

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | APRIL 21, 2024



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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 **Mercy Morning!** **Details are showing up at stmark.xyz/morning!**

ALSO SAVE THE DATE FOR MAY 5th! That'll be the May Crowning, following the 9 AM Mass, in the rectory garden! Followed by the best meal of the day!

MAY THE 4TH BE WITH YOU: The Middle School Ignite Nerf event has been rescheduled to May 4th! *Pssshhen! Vrâu, vrâu! Kkssshbbb!* (Those were lightsaber sound effects.)

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CONFIRMANDS: Theo Ausland, Millie Tibesar, Josie Witham, Margarita Hernandez Madariaga, Cinthia Rios, and Patrick Shin! They'll receive the Sacrament on April 21st (which may be today, depending upon when you read this), at the Cathedral, at 2:00 PM! You should come!

HAVE YOU EMAILED ANYTHING TO SUBMISSIONS@ONESTRONGFAMILY.ORG OR WEBMASTER@ONESTRONGFAMILY.ORG?

For reasons that aren't transparent to the editor, possibly in part to an over-aggressive spam filter, it has been discovered that some messages sent to submissions@ or webmaster@ have not been forwarded. Ugh. If you're waiting on a critical reply to a message sent there, email kgearns@onestrongfamily.org (try to write like a human, too, to better increase the chances of your message getting received!)

BIG PUSH TIME FOR RUMMAGE SALE VOLUNTEER SIGN UP! Looking for strong people for set up this Sunday after 9 AM Mass's Coffee and Donuts. Come one come all! The old ladies (by their own admission) can't lift tables, racks and benches anymore. Help is needed sorting donations M-W. Contact CCW+owner@onestrongfamily.org (that's Patti Shrake) for details!

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

- April 22 Rosemarie with Shine Dance Fitness **Cancelled**
- April 29 Lucy with HIIT (high intensity interval workout)

EVEN MORE ADVANTAGEOUS THAN OFFERING MASS FOR THE DECEASED: offering Masses for the living! It's a pittance to request a Mass and the spiritual benefits conferred are extraordinary, so don't neglect this arrow for your spiritual quiver! Contact the parish center (651-645-5717) to request a Mass!

UPCOMING EVENTS

TUES *Bible Study | 7:00 - 8:30 PM | Carolyn Hall*
23 Walk-ins are welcome! We've got a great crowd coming but there's room for more! Don't just learn
APR about St. Mark, but kindle those fires of devotion to our patron! Sign up at stmark.xyz/study

THIS *Rummage Sale Goings-On | A lot of times | Carolyn Hall, mostly*
WEEK It's the last full week of April: Rummage Sale! Donations accepted beginning of the week (Mon - Wed), the sale itself runs from Thursday evening to Sunday afternoon! Visit stmark.xyz/sale

THU-FRI *Feast of Saint Mark Happenings! | Various Times | Various Places*
25-26 You can't have escaped notice of the big things in store for this Thursday and Friday to celebrate
APR St. Mark, but we've got even more to share! Check out the back page of the bulletin for details, but we'll just note right here that we've also got A FIRST CLASS RELIC OF SAINT MARK on loan for this week, so you can literally draw nearer to St. Mark (or at least part of him...)!

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



From the Heart of the Shepherd

Benjamin Eichten, Theology III

Fourth Sunday of Easter

He's been cloistered off in Seminary for several years now, so many of our community members may not know this, but St. Mark's is the spiritual home of a future shepherd for this archdiocese. Ben Eichten is a seminarian preparing for deacon ordination next month (May 11!). I asked him to submit an introduction of sorts for the bulletin so that we can be praying for him as he prepares for ordination -Fr. David



For those I have not had the pleasure to meet yet, my name is Benjamin Eichten and I am a seminarian currently in Theology III studying at the Saint Paul Seminary. I am also blessed to call the Church of Saint Mark my home parish, as I prepare to serve as a future priest in the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. It is with joy that I share with you that I will be ordained to the transitional diaconate this May at the Basilica of Saint Mary. God has brought me to this point after many years of seminary formation and support from so many holy men and women. The members and clergy of Saint Mark's and the Catholic Advance have especially played a pivotal role in helping me grow in my love of God and give that "yes" to seek after what Christ has planned for me. As such, I want to thank you all for everything you have done for me!

