

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION | APRIL 13, 2025



THE CHURCH OF SAINT MARK | [www.onestrongfamily.org](http://www.onestrongfamily.org)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Contained herein (page 4) is the **Triduum and Easter Sunday Schedule**. But make particular note that there will be **only ONE Easter Sunday Mass**, at 10:00 AM! We likely can't stress that enough, so plan accordingly! Also, the parish center will be closed Holy Thursday through Easter Monday.

**LOST & FOUND.** As we prepare for Holy Week, the "lost & found" items in the Church will be temporarily moved to the Parish Center. Please pick up any lost items by **Easter Monday**, or they may be purchased at the Spring Rummage Sale later that week!

**Moving to or from the parish neighborhood/territory!** Make sure you drop us a line at [onestrongfamily.org/house](http://onestrongfamily.org/house) so we can match house sellers with house finders! And recall that **the yellow house between the Parish Center and parking lot** has been purchased by a group of parishioners who are currently holding it for the benefit of St. Mark's. The 3 BR, 2 bath house is now vacant and available for rent. The owners would love to have it occupied by members or friends of the parish. Those interested should email Pat at [1970DaytonLLC@gmail.com](mailto:1970DaytonLLC@gmail.com)

**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](mailto:nativitybikesale@gmail.com) to arrange a time to drop off, or have someone come to pick up, your donated bike(s).

**Plan ahead:** there is much to share but probably more than you can bear. April 25<sup>th</sup> is the liturgical feast of St. Mark and this year we've got "Roasts and Feasts;" April 25<sup>th</sup> will be a hog roast and community dinner, and May 2<sup>nd</sup> we will have the *transferred* observance of St. Mark's Feast (7 and 10 AM Masses will be for the Feast of St. Mark), commemorated with an "Octave Novena" (Apr 24 - May 02).

**Plan even further ahead:** May 4<sup>th</sup> will be our **May Crowning!** Following the 9 AM Mass, we will process out to the rectory garden.

**Racking up those Ws, we are!** And now's the time before the "campaign season" ends (i.e., the big slow of summer). The Fish Fry was a smashing success, so special thanks to all who helped! To those who made the fry, we salute you; a triumphal arch and column is in order.

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](http://stmark.xyz/workout)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**THU-SUN**  
**17-20**  
**APR**

*Holy Triduum and Easter | Various Times | Church*

See schedule on page 4. And doubtless you already have committed to your most secure memory that there is **only ONE Mass on Easter Sunday at 10:00 AM!** And keep our catechumens and candidates in your prayers as they make this home stretch!

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

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## From the Heart of the Shepherd

Fr. David Hottinger PES, Pastor

April 13, Palm Sunday



The principal Mass on Palm Sunday is supposed to be a processional liturgy. According to the Roman Missal, the people are to gather “at a smaller church or other suitable place other than inside the church to which the procession will go.” At St. Mark’s that “other suitable place” is the front steps of our (only) church building. Making our procession a rather short one. Had we another, “smaller church” at our disposal, the scene would be more dramatic: a multitude gathered with palms in their hands and shouting hosannas while lining the way for Christ the Priest as he makes his triumphal entrance down the block and into the temple. Yes, Mass would be even longer. But it would be a powerful witness to the neighbors, and probably a lot more fun.

We had our evangelizing “procession,” however, this past Saturday. Fifty five of you “went on ahead” to various environs in the metro to share the Gospel. Here are some testimonies from those who gave public witness to their Christian faith:

“After an impartation of the Holy Spirit [at Holy Hour], I felt empowered to share God’s love with others... But that morning, I felt fear and trepidation. When our team arrived at University and Snelling, it took everything I had to open my mouth to speak to others. Only two people allowed us to pray for them. ... Two people ... who would not have had that blessing had we not been there! Praise God!” -Heidi Mischke, leader of one of the “Healing Prayer” teams.

“While the weather was cold, the public reception was warm. ... One team member described the overall experience as, ‘An easy way to break the seal of ministry and evangelization.’ [It] showed that we all have the ability to evangelize and share the good news, one simply needs to find the ministry style that intrigues. During the two hours of our street ministry, we prayed

over three individual walkers. We utilized signs and friendly greetings to foster conversations. Those that took the time to stop, welcomed our offers of free prayers. ... The street ministry left the team feeling excited and empowered for future opportunities, to share the good news of Jesus Christ.”

