

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | FEBRUARY 11, 2024



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAY FOR OUR INCOMING CATHOLICS who will take part in “The Rite of Sending”, at the 9:00 AM Mass next Sunday (Feb. 18), with a 2:00 PM ceremony at the Cathedral to follow.

THOUGH WE’RE SIMPLIFYING THE CHURCH DECOR FOR LENT, that doesn’t mean that the poinsettias therein have to be wantonly disregarded! After this Sunday’s Mass, *do* take home a poinsettia!

ALL WOMEN OF ST. MARK’S ARE INVITED TO the 3rd Quarterly Meeting of the St. Paul Deanery Council of Catholic Women on Thursday, February 15th at Holy Childhood Church, 1435 Midway Parkway, St. Paul. Registration and coffee 8:15 am. Business meeting 9 AM. Program presented by Twin Cities Prison Ministry. Mass at noon followed by lunch. St. Mark’s CCW will cover the cost. Phone reservations to Nancy at 651-644-2260 by Monday, February 12th.

FAT TUESDAY (FEB. 13), AFTER 10:00 AM MASS, if you’re around, snag some cookies and coffee in the church vestibule!

40 DAYS FOR LIFE’S LENTEN CAMPAIGN starts in mere days, on Ash Wednesday/Valentine’s Day, February 14th, and continues through March 24th. Join us for a 40 Days for Life **Kick-Off dinner on Fat Tuesday, February 13th** from 6-8 p.m. at Davanni’s in Saint Paul on White Bear Avenue. To find out more and join in this amazing, lifesaving movement that has saved at least 24,224 innocent lives, please contact Karen McCann to RSVP at karenmccann3@gmail.com or 612-964-4552 or go to 40daysforlife.com for more info. This is a free event, though donations are always appreciated. Your prayers can help save lives and souls! **St. Mark’s will be adopting February 28th and March 23rd to pray outside of Planned Parenthood.**

SR. MADDIE SHOGREN, PES, formerly a stalwart member of our staff and champion of Ignite ministries, is moving yet farther away from us! But she’ll be in good company: she, and Sr. Laura Holupchinski will be heading to Detroit, MI to assist in the apostolate there! To pray for the success of that endeavor and to wish Sr. Maddie farewell, the PES Sisters are hosting a special Holy Hour on **Thursday February 15th at 7:00 PM**. All are invited to attend, pray, and bid adieu to our beloved Sister.

UPCOMING EVENTS

WED 14 FEB	<i>Ash Wednesday Liturgies at 7:00 AM, 10:00 AM; 6:00 PM Obligatory Fasting and Abstinence</i> Lent! No matter where you’re at today, let this Lent be all for God and may he produce great fruit in you this season!
FRI 16 FEB	<i>Soup Supper Speaker Series & Stations of the Cross 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM Carolyn Hall, Church</i> Contemplate — and let your heart be conformed to — the Heart of the Savior at this year’s Soup Supper Speaker Series! It’s a pillar of our Lenten community gatherings: the Soup Supper Speaker Series (with Stations of the Cross to follow)! This year’s theme is “Blessed are the Merciful: Conforming our Hearts to the Heart of the Savior.” For the inaugural night, Faith Pawl will be presenting on “Understanding the Works of Mercy”! Join us for supper at 5:30 PM, the talk at 6:00 PM, and Stations at 7:00 PM!
SAT 17 FEB	<i>Opportunities for the Youth Various Times During the Day UST, Church, Campus</i> This Saturday, youths in grades 3-8 are invited to the Pipe Organ Discovery Day , taking place at our parish and at UST. All the details can be found through stmark.xyz/organ . It’s free to attend, and comes with a pizza lunch! Just RSVP by February 14th! And you better believe “there’s more!” High School Ignite invites the high school crowd to 2024’s first Nerf night, from 7:00 - 11:00 PM! Always a big hit, and including a “Midnight Breakfast,” load and lock and be there with your finest Nerf gun and regalia! Darts provided, but RSVP at stmark.xyz/pew

But wait, there’s more. Find the Parish calendar on our website: onestrongfamily.org/events.



From the Heart of the Shepherd

Fr. Alvaro Perez, PES - Former Associate Pastor

From the Hearts of Former Shepherds: Where Are They Now Edition



Note: this article will hopefully be the first in a (likely) sporadic series of updates from PES priests who have previously served at St. Mark's. To date, eight priests have passed through the parish and on to other pastures, five of whom received their priestly formation here in St. Paul and spent their first years of priestly ministry at our parish. They send these updates in a spirit of gratitude for their time at St. Mark's and for the role our parishioners had in preparing them for what has come after. The first article is from a former associate pastor from 2015-2018, who was visiting in MN last week.

