

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER | APRIL 14, 2024



THE CHURCH OF SAINT MARK | [www.onestrongfamily.org](http://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 11<sup>th</sup> for the **Mercy Morning!** **Details are showing up at [stmark.xyz/morning!](http://stmark.xyz/morning)**

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

**DID YOU SIGN UP FOR YOUR PHOTO SESSION AT [UCDIR.COM](http://UCDIR.COM)?** By now, many of you have got a call from robo-Fr. David and Molly Ladhoff, but if you're waiting for us to *really* court you, there are no further plans to make calls! Just sign up!

**OKAY... LAST CALL!** If you and your family are fans of FORMED.org, and would like to see the parish keep offering it (or if you're not a fan of FORMED.org and/or can recommend a reasonable alternative), then make sure you let us know **by Friday (Apr. 19) at [stmark.xyz/formed](http://stmark.xyz/formed)**

**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 21<sup>st</sup>, at the Cathedral, at 2:00 PM! You should come!

**JOIN THEM, YOUNG ADULT MEN!** For the Easter series for our Men's Young Adult Small Group, the men will follow a **six-part series on prayer**, using material provided by the Archdiocese and the Catechetical Institute. The teaching portion will consist of short videos of talks by Deacon Joe Michalak and Alyssa Bormes, an instructor at Chesterton Academy and the Catechetical Institute. This is a good chance to share your faith and the joy of the Easter season with your friends and family. meetings are from 7:00pm to 8:30pm on Wednesday evenings from April 17, 2024 to May 22, 2024. For more details, visit [stmark.xyz/yamen](http://stmark.xyz/yamen)

**BIG PUSH TIME FOR RUMMAGE SALE VOLUNTEER SIGN UP!** Looking for strong people for set up Sunday 4/21 after 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](mailto: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](mailto:theresacreinhardt@gmail.com)

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**TUES  
16  
APR** *Bible Study | 7:00 - 8:30 PM | Carolyn Hall*  
**As noted elsewhere in this bulletin, our Spring Bible Study (and we've only got the one!), starts THIS TUESDAY!** 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, as presented by Fr. David! Sign up at [stmark.xyz/study](http://stmark.xyz/study)

**TUES  
18  
APR** *Supper at Emmaus | 5:30 - 8:00 PM | Carolyn Hall, Church*  
**Yes!** It's back and your meal plans for Thursday should be made: potluck! A possibly-better-than-breakfast supper at 5:30, presentation at 6:00, and beautiful, musically-accompanied candlelit adoration and confession to follow at 7:00! **YA (ages 18-39) crowd is heading to Groveland Tap afterward for some well-mannered frivolity.**

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

### Third Sunday of Easter



April has been officially declared “St. Mark Awareness Month” by our communications director, who has due authority to declare such things for the entire parish territory (says his pastor). And so I ask you: how aware *are* you of St. Mark the Evangelist? Like, 8? *Mostly* aware? Fairly *unaware*? Speaking about this (surely), St. Paul warns, “Each one must examine his own work, and then he will have reason to boast with regard to himself alone, and not with regard to someone else; for each will bear his own load” etc. (Gal 6:4-5).

I would wager that in 2024 A.D., it is relatively easy to go about life with next to no awareness of our parish’s great patron. Hence the need for a month dedicated to his memory. Other parishes, perhaps, can live with that state of affairs. We do so at our own hazard. It stands to reason that there are many who arrive to the particular judgment having underutilized their guardian angel, for example, and who woefully rue it on that dreadful day! Perhaps a similar thing occurs with parishioners and their parish patron saint, who was willing to help them in oh-so many ways, but of whom they remained... tragically unaware!

Lest our comms director’s declaration remain a dead-letter, the parish apparatus is kicking into gear to provide the following opportunities to make St. Mark more present in your life this month: the Easter Bible Study dedicated to the life of the Saint, the preparatory novena we will pray in anticipation of his feast (beginning April 16), chanted vespers and a special holy hour on the big day (April 25, in case you didn’t already have it tattooed on your wrist!), and hog roast and community celebration the day after (featuring, perhaps, some St. Mark trivia led by the pastor!). Add to that a huge rummage sale kicking off on the solemn feast day, the opportunity to receive a plenary indulgence for visiting the church on the same, and a pair of morning Masses at which Fr. David will probably try to sing too much, and you have the makings of a whole lotta Marcan Awareness at your local

Living Water-ing hole! And next year, just imagine the holy bedlam that will erupt if our Director of Mission succeeds this year in her overseas assignment (the real reason for her travels abroad!) to beg and obtain a relic of St. Mark from his resting place in the St. Mark’s Basilica in Venice.

