

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | MAY 11, 2025



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

How can the bulletin (aka, “The Evangelist”) not make mention, first and foremost, of the new *Pontifex Maximus*? Try as he might to keep things tightly focused on matters local, the editor figures that “a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that” some mention be made: the Church has a new Pope! An American Pope (and all the privileges that go with that)! What’s more, a *Midwest-born Pope*! Fair well in navigating the discourse about what his Papacy *will* portend, but it’s probably never a loss to *pray* for our Holy Father.

(And, May, being Mary’s month, we like to go with a Blessed Virgin Mary bulletin cover theme. So this week an image of the Blessed Mother and the first Holy Father, why not? Maybe pray an ‘Ave’ for the Holy Father right now!)

He’d never tell you himself, surely not wanting to draw attention, but **Fr. Patrick’s birthday is this Wednesday**, May 14th. But if you do want to wish him well, you better do it as soon as you can as he’ll be traveling to “Peru” for the PES general congress. (You could pray for that, too! This May’s a big month for Peru-America, it seems!)

Registration to our Family Faith Formation Program 2025-2026 is now open! We’re looking forward to welcoming your family to our program! For questions, you may email the sisters: sisters.pes@onestrongfamily.org and register at stmark.xyz/fff

Kathy Handford will perform a 30 minute organ recital at the Church of Saint Louis, King of France on Tuesday, May 13 at 12:35 pm (following their noon mass). The concert is free and all are welcome to attend.

Anyone interested in auditioning to be **cantor at the Sunday morning masses**, please contact director of music, Kathy Handford for details. Speak with her after the morning masses or via email. Auditions will be held this May!

Women’s workout sessions for the season are swiftly coming to a close! The next two Monday nights at 8:00 PM In the gym! stmark.xyz/workout is where you can find the schedule

Moving to or from the parish neighborhood/territory? Make sure you drop us a line at onestrongfamily.org/house so we can match house sellers with house finders!

There’s a **Minnesota Catholic Home Education Conference (May 30-31)** on the horizon. Check out MNconference.org to register and for more info! As parents are primary educators, and that is to be a/the synodal theme for an upcoming synodal year, it’s good to expand that horizon as well as to resist infringements thereupon. And some are very much at our doorstep! stmark.xyz/hlsda

There will be a CCW meeting on April 21 at 1-3:30 in the community room. **All women of the parish are invited!** (Did you know that by virtue of being a CW (Catholic Woman) that you’re automatically a member of the C (Council)? **It really is for all women!**) Likewise for the **Luncheon (catered!) at the end of the month (May 31)! RSVP for that by May 26 at stmark.xyz/luncheon**

UPCOMING EVENTS

**SUN
18
MAY**

Twin Cities Community Gathering of the WCI | 4:00 - 6:00 PM | Carolyn Hall

In addition to the new time (and now potluck *dinner*), Father McGinnis will be giving a talk about inviting Mary into your marriage, family, and home. The staples of the WCI remain, including prayer, discussion, and childcare during the talk and discussion!

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

Mothers, Fathers, and Shepherds, Oh my!



It is fun to philosophize about the mystery of man and woman and differences between the sexes. Broad generalizations really are helpful. And dangerous. When I share such speculations, men tend to be intrigued and women offended.

But there I go again with the generalizations! On Mother's Day, with the recent election of a Holy Father, however, the man in me can't help but wax philosophical.

We human beings, like all forms of life, reach our maturity and perfection through parenting: through passing onto others the life we have received. Yet we do so in different ways. Men grow to perfection as fathers, women as mothers. As Christians, we understand that perfection means becoming more like God, the giver of all life. Therefore, it means maturation in life-giving love. What does it mean, therefore, for men to do that as fathers, and women as mothers?

See what you think of this: in the plan of God, women (mothers) "specialize" in a love that accepts one as he or she is, whereas men (fathers) "specialize" in a love that pushes one to become what he or she can be. This shows itself, for example, in how two parents might evaluate their children's performances, say at a t-ball game or in a piano recital. The mother considers her child's work a masterpiece; she appreciates all the positive elements in her child's accomplishment and gushes forth in words of praise. The father, in contrast, beholds the perfection that remains to be attained. He's already talking about "the next time" and offering some "helpful feedback." In philosophical terms, the mother's strength is to love and appreciate our actuality; the father our potentiality. The primary object of her love is *being*; his, *becoming*. Hence the stereotypes that for many mothers, their children can do no wrong ("my kid is the best!"), and that fathers can be hard to please ("but he can do even better!").

