

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD | MARCH 31, 2024



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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HEY! A BLESSED, HAPPY EASTER[TIDE] TO YOU ALL!** Drink deep of the joy of Christ's resurrection!

**THANKS TO THE GENEROSITY OF A PARISHIONER**, we have an Easter gift for all of you: in the back of the church, you will find copies of a booklet entitled "Teach us to Pray". There is a copy there for you. This booklet was produced in conjunction with the ongoing Year of Prayer and will help motivate you and your household to pray more and pray better this year.

**NO 7:00 AM MASS OR CONFESSIONS THIS MONDAY OR TUESDAY**, but things will be back to normal come Wednesday!

**ALL WOMEN OF ST. MARK'S ARE INVITED** to the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarterly Meeting of the St. Paul Deanery Council of Catholic Women at the Church of St. Peter, 2600 Margaret St. N., North St. Paul, on Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. Registration and a fun fundraiser at 4:15 PM. Mass at 5, followed by dinner. Program: Sister Lucia, author of *Life in the Monastery*. St. Mark's CCW will cover the cost. Phone reservations **by Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>** to Nancy at 651-644-2260.

**SAVE THE DATE!** One-off individual works of mercy are excellent (*keep doing those!*), but there's a special strength in numbers! What if we got the whole parish together, at the same time, to engage in works of mercy?! We're doing it! on your calendar, mark off the morning of May 11<sup>th</sup> for the **Morning of Mercy!**

**SPRING BIBLE STUDY: ALL ABOUT ST. MARK FROM THE GOSPELS AND ACTS OF THE APOSTLES**

*Live study with Fr. David Hottinger, PES*

In five sessions we will piece together all that can be known and surmised from scripture about our parish patron, St. Mark the Evangelist. The study will follow the chapters of Fr. David's booklet on the saint, *Get Mark: the Life of the Evangelist from Scripture and Tradition*. **Tuesdays, April 9 - May 14**, 7:00 - 8:30 PM in Carolyn Hall. \$20 cost of registration. Sign up at [stmark.xyz/study](http://stmark.xyz/study)

**YOU'RE LEAVING MONEY ON THE TABLE**, dear Catholic school families! The Peller Scholarship deadline has been extended (to Apr. 07). In short, it's a relatively simple way you could knock up to \$1200 off of your Catholic school tuition for a year! Details are at [stmark.xyz/peller](http://stmark.xyz/peller)

**GAVE UP PODCASTS FOR LENT?** Have a plan for how to reintroduce them in Easter by enriching your podcast feed with the dulcet tones of our PES fathers (and occasional others) via the Podcast for the Holy Church (find it at [stmark.xyz/podcast](http://stmark.xyz/podcast)). Hardly a new institution, this treasure trove of recordings of St. Mark's orbit daily talks and homilies is likely an underused-by-the-laity institution that can be a great help for our formation and [comm]unity!

**SPEND SOME TIME WITH YOUR FAVORITE** ~400 closest families! 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)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**THERE'S A LOT GOING ON. SEE PAGE 4 FOR A NON-EXHAUSTIVE OVERVIEW OF APRIL EVENTS.**

<b>TUES 09 APR</b>	<p><i>Bible Study (night 1 of 5)   7:00 - 8:30 PM   Carolyn Hall</i></p> <p><b>As noted above, our Spring Bible Study (and we've only got the one!), is coming up soon!</b></p> <p>And in the annals of Bible studies, this one is exceptionally unique: it's authored by our very pastor!</p> <p>We can all draw closer to our Lord, our patron, our pastor, and each other as we study the life of St. Mark via what we can glean from scripture! Sign up at <a href="http://stmark.xyz/study">stmark.xyz/study</a></p>
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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

### Easter Sunday 2024



In the last line of his great work *Orthodoxy*, G.K. Chesterton mused, “There was some one thing that was too great for God to show us when He walked upon our earth; and I have sometimes fancied that it was His mirth.” This quality, argues the Journalist, would have been

too much for us; Christ had to restrain it, even more so than His heavenly glory, which He at least revealed at the Transfiguration.

