

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT | MARCH 30, 2025



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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**An extra Lenten sacrifice for you to offer:** sign up early to help with the Rummage Sale (Apr. 24-27)! It *will* make a big difference, and consider that the sale itself makes an even bigger difference to parish support! Signup now, do the time later! **Sign up to help at [stmark.xyz/help](http://stmark.xyz/help)**

**Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup> is our next prayer vigil day,** with Nativity of Our Lord, at Planned Parenthood, as part of the national 40 Days for Life Lent campaign. Signup for an hour at [stmark.xyz/40Q1](http://stmark.xyz/40Q1) and **clergy will lead an hour of prayer, at Planned Parenthood, Mar. 30 at 1 PM.**

**All St. Mark's women are invited to the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarterly Meeting** of the St. Paul Deanery Council of Catholic Women on Thursday, April 10, at The Church of St. Odilia, 3495 Victoria St. N., Shoreview. Registration 4:15 pm, Mass 5 pm. Light dinner, business meeting and program. Program: The Listening House with Molly Jalma. There will be a bake sale fundraiser. St. Mark's CCW will cover the cost for all St. Mark's women attending. Phone reservations by Monday, April 7 to Nancy at 651-644-2260.

**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!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**SUN  
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*Catholic Services Appeal | This Day | [hope.archspm.org](http://hope.archspm.org)*

It's the Catholic Services Appeal, supporting those great ministries in the archdiocese that no one parish could! And our giving goal is \$30,000. That's the sweet spot between a pittance and a strain: 5% of your annual household giving and we're there! Feel the appeal and don't neglect the needy Christ this Lent: **[hope.archspm.org](http://hope.archspm.org)** (and make sure to note your affiliation with St. Mark's!)

**WED  
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*Training on Leading a Communion Service | 7 AM | Church*

**Be pastoral! Be caring!** And we have a ministry for that, aptly named, Pastoral Care Ministry. And they're inviting interested parties, so moved by the Spirit, to a training on how to lead a Communion service. All are invited, not commitment expects; inquirers welcome!

**THU  
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*Special Holy Hour for Evangelization | 7 PM | Church*

**Implore the master of the harvest to send out laborers for the harvest!** And implore the response be Spirit-driven and fruitful! This event is at the heart of our mission as Church and as the Church of St. Mark: we're inviting the parish to come together to pray for those evangelization teams hitting the pavement on Saturday (and beyond!)

**FRI  
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*Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper & Speaker Series | Soup Supper starts at 5:30 PM, Stations of the Cross at 7:00 PM | Carolyn Hall; Church*

Graces abound this Friday as it's our fifth and final Lenten Soup Supper & Speaker Series [and Stations of the Cross, though we have more of those coming]. If you've never been to or never missed one, don't miss this year's *final* jewel in the crown of St. Mark's! **This week's speaker theme: Apologetics Q&A: Responding to Tough Questions**

**SAT  
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*St. Mark's in the Parks | Various Times | Various Places*

**"Give me souls!"** prayed St. John Bosco! and **"I will go anywhere and do anything in order to communicate the love of Jesus to those who do not know him or have forgotten him,"** said St. Frances Cabrini! God be with all our people going out *together* to share the Gospel *today!* What a life we can live such that souls can depend upon our going out to meet them!

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

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent



coming month.

**M**arch, we hardly knew you. Thirty one days strong, yet you melted away almost as quickly as the meagre snow February bequeathed you. April, with all her activities, promises to blow by even quicker. Here is an overview of the

1. On Saturday the 5<sup>th</sup> we will attempt to take over the world. More precisely: some brave volunteer evangelists will head out into public spaces with the goal of winning souls for Christ (or feel awkward in the attempt!). And give away some free bottles of water, ice cream, prayers, and/or coupons to the Fish Fry in the process. I am referring to “St. Mark’s in the Parks,” the evangelization initiative that will be the culmination of our Lenten Speaker Series. Pray for a harvest, and that the Lord grace the efforts of our “72” missionaries for the good of souls. My pastoral gratitude to all the apostles!

2. On the 6<sup>th</sup>, a number of our young people will be Confirmed at the Cathedral at a 2pm Mass (which you are welcome to attend!). Pray for the confirmandi!

