

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | MAY 05, 2024



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WEATHER'S GETTING NICER**, which also coincides with people looking to move. If you'd like to move closer to the parish, or perhaps are moving farther from it but would like others to live closer to it, don't forget our home finder initiative, where we try to match interested buyers and sellers! [stmark.xyz/house](http://stmark.xyz/house)

**WOMEN OF THE PARISH!** Do you need a little night out? Is your body aching for a way to stretch, strengthen, and become energized? Then remember what St. Ignatius of Loyola once said "...that bodily exercise, when it is well ordered, as I have said, is also prayer by means of which you can please God our Lord" and join us in the school gym! Nurture your body, mind and soul on Mondays at 8pm with a 45-60 minute workout. All workouts are adaptable to any level of experience so grab your water bottle, bring friend, and we'll see you soon! Find the full shedule for May-Aug at [stmark.xyz/workout](http://stmark.xyz/workout)

**THE CCW BOARD MEETING IS TUESDAY MAY 21<sup>ST</sup>**, 1:00-3:30 in the Community Room of the Church. Very Important discussions and voting will occur regarding dispersing of funds and Board Elections. The meetings are open to all women of the parish.

**THE ANNUAL WOMEN'S SPRING LUNCHEON WILL TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup>**, 11-1 in Carolyn Hall. We will present our year in review and make our big reveal announcement of how much money we raised and the projects and charities chosen to be funded this year. Mark your calendars and come celebrate. **Please RSVP for the catered lunch by May 28 at [stmark.xyz/luncheon](http://stmark.xyz/luncheon)**

**THOUGH YOU MAY BE A LAST MINUTE RSVPER**, maybe you still fancy planning things in advance, so be it known that for the Solemnity of Corpus Christi (**Jun 02**), **there will be only one Mass on Sunday, at 10:00 AM**, followed by a Eucharistic Procession!

**NEXT SUNDAY (MAY 12) WE'LL WELCOME FRESHLY ORDAINED TRANSITIONAL DEACON**, Benjamin Eichten (to be ordained this Saturday, 10:00 AM, at the Basilica of St. Mary in Minneapolis), to preach at our 9:00 AM Mass for his first *homily(ies)*! Pray for him, the rest of his class, and many vocations to the priesthood and religious life!

**"IS THERE A TIME FOR FIRST COMMUNION?,"** wondered the Irish philosopher Paul David "Bono" Hewson. And the answer is yes! It's May 19<sup>th</sup>, during the 11:00 AM Mass! Pray for our First Communicants!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>MAY 07 APR</b>	<i>Bible Study</i>   7:00 - 8:30 PM   <i>Carolyn Hall</i> Better late than never! We've got a great crowd coming but there's room for more! Don't just learn about St. Mark, but kindle those fires of devotion to our patron! Sign up at <a href="http://stmark.xyz/study">stmark.xyz/study</a>
<b>MAY 11 APR</b>	<i>Mercy Morning</i>   8:00 AM - 12:30 PM   <i>Campus and Beyond</i> Catholics should be about the works of mercy, and parishes should be about communal action so why not have both, together, at the same time! Come together as the parish family to engage in works of mercy, and there is a work for every member of the family!
<b>MAY 15 APR</b>	<i>Family Faith Formation Potluck</i>   6:15 - 7:30 PM   <i>Campus</i> FFF families, close out another year of FFF with a potluck dinner, next Wednesday! Look for a sign up genius link via the regular FFF comms channels!
<b>MAY 16 APR</b>	<i>Supper at Emmaus</i>   5:30 - 8:00 PM   <i>Carolyn Hall, Church</i> Another academic term comes to an end, and so does another season of Suppers at Emmaus. Don't miss out on this iconic St. Mark's community meal and worship experience, otherwise you may be restless all summer!

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



## From the Heart of the Shepherd

Fr. David Hottinger PES, Pastor

### Sixth Sunday of Easter



**W**e get fifty days to bask in the Easter glory. You would think that would be plenty. But each year (and more so with each passing year) it just flies by. You hardly get a “hallelujah out” and it’s time to put the Paschal Candle away and turn back to Ordinary Time.

Perhaps we have here a foretaste of eternity: a million years in, we will be just realizing what has begun. Only then we won’t have to put our hallelujahs away. Then we can savor the flavor of endless divine praise as we sink our feet into forever while gazing on God.

