

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION | MARCH 24, 2024



THE CHURCH OF SAINT MARK | www.onestrongfamily.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 11th 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.

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

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). 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!

2024 ANNUAL WAY OF THE CROSS PROCESSION WITH COMMUNION AND LIBERATION TWIN CITIES: Good Friday, March 29th at 9:15 AM, Cathedral of St. Paul. Beginning at the Cathedral of St. Paul, the faithful commemorate Christ's Passion by walking in silence through downtown St. Paul., making five Stations of the Cross along the way.

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

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 theresacreinhardt@gmail.com

- March 25 Rosemarie with Shine Dance Fitness
- 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)

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Holy Triduum and Easter Sunday take pride of place when it comes to upcoming events, but just note that April is going to be jam-packed: Bible Study (Tuesdays, starting Apr. 9), Rummage Sale (Apr. 25-28), the Feast of St. Mark (Apr. 25-26), Swing Dances (Apr. 5 & 13), MERCY retreat (Apr. 13), the triumphant return of Supper at Emmaus (Apr. 18), and more! So mind the comms!

THU - SUN *Holy Triduum & Easter Sunday | Various Times | Church*

**28 - 31
MAR**

Please see the Holy Triduum and Easter Sunday schedule on page 4. Note that Adoration will cease at Thursday at 5:00 PM and resume Easter Monday after 10:00 AM Mass! And note the parish center will be closed Holy Thursday - Easter Monday!

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

Palm Sunday 2024



The missal provides for last Friday's Mass (5th Week of Lent) a rare alternative collect, which is the prayer said by the priest at the beginning of the Mass (before we sit for the readings): "O God, who in this season give your Church the grace to imitate devoutly the Blessed Virgin Mary in contemplating the Passion of Christ," it prays, "grant, we pray, through her intercession, that we may cling more firmly each day to your Only Begotten Son and come at last to the fullness of his grace."

I couldn't tell you why the editors provided that second option. Normally, the liturgy nods to the Blessed Virgin on Saturday, not Friday. Perhaps it reflects a longstanding tradition. In any case, how beautiful that on the cusp of Passion Week the Church casts her whole liturgical project in a Marian key: we are contemplating the Passion in imitation of Our Lady (who was among the first to contemplate it, and did so most fruitfully!) in order to cling to Christ more fully and grow in grace. Admiring Christ crucified with Mary at the foot of the Cross! That is what we aim to do especially throughout the sacred days of Holy Week.

"That we may cling more firmly to Christ." This is the purpose of our contemplation. Growth in grace will occur automatically, provided we cling to Him who is its fount and source. We don't meditate on the Passion, therefore, primarily to experience sorrow. Or even to feel bad for having sinned. Naturally, these should be fruits of pondering all that Christ suffered (for us!). We must avoid the case of the wailing women of Jerusalem, who experienced sorrow and compassion but did so, as it were, stationary: we are not told that they followed Him on His way, or took their place at the foot of the Cross with the holy women. Their contemplation (it seems) did not lead them to *cling* to Christ more firmly.

How, then, are we to contemplate in such a way that we are moved to embrace Christ (and His cross) "more firmly"?

Love is the motor of human action. At least, the most powerful one. Sorrow for sins and fear of punishment can at times motivate us to make a change. But to cling to Christ with all our being and to persevere in doing so despite the cost... this is the work of love alone. Contemplation of the passion moves us to love Jesus when we realize that He endured all that *for love of me*. St. Paul grasped this when he said, "I have been crucified with Christ; I live, yet no longer I, but Christ lives in me; insofar as I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God *who has loved me and given himself up for me*" (Gal 2:19-20).

Once one begins to fathom the fathomless love Christ has for him or her in particular, the spontaneous response of our hearts (sufficiently softened by grace) is to love in return. "We love," says St. John, "because he first loved us" (1 Jn 4:19). St. Thomas Aquinas places this first among the saving effects of Christ's passion: because of it, he says, "man knows thereby how much God loves him, and is thereby stirred to love Him in return, and herein lies the perfection of human salvation" (*Summa Theologica*, III.46.3.). And Our Lord Himself explained, "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends..." (Jn 15:13-14).

Beginning with today's Gospel reading, we will have ample opportunity this week to contemplate all that Christ did and suffered for us, all that His love moved Him to embrace for our wellbeing. Let's be careful not to engage the Holy Week rituals in a spirit of routine ("this is what we do each year, this is what the script commands us") or mere sentimental spectating. I challenge us all to contemplate the Passion in the key of love, as lovers looking for signs of the Beloved's regard for them. With a little help from the Spirit who leads us into all truth, we will be sure to be overwhelmed by the evidence and brought, with the Blessed Virgin, to embrace more firmly than ever the One who commands us to "remain in His love" (Jn 15:10) so that He might fill us to overflowing with the treasures of His grace and our joy, and His, might be complete!

ONE STRONG FAMILY UNITED IN CHRIST

“Let’s get ready to rummage!”