Of course, these are relative strengths, not absolute

differences. Both men and women can and must love others (especially their children) in both "modes": as they are, but mindful of what they can become. Fathers are not necessarily blind to their children's good qualities, and women can be very sensitive to all that is lacking in their loved ones. But it just makes sense that God would ensure that both aspects are cared for in the family through the complementary natural tendencies of men and women, so that all are nourished and cherished, but also stimulated and challenged by those who love them most.

This Sunday, we celebrate those women who have so especially known how to love us, warts and all, who have known how to see and love the good in us throughout our lives. Even, perhaps, when there was little to be seen (in the case of those of us who were ugly babies, difficult children, ungrateful teens, wayward adults, all of the above, etc.)! *Thanks Mom!*

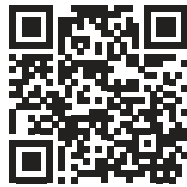
After the events of this past week, it's also fitting to reflect on the role of the Holy Father in the Church. Called to govern the household of God on earth, the Pope has a special charism for stimulating the members of the Church in their engagement with the Christian life and mission. (Consider JP II visiting country after country and initiating conversions, vocations, and spiritual awakenings.) Far from allowing it to remain where and as it is, the role of the chief shepherd is to lead God's flock to a better place. Ultimately, to Heaven. May God almighty, "from whom every fatherhood on earth descends" stimulate Pope Leo XIV to do just that!

Good Shepherd Sunday is also a fine opportunity for me to reflect on my own shepherding. In these twenty two months as pastor, perhaps I've given the impression that my only concern is to push, push, push so that the parish (the mother of my priestly vocation!) can achieve its tremendous potential? Such is the father's tendency, perhaps. But on this Mother's Day, know also how much I love this parish just as it is. And especially all of you. You, my children, really are the best in the world!

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

Help them spend money!

They need your input! St. Mark's CCW would like to thank all who participated this past year in making their fundraisers successful – for donations, volunteering and shopping. They would like your help in deciding where the money will be donated. Each year they fund parish projects as well as local, national and international charities. Please submit your ideas via the form at stmark.xyz/funds If it's a parish project be sure to itemize the needs. Suggestions need to be submitted by **MAY 18TH**. Thanks again for helping the CCW help others.



REGISTRATION OPEN

Family Faith Formation

Parent formation session
Pre-K through 5th grade
1st Communion Preparation

1st Wednesday of the month
6:15-7:30pm in Carolyn Hall

For questions please email: pessisters@onestrongfamily.org

**"The family is the place where each of us first encounters love.
A family that is rooted and united in Jesus and that has experienced His love will be a shining example of evangelization and mission."
~ You Will Be My Witnesses 26**

Register here



First Communions!

"Dear St. Mark's family, we are so excited to share with you that next Sunday, May 18th at 9:00 am, the kids in our community who have been preparing for the 1st Sacraments will receive their 1st Communion! They have already gone to 1st Reconciliation and are now preparing their hearts to receive Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament for the first time:

Finn B., Hugh H., Charlotte J., Anthony M., Peyton and Alexia R., Quinn S., Frankie T. and Johnny W. Please keep them in your prayers!" - Sr. Julieta, PES

WOJTYŁA COMMUNITY & INSTITUTE

TWIN CITIES
COMMUNITY GATHERING

Join us for an evening of prayer, fellowship, and discussion on marriage and family life according to Saint John Paul II's Rule for Married Couples. Bring a potluck dish to share!

Sunday, May 18th
Church of St. Mark

4-6pm Potluck dinner, talk, discussion, and prayer in Carolyn Hall

Speaker: Father McGinnis

We are a family of families; all stages of life are welcome. Childcare is provided during the talk and adult discussion!



rsvp at
stmark.xyz/tccg

"Come and you will see." -Jn 1:39

Discernment Weekends (Fri - Mon)
April 14-17
May 12-15
June 16-19

Franciscan Brothers of Peace, Saint Paul, MN
For CHRIST. For Brothers. For Souls.