A fine thought. Certainly, containing a truth worth pondering: that the joy of God is such a powerful force that He could not show it in this valley of tears. Only in Heaven can He give it free reign; or rather, meter it out to the saints according to each’s capacity! And yet, I think a careful reading of the Gospels, particularly the resurrection accounts, reveals the mirth of Christ at least “peeking through the latticework” (Song 2:9) of His risen flesh.

Think of Christ donning the guise of a gardener and engaging in facetious dialogue with a beside-herself Mary Magdalen, only to reveal His identity when she could bear the sorrow, and He could contain the joy, no more: “*Mary!*” (Jn 20:16). Or, contemplate Jesus hurrying to perform another theological prank later that same day, “appearing in another form to two of them walking along on their way to the country” (Mk 16:12). There He goes so far as to play the fool, asking them what sort of things had taken place in Jerusalem, when only the village idiot would have been unaware! (Lk 24:17-19).

Or consider Jesus appearing to His friends the night of Easter Sunday, showing His wounds and asking them if they had anything to eat. Or again teasing His disciples from the shore about whether they had caught “anything to eat” during the night, fully aware that they had laid an egg (Jn 21:5). Finally, consider His decision to leave playful angels to guard the tomb on Easter morning and give instructions for the disciples to go back to Galilee to see Him! At every turn, at least for those who look for it, the mirth of the Risen Christ is peeking through, if not to say shining in all its joyous splendor.

I hope that today finds us sharing something of that joy. Each Lent seeks to pass faster than the previous, which is a mercy to those who make a strong start with their Lenten practices. Each Triduum,

hopefully, finds us slightly wiser and more human, and therefore more capable of appreciating all that Christ suffered for us and all He gave us in the process. With each passing Easter, then, we ought to be more capable of experiencing spiritual joys, based not in the feasting of the flesh, but in grasping something of that mirth of the risen Christ that Chesterton found implicit in the Gospels.

For many people, that mirth is hard to grasp, and perhaps even to believe in. One of the greatest trials, I think, for people of faith in this life is the *silence* of God. *Why doesn’t He show Himself? Why doesn’t He answer? Why does He allow this or that? Why doesn’t He seem to care, or come to our help?* For those who grapple with questions like these, the mirth of Christ seems far from implicit, much less apparent. In fact, we can even start to read into those Gospel passages a stern and somber Christ who is constantly doing the incomprehensible and scolding His followers all the while.

There is a recurring “prank” that we sometimes play in the rectory, well-worn and unending. If we are seated at table and a member of the community arrives late to the meal, we turn the lights off in the dining room as soon as movement is heard at the back door. And all those at table pretend not to be there. Some cover their faces with a napkin, as if that would help. Others whisper in too-audible tones, “Shhh, he’s coming! Don’t make a move!” As the late arrival approaches the dining room on his way to greet the Lord in the chapel, (if he plays the part) he will start calling out “Is anyone home? Hello? Where is my community?” Then, when the “suspense” can be endured no longer, someone turns the lights back on and the community roars to life with laughter as someone, with feigned childlike innocence, shouts out the obvious, “*We were here the whole time!!!*”

I wonder if something like that is going to happen when our eyes close on this life, and God “turns the lights on” to the other. God grant us all today the grace to believe firmly in the presence of the mirthful Risen Christ, no less with us than He was with the disciples on the first Easter. On that day, if not before, we will realize how obvious His presence was in this life, that He was with us the whole time, ever inviting us to accept the solid reasons for believing He has given us through the Church, to walk by faith and not by sight, and to “come share our master’s joy,” (Mt 25:23) for he lives and reigns forever and ever, Amen.



## ONE STRONG FAMILY UNITED IN CHRIST

### THE Rummage Sale of the Spring!

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND START CLEANING OUT YOUR CLOSETS** – the Famous CCW Fall Rummage sale will be here before you know it! The dates are Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> (with a “sneak peek” sale on Thursday evening April 25<sup>th</sup>) in Carolyn Hall.