Now, some skeptical bulletin readers (there are a few!) read this and respond, as donut crumbs fall from their chops, “What’s the big deal? Why’s all the hullabaloo? What all is there really to be aware of? St. Mark wrote the second Gospel. Now he is in Heaven and will pray for us if we ask. What else must we be aware of?”

Don’t worry. I know that you will ask this out of ignorance, and so I have already refrained from attributing any malice or impiety to the poorly worded questions. If we do our job, after this month you will be retracting the question. But allow this logic to suffice for now: patronal feast days are like birthdays. Traditionally, in many Catholic countries, “birthdays” were known as “saint days”, i.e. the feast of the saint on whose day you were born. Our saint day, therefore, is comparable to the birthday of our parish.

Now, I used to think that it was virtuous to make as little a deal about our birthdays as possible. Even try to get through the day without as few people as possible noticing. But after having almost succeeded once on that account, and some people getting very angry with me that I didn’t let them know it was my birthday, I realized: birthdays are not about us, really. They are occasions for ourselves and others to celebrate the gift of our God-given existence. Even more so, they are occasions to thank God for so lovingly giving that gift, and all the gifts that have gone along with it. April 25, therefore, St. Mark Day, is our chance as a parish to celebrate the gift that is our local church, this ark of salvation God has built in our midst, and all the many gifts that flow from it: the true faith, the sacraments, the community these nourish, our shared mission in Christ, etc., etc. And so it behooves us to make a big deal out of it. And to be mindful of the saint who not only provides the occasion, but gives a name to this gift that keeps on giving!

## ONE STRONG FAMILY UNITED IN CHRIST

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Summer CAMP**

**HOLY KIDS**  
PRO ECCLESIA SANCTA

**AUG 7-9th\* CAMP**  
(9:00-12:00pm)  
\*Includes a Family Day: AUG 10th!

**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 5<sup>th</sup> Grade! Middle schoolers and high schoolers are invited to help as volunteers! Stay tuned for registration details! Please email [pes.sisters@onestrongfamily.org](mailto:pes.sisters@onestrongfamily.org) if you are a 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grader or adult interested in volunteering or if you have questions! Join us in praying for the spiritual fruits of Holy Kids Camp 2024!

### **And by “on Saturday,” I mean on Friday...**

**IT HAS BEGUN.** Started by men from the most recent Exodus 90 campaign is a new venture for the *any-man of the parish*: meet **Fridays**, at 6:00 AM to pray the Office of Readings, have a **heartly** theological discussion thereafter, and engage in a bit of ascetic rigor. Sounds excellent! (And you can totally do Friday at 6:00 AM with the warmer weather upon us!) Drop a line to Alex Coyne to join this fraternal group!

### **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).

April 25<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>  
**ST. MARK'S**  
*SPRING RUMMAGE*  
**SALE**

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

## MASS AND PRAYER INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions for week of APR 14, 2024

**7 AM**  
 M: ---  
 T: Paul Difuccia  
 W: + Loretta & Luverne Worms  
 Tr: ---  
 F: ---  
 S\*: ---

**10 AM**  
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 + Phyllis Tierney (funeral)  
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 Rukavina Family  
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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



*“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](mailto:adoration@onestrongfamily.org) or visit [stmark.weadorehim.com](http://stmark.weadorehim.com). Current immediate hours to be filled are posted at [stmark.weadorehim.com](http://stmark.weadorehim.com)



### 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)

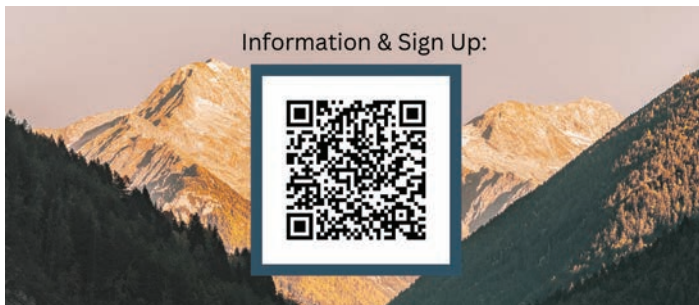
## OUR MISSION IS TO LIVE AND SHARE CHRIST'S CALL TO HOLINESS

### "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](http://stmark.xyz/running)

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

### Lunch and Your Professional Life

**THE ST. JOSEPH BUSINESS GUILD** WANTS to see Catholics surviving and thriving when it comes to the market, professional life, and business world. Thursday, April 18th, at 10:30 AM in the school, come learn about the benefits the 750+ members of the SJBG enjoy - and stick around for a free salad bar lunch afterward! RSVP and details at [sjbusinessguild.com](http://sjbusinessguild.com)

### 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, 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](mailto:aiwaszkowiec@onestrongfamily.org) or 651-644-5030



### 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.

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).

