

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY | APRIL 27, 2025



THE CHURCH OF SAINT MARK | www.onestrongfamily.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to all who made the second annual St. Mark's Hog Roast a "smashing success!" We can scarcely hope to match what a win it was in years ahead, but with the strong foundation that has been laid, who knows what the future holds?

Moving to or from the parish neighborhood/territory? Make sure you drop us a line at onestrongfamily.org/house so we can match house sellers with house finders!

If you were waiting for a critical season to snag a yard sign to help us get our preschool's name out there (critically needed), that time is now! **Please grab a sign** and display it in the most prominent area you have license to do so!

Nativity's Boy Scout Troop 67 is planning its Annual Bike Sale. Do you have a used bike to donate? The Scouts will fix them up (if needed) and sell at their Annual Bike Sale Saturday, May 10, 2025 from 9:00am - noon in the Nativity School gym. All proceeds go directly to Scouts to support camping and community service activities.

Donations appreciated now through the first week of May. Contact nativitybikesale@gmail.com to arrange a time to drop off, or have someone come to pick up, your donated bike(s).

There are still a number of **women's workout sessions** on the calendar for the season! Mondays at 8:00 PM in the gym! For more info, visit stmark.xyz/workout

Ladies and gentlemen of the parish... we got 'em! Or, rather, *He* got 'em: as those who made the Easter Vigil know, we now have a spiffing batch of new faithful to pray for and meet. **NOW NEOPHYTES:** Rodney Erickson, Miranda Lakmann, Lucas McNellis, Naing Thurin Oo, Trayton Pescosolido, William Sanford; **NOW CONFIRMED:** Tala AlRaheb, Harrison Fischer, Bryan Martinez, Jarred McKinney, Claire Zwiefelhofer. Bulletin space may be opening up with the advent of Summer here, so don't be bashful introducing yourselves to the parish, friends!

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUN 27 APR	<i>Divine Mercy Sunday Today Everywhere</i> "The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment." Bold promises are associated with Divine Mercy Sunday; let us all be open to, and treasure, the great mercy of God! And share it!
SUN 27 APR	<i>Baking Easter Cookies After 9:00 AM Mass Cafeteria</i> Seize those opportunities to have your youths spend time with the religious! In this case, your 4-7 (or so) years old girls and 30-45 minutes. Sisters provide the dough, you provide a cookie cutter!
FRI 02 MAY	<i>Transferred Observance of the Liturgical Feast of St. Mark 7:00 & 10:00 AM Mass Church</i> As the Easter Octave took precedent over our patron's feast day, and to make at least some sort of pronounced liturgical celebration of the great Evangelist, strive to make it to Mass at St. Mark's this First Friday! And continue to pray the Novena to St. Mark until May 01 (stmark.xyz/novena)
SUN 04 MAY	<i>May Crowning After 9:00 AM Mass Rectory Garden</i> More processions, more Marian hymns, more devotions?! Yes, please! Especially for the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God and Queen of Heaven! Feel free to bring your own flowers and join fellow parishioners in Carolyn Hall after for breakfast. The plan is, weather permitting, following the 9 AM Mass, there will be a procession over to the Rectory Garden for the crowning.

But wait, there's more. Find the Parish calendar on our website: onestrongfamily.org/events.



From the Heart of the Shepherd

Fr. David Hottinger PES, Pastor

April 27, Divine Mercy Sunday



In a conversation with a mildly-Catholic relative at a family function last fall, it was commented how Pope Francis just couldn't win. He was too "progressive" to be liked by the conservatives, but not progressive enough to be liked by the progressives. Perhaps there is something there. But being pope is not a popularity contest. More importantly, we Catholics should resist the application of those political labels to the Church. In typically Catholic fashion, we are essentially *both* "conservative" and "progressive." "Conservative" in the sense that our religion is not of our making; we hand down from one generation to the next the Sacred Tradition that Jesus entrusted to the Apostles: the message of the Gospel, the meaning of the Scriptures, the Sacred Liturgy, the life of the Church, etc. And "progressive" because there is nothing more capable of bringing about true progress of peoples than the Gospel that we treasure and proclaim. It alone has the power to free the human race from the oppressive powers of darkness and to effect real advancement in science, morals, culture, and human flourishing. However, when secular critics apply these labels to the Church or her members, they are typically treating the content of the Catholic faith as something up for grabs and subject to the influence of warring factions within the Church who are ever at work to push doctrine and practice in the direction of their predetermined preferences. Such may be the way of politics, of merely human institutions. "But among you it shall not be so," says the Lord (Matt 20:26). Our creed is like our Lord: the same yesterday, today, and forever. Yet our faith's capacity to renew all things as it speaks to the hearts of every culture and time is inexhaustible.