Consider donating gently used clothing, household items, books, and kid’s items. Donations can be dropped off Monday - Wednesday, April 21 - 23 from 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM. We cannot accept: electronics, VHS tapes, mattresses, box springs, cribs, car seats, Christmas trees, paint/hazardous chemicals, soiled and/or damaged items.

In addition to donations, we’ll be looking for lots of volunteers to help: 1) with the sale 2) with drop-off during the week before the sale 3) with setup the week-end before. **Sign-up genius is up at [stmark.xyz/rummage](http://stmark.xyz/rummage)** If you have any questions please contact Patti Shrake at 651-206-1056 or [pattishrake@usfamily.net](mailto:pattishrake@usfamily.net).

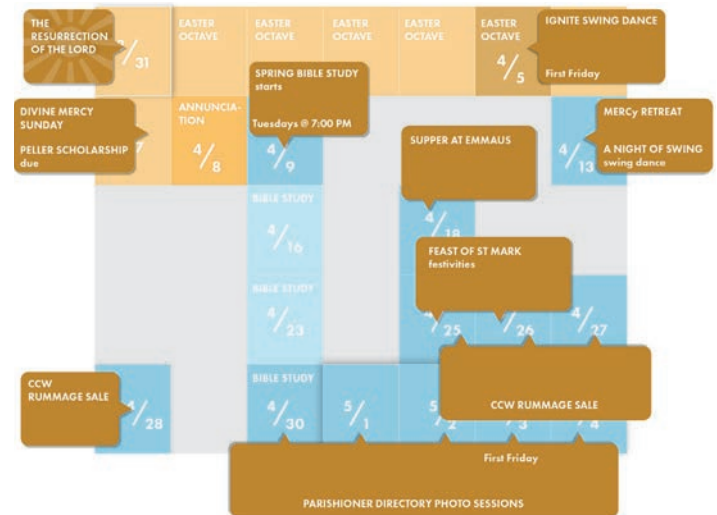
### CRS Rice Bowl



**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: <https://mobilizecrs.donordrive.com/team/6245>
- **In person:** You may return your bowl in person at Coffee and Donuts after the 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Mass on April 7<sup>th</sup>.
- **Parish Office:** Drop bowls off at the parish office.

### It’s a stacked April!



**LEST YOU MISS OUT** on any of the many goodies of an April that is pure Eastertide, see the 30k foot view above to plot your course!

### Holy Thursday Collection

**EACH YEAR THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK** decides on a charitable destination for the Holy Thursday collection. This year the donation is going to Clegio Especial Juan Pablo II (The John Paul II School) in Lima, Peru. **You can still donate!**

The John Paul II School serves children with special needs ages 3-17. Located in Lima, Peru, it is administered by the Sisters of Pro Ecclesia Sancta. In addition to a Christian education, the school offers professional training to its students and, most importantly, a caring environment where they are loved and valued. Support the important work of the Sisters and the School for these children!

Give at [stmark.xyz/clegio](http://stmark.xyz/clegio)

### Women’s Workout Nights (Mondays)

**HERE’S WHAT’S COMING UP NEXT** for the Women’s Monday Workout Nights (**@ 8:00 PM in the Gym!**)

Questions? Contact Theresa Reinhardt at [theresareinhardt@gmail.com](mailto:theresareinhardt@gmail.com)

- April 8 Shannon with dance workout
- April 15 Leah with Pilates
- April 22 Rosemarie with Shine Dance Fitness
- April 29 Lucy with HIIT (high intensity interval workout)

## MASS AND PRAYER INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions for week of **MAR 31, 2024**

**7 AM**

M: ---  
 T: ---  
 W: + Fr. Nathan Munsch, OSB  
 Tr: Lauren Groppetti  
 F: Isabel Monette  
 S\*: + Frank Kudwa

**10 AM**

The Cummins Family  
 Kathy Russell  
 + Luverne & Loretta Worms  
 Kristine Kilroy  
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### 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)

### WHERE'S FORMED?!

THOSE ATTEMPTING TO USE FORMED.ORG in recent history with the parish's credentials may have noticed that didn't work. We're exploring how to best use the resources put toward FORMED — which may include just using FORMED as we have in the past — and, to that end, we want to hear from you, dear FORMED user!

