

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | JANUARY 14, 2024



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SUMMONS has been issued to the men of the parish: participate boldly in Exodus 90! The campaign, which began January 1st runs until Easter and men are strongly, strongly encouraged to join! Drop a line to Fr. Patrick (frpatrick@onestrongfamily.org)! The crew gets together on Saturday mornings at 10:30 AM at the Parish Center!

OUR SMALL GROUP KNOWLEDGE HAS TO RISE ABOVE “BOOK SMARTS”! In light of the call to the faithful of the Archdiocese, and from our pastor/via the parish of St. Mark in particular; and also building upon the formation series that was presented this past Fall, the next stage in our perpetual effort to foster small groups is approaching! Learn more the weekend of January 27-28 **as this Lent we want small groups of many sorts, in action, at our parish!** For the greatest glory of God!

JANUARY 15TH IS MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY - the parish office will be closed!

STILL NOT COMMITTED TO A HOLY HOUR? You can do it! stmark.weadorehim.com - let's be a parish at prayer!

UPCOMING EVENTS

**THUR
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Supper at Emmaus | 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM | Carolyn Hall, Church

Experience what the world cannot give! It's that extra-special St. Mark's institution, featuring a potluck dinner (5:30 PM), a dynamic presentation given by one of our venerable pastors (6:00 PM), and then candlelit adoration with beautiful musical accompaniment and opportunity for Confession. Imagine the hall and church packed and then do your part to go manifest that vision! (YA crowd will be hitting up Groveland Tap immediately following the Holy Hour.)

**SUN
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Human Life Sunday | After the 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Masses | Carolyn Hall

Join us in honoring the Sanctity of Human Life Sunday! Elevate your commitment by joining the Respect Life group at our parish. Discover volunteer opportunities from WOMB TO TOMB at coffee and donuts. Let's unite in cherishing and safeguarding the sanctity of every life! To get involved, drop a line to respectlife+owner@onestrongfamily.org

New Parishioner Lunch | After the 11:00 AM Mass | Community Room

New-ish to the parish since January of 2023? And you've not attended a New Parishioner Lunch?! **NOT EVEN RSVPED TO THE NEW PARISHIONER LUNCH?!** Don't deprive the staff and fellow new-to-the-parish(ioners) and their families of sharing this initiation meal with you! They're absolutely wonderful occasions, so no false modesty: **head over to stmark.xyz/lunch and RSVP by Jan. 19!**

Think & Drink | 2:00 - 4:30 PM | Carolyn Hall

Dr. Robert Kennedy will be presenting on joining the rigors of theology with the practical challenges of being a professional out there in "the world." A good time will be had by all: though the YA crowd is running the show, the invite is flung wide to adults of the parish!

**WED
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CCW Meeting | 1:00 - 3:00 PM | Community Room

Open to all women of the parish! We will be reviewing how the Christmas Boutique and Giving Tree went and making plans for the upcoming Family Game and Pizza night (which will now be on February 3rd 5:30-9:30 in the School Cafeteria, rescheduled due to the Swing Dance).

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

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time



After all the comings and goings of angels and visitors from near and afar died down, St. Joseph had to get back to work. So we at St. Mark's. Now that the Christmas festivities are behind us and the Yuletide decorations have come down (right?), I want to look ahead at the work that we as a parish need to do in the coming year. Mary "treasured up" a long "honey do" list for her hubby (find us a house, make a proper crib, get a good price for all this frankincense and myrrh). She also has one for the Church of Saint Mark.

It all flows from the mission. St. Joseph had been told by God to "take his wife Mary into his home" and give a name and protection to the Child she had conceived. In other words, to be head of the Holy Family. Our mission at St. Mark's is to *live and share Christ's call to holiness*. If we are faithful to that mission, what will result? We will be transformed into a *parish of saints evangelizing Merriam Park and beyond*. To live the mission and fulfill the vision, we identified last fall three major areas of growth: 1) increasing parishioner engagement with the parish community and mission, 2) improving our facilities, and 3) undertaking intentional outreach to the "lost sheep" and the unchurched in our parish territory. For the Catholic Church in Merriam Park in 2024, these priorities are implicit in the perennial commission to "Go and make disciples of all the nations" (Mt 28:19). They are all about creating gatherings where the Gospel can be proclaimed, received, understood, lived, and shared again.