As I return to California, I want to update you about my ministry and mission of Pro Ecclesia Sancta in the Golden State. But first, a quick introduction since I am glad to see that St. Mark's continues to grow. There are many new faces that I don't recognize. I am Father Alvaro Perez, and I was here at St. Mark's from 2009 to 2018. We (Fr. Humberto, Fr. Adam, and myself) were the first Pro Ecclesia Sancta members to arrive in Minnesota. We like to call each the OGs (Original Gang). It is neat and surprising that after almost six years since I left, St. Mark's still feels like home to me. Our good Lord and His words remain true: "And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and will inherit eternal life." (Mt 19:29).

I am the pastor of a beautiful parish in North Highlands, California. It is a thriving community with many strong

ministries and new initiatives already in progress or in the pipeline. There is a running joke that the ministry's most challenging part is finding an available room to meet. We just finished a confirmation retreat for ninety six Confirmandi led by Fr. Adam with excellent results. Two years ago, we embarked on the adventure of a new Catholic High School - Chesterton Academy of Sacramento. We started with a big group of twenty-seven, and this year, we have forty three. We pray that we will double our current number next year, if God permits.

In the years that I have been in California, I have been back to MN several times. But this is the only time I have been able to stay for a weekend and see the community gathered for Sunday Mass. Perhaps for that reason, this visit has been the most rewarding, and humbling too. Humbling because I have realized that those who have come after me are doing an even better job than the first ones. Also because the little kids I met when I arrived are now big and sometimes taller than me. Rewarding because I leave full of confidence in your parish's future because the Lord's hand continues to guide it and bless it. St. Mark's is a unique parish and will become a beacon for many souls trying to navigate the waters of life. I invite you to challenge your priests to endeavor in even more apostolates. I encourage you to give more of your life to God because He is trustworthy, and He has given all for us.

Non Sufficit Mundus - the world is not enough for those who love Jesus!

THIS IS AN EXTRA SPACE THIS WEEK

SOME PEWS HAVE GONE WALKABOUT! The interior western wall restoration project is *anticipated* to begin this very Lent (and with God's providence, maybe finish within Lent or early Easter)! Emphasis on "*anticipated*": details are still quite immaterial, at present. As we learn more, more details will follow!

EXODUS 90 is for you, dear men of the parish! The crew meets on Saturday mornings, at 10:30 AM, at the parish center! Prepare to Exodus ~40!

DEAR YOUNG ADULT CROWD, THIS ADVICE, LIKE YOUTH, MAY BE WASTED ON THE YOUNG: don't wait to sign up for the YA silent retreat (May 16-19)! Not only is it more challenging to do so as years march on, but seizing the opportunity now is most heroic! Learn more at stmark.xyz/silent-retreat

ONE STRONG FAMILY UNITED IN CHRIST



2024 LENTEN SCHEDULE

PRAY FAST GIVE ALMS

ASH WEDNESDAY (Feb. 14)

Obligatory Day of Fasting and Abstinence
Mass @ 7 AM, 10 AM, & 6 PM

SOUP SUPPER & SPEAKER SERIES

Fridays at 5:30 PM

"Blessed are the Merciful: Conforming our
Hearts to the Heart of the Savior"
(Note: no Supper Speaker Series on 3/22)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays @ 7:00 PM

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE PRAYER VIGIL (Feb.
28 & Mar. 23)**

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE (Mar. 21)
at Emmaus @ 7:00 PM

ANNUAL FISH FRY (Mar. 22)
5:00 - 7:00 PM

(Note: no Supper Speaker Series this evening)

SMALL GROUPS

AMs and PMs

If you're not in a small group yet,
hit up stmark.xyz/finder

For **more** info on goings-on during Lent,
please visit
onestrongfamily.org/lent



IGNITE GAMES

WHEN:
FEB 24TH 1:00-4:00PM

WHERE:
CAROLYN HALL

WHO:
MIDDLE SCHOOLERS



SCAN ME
TO RSVP



Horizontal and Vertical Participation!

WE'VE GOT SOUND DOCTRINE AND ORTHODOX WORSHIP... but who are all these *other* people at the Church of Saint Mark?! How can you meaningfully grow in Christian community with them? And, moreover, how can we help bring in those who aren't joining us for the great Sunday liturgies that help draw our hearts and minds upward?!

Why, via small groups! This is your final-ish reminder, dear reader, that a big component to our Lenten practices here will be small groups, so if you've not joined one yet, you are welcome to **if space still permits!**

Find them at stmark.xyz/finder

Questions? Contact parishcenter@onestrongfamily.org
or Fr. Patrick (frpatrick@onestrongfamily.org)

MASS AND PRAYER INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions for week of FEB 11, 2024

7 AM

M: ---
 T: + Souls in Purgatory
 W: Patrick Madden
 Tr: + Bronson Battersby
 F: + Albert & Frances Lefere
 S*: ---

10 AM

+ Luverne & Loretta Worms
 + Sam Chaffee
 + Kobe & Gianna Bryant
 + Steve Dalsky
 + Joseph Confrancesco

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. Or sign up at stmark.xyz/cim

THEY WANT YOU!