Head to [stmark.xyz/formed](http://stmark.xyz/formed) to give your input!

### 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 pre-school website, [onestrongfamily.org/preschool](http://onestrongfamily.org/preschool), or contact Amie Iwaskowicz, our Preschool Director at:

[preschool@onestrongfamily.org](mailto:preschool@onestrongfamily.org)  
 651-644-5030

### ADORATION



**MAKE 2024 YOUR YEAR FOR PRAYER AND EVANGELIZATION;** seek out Jesus and spend time with Him! He loves you SO much.

Many hours only have one scheduled adorer (two is preferable) and regular substitutes are always needed.

Visit [stmark.weadorehim.com](http://stmark.weadorehim.com) to choose your adoration commitment. Questions? Email [adoration@onestrongfamily.org](mailto:adoration@onestrongfamily.org)



### 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)



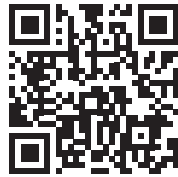
The Church of St. Mark  
 Our mission is to live  
 and share Christ's call to holiness.  
 Learn more: [onestrongfamily.org/mission](http://onestrongfamily.org/mission)

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

### The CCW **NEEDS** to hear from you **NOW!**

ST. MARK'S CCW WOULD LIKE TO THANK all who participated this past year in making their fundraisers successful – for donations, volunteering and shopping.

And they want your help in deciding where the money will be donated! Each year they donate to our parish as well as local, national and international charities. Please submit ideas to the parish center in care of CCW or online at [stmark.xyz/2024-funds](http://stmark.xyz/2024-funds) If it's a parish project be sure to itemize the needs! **Suggestions need to be submitted by March 31<sup>st</sup>!**



### The last MERCy retreat! (Apr. 13)

Of the academic year, at any rate...

**MERCy**  
MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT RETREATS

**Apostle of the Apostles:**  
An Easter Retreat on St Mary Magdalene

Saturday, April 13  
8:45am – 12:00pm in Carolyn Hall  
Engaged & Married Couples of All Ages are Welcome!

- Free of charge
- Breakfast included
- Join us for Mass at 8:00am to start the day right!

ENGAGED COUPLES AND MARRIED COUPLES OF ALL AGES are invited to a MERCy Retreat on Saturday, April 13, titled *“Apostle of the Apostles: An Easter Retreat on St Mary Magdalene.”* The retreat will be held in Carolyn Hall, from 8:45 - 11:45 AM.

St Mary Magdalene was a sinner like all of us, washed in the merciful love of the Lord. His love for her filled her with a great love for him, and Christ chose this woman to tell his apostles the Good News of the Resurrection. For this reason, she is called the “Apostle of the Apostles.”

There are many lessons from her life for us as married couples, and through her example and intercession we can become more joyful and committed witnesses to the Risen Lord for our family, friends and coworkers.

### Help the preschool!

OUR PRESCHOOL IS WRAPPING UP ANOTHER WONDERFUL SCHOOL YEAR! There are still a few spots available for next year if you would like your child in a place where they will learn and grow and know they are loved!

The Preschool is always on the lookout for people who love to be around children and share their gifts; our director, Amie Iwaszkowiec would love to hear from you! If you are retired and have some free time to love on preschoolers, please contact her at [aiwaszkowiec@onestrongfamily.org](mailto:aiwaszkowiec@onestrongfamily.org) or 651-644-5030

**SUPPER AT EMMAUS**

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

### New Parishioner Directory Time!

AS IN A NEW DIRECTORY OF PARISHIONERS! The former directory, from 2016, is now severely outdated: there are now new names, faces, and contact details! Photo sessions are Apr. 30 - May 4!