Each of these growth goals will require both discernment and cooperation to achieve. In the area of parishioner engagement, the immediate task is that of creating a structure of small groups within the parish and then connecting each parishioner with a group, a process already underway in the training of our small group leaders. Starting this Lent, the first roll out of new groups will take place.

But more decisions are in order. From listening to those involved, it has become clear that we need to both clarify the purpose and find a better time for the Parish Festival. Is it for raising funds, celebrating our community, or reaching out to our neighbors? Given the size of our parish and the other events on our calendar,

we need to focus our energies. (And on the topic of feasts, as a parish we have yet to develop a way of honoring our patron every April 25!)

Regarding facilities, we need to develop a comprehensive vision for our campus. Not only to address the deferred maintenance. Not only to identify the renovations and improvements that will furnish our parish with the spaces it needs to receive "all the nations" of Merriam Park and beautify (even more) the House of God. Even more fundamentally, to discern how we are called to best align our facilities with our mission. How are we called to be good stewards of the school building? How are we to not just maintain but employ our material resources to "live and share Christ's call to holiness"? This will require us to also address the question of how our families will educate the many children with which God has blessed our parish. Will we do so as a parish or not?

Lastly, and more importantly I think, we need to discern how we are called to be more intentional about bringing people to Jesus at St. Mark's. Thankfully this is already happening through Christian Initiation, reverent liturgies, the Preschool, the Rummage Sales... but in light of the great treasure God has entrusted to us, and all the many gifts with which our community is adorned, I am certain that the Holy Spirit is willing to do much more to turn the steady trickle of new parishioners into a flowing stream.

Don't get me wrong: God does not need state-of-the-art facilities or a brilliant master plan to convert the neighborhood. He only wills to need saints: people who are faithful to the Gospel, passionately in love with Jesus Christ, and obedient to the movements of the Spirit. The shepherds of Bethlehem were evangelized in the open field, after all, and the "house" the Holy Family received them in was a stable. But typically He prefers not to use angelic appearances, but ordinary means: a faith-and-love-filled evangelical community who attract more and more living stones through sensible beauty and the proclamation of the Word. I count on your prayers and input as we embark upon this new year, and these important discernments, we might continue to grow into that reality with His grace.

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 Sophia and Greg Dobihal who live in Prior Lake and just had their first child, Theodore (Theo for short) on January 4, 2024. They have two pets, a cat named Lila and a Bernadoodle named Remi.

Greg works in marketing at corporate Best Buy and Sophia is working as a Regional Administrator for St. Paul's Outreach.

The Dobihals just bought their first house this past spring so they have been chipping away at home projects and DIY renovations. They also love to watch a good show or when possible, travel!

Sophia and Greg discovered St. Mark's when they were both going to the University of St. Thomas. They each lived quite close to the parish so naturally found their way into the community. They also knew of St. Mark's when Fr. Adams was serving at Chesterton Academy High School where Sophia went to school.

Their favorite things about Saint Mark's include the reverent worship and the strong community! They also admire how beautiful the Pro Ecclesia Sancta movement is and how it draws them more deeply into Christ's love.

This season they are most looking forward to connecting with other young married couples and families at St. Mark's. They are also excited to raise their son Theo in the faith and community of St. Mark's.

Welcome to the parish Sophia and Greg!

The Future Parish

Here it is: the end of history! Or at least the end of our serial article on the history of St. Mark's! Many thanks to Susanna Parent for opening this up for us!



The Church of Saint Mark was founded over one-hundred and twenty five years ago!

As a way of reconnecting our past to the present, we are excited to feature Saint Mark's: A History. We hope this series shines a light on the treasures of our parish as well as those who have helped to create the legacy of Saint Mark's today.

Source: St. Mark's Parish: A Century of Catholic Commitment 1889-1989 by Peter F. Kessler.

In the words of Monsignor Corrigan, who led the Saint Mark's parish for over forty years,

"The history of a parish obviously is more than the chronicle of pastors in tenor of office, the erection of buildings, the paying of debts and such like events. All these are of course interesting and find their places quite properly in a parish brochure. But clearly, they are merely incidental in the broad sweep towards the end for which a parish is organized, the spiritual growth of the members. This alone justifies a parish's existence".

