

What does the weekend cost?

It is totally free!! Donations help us to be self-sustaining and are greatly appreciated - but are not required to attend. There will be an opportunity at the conclusion of the weekend for a free-will donation to help defray the cost of providing this weekend.

How can I sign up to attend?

There are several ways:

You will be invited to become involved through announcements during Mass, in the weekend bulletin, and perhaps by personal invitation from someone you know at St. Mark's Parish. Just pick up a registration form (available at the Church Narthex or the Parish Office), complete it and then:

1. Drop the form off at the Parish Office
2. Mail the form to Parish Office - - address is on the registration form
3. Drop form in Collection Basket in an envelope

*If you could experience a peace in your life that you have never known before, would you want it?
This just may be your opportunity. . .*

New Life Begins With JESUS

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"WELCOME WEEKENDS" are held separately for Men and Women.

Men's Schedule

March 17-18, 2018

Women's Schedule

March 3-4, 2018

A few quotes from "WELCOME" participants

"Something was missing in my life – I didn't know what but I was searching for that feeling of joy and peace. My 'WELCOME' experience was a blessing. It has given me a new direction and focus in life .

"As a cradle Catholic, I now know I was only going through the motions. My 'WELCOME' Weekend has made me truly feel connected to my Parish Community! It changed my life! It has given me a support group that rejoices with me in times of thanksgiving and prays with me in times of need."

"I was one of those people that could always find an excuse to avoid 'WELCOME' weekends. Searching for answers - finally got me through the door and I'm here to tell you, I wish I had gone years ago. The weekend will open up your mind and heart. No pressures or judgments."

"I wanted to attend a 'WELCOME' weekend but was concerned about the overnight stay. My friend convinced me to go anyway and I was sure glad. My reluctance turned into great enthusiasm. The camaraderie, the laughter, the spirituality that was shown was beyond description. Where I slept no longer mattered."

Men's Weekend

**"HOLINESS
is
CHRIST in ME"**



**Attend a "WELCOME" Weekend
And**

Discover What's Missing

In Your Life

MARCH 17 - 18, 2018

What is a "WELCOME" WEEKEND?

"WELCOME" is about you! It helps you discover what's missing in your life.

Does your life feel overwhelming? Do you sometimes feel like you're facing the craziness alone? Do you feel that if you weren't so busy you would be happier, healthier, more fulfilled?

A "WELCOME" weekend is for you.

It is an incredible experience that will help you make sense of life, help you develop lasting friendships in the parish and fill you with newfound energy and purpose.

Whether you want to connect with other men in the parish, or improve your prayer life, or just take a break from the craziness of life, you will find what you are looking for – AND MORE.

"WELCOME" is a fun and relaxing way to experience Parish community - and the home-made food is GREAT! No cooking or cleaning up after.

Listen to the urging of the Holy Spirit, and consider giving this gift of a "WELCOME" Weekend to yourself -- it's FREE!!

What Happens On A "WELCOME" Weekend?

Most who have participated in a weekend experience say that *"you can't explain what happens; you have to experience it."* This is your invitation to that *"experience."*

You are free to share as much or as little as you desire. There is ample time for prayer, songs, laughter and personal reflection.

Who May Participate?

"WELCOME" is open to all parishioners of St. Mark's Parish who have graduated from high school or are at least 19 years old, as well as those adults living in the area not registered at any parish. No need to be Catholic.

You don't need to be an expert in theology or the Bible in order to participate. The only prerequisite is a desire for peace and joy in your life! Come meet new friends.

Who Conducts The Weekend?

The Weekend is given by Parishioners. A Team that has previously attended a "WELCOME" weekend works together in prayer and love to provide you with this two day, one overnight, fun experience.

What About This "Witnessing" Business?

The talks are given by Team members, NOT by participants. You may share in conversation or thoughts (as much or as little as you choose) with a small group of participants at your table.

When And Where Do The Weekends Take Place?

The weekend will take place at St. Mark Parish Hall. It begins on Saturday morning at 8 AM and ends around 4 PM Sunday.

What About Mass And Reconciliation?

Mass is celebrated on Sunday in the Chapel. The sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered Saturday evening for those wishing to participate.

What Should I Wear?

Casual and comfortable clothes are appropriate for the weekend.

What About Meals?

Meals are made and served by previous "WELCOME" Teams. Regular breaks of coffee, tea, etc. are offered throughout the weekend. If you have any special dietary needs, we will try to accommodate.

What Are The Accommodations?

Accommodations are at our Parish Hall -- Large dividers are used to separate where we meet, eat and sleep.

Where Do People Sleep?

Sleeping arrangements are a bit unique. Large, cushioned cots will be available, but participants are encouraged to bring their own cots or air beds, if possible. Sheets or sleeping bag, pillow, face towel and toiletries are also needed. There are no shower facilities.

Insomnia/Snoring, Will I Disturb Others?

Forget it! Not a problem! Remember, only one night is included and to minimize any problems we tend to retire late. CPAP Machines are WELCOME.

Why An Overnighter??

You are asked to give 30 hours to the Lord.....

1. Free from day to day distractions
2. Humbling experience offered to God
3. Opportunity for sharing life together
4. Church becomes our family
5. Church becomes a home in a greater way
6. Builds new fellowship
7. Becomes an "Upper Room" experience as at the Last Supper.
8. Exceptions may be arranged for pastoral reasons.