That said, it's never easy to be pope. But ascending to the throne of Peter in 2013—when the world was arguably more "done" with Christianity than ever before, and any reservoir of reverence it had for the Church's moral authority was long since depleted

(for many) on account of the clergy sexual abuse scandal—was a particularly challenging task. Twelve years later, we can only marvel at what has transpired. As St. Bruno famously said, "the Cross remains while the world turns." During Francis' reign, remarkably (or predictably?), the world's inexorable trend towards secularization and atheism has given way to a new openness to the transcendent and a hunger for the divine. The groundswell of renewal that began in the Church decades ago has only gained momentum. And though in some places the Church continues to "get smaller," as Pope Benedict predicted long ago, she also is getting stronger. Parishes may combine and close, but at the Church's core (in this country, at least) is a constantly growing number of highly committed, relatively well-formed Catholics who are not interested in anything other than living the whole Catholic Faith with all its demands and doctrines. So, though perhaps Pope Francis, for all his strong leadership, was not able to solve the Vatican's apparently deep-seated financial irregularities or woo Western Europe back to Christ, the Holy Spirit was very active in his papacy "renewing the face of the earth" and bringing about that Catholic springtime that several of his predecessors had prophesied but were not given to witness in their days.

So, don't get sucked into the secular media's coverage of Pope Francis' passing or the upcoming conclave. This is not a time for pitting progressive politics against conservative or arguing likes or dislikes. It's not even time for vain speculations about who will succeed him. It's a time for coming together as a family, for praying for our now deceased spiritual father's soul (remembering that "from those to whom much is given, much will be demanded!" Lk 12:48), for thanking God for the ways the Church has grown under Francis' care, and for looking forward with hope towards whatever and whoever our good God has in store for our future.

OUR MISSION IS TO LIVE AND SHARE CHRIST'S CALL TO HOLINESS



Following the 9 AM Mass | Rectory Garden (or main church, pending weather)

The whole parish is invited to attend; following the crowning, breakfast will be provided in Carolyn Hall. Feel welcome to bring your own flowers, too!

Remembered at the altar this Easter

Thanks to those who helped fund our most wonderful Easter flowers! And a special note to pray for all those who were memorialized with the gift of these flowers! Find their names below!

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| Alesana Anetipa | Vickey Hobza |
| Patricia Bulla | Mike Casey |
| Carol Lambros | Bill Casey |
| Hugh & Roberta Collett | Steve & Kitty Gleason |
| Dan Tierney | Steve & Sophie Chlebeck |
| Our Priests at Saint Mark | Robert & Catherine Nelson |
| Ellen Shin | Barb Elbel |
| Bridget Sutton | Maybelle Newby |
| Mark Burns | Ancil Payne Jr. |
| Celine Perkins | Ernest Combs |
| Anne Duffy | |

Pray for laborers for the harvest! Following the 9 AM Mass on Sunday, May 4th. If you're not familiar with the devotion, visit mothersoflu.com; the Mothers of Lu were a group of parents who intentionally prayed for their children's vocations; from the small town of Lu came 323 vocations. Let's x10 that!

Baking Easter Cookies



Baking Easter cookies with the Sisters! - Sunday, April 27th after 9AM Mass The sisters want to invite all the little girls at St Mark's (4 to 7 years old ~ish), to join them in baking Easter cookies **in the cafeteria** after 9:00 AM Mass (the activity is expected to last ~30-45 minutes). The Sisters will provide the dough, please have the girls bring their favorite cookie cutter! Looking forward to this super fun event!

