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ANNOUNCEMENTS

It's a two-for-one on this bulletin's cover. While the work is proper to the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls; Nov 02), it is a work by the extraordinarily prolific Baroque printmaker, Jacques Callot (1592-1635), who, among other lauds, produced scores of images of saints for their various feast days, in the corpus "Les Images De Tous Les Saincts et Saintes de L'Année" (Images of All of the Saints and Feast Days of the Year). We're talking primo images you won't find elsewhere, from big players like Joseph and Benedict, all the way to Saints Carpophore, Fiacre, Alexis, Flavian, and more. "Even the Japanese Martyrs of 1597?" *Yes, even them! While worthy to join the ranks of Doré and Tissot for his voluminous religious work, Callot is a special treat to look into for [art] history purposes: he had masterfully detailed images that can transport you back in time. Look him up!*

Indulgences for the departed (**stmark.xyz/indulgence**)! Recall that the first eight days of November present an opportunity to pray with special potency for the deceased.

General elections are November 3rd. If you're looking to apply yourself to more civic engagement, then check out the MN Catholic Advocacy Network: **mncatholic.org/join** or You can also **text CAN to +1 (651) 998-7165** to join.

November 3rd is also the next "Andrew Dinner" of the Archdiocese (**10000vocations.org/andrew-dinner**): men 16 and older are invited by the Archbishop and Father Mark Pavlak, vocations director, to dinner and a conversation about the priesthood. Find other Archdiocesan vocations events in the near future at **10000vocations.org**

UPCOMING EVENTS

MON 02 NOV	*All Souls Day | Mass at 10:00 AM | The Church* All Souls Day! Pray for the faithful departed! 10:00 AM Mass will have the reading of the necrology; those who have requested votive candles for the departed are welcome to take them home after Mass.
WED 04 NOV	*Nazareth Night | 5:30 - 7:30 PM | Carolyn Hall* See page 4. Register **by Nov 03** at **stmark.xyz/monfm**
THU-FRI 05-06 NOV	*First Friday-tivities | Parish Holy Hour* @ 7:00 PM Thursday; First Friday Mass 7:00, 10:00 AM | Church* Console the Sacred Heart of Jesus! As our Lenten formation illuminated, the faithful are encouraged to receive Holy Communion on the First Friday of nine consecutive months to make reparation for the sins committed against his Sacred Heart. And to console the Sacred Heart in a time when He was alone, a special invitation is also given to the faithful to observe the 11 PM - 12 AM Thursday hour as an hour of prayer and meditation joining with Christ in his Agony in the Garden. As this can constitute a particular challenge for many, given their state in life, a parish holy hour is marked at 7:00 PM, particularly during the academic year.
SAT 07 NOV	*Altar Server Fellowship and Training | 8:00 - 11:30 AM | Campus* Mass, Sports, Training, and Fellowship await! Go up to the altar of God and live out the fraternity of serving at the altar via Altar Server Fellowship and Training! Contact Dcn José for more info and to sign up: **brjose@onestrongfamily.org**
SUN 08 NOV	*Group Prayer for the Faithful Departed at Cemetery | Depart C&D @ 10:45 AM | From Carolyn Hall to Calvary Cemetery* Last year a hearty crew of parishioners popped over to Calvary Cemetery on All Souls Day (a Sunday) to pray for the departed, and we'll pursue a similar venture this year, albeit on **Sunday November 8th, following the 9:00 AM Mass!**

November 1, 2026 - All Saints



Our parish's patronal feast day is, of course, April 25, the Feast of Saint Mark. But if people can celebrate–or at least mark–their half-birthdays, then I think we can claim November 1 as our half-patronal feast day. (A close runner-up is August 10, the anniversary of the dedication of our parish church). Hear me out:

At St. Mark's, we say our parish mission is to "live and share Christ's call to holiness." That is as succinctly as we can express the task of the Catholic Church in Merriam Park. In other words, we exist to worship God and proclaim the Good News. To "worship God" is understood in the full sense, offering our very bodies in spiritual worship (cf. Rom 12:1), praising God on the "ten-stringed lyre" that is the soul which fulfills His commands, and directing all that we are, have, and do towards His glory. That is what it means to be *holy*; to *live out* Christ's invitation to be holy as He is holy.