Well, back here in this Valley of Tears we are hurtling towards Pentecost. And that is nothing to be sad about. If only there were fifty more days after that to bask in the fire of the Spirit! Actually, that is one way to understand Ordinary Time: contemplating all the things that Jesus, whom “God anointed with the Holy Spirit and power, went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil” (Acts 10:38) during His active ministry, a.k.a. everything He did after His own personal Pentecost at His baptism.

Come May there is rarely much left in the liturgical tank to make a big deal out of Pentecost. Though we should! Do you know that the missal provides for a(n optional) Vigil Mass of Pentecost, on the pattern of the Easter Vigil, complete with four Old Testament readings/psalms with their collects and potentially combined with Evening Prayer I. Talk about a beautiful way to imitate the apostles who gathered in prayer in that Upper Room, supplicating God for the Gift of the Spirit! The Cathedral, I believe, celebrates it. Perhaps one day we can at St. Mark’s (though typically the 5pm Mass crowd is not looking for a two hour liturgy).

In any case, the Holy Spirit is certainly someone worth waiting for. Worth longing for. Worth clamoring Heaven to send as we prepare our hearts for whatever He might wish to do on arrival (what mystery for the infant Church, before the Spirit was revealed to them. “What are we even praying for?” they must have been asking!). In fact, Our Lord assumes that the “good gift” we are interested in asking our Heavenly

Father for *is* the Holy Spirit: “If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Father in heaven give the holy Spirit to those who ask him?” (Lk 11:13).

The Holy Spirit changes everything. Renews everything. Improves everything. Makes us able to bear everything with peace and even joy. In fact, all that St. Paul says about love in 1 Corinthians 13 (“Love is patient, love is kind...”) he is really saying about the Holy Spirit, who is the personal Love between Father and Son, given to us for our sanctification. He is divine Life itself, the Living Water which those who believe in Jesus drink from His side (Jn 7:39), the Love of God poured generously into our hearts (Rom 5:5). I don’t think a two hour liturgy is too long a time to ask God for such a Gift... nor even a lifetime!

And we need Him. We are very blessed in many ways here at St. Mark’s, as those who have been around for a bit know well. So much faith, so much unity, generosity, talent, virtue, goodness... But without the Holy Spirit, we are left operating on our own dim human lights (beginning with the Pastor), on our own limited human strength, and according to our meager capacities. On our own, we will hardly be able to get through the annual calendar events alive, much less wax strong as we grow in holiness and evangelize the neighborhood. On our own, we will run out, burn out, break down, and fail. Eventually. Inevitably.

Ah, but with the Holy Spirit...! He enables the saints to work marvels in half the time, with a fraction of the energy, doing things right the first time, in ways that could never have been planned or projected, with an impact disproportionate to our modest effort. And do it all (even suffer) with those fruits which only the Spirit can bear and sustain amid labors and afflictions: love, peace, joy, patience, kindness, faithfulness, generosity, meekness, and self control (Gal 5:22-23). There won’t be a Pentecost Vigil at St. Mark’s this year, but let’s all be praying fervently (“Come Holy Spirit, come O Counsellor and Consoler, come!”) that there will be a renewed Pentecost in our parish family as soon as His mercy will allow!



ONE STRONG FAMILY UNITED IN CHRIST

New Parishioner Series



One strong family united in Christ. This is one of our core values here at the Church of Saint Mark. Whether you are young or old, married or single, the parish community is here to support you and encourage you as you pursue sainthood.

We are blessed to have new members joining our parish and we'd like to introduce them to our parish family here. If you see them around the parish, please introduce yourself too!

Meet Stephen Pagnotta who lives in Brooklyn Park and works at MSP airport. Stephen was baptized at Saint Mark's fifty-five years ago, and his parents first home was just blocks away from the church. His family moved when he was three, so he rediscovered Saint Mark's as an adult. He was always drawn by the church architecture and the parish's fidelity to Church teaching. His favorite thing about this season is the fact that it is spring and you can finally see life returning and blossoming!

Welcome to the parish Stephen!

All Women of the Parish are invited to the CCW

**Spring LUNCHEON**

SATURDAY JUNE 1ST  
11-1 CAROLYN HALL

RSVP by May 28: [stmark.xyz/luncheon](http://stmark.xyz/luncheon)

Hear about the parish projects and charities being funded

Catered lunch

Door Prizes!

Last Supper at Emmaus (May 16)



SUPPER AT EMMAUS

Join us for a potluck dinner in Carolyn Hall at 5:30pm  
January 18th, April 18th, and May 16th

WELL, LAST ONE OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR, at any rate! How could you go on to summer without first attending Supper at Emmaus?!

