs. Paula Chalk
Pamela & Gary Chambers
Anna B. Coiner
Light Cummins*
Barbara & Darin Digby
Michael Duffey
Mardi & Gordon Dunkley
The Rev. Mary & The Rev. Douglas Earle
Germaine & Charles Field
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Madelyn Hauser
The Rev. Elizabeth Knowlton
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Martha Steves
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Robin & Ralph Voight
Barbara Ward
James Williams*
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Thanks also to those who have shared their intent anonymously.

* Deceased

If you have made provisions for St. Mark's and are not listed above, please contact Dina Aboul Saad at 210-226-2426 or dsaad@stmarks-sa.org. By sharing your thoughts and intentions, the church will be better informed about your interests. This also gives us an opportunity to share information about our endowment and other needs as you consider your giving plans. Unrestricted gifts are the most helpful to St. Mark's, enabling us to meet the needs of the church over time.

Language for Your Estate Plans

This guidance for naming St. Mark's Episcopal Church as a beneficiary of a bequest in a Will or in a beneficiary designation is not intended to substitute for legal advice. It is intended to help you think about how you would like to specify your gift and provides a starting point for your financial or legal counsel.

"I give the sum of \$_____ to St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 315 E. Pecan Street, San Antonio, Texas."

"I give [my entire/___% of my] residuary estate to St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 315 E. Pecan Street, San Antonio, Texas."

There are a variety of vehicles you can use to meet your philanthropic, tax planning, and estate planning goals to benefit St. Mark's. For more information, pick up a Legacy Communion brochure or contact Dina Aboul Saad at the church.



Vestry & Clergy

Parish Clergy

The Rev. Elizabeth Knowlton

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The Rev. Matthew Wise

*Associate Rector for Liturgy, Adult
Formation, and Parish Life*

Making a Gift of Their Service

The Rev. C. Douglas Earle

Assisting Priest

The Rev. Mary Earle

Assisting Priest

The Rev. Dr. John Lewis

Co-director, St. Benedict's Work+Shop

The Rev. Mary Margaret Mueller

Assisting Priest

The Rev. Dr. Jane Patterson

Co-director, St. Benedict's Work+Shop

Vestry

Paul Allen, Class of 2018

Senior Warden

Jan Briley, Class of 2017

Junior Warden

Dawna Boudreaux, Class of 2018

Joey Oliver, Class of 2018

Treasurer

Angela Torres-Lopez, Class of 2018

Agatha Wade, Class of 2018

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Kate Crone, Class of 2019

Mike Duffey, Class of 2019

Kelly Ranson, Class of 2019

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