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ANNOUNCEMENTS

There are plenty of renditions of Christ's Entry into Jerusalem. This one is a print by the German Albrecht Dürer (d. 1528), a painter, printmaker, and art theorist.

ST. MARK'S continues to collect names and contact info for those interested in buying or selling a house near St. Mark's. Our hope is to help match prospective sellers with prospective buyers. To learn more about this initiative, visit onestrongfamily.org/house. Send questions and suggestions to: webmaster@onestrongfamily.org.

THE ANNUAL WAY OF THE CROSS in Downtown St. Paul is set for Friday, April 15. The Way of the Cross Twin Cities is an annual procession held on Good Friday, emulating Christ's walk to Calvary. At each station, readings from scripture will be offered, along with hymns, reflections and meditations. Be prepared to walk and dress for the weather. We gather at 9:15 AM at the Cathedral of St. Paul, walk throughout downtown St. Paul making stops along the way and return back to the Cathedral at 11:30 AM. The Cathedral's stations of the cross begin at noon.

PROLIFE ACROSS AMERICA welcomes speaker Christina Bennett to their annual banquet from 5:45-9:00 PM on Friday, April 29 at the Church of Saint John the Baptist in New Brighton. She will share her story of a miraculous intervention that saved her from being aborted. She is a writer whose work has been featured in *Live Action News*, *Life News*, *Charisma*, and *LifeSite News*, among other publications. Call Christine at 612-782-9434 for reservations. Cost is \$60 per person.

A MEN'S BIBLE STUDY meets at 7 AM on Saturday mornings in the Community Room. These short meetings offer the opportunity to contemplate and discuss the Sunday Readings. Please enter through the NW door of the church.

TEAM DROGO is looking for volunteers (families, groups of friends, or other St. Mark's Ministries) to volunteer to serve coffee and donuts after 9am and 11am mass. Volunteers for 11 AM are especially needed! Please email racheltruso@gmail.com.

THE MOM'S GROUP runs the Elizabeth Ministry. If you and your family have experienced a miscarriage, stillbirth, or infant loss and would like to receive resources for processing during this time of grief as well as support and prayers please reach out to us. Email elizabethministry@onestrongfamily.org. You will be kept confidential within this ministry and receive a care package and other resources.

UPCOMING EVENTS

TR - SUN 14-17 APRIL	<i>Paschal Triduum and Easter</i> The holiest time of the year is soon upon us! See page 4 for the liturgy schedule. Note that Good Friday is a mandatory day of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. Please also take care to note that the Easter Vigil begins at 9 PM this year.
FRI - SUN 22-24 April	<i>CCW Spring Rummage Sale Carolyn Hall</i> The Famous CCW Spring Rummage Sale is set for the weekend after Easter, with item drop-off beginning Easter Monday. Take a look at p 4 to learn more.
SAT 23 APRIL	<i>Swing Dance 7 - 10 PM St. Mark's Gym</i> If King David danced before the Lord, so can you. All are welcome to join us for our next swing dance, which will feature live music from the NorthStar Big Band. It's an 18+ event, so parents will want to get a babysitter soon! See page 6 to learn a bit more.

A parish calendar for all seasons, because that's how calendars work: Visit onestrongfamily.org/events.

From the Heart of the Shepherd

Fr. Humberto Palomino, PES, Pastor

The Gift of Our Weakness



AS WE ENTER the holiest week of the year, the Palm Sunday liturgy allows us to remember our Lord's entrance into Jerusalem, before his arrest on Holy Thursday and crucifixion on Good Friday. It is interesting that our four gospels tell the life of Jesus in slightly different ways, but in their telling of the Passion of our Lord, they are almost identical. These days are the crescendo of the life of Jesus. They are the purpose for which he came and are at the heart of our faith. For us, the week ahead summarizes it all! For the early Christians, it was these few days that were often a difficult hurdle for those to whom they proclaimed the Good News. They complained that the Jews demanded signs and the Greeks were looking for wisdom, while they were proclaiming "Christ crucified, a stumbling block to the Jews and foolishness to Gentiles." [1 Cor 1: 22-23]

THE EYEWITNESSES

When we consider the centrality of this week in the history of salvation, one thing that stands out is the failure of those who were eyewitnesses. We hear the story of their weakness every year, but today I want to consider it from another perspective—as a gift!

Remember that this was a privileged group. For a period of three years, the apostles were constant companions of our Lord. They traveled and ate with him. They heard him speak and saw him perform many miracles. They were even given the authority to cure sickness and drive out demons in his name. [See Mt 10: 1] They were showered with God's grace in a way that were unique. Up until the very end, our Lord was opening his Heart to them and inviting them closer.