To share a little about myself. I am originally from Anoka, MN and grew up, as the oldest of four, in a normal Catholic family. The faith had always been part of my upbringing, but it was not until I entered high school that I began to question what sort of role the Catholic Church and God would have in my own life. During my junior year of high school, the associate pastor at my local parish preached on vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Although I did not think anything of it at the moment, my mom encouraged me to talk to him and I was shortly thereafter visiting Saint John Vianney college seminary for a come-and-see weekend. I remember being struck at how normal the seminarians were, yet how profoundly they desired to grow in holiness and

follow God's will for their life. This experience ultimately led me to join the seminary after high school and I would then finish my degree after four years of formation.

After this time, I did not feel the Lord's call to move on immediately to the Saint Paul Seminary for theological studies, so I decided to experience life in the world for a while. I initially worked in health insurance and later in medical software, but it was my engagement with my Catholic faith that was most impactful. I was blessed to have good catholic men as roommates and from their witness I become very involved in both Saint Mark's and Catholic Advance. It was through my involvement in both the parish and lay movement that I continued to advance in my relationship with God that ultimately led me to be open to Christ's calling in my life. After my third year of living and working in the St. Paul it was clear that God wanted me to reenter seminary formation and I would join the Saint Paul Seminary that fall.

These past four years in the seminary have been a profound time of personal growth and transformation through a deepening reliance and trust in God. This has not only helped me understand my own invitation to the priesthood by Christ, but also how God wants me to express love for His Church by ministering to the people of this local community. In a month I will be ordained to the diaconate and then serve somewhere in the Twin Cities for the summer and afterwards return for my last year at the Saint Paul Seminary to prepare for the priesthood. It is an exciting, but daunting time for me as my formal education is coming to a close. Continued confidence and dependence on God will be more essential for me than any time in my life so far. As such, please keep me in your prayers as I accompany Christ through these big steps in living out God's calling for me. Also, know of my prayers for everyone at the Church of Saint Mark.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Benjamin Eichten

ONE STRONG FAMILY UNITED IN CHRIST



TIME TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS, MARKERS! We are very excited to announce that this summer, we will be having “Holy Kids Camp” at St. Mark’s for kids Pre-K through 5th Grade! Middle schoolers and high schoolers are invited to help as volunteers! Stay tuned for registration details! Please email pes.sisters@onestrongfamily.org if you are a 6th-12th grader or adult interested in volunteering or if you have questions! Join us in praying for the spiritual fruits of Holy Kids Camp 2024!

Photos are next week!

YOU PROBABLY ALREADY SIGNED UP FOR A PHOTO SESSION!: GOOD ON YOU! But for the sake of the *one* person out there who may not have, you can visit stmark.xyz/photo for all the details!

Help may still be needed greeting those getting their photos taken, or signing up that *one* person who hasn’t already signed up, so to contribute to this worthwhile endeavor, and to engage in a good deed, consider volunteering for these functions!

Note the photos will be taken in the lower church!

THE Rummage Sale of the Spring!

GET YOUR YARD SIGNS OUT: the Rummage Sale is this week, from Friday, April 26th – Sunday, April 28th (with a “sneak peek” sale on Thursday evening April 25th) in Carolyn Hall. Invite your acquaintances far and wide!

And consider donating gently used clothing, household items, books, and kid’s items. Donations can be dropped off **Monday - Wednesday, April 22 - 24** 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.

April 25th–28th
ST. MARK’S
 SPRING RUMMAGE

S A L E

Fri. - Sat., 9–4 PM | Sun. 9 AM–12 PM
Sneak Peak Thursday (Apr 25) 5–7 PM; \$5 admission
 @ The corner of Moore St. & Dayton Ave. in St. Paul, MN 55104

stmark.xyz/sale

MASS AND PRAYER INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions for week of APR 21, 2024

7 AM

M: ---
 T: + Jake Navin
 W: + Ron E. Anderson
 Tr: Helene Krouchick
 F: + Victoria Kudwa
 S*: Bill Bowman

10 AM

Kristen Mallinson
 Bob Krouchick
 Joanne McLaughlin
 Kerry Leonard

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

FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

Fans of FORMED.org: good news! Due to the considerable response to our survey of interest in the platform, we will be bringing back parish-credentials access to FORMED. Look for details on that in the days to come! And thanks for your responses! Use well the platform!