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 26th – Sunday, April 28th (with a “sneak peek” sale on Thursday evening April 25th) 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** If you have any questions please contact Patti Shrake at 651-206-1056 or 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 7th.
- **Parish Office:** Drop bowls off at the parish office.

2024
HOLY TRIDUUM
& EASTER SUNDAY

HOLY THURSDAY (MAR 28)
Blessed Sacrament Reposed @ 5:00 PM
Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper @ 7:00 PM
Altar of Repose after Mass until Midnight

GOOD FRIDAY OF THE LORD’S PASSION (MAR 29)
Stations of the Cross & Confessions @ 3:00 PM
Liturgy @ 7:00 - 8:30 PM
Adoration chapel open from 10:00 PM - 12:00 AM
No Adoration

HOLY SATURDAY (MAR 30)
Easter Vigil Mass @ 8:30 PM

EASTER SUNDAY (MAR 31)
Masses @ 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
No Coffee and Donuts
No Confessions

**Parish center will be closed
for the Holy Triduum and Easter Monday*

AND IF YOU’RE ATTENDING HOLY TRIDUUM LITURGIES, anyway (especially the Easter Vigil), please **consider volunteering** to help out at the liturgies with a few minor tasks.

No, really... please!

Otherwise Pat Hartshorn has to lug all the flowers up by herself, etc. So just offer a *tiny* bit of **your time** the time God has given you, and let us know you *can* at parishcenter@onestrongfamily.org

You waited too long!

MAYBE. There may still be spots available for the summer even of a lifetime: Catholic Family Camp Weekend 2024 (Aug. 1 - Aug.4)! Find out at stmark.xyz/camp and if you’re looking to go, just seal that deal now! \$150 deposit gets you in! A number of St. Mark’s families have already signed up!

MASS AND PRAYER INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions for week of MAR 24, 2024

7 AM

M: ---
T: Sr. Gracelet
W: Dennis Hauber

10 AM

Alan Koval
+ Mike Dunker
Violet Rossini

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

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 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, or contact Amie Iwaskowicz, our Preschool Director at:

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 to choose your adoration commitment. Questions? Email adoration@onestrongfamily.org



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

DONATE TO ST. MARK'S

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

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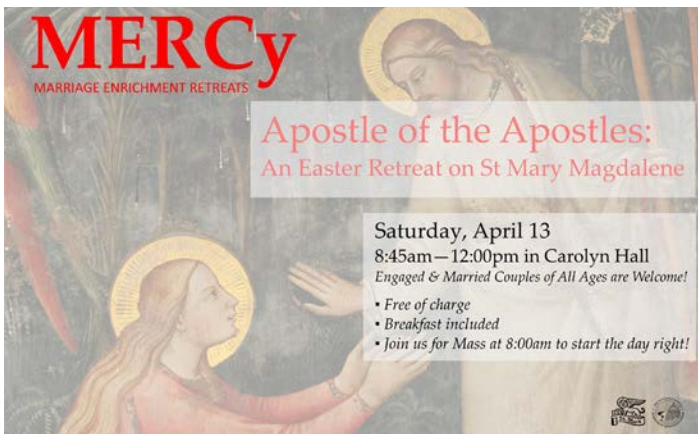
The CCW **NEEDS** to hear from you **ASAP!**

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 still have two upcoming events this Spring – Gertens Plant Sale (*see right*) and the Spring Rummage Sale.

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 If it's a parish project be sure to itemize the needs! **Suggestions need to be submitted by March 31st!**

Thanks again for helping the CCW help others!



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.

BUY PLANTS **NOW!!!!!**



GREEN UP THE PLACE! And put a bit more “green” in the CCW coffers (and so help contribute to the fundraising (see above))!

The annual CCW Gertens Plant Sale is upon us! Thanks to the wonders of modern tech, you can

order in style and comfort from your own home by visiting gertensfundraising.com and entering in 269 for the store ID! Pickup will be Saturday, **May 4th**, from 9:00 AM - Noon in the small gym/Carolyn Hall!

All orders must be in by **Monday, March 25th at 10:00 PM!**



30% of all plants sales and 15% of all plant gift cards sales will be donated to local and national charities.

Any questions contact Eileen at edmooore49@gmail.com or 612-483-2973.

More than pretty faces around here!

AND WHILE WE ARE MORE THAN PRETTY FACES AROUND HERE, we'd really like you to encourage your family to bring their pretty faces to the upcoming parishioner directory photo shoot[s] (Apr. 31 - May 4)!

To sign up, visit ucdir.com. On the right side, click “PHOTOGRAPHY APPOINTMENT SCHEDULING LOGIN”. Our church code is **mn451** and the password is **church** (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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Parish Center Hours

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

Parish Trustees: Kip Chaffee, Andrew Nowak
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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 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.”

REMEMBER THAT YOU ARE DUST AND TO DUST YOU SHALL RETURN



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

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

Not running? Consider donating at 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 8th Grade - 12th Grade dance is April 5th, in Carolyn Hall! **RSVP at stmark.xyz/apr-5**

The adult swing dance is April 13th, in the School Gym. As is tradition, volunteers get free admission! Volunteer at 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