Yet these men failed many times. There was jealousy among them. Often they didn't understand what the Lord was trying to tell them. They argued about which

of them was the greatest [see Lk 22: 24] and wanted to call down fire from heaven to destroy those who didn't agree with them [see Lk 9: 54]. The failures of the first witnesses are most evident in the telling of the Passion of our Lord. One betrayed him. Three fell asleep when he needed them. One denied knowing him at all, and all of them ran away. Only one returned to be by the side of Christ when he died. And our Lord was buried by a stranger. Why do much failure and weakness?

BOASTING IN OUR WEAKNESSES

I think it is because today, as we begin this week that marks the apex of our faith, our Lord has an important lesson for us about what it means to be his disciples. Remember that the apostles were no different than us. We are all weak. As we have journeyed through Lent, each of us has had the opportunity to see the ways in which we deny and betray God, fall asleep and run away out of fear – not just in moments of crisis but in ordinary moments as well. None of us is strong enough to stand by the cross of Jesus. We need God's grace to do so.

We all wish we were strong. We would like our successes to be known and our failures to be hidden. It is hard for us to believe that God actually blesses us with weakness, but he does. In our Epistle today St Paul describes the weakness of Christ, who "emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness, and found human in appearance." [Phil 2: 7] Our Lord took on our human weakness to sanctify it, to share it with us, and so that we might be raised to glory with him in heaven. This is the reason that St Paul was able to say, "I will boast of the things that show my weakness." [2 Cor 12: 10] He is grateful for his weakness because it allows him to share more deeply in the life of Jesus, and makes him aware of his fundamental need for God's grace.

My prayer for each of us this Holy Week is for a deeper knowledge of our own weakness, and a more perfect dependence on the grace of God in all things.

ONE STRONG FAMILY UNITED IN CHRIST

Regular Service Opportunities

OUR HUMAN DIGNITY COMMITTEE organizes two regular outings to serve those in need in our community.

- St. Mark's sends volunteers to the Family Service Center **on the 3rd Thursday** of each month to prepare and serve a meal. Located in Maplewood, the Catholic Charities Family Service Center of Ramsey county provides shelter for families in crisis.
- St. Mark's also sends volunteers to the Catholic Charities Higher Ground Center in St. Paul **every 4th Tuesday**.

All volunteers must be at least 16, and those under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. To learn more and sign up, visit onestrongfamily.org/humandignity

CCW Rummage Sale

WELL WOULD YOU LOOK AT THAT, it's the famous CCW Rummage Sale—and it's fast approaching!

Don't miss what is widely regarded by those in the know as the best rummage sale in town. The sale will be held Friday, April 22 - Sunday, April 24 in Carolyn Hall.

Consider donating your lightly used clothing, household items, books and kids' stuff. Items can be dropped off during the week leading up to the sale, beginning Monday, April 18. We cannot accept electronics, mattresses, box springs, hide-a-beds, microwaves, baby cribs and car seats, Christmas trees, paint and other hazardous chemicals, soiled and/or damaged/broken items.

As we've mentioned in the bulletin before, the rummage sale is all sorts of phenomenal. There's so much cool stuff to see and so many cool people involved with the thing, and really when it comes down to it you'd be a big ol' silly head if you decided against going.

Want to volunteer? (Now THAT'S the spirit!) We could use your help, and it's a fun way to spend some time with your fellow parishioners and neighbors! Please contact Don and Pam Brabek at ontpam6@gmail.com or 651-645-3594.

Triduum & Easter Schedule

THURSDAY THE 14TH - HOLY THURSDAY
7pm Mass only
Adoration at the Altar at 8:30 PM - 12 AM

FRIDAY THE 15TH - GOOD FRIDAY
Stations of the Cross & Confessions at 3 PM
Passion Service at 7 PM

SATURDAY THE 16TH - HOLY SATURDAY
Easter Vigil at 9:00 PM

SUNDAY THE 17TH - EASTER SUNDAY
9 AM and 11 AM Mass only, There will be no 5 PM Mass
Confessions ahead of each Mass, according to the usual schedule.

Pat Hartshorn, our wonderful sacristan, is always grateful for help during this important liturgical time. Volunteers are especially needed to help decorate the church following Good Friday liturgies. To offer your help please contact her at phartshorn@onestrongfamily.org

The Parish Office will be closed Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter weekend, and Easter Monday. It will reopen Tuesday, April 19.

Pro - Life Prayer Vigil



On Good Friday (April 15) there will be an All-Day Prayer Vigil, held from 8:30 AM - 4 PM at Planned Parenthood. Come and pray with hundreds of people on Good Friday as we remember the unborn victims of abortion, while meditating on the Passion of our Lord.