3. On the 8<sup>th</sup> there will be a special meeting of the Finance Council. By this point, you are now wondering if this article will read like a forecast of your pastor’s google calendar. It won’t. But I mention this to ask for even more prayers. The Council is meeting to do what perhaps has never been done before here: balance the budget for next year. The solution is tied up with a much larger discernment: the Campus Master Plan project. It is becoming more and more clear that “now is the time” for us to answer these difficult questions, for the sake of our financial sustainability and, more importantly, to ensure that our parish mission drives our use of resources and not vice versa. Thankfully, intriguing options are emerging, but we are far from a clear picture. To help in that process, we will be sending out a survey to solicit parish-wide input and ideas.

4. On the 11<sup>th</sup> is our annual Fish Fry. I invite you all to come out that evening for what always proves to be a lovely time with the parish family and some (too?) scrumptious Lenten fare. But don’t just bring an appetite. That Fryday is a great space to bring friends, neighbors, and anyone who likes long lines of happy people and delicious food. 10 Pastor’s Points for every heathen you bring to Stations afterwards!

5. April 17-20 is the Sacred Paschal Triduum. Be there! Be eager! This is it: our Christian playoffs, or rather the Time of Fulfillment, all culminating in the mother of all liturgies, the Easter Vigil. Note that due to the late date of Easter, and the requirement that the Vigil begins “at night,” **our start time is 9pm this year.** Should be glorious, complete with bells and hand candles and of course all the readings, the choir singing its heart out, your parish family gathered in sacred assembly, baptisms galore and confirmations (even more!) and the Lamb standing at the center of it all, who was slain but now lives (forever and ever, Amen!). And then look out: **this year we will combine the morning Masses on Easter Sunday into a unified 10am service, to better celebrate as a parish family this Greatest of Holy Days.** (parish-wide egg hunt afterwards, anyone?)

6. Finally, this year’s Easter octave features two very special community events. First, it’s the Spring Rummage Sale that following weekend. Drop off your “treasures” earlier in the week and go home with someone else’s underappreciated “trash” Thursday-Sunday. Just as it’s better to give than to receive, so too it is even better to volunteer at the sale than to shop. And in the heart of all that orchestra of moving stuff is the Feast of St. Mark on Friday the 25<sup>th</sup>. Like last year, we will toast our Patron with a roast of hog 5-7 pm in the cafeteria. (And if the stars align: round two of the pastor’s brain-busting St. Mark trivia!).

Such are the buds appearing here at the parish. Be ready for the bloom!

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

### Not leaving money on the table!

**St. Mark's faithful:** do you know some good channels/avenues that would be low-hanging fruit for us to share our goings-on with? (And maybe you could even be so deputized to share with said outlets?)

In light of our evangelization fires that we're stoking, and the limited bandwidth of our part-time Director of Communications, it would be invaluable to better systematize things *and* also get the word out about layup opportunities to those receptive to hearing the word!

So, your block has a newsletter that some fellow on the block puts together?: *could be a live option!*

There's a bulletin board at the speakeasy you frequent?: *why not post there?*

But beyond those "better than real" examples above, there are surely others! Share with **webmaster@onestrongfamily.org**

In addition to the evergreen sacramental notes, we've got a fish fry coming up, and a Triduum, and a St. Mark's Feast, and

Rummage Sale, May Crowning, etc.

### Donate Easter Flowers

**As at Christmas, we wish to beautify the sanctuary for Easter!** Offer donations towards Easter flowers 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**

### Long live the parish picnic!

**We need only two adults** for our parish picnic team, to join Adreianna Vyvyan, who led us into the black with ferocity for our first parish picnic last fall. (Alas, *an* individual with the strength of a full-grown adult and a baby *will not suffice*.) Besides Adreianna, you'll have the support of many others at the parish! But, again, two executives are needed! To learn more, reach out to Adreianna at [adreiannavyvyan@gmail.com](mailto:adreiannavyvyan@gmail.com)

### From the desk of Sr. Julieta, PES

**"We are very excited to share with our St Mark's Family that our 8<sup>th</sup> graders preparing for Confirmation are going to receive the Sacrament on April 6<sup>th</sup> at the Cathedral of St Paul.**

Rylie B., Kacie B., Elliott H., Gideon J., Elijah M., Ben N., Eleanor P., and Philomena V.

Please keep them in your prayers especially this week. May God bless you!"



### Enjoy the very word: pancake (Apr 6)

**And it's a good word. But also enjoy the reality!:** join Pack/Troop 1 for a hearty, delicious pancake breakfast hosted by the Scouting units of St. Mark's — a tradition dating back to 1910! As the oldest Catholic Scouting unit in America, they're proud to continue building character, faith, and leadership. Come enjoy pancakes, fellowship, and fun while supporting our Scouts. They hope to see you there!