MASS AND PRAYER INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions for week of APR 27, 2025

	7 AM	10 AM
M:	---	Deceased Clarkin Family Members
T:	Staley, Schoenfelder, Motzel & Healy Families	Eleanor Penning
W:	Terence + & William + Ryan	Janette Thill +
Tr:	Eileen Powell +	Dave and Joanne McLaughlin
F:	Dale Sherf	Kathleen Aroyve-Ryan +
S*:	Leryn & Dylan Perry (8 AM); Mary Funk (5:00 PM)	

BECOME CATHOLIC

Are you interested in learning more about becoming Catholic? Or do you know someone who is? Our Christian Initiation Ministry provides an introduction to Catholic faith and life for adults who are not baptized, baptized in another faith, or Catholics seeking to receive Eucharist or Confirmation. The program cycle begins in the fall, but newcomers should reach out any time! To find out more, contact ocia@onestrongfamily.org. Or sign up at stmark.xyz/cim

FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

FORMED has been back for awhile! Note we REALLY may eventually get around to cleaning up the back end, so if your old credentials don't get you in, it's "not you, it's us." To access content, visit Formed.org and click "Sign up as a parishioner" and find St. Mark's via our zip code: 55104

WE ALSO USE EMAIL

THE BULLETIN IS ONE OF THE MAINSTAYS for Catholic parish communications, but, alas, it's still a limited medium! As such, we also have a weekly newsletter, which, in addition to helping remind you of goings-on, also features vanguard news from the parish, or items not featured in the bulletin! Subscribe to it!



ST. MARK'S PRESCHOOL

ST. MARK'S PRESCHOOL offers full-day and half-day programs, up to five days a week. Enrollment for the upcoming school year is open now! Visit the preschool website, onestrongfamily.org/preschool, or contact Addie Smith, our Preschool Director at:

preschool@onestrongfamily.org
651-644-5030

ADORATION



Deepen your Lent by making a weekly commitment and take your prayers and self reflection directly to the Lord... Like in His presence.... With him in the room... like really directly to Him! The graces you'll see in your physical life will astound you.

A simple click and you can create an account (stmark.weadorehim.com) and choose from over 100 times throughout the week.



The Church of St. Mark
*Our mission is to live and share
Christ's call to holiness.*
Learn more: onestrongfamily.org/mission

Know someone in need of prayers? Email your request to prayers@onestrongfamily.org and we'll be sure to pray for you!

SUPPORT ST. MARK'S

Thank you for your generosity! To donate, visit onestrongfamily.org/give-help. For questions, contact parishcenter@onestrongfamily.org



ONE STRONG FAMILY UNITED IN CHRIST



JOIN ST. MARKS RESPECT LIFE TEAM AT ABRIA'S **LIFE IS WONDERFUL** 5K | 10K | FUN RUN EVENT

Lake Harriet Bandshell
4135 W Lake Harriet Parkway,
Minneapolis, MN 55409
No Chip Timing

**MOTHER'S DAY WEEKEND
MAY 10, 2025
REGISTRATION OPENS AT 8AM**

Lace up your sneakers and run, walk, or cheer—because when we come together, we make life more beautiful.

Every step you take helps provide hope, support, and life-affirming care to women and families in our community.



Life is wonderful
5K | 10K | FUN RUN

**BE PART OF SOMETHING BIGGER.
REGISTER AT SUPPORTERS.ABRIA.ORG/RUN**



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Join the Minnesota Catholic Conference Staff for **First Fridays at the Capitol** January - May

Adoration available 9 AM - 4 PM
Governor's Dining Room
(Located in the basement level of the Minnesota State Capitol)

Visit www.MNCatholic.org/events to RSVP. Questions? Call the Minnesota Catholic Conference (651-227-8777).

SCAN FOR DETAILS

MNCATHOLIC.ORG/EVENTS



MIDDLE SCHOOL IGNITE

YOUTH GROUP DATES

KICK OFF! MS Ignite Games // Sat, Feb 8
Nerf Battle & Pizza lunch provided!
RSVP REQUIRED

Wednesday Sessions

February 12
February 26
March 12
March 26
April 9
April 23
April 30

BE WHO GOD MEANT YOU TO BE, AND YOU WILL SET THE WORLD ON FIRE.
-- St. Catherine of Siena

WOJTYŁA COMMUNITY & INSTITUTE

TWIN CITIES **COMMUNITY GATHERING**

Join us for an evening of prayer, fellowship, and discussion on marriage and family life according to Saint John Paul II's Rule for Married Couples. Bring a potluck dish to share!