This spiritual growth is still the mission of the parish, and this pursuit of sainthood will continue to be the goal of the parish community. The parish moves in this direction through their core values of a reverent sacramental life, building the parish community to be a strong family united in Christ, living in faithful and joyful communion with the Catholic Church, sharing our faith with others through the Good, the True, and the Beautiful, as well as Christian charity towards our neighbor.

As we near Saint Mark's 135th anniversary, let us thank God for the gift of such holy priests to lead us and faithful brothers and sisters beside us, encouraging us to keep walking towards Him.

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

MASS AND PRAYER INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions for week of JAN 14, 2024

7 AM

M: ---
 T: Ambrose Vyvyan
 W: + Souls in Purgatory
 Tr: Isabel Monette
 F: + Deceased members of the Maurer Family
 S*: ---

10 AM

+ Luverene & Loretta Worms
 The Pereira Family
 + Vana Allen
 + Samantha Eisehnauer
 + Margo Bissen

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. Meetings began Wednesday, September 26th at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room. To find out more, contact rcia@onestrongfamily.org. Or sign up at stmark.xyz/cim

FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

EVERY MEMBER of our St. Mark's community can enjoy a free subscription to formed.org, the incredible online gateway to the best Catholic content, all in one place! With FORMED, you can:

- Prepare for Sunday Mass by watching an insightful five-minute video by renowned Catholic teachers.
- Enjoy a movie with your family that is both nourishing and entertaining.
- Find great e-books and audio books
- Listen to talks from all your favorites, like Dr. Edward Sri, Bishop Robert Barron, Teresa Tomeo, and more.
- Help your children grow in character and embrace the beauty and wonder of our faith.

To access content, visit Formed.org and click "Sign up as a parishioner" and find St. Mark's via our zip code: **55104**

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 pre-school website, onestrongfamily.org/preschool, or contact Amie Iwaskowicz, our Preschool Director at:

preschool@onestrongfamily.org
 651-644-5030

ADORATION



"OH, COME LET US ADORE HIM..."

We are so thankful to the many Adorers who made a new commitment to spending an hour (or more!) with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in our Adoration chapel. The call from the Holy Spirit (with encouragement from Fr. David and Fr. Patrick) was heard and engaged!

Make 2024 YOUR year for prayer and evangelization; seek out Jesus and spend time with Him! He loves you so much! Visit stmark.weadorehim.com, log-in and choose your adoration commitment.

Questions? Email adoration@onestrongfamily.org



DONATE TO ST. MARK'S

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



MINISTRIES

Supper at Emmaus (Jan. 18)



SUPPER AT EMMAUS

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

WARM YOURSELF BY THE FIRES (CANDLES AND THE FIRE OF DIVINE LOVE), AS WELL AS BY THE HEARTY POTLUCK FARE: it's Emmaus + Supper at Emmaus! And the first supper is nigh, so don't miss out on hallowing your Thursday evening with good food, moving fervorinos, and candlelit prayer before the Blessed Sacrament! Would that everynight was Supper at Emmaus!

New Parishioner Lunch (Jan. 21)

NEW PARISHIONER LUNCH



JANUARY 21ST
AFTER 11 AM MASS

AND DON'T DECEIVE YOURSELF into thinking that St. Mark's is all lunches and dinners. You have to seize these moments lest they be lost forever to the current of time. So while you can still be considered a new(-ish) parishioner, make sure you attend a New Parishioner Lunch! **RSVP at stmark.xyz/lunch** if you're new as of Jan. 2023 and have not attended this initiation!

RSVP by January 19th!



JANUARY 27, 2024
3:00-4:30PM
ST. MARK'S CAMPUS

Legion of Mary

DO YOU WANT TO renew and deepen your faith as Catholic?
Do you want to live your faith in a more practical way?
Do you want to help our Pastor to spread the good news?

Then we invite you to become a member of the Legion of Mary, as an active member or auxiliary!

Active members

Attend our weekly meeting, follow the Legion System, spend two hours on active work each week and pray daily.
Legionaries take the Promise to work with Mary, our Queen and Mother.