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 Amie Iwaskowicz, our Preschool Director at:

preschool@onestrongfamily.org

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

ADORATION



"A Holy Hour before the Most Blessed Sacrament so pleases the Heart of Jesus, that every man, woman and child on earth receives a new effect from God's goodness and love, all because of a single hour of adoration in His Presence." (St Maria Faustina Kowalska)

Our adoration chapel is a beautiful place for quiet contemplation before our Lord, exposed in the Blessed Sacrament. For more information on becoming part of our Adoration community, email adoration@onestrongfamily.org or visit stmark.weadorehim.com. Current immediate hours to be filled are posted at stmark.weadorehim.com



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

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

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 Laurel & Matthew Golliger! Laurel is a Cretin graduate and Matthew graduated from Saint Paul Academy. They were married at Saint Luke's and have lived in the Saint Paul area for the last twenty years. They recently relocated to Saint Mark's parish and are very happy to be here.

Matthew works in insurance coverage litigation and Laurel works in healthcare business strategy.

In their free time, Laurel loves to paint and draw and support local art supply stores :) Matthew enjoys golfing and taking naps.

They have both found Saint Mark's to be incredibly welcoming and provides a multitude of ways to get involved in the community. Their favorite things about the parish are the proximity to their home and the history of the parish.

They are looking forward to sunshine, warmer temperatures, and settling into their new home.

Welcome to the parish Laurel and Matthew!

Join the preschool!

IN ADDITION TO SOME OPENINGS FOR PRESCHOOLERS for the 2024-2025 academic year, 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, looking for work (teachers are needed for summer and fall) and/or have some free time to love on preschoolers, please contact her at aiwaszkowiec@onestrongfamily.org or 651-644-5030

"Seven Sisters" Info Session (Apr. 27)

WOMEN OF PRAYER: commit with other Marys of the parish to protecting our priests by your prayers! Come learn more about the Seven Sisters Apostolate* and hear about how *you* can help start it at St. Mark's, by forming groups of "seven sisters" who each commit to offering a holy hour, one day a week, for one of our PES priests at the parish. April 27, 9-10 AM in the Community Room. The foundress of the apostolate will be joining us! Note this is just an info session! Attending is *not* a commitment to sign up!!

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!



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

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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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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 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.”