**Sunday April 6, 8:30 am - 12:30 pm in the cafeteria;** menu includes pancakes, sausage, fruit, milk, juice, coffee

# MASS AND PRAYER INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions for week of **MAR 30, 2025**

	<b>7 AM</b>	<b>10 AM</b>
M:	---	---
T:	<b>Clinton J. Racine +</b>	<b>Suzanne Marlowe</b>
W:	<b>Souls in Purgatory +</b>	<b>Special Intention</b>
Tr:	<b>Cullen, Marciniak, Daulton &amp; Martin Families</b>	<b>Cruzita Rodriguez</b>
F:	---	<b>Conrad Schneider +</b>
S*:	<b>Clinton J. Racine + (8 AM); ProLife Across America (5:00 PM)</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

**Fry Volunteer (~Apr 11)**



YOU HAVE THE GARDEN TEAM MERIT BADGE, the Snow Clearing Merit Badge, the Parish Festival Merit Badge (no longer available), and maybe even the Been Up To The Bell Tower Badge, but you can't *not* get the Fish Fry Merit Badge!

Don't live half alive: sign up to help out at the Annual Fish Fry (Apr. 11)! [stmark.xyz/fryer](http://stmark.xyz/fryer)

Help is needed starting Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> and ending Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>.

*Note there aren't actual merit badges for any of the above. Imaginary badges abound, though if you need them as an incentive, maybe we can put together some sticker versions.*

**CRS Rice Bowl**



THIS LENT ST. MARK'S COMMUNITY IS participating in CRS Rice Bowl, an almsgiving and prayer opportunity supporting the work of Catholic Relief Services, the official

international relief and development agency of the USCCB. For prayer content, simple Lenten recipes, and to meet the children and families impacted around the world, visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org).

Donations support relief work in more than 100 different countries each year. 25% of donations return to our Archdiocese, supporting hunger and poverty alleviation efforts in the Twin Cities.

**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

**Speaking of fish fry volunteering...**



THE FRY IS NIGH! April 11<sup>th</sup>, in the cafeteria, from 5:00 - 7:00 PM. (And attend Stations of the Cross after!)

Meals are available in adult and child sizes. The adult meal offers freshly battered and fried fish, mac & cheese, coleslaw, cookie, and drink. The child meal has fish, choice of mac & cheese or coleslaw, cookie, and drink.

- \$12 for adult
- \$9 for child
- \$40 for family of 4
- \$50 for family of 6

Kids age 4 and under eat free!

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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 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.”



## SAINT MARK, PRAY FOR US!

## Catholic Services Appeal (Mar. 30)

CHRISTMAS MAY BE IN JUST 277 DAYS, but now is the time for gift-giving and wishlists! Avid readers of the bulletin will recall that Fr. David devoted his last week's article ([stmark.xyz/csarticle](http://stmark.xyz/csarticle)) to the Catholic Services Appeal (CSA). We mustn't be myopic when it comes to the Catholic faith: the Heart of Jesus longs to touch those outside of Merriam Park, to extend mercy, to give grace, to form, save, and establish many, many souls. And that work takes resources: prayers, *but also funds!*

Check out who's helped by the CSA!

- Catholic Elementary Schools subsidies and scholarships
- Saint John Vianney College Seminary room and board
- Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW)
- Campus Ministry – St. Lawrence-Newman Center
- Society of St. Vincent de Paul - Twin Cities
- The Saint Paul Seminary room and board
- Catholic High School Scholarships
- American Indian Ministry
- Marriage, Family and Life
- Young Adult Ministry
- Venezuelan Mission
- Hospital Chaplains
- Catholic Charities
- Latino Ministry
- Prison Ministry
- Youth Ministry
- Evangelization
- Deaf Ministry
- Elevate Life
- Parishes

This is the Lord's Church and it's active! A generous response is asked of each parish, with the request being made of St. Mark's as \$30,000. We'll have a special collection this Sunday (Mar. 30), though you're free to give whenever at [hope.archspm.org](http://hope.archspm.org) (make sure to note your parish affiliation as St. Mark's!).

But don't just make this a perfunctory, cold give: people don't live on the bare material necessities, alone. Make this food for prayer, why don't you?



**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).