JOIN THE ADORATION TEAM! Contact adoration@onestrongfamily.org to join the cause (this is in addition to a committed holy hour, of course) for supporting adoration at the Church of Saint Mark!

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, 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

Pipe Organ Discovery Day (Feb. 17)

How does one get an intro to playing the pipe organ, anyway?!

(Are they piano aficionados who want more “umph” when they bang on piano keys? The editor wonders...)

Well, here’s a unique opportunity — *that’s also free and includes a pizza lunch* — to learn how to make a joyful noise on the organ:

Pipe Organ Discovery day! For grades 3-12, and one can sign up for the morning session, afternoon, or whole day!

Just sign up by February 14th!

Visit stmark.xyz/organ



Feb. 17 | RSVP by Feb. 14 | Free Pizza Lunch



**PIPE ORGAN
DISCOVERY DAY**

**Register for the morning
session, afternoon, or full day!**

Women’s Workout Nights (Mondays)

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 February schedule is set for:

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.

CSA Pledge Weekend (Feb. 11)

ARCHDIOCESE OF
SAINT PAUL & MINNEAPOLIS
— CATHOLIC —
SERVICES APPEAL

There is a far greater need to make Jesus known and loved than our parish church can participate in! And there are many Catholic services that our archdiocesan church offers to bring Christ to the masses-outside-of-Mass. But that can’t happen without, not the least, the generous support of the faithful! So next weekend, all are asked to give *something* to the archdiocese’s Catholic Service Appeal! Visit love.archspm.org or check out the QR code below!

And take a look at the impressive support that the CSA funds!

- Catholic Charities of St. Paul and Minneapolis
- Society of St. Vincent De Paul – Twin Cities
- Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women
- Office of Marriage, Family, and Youth
- Campus and Young Adult Ministry
- Catholic High School Scholarships
- St. Lawrence Newman Center
- Seminarian Room and Board
- Catholic Elementary Schools
- American Indian Ministry
- Venezuelan Mission
- Hospital Chaplains
- Latino Ministry
- Prison Ministry
- Youth Ministry
- Deaf Ministry
- Evangelization
- Elevate Life



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

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

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

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CELEBRATIONS

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

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

Tuesday-Friday 9:30 AM; Saturday: 3:30-4:30 PM;
Sunday: 8:30-9 AM, 10:30-11 AM

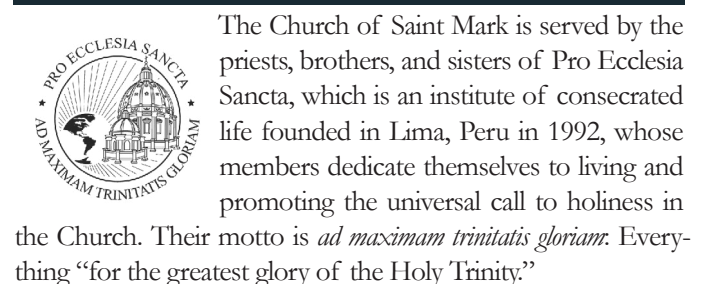
SACRAMENTS

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.

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





Silent Retreat

Join Father Patrick for a 3 day retreat based on the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises

Open to Young Adults ages 22-35

MAY 16-19, 2024
Dunrovin Retreat Center
15525 St Croix Trail N
Marine on St Croix

Information & Sign Up:



Rebuilding Catholic Community

THERE'S A NEW INSTITUTE IN TOWN: The Center for Catholic Social Thought. You may occasionally see their newsletter ([The Catholic Citizen](#)) around our campus; be encouraged to pick one up. **They're also hosting a speaker series, "Rebuilding Catholic Community," this Spring, on Thursdays at 7:00 PM, starting February 15th, at Church of the Assumption in St. Paul!**

To learn more, visit catholicsocialthought.org



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

AI | What Everyone Needs to Know

Holy Family Catholic Church, 5900 W Lake St., Mpls, MN
5:30 PM | Thursday, February 22nd

Open to the general public

Cost: \$15;

Clergy & Students are free

RSVP online at

sjbusinessguild.com





Lenten Retreat

A time of meditation and silence for **young adult women** to enter into this special time of grace.

RSVP HERE



FEB 24, 8:00 AM – 11:30 PM
AT THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS CONVENT
8650 RUSSELL AVE S, MINNEAPOLIS



Feb 23 - Mar 27

The LIVING WATER

A Multimedia Lenten Drama with Original Music & Songs

The Living Water is a modern dramatization of the Biblical stories of the Samaritan Woman, the Blind Beggar, and Lazarus, traditionally known as the "Scrutiny" gospels. Filled with original music & songs and gripping multimedia elements, this play will draw audiences of all ages into a deeper experience of the Lenten season through a profound and entertaining reflection on the complexities of the human condition in light of Divine Love. Visit openwindowtheatre.org or call the box office@612.615.1515 for tickets.