Sunday, May 18th
Church of St. Mark

4-6pm Potluck dinner, talk, discussion, and prayer in Carolyn Hall

Speaker: Father McGinnis

We are a family of families; all stages of life are welcome. Childcare is provided during the talk and adult discussion!



rsvp at stmark.xyz/tccg

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CONNECT



CELEBRATIONS

Mass:

Saturday Evening Mass: 5 PM
Sunday Mass: 9 AM and 11 AM

Daily Mass:

Monday-Friday: 10 AM
Tuesday-Friday: 7 AM
Saturday: 8 AM

Confession:

Tuesday-Friday: 9:30 AM; Saturday: 3:30-4:30 PM; Sunday:
8:30-9 AM, 10:30-11 AM

Rosary: The Rosary is prayed after all daily Masses.

Liturgy of the Hours:

Tuesday-Friday: 6:30 PM (Vespers); Saturday: 7:30 AM (Lauds)

SACRAMENTS

Detailed information about Sacraments and Sacramental preparation can be found at onestrongfamily.org/sacraments or by contacting the Parish Center.

BAPTISMS are celebrated on the 3rd Saturday of every month at 10 AM (exceptions for holidays or major parish events). You must register for Baptism at least one month before your desired date. If this is your first child being baptized in the Catholic Church a Baptism preparation class is needed at least two months before the Baptism takes place.

SACRAMENTAL MARRIAGE preparation must begin at least six months prior to your wedding date. Weddings are most often celebrated on Saturdays at 2 PM.

IF YOU KNOW OF A CATHOLIC WHO IS HOMEBOUND and would like to receive weekly Communion or have their confession heard, please contact the Parish Center to learn more about our Homebound Ministry.

RECEIVING THE EUCHARIST: All are welcome to join us in worship at the Church of Saint Mark. Nevertheless, because the Holy Eucharist is the real Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, the reception of Holy Communion is reserved to those Catholics who are in full moral and doctrinal communion with the Catholic Church, are not conscious of any grave unconfessed sin, and who have kept the Eucharistic fast of one hour.

PRO ECCLESIA SANCTA



The Church of Saint Mark is served by the priests, brothers, and sisters of Pro Ecclesia Sancta, which is an institute of consecrated life founded in Lima, Peru in 1992, whose members dedicate themselves to living and promoting the universal call to holiness in the Church. Their motto is *ad maximam trinitatis gloriam*. Everything “for the greatest glory of the Holy Trinity.”

SAINT MARK, PRAY FOR US!

AD MAXIMAM
BOYS SUMMER CAMP

TENT CAMPING, HIKING, DAILY MASS/
ADORATION AND MORE

JULY 7-10TH, 2025
JAY COOKE STATE PARK, MN
AGES: 12-18

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT FRPATRICK@PES-USA.ORG

Breakfast Fundraiser
PRO ECCLESIA SANCTA - FEMALE BRANCH

May 8th, 2025 | Hilton - France Ave.
To RSVP scan the QR code or visit :
www.sacredheartofjesusconvent.org/#breakfast-2025

Summer of Exploration at TRINITY

Summer Enrichment Camps - Trinity School at River Ridge. Choose from a variety of fun-filled, week-long, morning and afternoon camps:

At Trinity River Ridge, kids can explore the outdoors, dive into science, and get creative with art! Boys & Girls, grades K-8 are invited to participate.

- Camps with purpose
- Led by experts
- \$150/week
- Right here in your backyard!

Register now and lock in early bird pricing before **April 30!** tsrr.org/summer-camp Questions? Contact Catherine Mulvey, cmulvey@trinityschools.org.

"Come and you will see." -Jn 1:39

Discernment Weekends (Fri - Mon)
April 14-17
May 12-15
June 16-19

Franciscan Brothers of Peace, Saint Paul, MN
For CHRIST. For Brothers. For Souls.

RSVP: vocation@brothersofpeace.org

Men 18-35
considering life as
a Priest or Brother



The **Twentieth** Quarterly Dinner Meeting of the **St. Joseph Business Guild**

The world *won't* support the Church.

If we want to see our parishes grow (and not have to keep squeezing the same shrinking base!) we've got to do something intentional, and something big!

That's why the Guild was started! Join them this evening (May 01) as they explore the Guild's true potential, and what's at stake if we succeed or fail!

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
835 2nd Ave NW, New Brighton

May 1 | Doors open @ 5 PM, Dinner at 6 PM

Open to the general public

Cost: \$15 (members)
\$5 (guests/nonmembers)
Clergy & Students are free

RSVP online at
sjbusinessguild.com