To sign up, visit [ucdir.com](http://ucdir.com). On the right side, click “PHOTOGRAPHY APPOINTMENT SCHEDULING LOGIN”. Our church code is **mn451** and the password is **photos** (both case-sensitive!). You can schedule online from Monday-Friday and, for weekend sign ups, volunteers will be present for scheduling after Saturday Masses and at C&D on Sundays (there will be no paper sign ups Easter weekend).

Each family who sits for a photo gets a *free* directory and 8x10 portrait! Parishioners are also allowed to submit their own photos (cost \$15).



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Br. Evan Steeves.....Ignite Youth Ministry  
Sr. Leann Luecke, PES.....Ignite Youth Ministry  
Sr. Maddy Elking, PES.....Faith Formation  
& Ignite Youth Ministry  
Larry Leif.....Head of Maintenance  
Patricia Hartshorn..... Volunteer Liturgy Coordinator  
Kristen Grant.....Director of Mission, In Exile  
Kathrine Handford.....Director of Music and Organist  
Audrey Koval.....Pastoral Associate  
Gina Brennan.....Administrative Assistant  
Kevin Kearns.....Director of Communications

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Parish Center Hours

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

**Parish Trustees:** Kip Chaffee, Andrew Nowak  
**Parish Pastoral Council:** Colleen Beatty, Chair  
**Parish Finance Committee:** John Wehrly, Chair  
**Saint Mark’s Catholic Preschool**  
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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.

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 Saturdays between 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (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.”

AWAKE, O SLEEPER, AND RISE FROM THE DEAD, AND CHRIST WILL GIVE YOU LIGHT.



## Breakfast Fundraiser

Pro Ecclesia Sancta - Female Branch




April 18th, 2024 | Hilton - France Ave.  
To RSVP scan the QR code or visit :  
[www.sacredheartofjesusconvent.org/fundraiser2024](http://www.sacredheartofjesusconvent.org/fundraiser2024)

THE SISTERS ARE VERY EXCITED TO INVITE YOU TO THEIR ANNUAL Breakfast Fundraiser! It will be an event filled with the joy of the Sacred Heart and a great opportunity to experience God's love in a deeper way. The funds raised will be used to restore the Sacred Heart of Jesus Convent so that they can welcome many more souls into the convent to experience the transforming love of the Sacred Heart. Thank you for all your prayers and support. They look forward to seeing you!

### YA Silent Retreat (May 16 - 19)

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!

Information & Sign Up:



### Lions for the Unborn

And 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 we have it on good authority you can still participate in St. Mark's Morning of Mercy that day if you attend! And you're encouraged to join that team at: [stmark.xyz/running](http://stmark.xyz/running)

Not running? Consider donating at [stmark.xyz/0k](http://stmark.xyz/0k)



# SPRING SWING

## IGNITE YOUTH GROUP

ST. MARK'S CAROLYN HALL | \$5.00 ADMISSION

FRIDAY, APRIL 5TH  
6:45PM LESSONS 7:00-9:00PM SWING DANCE  
← LET US KNOW YOU'RE COMING!

— 8TH GRADE THRU SENIORS WELCOME —



### Swing Dances (Apr. 05 & 13)

BUT MAKE SURE YOU'RE GOING TO THE RIGHT ONE! The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade dance is April 5<sup>th</sup>, in Carolyn Hall! RSVP at [stmark.xyz/apr-5](http://stmark.xyz/apr-5)

The adult swing dance is April 13<sup>th</sup>, in the School Gym. As is tradition, volunteers get free admission! Volunteer at [stmark.xyz/swing](http://stmark.xyz/swing)



A Night of SWING

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

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

\$10 ADMISSION AT THE DOOR  
(\$8 WITH STUDENT ID)

BEER AND WINE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE.

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

Featuring THE NORTHSTAR BIG BAND