Auxiliary Membership

If you can't become an Active Member, as an auxiliary member you can commit to supporting the work of the Legion through your prayers. You will say the daily prayers contained in the Legion's leaflet (Tessera) these include the Rosary.

The Legion provides us with the opportunity to grow and mature in our faith through prayers and apostolic work in union with Mother Mary and under the guidance of a spiritual director. Our world needs prayers! Pray with the Legion of Mary. To find out more please call 651-645-5717 or PARISHCENTER@ONESTRONGFAMILY.ORG

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Monday - Thursday: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Friday: 9 AM - 12 PM (Noon)

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

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

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Sunday: 8:30-9 AM, 10:30-11 AM

SACRAMENTS

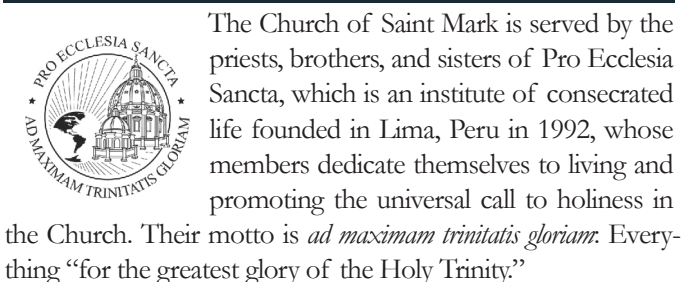
BAPTISMS are celebrated on the 3rd Saturday of every month at 10 AM (exceptions for holidays or major parish events). You must register for Baptism at least one month before your desired date. If this is your first child being baptized in the Catholic Church a Baptism preparation class is needed at least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



CONNECT



HAVE ANY PICS OF ST. MARK'S GOINGS-ON? SHARE AT SUBMISSIONS@ONESTRONGFAMILY.ORG

Prayer Service For Life (Jan. 22)

LEST WE PUT OUR HOPE IN mere Supreme Court opining, the reality is fervor for abortion is particularly heightened here in Minnesota. Join the greater Archdiocese for the "Prayer Service for Life" at the Cathedral, at 10:30 AM on Jan. 22, and then join fellow Minnesotans of all stripes for the March at the Capital.

Women's Workout Nights (Mondays)

COME GET FUN NIGHTS OF MOVEMENT INTO YOUR LIFE FOR THE NEW YEAR! ALL women of the parish are welcome to come (and friends too!) to Monday workout nights at 8:00 PM in the school gym. The January and February schedule is set for:

Jan 15 Rosemarie-Shine Dance Fitness

Jan 29 Leah-Pilates

Feb 12 Leah- Pilates

Feb 26 Rosemarie-Shine Dance Fitness

A new schedule of workouts beginning in March will be announced at a later date. Any questions? Email rosemariemw@gmail.com with questions about Shine Dance Fitness or leahannamundson@gmail.com with questions about Pilates.

Miriam Dinner with Archbishop Hebda

ARCHBISHOP BERNARD A. HEBDA, Bishop Michael Izen and Fr. David Blume, Director of Vocations, invite women, ages 16 – 35, who are discerning consecrated life to join them for a dinner event called the Miriam Dinner. Each Miriam Dinner includes an evening of prayer, dinner and conversation with consecrated women who come and share their vocation testimonies and answer questions about consecrated life. Register before January 19th at 10000vocations.org/miriam-dinner

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

Founder's Mass (Jan. 20)



32 YEARS AGO (AS OF NEXT SATURDAY) THE FOUNDER OF PES, FR. PABLO MENOR, SJ, PASSED TO HIS ETERNAL REWARD. And, with our parish being served by the order he founded, we have profited much from his patrimony! So all the faithful are invited to a special liturgical celebration giving

thanks for his gifts to the Church: **the Founder's Mass, January 20th**! During the 5:00 PM vigil Mass next Saturday, the choir will be singing beautiful motets, we'll be hosting parishioners and visitors from the Catholic Advance Movement, and there will be a reception to follow! You. Should. Come. (And do so with a generous heart!)



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THE NORTHSTAR BIG BAND

ST. MARK'S GYM
 1950 Marshall Ave. Saint Paul

7 PM. SWING LESSONS
 7:30-10 PM. MUSIC

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 (\$8 with student ID)

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