Find all manner of info for this venture at [stmark.xyz/photo](http://stmark.xyz/photo)

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- 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
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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  
Amie Iwaszkowicz, Director  
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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

## Mark April Well!

IN ADDITION TO the Spring Bible Study that generations to come will speak of (starting April 16), we've got a robust offering of ways to bond with our patron this April: experience them all!

### St. Mark Awareness Month

- Apr 16, 23, 30 Bible Study
- Apr 16-24 St. Mark Novena
- Apr 20 Walking Pilgrimage
- Apr 25 Vespers for the Feast of St. Mark
- Apr 26 Parish family hog roast dinner

Punch Card!

Redeem [only] at parish center for an attaboy/attagirl. Limit one per parishioner. Cannot be combined with any other offer. No cash value.

You can join the Bible Study by visiting [stmark.xyz/study](http://stmark.xyz/study) and see all the cool details there!

Then, leading up to our patron's feast, we'll be praying the Novena to St. Mark (as we did last year); that starts April 16<sup>th</sup>! And one place you could pray those prayers could be on a walking pilgrimage!

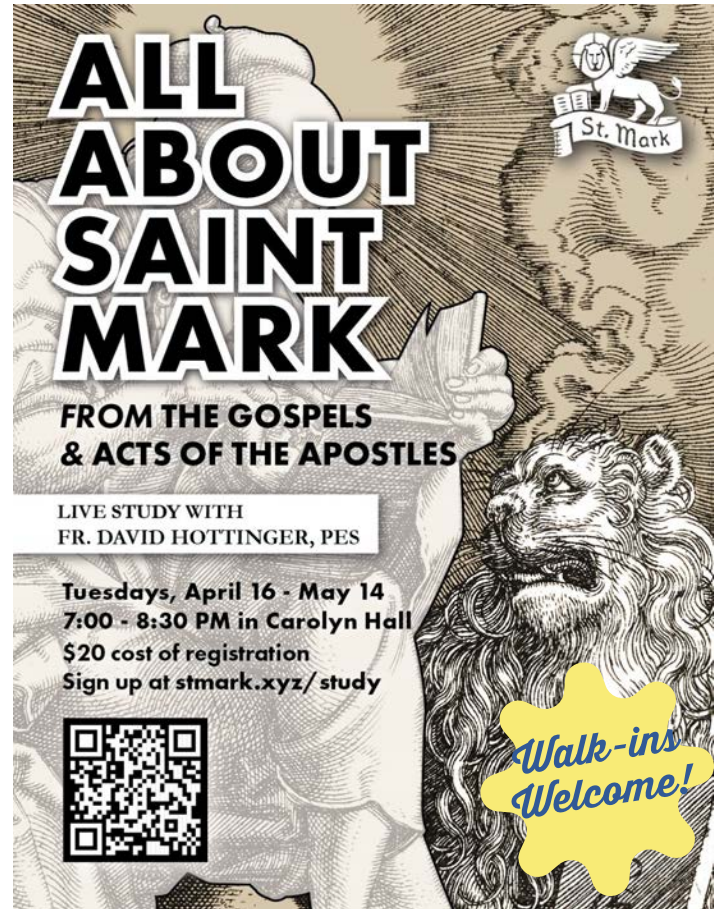
April 20<sup>th</sup>, join pilgrims trekking devotedly from St. Helena to St. Mark! While not an "official" St. Mark's event, it's a banner opportunity, put on by Modern Catholic Pilgrim, to go deeper! Sign up at [moderncatholicpilgrim.com/st-mark](http://moderncatholicpilgrim.com/st-mark)

April 25<sup>th</sup>, the Feast of St. Mark — and the perfect date — *marks* the kick-off of the Rummage Sale, and it's the premiere day for *chanted* Vespers for the Feast of St. Mark over in the church at 6:30 PM, before the parish holy hour!

(Bonus: you may be able to get a plenary indulgence by visiting the church on St. Mark's feast day!)

Then April 26<sup>th</sup> we'll have a hog roast dinner on campus, for the whole parish family!

*ST. MARK, PRAY FOR US!*




# 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](http://stmark.xyz/study)



Walk-ins Welcome!

## The Novena to Saint Mark the Evangelist



JOIN THE PARISH FAMILY IN A NOVENA TO OUR BLESSED PATRON! Starting Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, booklets are available for you to take home to pray the novena! Don't like the feel of paper? You can also find the prayers at [stmark.xyz/novena](http://stmark.xyz/novena) or have each day's prayers emailed to you by letting us know, by April 15<sup>th</sup>, at [webmaster@onestrongfamily.org](mailto:webmaster@onestrongfamily.org) **The novena starts April 16<sup>th</sup>!**