JOIN ST. MARK'S AND MERCYWORKS FOR

**MERCY MORNING**

MAY 11 | 8 AM - 12:30 PM

SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP OR VISIT [STMARK.XYZ/MORNING](http://STMARK.XYZ/MORNING)

PRACTICE THE WORKS OF MERCY with other members of the St. Mark's family! We'll be visiting Episcopal Homes residents, serving at various shelters, supporting the Abria Fun-Run, packing snack-bags on-site at St. Mark's, and more!

## MASS AND PRAYER INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions for week of MAY 05, 2024

### 7 AM

M: ---  
 T: Bradley Meyer  
 W: + Gene & Marie Kampa  
 Tr: Abbot Martin Bartel OSB  
 F: + Aaron Courier  
 S\*: + Joseph Shrake

### 10 AM

+ Sheldon C. Anderson  
 + John Wayne  
 + Luverne & Loretta Worms  
 + Andrew Warhol  
 Mary Meyer

## 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. To find out more, contact [rcia@onestrongfamily.org](mailto:rcia@onestrongfamily.org). Or sign up at [stmark.xyz/cim](http://stmark.xyz/cim)

## FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

FORMED is back! Note we'll be 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](http://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](http://onestrongfamily.org/preschool), or contact Amie Iwaskowicz, our Preschool Director at:

[preschool@onestrongfamily.org](mailto:preschool@onestrongfamily.org)

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

## ADORATION



*"A Holy Hour before the Most Blessed Sacrament so pleases the Heart of Jesus, that every man, woman and child on earth receives a new effect from God's goodness and love, all because of a single hour of adoration in His Presence." (St Maria Faustina Kowalska)*

Our adoration chapel is a beautiful place for quiet contemplation before our Lord, exposed in the Blessed Sacrament. For more information on becoming part of our Adoration community, email [adoration@onestrongfamily.org](mailto:adoration@onestrongfamily.org) or visit [stmark.weadorehim.com](http://stmark.weadorehim.com). Current immediate hours to be filled are posted at [stmark.weadorehim.com](http://stmark.weadorehim.com)



## DONATE TO ST. MARK'S

Thank you for your generosity! To donate, visit [onestrongfamily.org/give-help](http://onestrongfamily.org/give-help). For questions, contact [parishcenter@onestrongfamily.org](mailto:parishcenter@onestrongfamily.org)



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**LAST CALL?!**

**SILENCE IS LIFE-CHANGING AND THE YA CROWD** (ages 22-35) have a golden opportunity for a 3-day Ignatian retreat led by Fr. Patrick! As with all things finite, spaces are limited! And as life goes on, it's harder to take these kind of retreats!



**Abria & Lions for the Unborn**

**ST. MARK'S HAS A TEAM FOR THE ABRIA** "Life is Wonderful Run/Walk", Mother's Day weekend (Sat., May 11; 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM)! And you're encouraged to join that team at (which can also be part of your Mercy Morning works of mercy!): [stmark.xyz/running](http://stmark.xyz/running) Not running? Consider donating at [stmark.xyz/0k](http://stmark.xyz/0k)

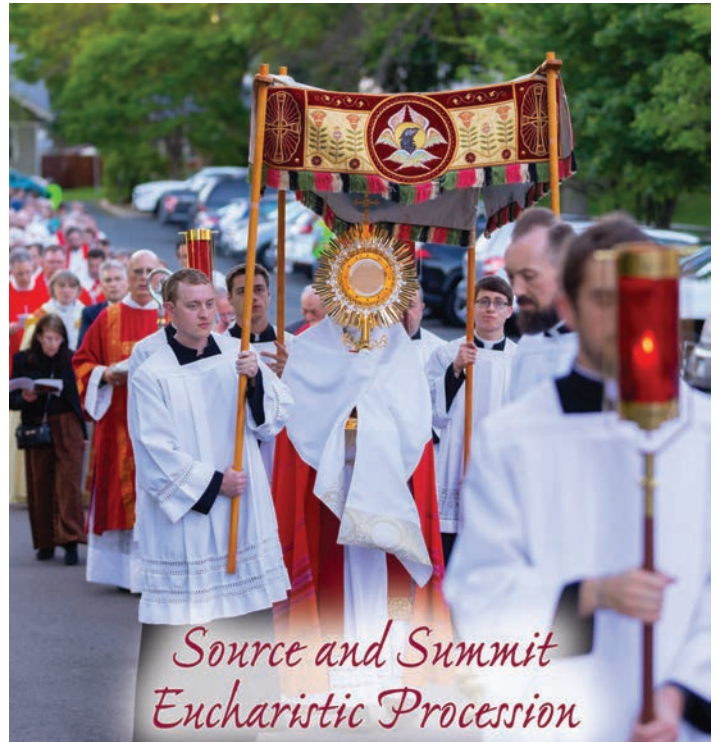
And in case you didn't hear, Abria is expanding! They're merging with another local clinic, and you can hear all about that merger at the Fun Run next Saturday!