-Matthew Sherf, leader of the “Walking with Christ, Life’s Summit” team stationed on boulevard of Summit Avenue.

“What was it like to be a part of St. Mark’s in the Parks? Watching a Catholic high schooler and a Marxist thirty-year-old dialoguing respectfully, sharing a smile and a bite to eat... Witnessing young Robert bust out his best dance moves and offer us his finest Candyland candy bricks as he stopped by our evangelization station with his Aunt... Discussing and appreciating the Sacred Heart devotion with a gruff downtown dweller... These are just a few scenes from our station. It was an incredibly joyous time being on the streets for the sole sake of Christ and sharing the gospel. Each team member said they can’t wait to do it again. Will you join us?” -Howie Gerstner, leader of the “Sharing the Living Water” team that went to Rice Park in downtown St. Paul to distribute bottled water and Christian cheer.

“It was amazing to see the body of Christ at work on Saturday. I unloaded the wagon, cookies, and flyers with hopes of having great conversations. However, my time was mostly spent chasing after my kids. Despite my limited abilities, so many other St. Markers were having great interactions with those at Minnehaha Falls. Quite a few people even said they were looking for a church! Perhaps some just need an invitation and we all have some small part to play.” -Wendy Salisbury, co-leader of the “Taste and See the Sweetness of the Lord” team, who gave out cookies and coupons to the Fish Fry.

“What hit me most was how many walked by without prayer. Some saw the sign as they were protesters and then kept walking. It made me realize how much our neighbors need prayers.” -Larry Leif, whose team offered intercessory prayer in downtown St. Paul

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

# HOLY TRIDUUM

& EASTER SUNDAY

## HOLY THURSDAY (APR 17)

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper @ 7:00 PM  
Altar of Repose after Mass until Midnight

## GOOD FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION (APR 18)

Stations of the Cross & Confessions @ 3:00 PM  
Liturgy @ 7:00 - 8:30 PM

## HOLY SATURDAY (APR 19)

Easter Vigil Mass @ 9:00 PM

## EASTER SUNDAY (APR 20)

ONE COMBINED MASS @ 10:00 AM



## Donate Easter Flowers

As at Christmas, we wish to beautify the sanctuary for Easter! Offer donations towards Easter flowers, by 3 PM Wednesday (Apr 16) in memorial of a loved one; names of the remembered to be featured in the bulletin! Look for envelopes to be made available in the church, or you can otherwise give at [stmark.xyz/give](http://stmark.xyz/give) (select Church Flowers as Fund, and Easter Flowers as Sub Fund)! An Easter lily is ~\$10! Questions? Email [parishcenter@onestrongfamily.org](mailto:parishcenter@onestrongfamily.org)

## Don't neglect Masses!

Observers of the facing page will note there are open Mass times! You, dear reader, could have the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass celebrated for your intention! And keep in mind how powerful and fitting it is to pray for those who have passed, that they may be purified and intercede on our behalf, as well as for the living, that they may be converted lest they find themselves in a final position where no Mass would help them!

Request at [parishcenter@onestrongfamily.org](mailto:parishcenter@onestrongfamily.org)



Volunteer at the sale, pump it up, and peruse the selection yourself the last weekend in April! After the Rummage Sale (Apr. 24 - 27), it's not *quite* summer, but the path to summer is definitely more swift. And it's worthy of renewed examination *at each sale* just how impactful these sales are! We're talking tens of thousands of dollars per year from our rummage sales! **Help ([stmark.xyz/help](http://stmark.xyz/help)) is needed as early as this Holy Saturday!** Drop offs start Monday, Apr. 21!