HEY, DID YOU SIGN YOUR FAMILY UP FOR A PHOTO SESSION? STMARK.XYZ/PHOTO

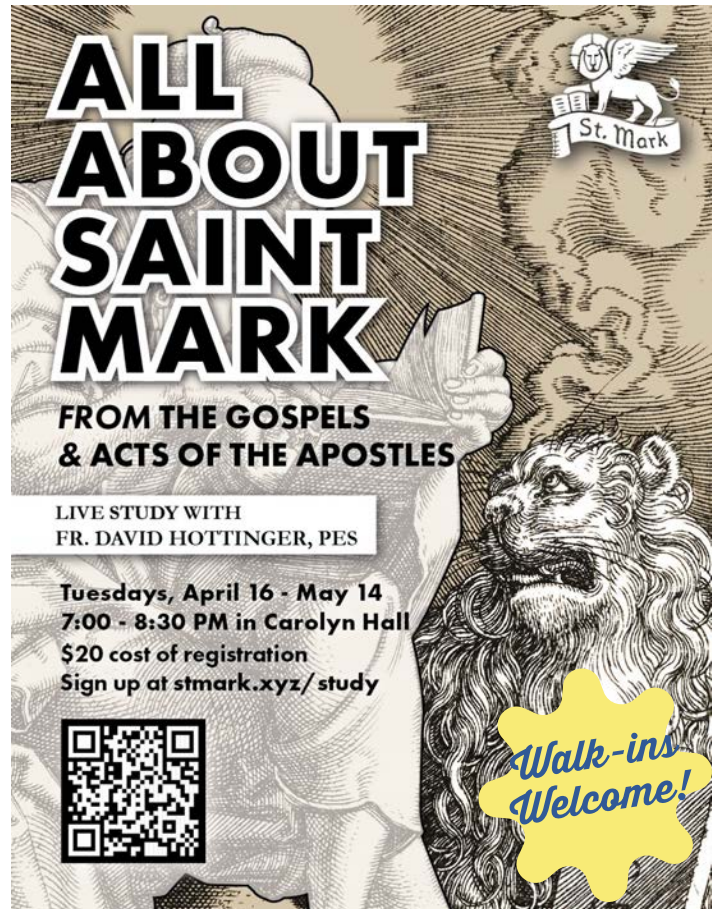


The Church of Saint Mark
FEAST OF SAINT MARK HOG ROAST



Friday, April 26th
 5 - 7 PM

RSVPs not necessary...
 but **GREATLY APPRECIATED**
stmark.xyz/roast





ALL ABOUT SAINT MARK

FROM THE GOSPELS & ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

LIVE STUDY WITH
 FR. DAVID HOTTINGER, PES

Tuesdays, April 16 - May 14
 7:00 - 8:30 PM in Carolyn Hall
 \$20 cost of registration
 Sign up at stmark.xyz/study



Walk-ins Welcome!

INDULGE THIS THURSDAY AND FRIDAY! On the feast of St. Mark (Apr. 25), you can **get a plenary indulgence**, provided you meet the ordinary criteria for the indulgence and visit the Church of St. Mark!

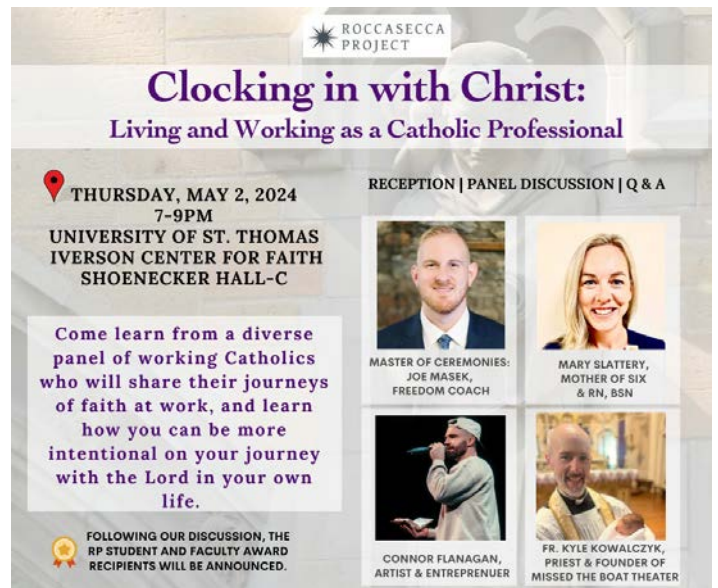
And we've got good excuses to hit up the church! In addition to daily Mass, at the standard times (7 AM & 10 AM), there will be chanted vespers that evening, as well as a special musical accompaniment to the holy hour, both provided by local seminarians.

And for your indulging on Apr. 26, premiere pig-roaster Jim Wilgenbusch will be roasting a beast for the parish family! And Fr. David has given a dispensation from the already attenuated obligation to abstain from meat on Fridays. What's asked of you, dear attendee: nothing! Though it would be **MOST CONSIDERATE** to RSVP by visiting stmark.xyz/roast

And as was mentioned on Page 2 of this bulletin, we also have, temporarily, **a first class relic of St. Mark** this week that you can venerate, as well!

Bike Donations Wanted

HAVE A USED BIKE TO DONATE? Nativity's Boy Scout Troop 67 will fix them up (if needed) and sell at their Annual Bike Sale Sunday, May 4, 2024 from 9:00am - noon in the Nativity School gym. Donations appreciated now through the first week of May. For drop offs, or pickups, contact nativitybikesale@gmail.com



ROCCASECCA PROJECT

Clocking in with Christ:
 Living and Working as a Catholic Professional

THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024
 7-9PM
 UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS
 IVERSON CENTER FOR FAITH
 SHOENECKER HALL-C

RECEPTION | PANEL DISCUSSION | Q & A

Come learn from a diverse panel of working Catholics who will share their journeys of faith at work, and learn how you can be more intentional on your journey with the Lord in your own life.

FOLLOWING OUR DISCUSSION, THE RP STUDENT AND FACULTY AWARD RECIPIENTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED.

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: JOE MASEK, FREEDOM COACH

MARY SLATTERY, MOTHER OF SIX & RN, BSN

CONNOR FLANAGAN, ARTIST & ENTREPRENEUR

FR. KYLE KOWALCZYK, PRIEST & FOUNDER OF MISSED THE BOAT THEATER