**Attention head ballers and shot callers!**



**FELLAS OF THE PARISH, DO YOU HAVE...** feet? Put them to good use in fraternity with others! Men of the parish come together throughout the week for games of basketball and soccer, so if you've been ignorant, or waiting for a special invite, you're now without an excuse! Questions? Email Fr. Patrick at [frpatrick@onestrongfamily.org](mailto:frpatrick@onestrongfamily.org)

**Source and Summit Eucharistic Procession**



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**Monday, May 27 • 12:45 – 4 p.m.**

Start at The Saint Paul Seminary and process down Summit Avenue, ending at the Cathedral of St. Paul.

*Be the Revival. Right here in the Twin Cities.*

**THERE'S A EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL GOING ON**, didn't you hear?

Admittedly, it's possible you didn't, or perhaps haven't heard much! As part of the revival, there is a nationwide Eucharistic Pilgrimage taking place, where our Lord, in the Blessed Sacrament, will process ~6,500 miles across the US, and ending in the national Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, Indiana (July 17 - 24). And a part of that pilgrimage takes place a stone's throw-ish from our parish, so this Memorial Day attend the procession from St. Paul Sminary to the Cathedral of St. Paul! Above all, let's return to the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, God with us, and reverence and adore him without ceasing!





ST MARK, PRAY FOR US



Mark your calendars to join our PES family at the events leading to the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus during the month of June 2024



**Sacred Heart Seminar**  
An evening of reflection on the Spirituality of the Sacred Heart  
 🕒 Jun 04, 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM  
 📍 Church of St. Mark (2001 Dayton Ave, St. Paul)



🕒 Jun 05, 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM  
 📍 Sacred Heart of Jesus Convent



**Special Holy Hour**  
In preparation for the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart  
 🕒 Jun 06, 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM  
 📍 Sacred Heart of Jesus Convent



**The Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus**  
Mass & Celebration  
 🕒 Jun 07, 6:00 PM  
 📍 Church of St. Mark (2001 Dayton Ave, St. Paul)

[www.sacredheartofjesusconvent.org/ministry#calendar](http://www.sacredheartofjesusconvent.org/ministry#calendar)



**CATHOLIC FAMILY FAVORITE ON STAGE** at Open Window Theatre, April 26 - May 26. The Lilies of the Field, a literary and cinematic classic, tells the story of an itinerant African American worker (circa 1950's) who encounters a small group of East German nuns in a parched valley of the American Southwest. What results is an inspiring and heartwarming story of faith, perseverance, improbable miracles, and unlikely friendships. Tickets & more info are available at [openwindowtheatre.org](http://openwindowtheatre.org) or over the phone: 612-615-1515



LAWN SIGN CULTURE IS STRONG IN THE TWIN CITIES, so we'd be remiss not to represent the Sacred Heart of Jesus, especially in June, in as many lawns as we can! Already have a Sacred Heart yard sign? Well, there's a new design! Order form will be forthcoming, but, for now, contact [admin@thecatholicadvance.org](mailto:admin@thecatholicadvance.org) to request one (or several to share with others)!

**Parish family picnic**

**ON YOUR TO-DO LIST BEFORE YOU DEPART FOR THE SUMMER:** share your response to the parish picnic survey! The team tasked with carrying on the torch of the parish festival is exploring a new direction for the occasion for everyone to come together: a parish picnic! And they want to hear from you about the ingredients to a dynamite picnic at [stmark.xyz/picnic](http://stmark.xyz/picnic)



**PIZZA, FRATERNITY & SORORITY, AND STRENGTHENING OUR "CATHOLIC ECONOMY!"** Keeping Catholics in business means the Church is in business and the St. Joseph Business Guild invites professionals of all stripes to join their crew and leverage, grow, and strengthen the network! Everyone has a part to play, so if you've not looked into the Guild, or know others who should, spread the word!