For more info, visit [stmark.xyz/sale](http://stmark.xyz/sale)

## CRS Rice Bowl



**IF YOU PARTICIPATED IN RICE BOWL** this year, or would like to join us in Almsgiving as a community, there are three ways to donate:

- **Online:** Count up your Rice Bowl offerings and make your donation through St. Mark's Rice Bowl Collection page: [mobilizecrs.donordrive.com/team/6359](http://mobilizecrs.donordrive.com/team/6359)
- **In person:** Coffee and Donuts on April 13<sup>th</sup> after the 9am and 11am Mass.
- **Parish Office:** Drop bowls off at the parish office.
- **Questions?** Email: [claredgooding@gmail.com](mailto:claredgooding@gmail.com)

# MASS AND PRAYER INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions for week of APR 13, 2025

	<b>7 AM</b>	<b>10 AM</b>
M:	---	---
T:	<b>Conners, Matzek, Dvorak &amp; Gores Families</b>	<b>Laurie Ross</b>
W:	<b>Sarah Wilder</b>	<b>Jeff Clarkin+</b>

## 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](mailto:ocia@onestrongfamily.org). Or sign up at [stmark.xyz/cim](http://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](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 Addie Smith, our Preschool Director at: [preschool@onestrongfamily.org](mailto: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](http://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](http://onestrongfamily.org/mission)

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!

## SUPPORT 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)



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.



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

The Stained Glass Window Book



Five years in the making! that's how long *The Stained Glass Windows of the Church of St. Mark* has been waiting in the wings. But this past week, at long last, they have arrived at the parish center! If you're one of the >\$1000 donors to our end-of-2024 Rebuild My Church Appeal to preserve and restore our stained glass windows, then you ought have received an email prompt to come fetch your book! Come to the parish center during normal business hours (mindful that this week the office is closed after Thursday).

These are likely going to be a limited edition, as well, so once any extra are put on sale (premiering Apr 25 at our St. Mark Roast), expect them to go!

**MIDDLE SCHOOL IGNITE**

**YOUTH GROUP DATES**

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

SAINT MARK YOUNG ADULTS

**HOLY HOUR | HAPPY HOUR**

HUNGRY?  
GG ZAZA ST. PAUL IS NEXT DOOR, SERVING THIN-CRUST PIZZA AND MORE!

THURS, APR 24

JUST 1 MILE FROM CHURCH!

SPECIAL GUESTS: PES!

RSVP!

JOIN US FOR AN EASTER OCTAVE CELEBRATION!

HOLY HOUR AT THE CHURCH OF SAINT MARK  
7PM-8PM

HAPPY HOUR AT LAKE MONSTER BREWING  
8:30PM-9:30PM

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**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](http://onestrongfamily.org/sacraments) or by contacting the Parish Center.

**BAPTISMS** are celebrated on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.”



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## SAINT MARK, PRAY FOR US!

### 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 Rachel Warren! Rachel grew up in Ham Lake and graduated from Saint Agnes. She left Minnesota to attend Hillsdale College in Michigan and then spent a year living in the Bronx, NY, with the Seton Teaching Fellows program. She moved back to the Twin Cities in August 2024 and now lives just a few blocks away from St. Mark's!

Rachel teaches third grade at Parnassus, a classical charter school in Maple Grove. In her free time she enjoys playing piano, cooking, reading, playing volleyball, or, if the weather is nice, anything outside!

She was first drawn to St. Mark's, simply because it was within walking distance of her house. Then, at a friend's invitation, she attended a Catholic Advance small group which she has found to be an overwhelmingly vibrant and welcoming community. Since then, she's been a regular!

Rachel loves that St. Mark's lives up to its tagline - "One Strong Family". The parishioners and religious radiate joy and do a beautiful job of inviting others into that joy. She also appreciates its reverent liturgy, frequent adoration hours, and contagious mission of pursuing holiness.

She is (*or was at the time of writing!*) looking forward to the "St. Mark's in the Parks" event! She also looks forward to getting more involved with the high school youth group and other volunteer opportunities.

Welcome to the parish Rachel!



## 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](http://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
- Right here in your backyard!

Register now and lock in early bird pricing before April 30! [tsrr.org/summer-camp](http://tsrr.org/summer-camp) Questions? Contact Catherine Mulvey, [cmulvey@trinityschools.org](mailto:cmulvey@trinityschools.org).



### Quarterly Meeting of the **St. Joseph Business Guild**

The world won't support the Church. The Guild was started for that purpose! If the faithful want to see parishes grow (and not have to keep squeezing the same shrinking base!) they've got to do something intentional, and something big! Join them for dinner (**May 01**) as they share a vision for our true potential; everyone has a part in it!

Doors open 5:00 PM  
St. John the Baptist  
835 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave NW, New Brighton

RSVP at  
[sjbusinessguild.com](http://sjbusinessguild.com)  
Open to the general public!