Pastors of various denominations lead Scripture and prayer every half hour. There is no protesting, no signs, just solemn prayer, a wooden cross and our sorrowful hearts. Information available at Pro-Life Action Ministries website: www.plam.org

MASS AND PRAYER INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions (April 10 - April 16)

	7 AM	10 AM
M:	---	Lucile DeGuile
T:	+Timothy Flood	CCW Members
W:	Fr Humberto & Family	Danny Paulus
Tr:		
F:	TRIDUUM LITURGIES	
S:		

BECOME CATHOLIC

Interested in becoming Catholic or learning about the Catholic faith? RCIA provides an opportunity for adults who are not baptized, baptized in another faith, or Catholics seeking to receive Eucharist or Confirmation to learn about Jesus Christ, His teachings, and the beliefs, traditions, and history of the Catholic faith. *Contact rcia@onestrongfamily.org.*

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Catholic Family Camp

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN for the 2022 Catholic Family Camp. Your \$150 deposit secures your space at Camp Lebanon, located on Cedar Lake near Upsala, Minnesota, (less than 2 hours driving from the Twin Cities Metro). This is the ideal getaway for you and your family, with a warm and welcoming staff as well as extensive accommodations, once you're there, you'll never want to leave! All Amenities included -- no extra charges!

Enjoy a relaxed schedule that includes meals. You may choose either Friday night (8/5) arrival or Thursday night (8/4) and get in a whole extra day of activities and three extra meals of that fantastic Camp Lebanon food. (Your first meal is breakfast the day after you arrive)

Adults 13 and up/Children 4-12/Babies 3 & under are free. Learn more at tinyurl.com/catholicfamilycamp2022

ADORATION AT ST MARK'S

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place in the St. Mary Chapel from
Monday at 10:30 am - Thursday at 10:00 pm
and on Friday from 6:00 am to 10:00 pm

The blessed sacrament is reposed during Daily Mass. Please consider committing to one hour a week with the Blessed Sacrament. To view our current open hours, or to sign up, visit stmark.weadorehim.com. Use activation code: Jesus

HELP OUT IN THE OFFICE

WE'RE ALWAYS ON THE LOOKOUT for a few individuals who would be willing to join our Money Counter Ministry. The time commitment would be at least one, 1.0 - 1.5 hour session per month. This ministry meets on Mondays from about 8:30 AM to 9:45 AM. If you are interested in learning more about this ministry contact the parish office at 651-645-5717 or email the office at parishcenter@onestrongfamily.org

FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

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MINISTRIES, LITURGIES, & EVENTS

Legion of Mary

THE LEGION OF MARY wants to bring the blessings of Mary to your home by way of the Fatima Pilgrim Statue. What better way to start a devotion to Mary than to invite her to your home for a week? The Legion will help you welcome her and will provide instructional materials and resources for discovering the message of Our Lady of Fatima. We will begin home visitations in the month of Mary (May) with sign up after Masses May 7 and 8. More info will be available soon, so keep an eye on Parish communications during the coming weeks to learn more.

Abria Fun Run (May 7)

DID YOU KNOW that Joe Hermerding, our parish business manager, runs *comically* long races on purpose, through a bizarre exercise of his own free will? It's true! Despite being by all other measures a perfectly normal dude, Joe will take on everything from brief 17 mile jaunts to 100 mile (no, that's not a typo) treks. No one is forcing him to do this. Wild stuff!

The good news is that you don't have to be into running comically long distances to join Abria's upcoming fun run on May 7. Abria Pregnancy Resources hosts its Life is Wonderful Run at Lake Harriet in Minneapolis. The run will feature a chipped-time 10K/5K race and family fun walk/ kids run. We want as many members of our parish as possible out there to represent St. Mark's! Here's how to join the team:

- Go to our parish's team page by visiting stmark.xyz/run
- Use the link on the right-hand side of the St. Mark's team page to register and join the St. Mark's Team. You can also use these links to invite others to join the team!
- Select the event in which you would like to participate (10K, 5K, Walk, or Kids Fun Run) and fill out your registration information.

Individual team members can register for the 10K, 5K, Walk, or Kids Fun Run, regardless of the event selected by the creator of the team.

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner!

AS CHRISTIANS (inspired by the important role Ananias played in St. Paul's journey to Christ), we are called to walk in community with each other. The Guess Who's Coming to Dinner (GWCTD) ministry can deepen your relationships with fellow parishioners, those you may only see weekly in the pews. "Walk the walk" this Easter season (and beyond), proclaiming Jesus to each other by sharing fellowship and food!

The premise of GWCTD is to gather in the hosts home (last Saturday of each month) with each supplying a portion of the meal. The surprise element is that neither the guests nor the host knows who will be gathering together on that given Saturday!

To register to receive the monthly notices of each dinner go to: onestrongfamily.org/guesswho

Questions? Email Jill at jparrysmn@gmail.com

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 Gayane Manukyan, our Preschool Director at:

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CELEBRATIONS

Mass:

Saturday Evening Mass: 5 PM

Sunday Mass: 9 AM and 11 AM and 5 PM

Daily Mass:

Monday: 10 AM; Tuesday-Friday: 7 AM, 10 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 said 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 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.”



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