RSVP: vocation@brothersofpeace.org

Men 18-35
considering life as
a Priest or Brother

MASS AND PRAYER INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions for week of MAY 11, 2025

	7 AM	10 AM
M:	---	---
T:	Joseph Shrake +	Dale Sherf
W:	Carraux, Anderson & Billeadeau Families	Laura Gnerer
Tr:	Logan Ryan	Adeline Dummer
F:	Ellie Shaw	Timothy & Paula Ryan
S*:	Alex & Olivia Baum (8 AM); Cardinal Robert Sarah	

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. Or sign up at 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 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, or contact Addie Smith, our Preschool Director at:

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) 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

Know someone in need of prayers? Email your request to 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. For questions, contact parishcenter@onestrongfamily.org



ONE STRONG FAMILY UNITED IN CHRIST



All Women of the Parish
are invited to the CCW

Spring LUNCHEON

SATURDAY MAY 31
11-1 CAROLYN HALL

RSVP by May 26: stmark.xyz/luncheon

Year in Review,
funding announcements

Catered lunch

Door Prizes!




AD
MAXIMAM
BOYS SUMMER CAMP


TENT CAMPING, HIKING, DAILY MASS/
ADORATION AND MORE

JULY 7-10TH, 2025

JAY COOKE STATE PARK, MN

AGES: 12-18

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT FRPATRICK@PES-USA.ORG



GRADES
8 - 12

Ignite Youth Group SWING DANCE

Friday, May 16	Carolyn Hall Church of St. Mark 220 N Moore St.	7pm - 9pm \$5 Admission
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****swing lessons offered 7 - 7:20pm**



RSVP and get entered into a raffle for a BLUETOOTH SPEAKER!



Summer of Exploration at TRINITY

Camps with purpose | Led by experts | \$150/week

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 at tsrr.org/summer-camp Questions? Contact Catherine Mulvey, cmulvey@trinityschools.org

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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.

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 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



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 community theater Missed the Boat Theatre presents **The Matchmaker**, running **June 19-28, 2025** at the Helene Houle Auditorium at Saint Agnes School. With St. Mark's parishioners involved in every part of the production (onstage and off) this is a great opportunity to support fellow Markers and enjoy a great night at the theater! **St. Mark's staff and parishioners can use code STMARK for \$5 off your tickets.**



MAY 16 OPPORTUNITIES FOR NETWORKING AND MARKETING WITHIN THE GUILD
 pizza & networking at noon;
 presentation from 12:30-1:30 PM
 1983 DAYTON AVE., ST. PAUL [ENTER DOOR G]
 RSVP @ SJBUSINESSGUILD.COM

You've done C&D. Now do L&F!

St. Mark's Extremely Flexible Monthly Service Opportunity - Loaves and Fishes!

St. Mark's draws on a large pool of volunteers to field a rotating team of 10 to 20 people who prepare and/or serve dinner at two Catholic Charities locations each month. Folks can volunteer every month or once a year. Even if you never take a shift, as a St. Mark's parishioner, you are still contributing because the food provided on these days is funded in part by St. Mark's "Sunday Giving".

Every 4th Tuesday of the month our parishioners meet at the Dorothy Day Opportunity Center in downtown St. Paul. This large facility serves dinner to hundreds of adults every evening. We also serve **every 3rd Thursday** at the Maplewood Family Services Center which provides food and shelter for families, typically serving 30 to 50 adults and children. The food prep and serving shifts range from 90 minutes to 2 hours and most volunteers choose just one shift although some stay on for both.

The next opportunities are May 15 (Maplewood) and May 27 (downtown St. Paul).

Volunteers sign up online through the Catholic Charities Volunteer Hub after creating an account which only takes about 5 minutes. This service opportunity works well for families with children aged 14-17 (accompanied by an adult) but **each family member needs an individual account and minors need a parent to complete a one-time waiver.** Once an account is created, signing up for a shift is a snap.

We especially need new volunteers May through August so please consider creating an account and volunteering for a shift at stmark.xyz/landf

Contact Karen at karen.shrake@gmail.com with any questions, to get the youth waiver, or to receive a monthly email reminder.