But we also are here to extend that invitation to others, both to those who are near and to those who are still far off… even though they live in the shadow of the steeple! We share the Good News that God loves us so much that He wants us to "deliver us from the power of darkness and transfer us into the Kingdom of His beloved Son," to be with Him forever in Heaven, be like Him for all the ages, "holy and blameless in His sight … sharing in the inheritance of the holy ones in light, immersed in His divine glory and beatifying love (cf. Col 1:13-22). To be sure, we proclaim that Very Good News with our silent witness: by faithfully going to Church on Sunday and joyfully lingering around after Mass; by diligently practicing virtue and abstaining from the vices of the world (or, at least tirelessly striving to surrender to Jesus' will to finally deliver us from them); by generously committing ourselves to a spouse in service or to remaining single for the Lord; by fearlessly bringing children into this world, even while we keep our eyes fixed on the promise of the next. Yet we share "Christ's call to holiness" all the more directly by our acts of merciful ministry towards those in need (proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ, who went about healing the sick and delivering those in bondage) and especially by daring to speak to others directly about the true God and Jesus Christ whom He has sent us.

There are many ways a parish could condense all that essential activity into a pithy mission statement. We like our way, because it reminds us that we are all *called to be saints!*

The Solemnity of All Saints, therefore, is *our* solemnity. It's our annual celebration of the "everymen and everywomen" of the Church of all the ages who responded to the call; those in whose lives the grace of Christ conquered over darkness and sin and even death itself. It's also our annual reminder that, without discarding the possibility that we become canonized saints ourselves (who could deny that God is capable of pulling off such a feat, even in the life of a sinner like you or me?), we all ought to "at least" see in this Solemnity our "future feast day," since only the Saints enter Heaven, and we are all aiming to land among those stars.

So I rejoice that this year All Saints falls on a Sunday. Though it's one of those few feasts that, even outside of Sunday, we are all obliged to celebrate by attending Mass, I feel like we are more "together" on Sundays, as a family. I also rejoice that the Solemnity always kicks off the month of November which, at St. Mark's, has long been dubbed the "Month of Mercy." "Charity atones for a multitude of sins" (1 Pe 4:8), as do alms (Sir 3:30). If we make the most of the opportunities to help those in need that the parish will provide, as well as those that Providence strews upon our paths, we will make great strides towards sainthood in the coming weeks as we live and share His call.

Mercy Morning (Nov 14)



Practice the works of mercy with other members of the St. Mark's family on **November 14!** Members will be visiting Franciscan Brothers of Peace and Lynnhurst residents, serving at various shelters, packing snack and hygiene bags on-site at St. Mark's, and more! The morning starts with Mass at the parish at 8:00 AM, followed by a breakfast (8:45) and send-off to various works! Register for a work of mercy at **stmark.xyz/mercymorning**

And recall that donations are being sought from all comers for the aforementioned snack bags and hygiene kits et al! See those items below.

Snack Bag Items:

- Granola bars
- Baked snack chips
- Whole grain and/or baked snack crackers
- Apple sauce cups
- Jell-O cups
- 100% juice boxes
- Small boxes of Dried Fruit
- Package fruit snacks
- lunch paper bags

Hygiene Kits:

- Deodorant
- Body Wash or Bar Soap
- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Shaving Cream and razor(s)
- Lotion
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Chapstick or Lip Balm
- Wash Cloth
- Gallon plastic bags

Bingo Prizes:

- Candy

Abria Diaper Packs:

- Size 4-6 Diapers



Our second night of our new marriage and family ministry is coming up **(Nov 04)!** Regardless of whether you are raising kids or not Nazareth Nights was created to help you grow in the vocation of marriage.

The adult program this evening is making a big promise; check out the topic: "Conflict & Communication: Unitive, Fruitful and Joyful"

Bill and Tiffany Dill will help us identify barriers to connection in our marriages and offer tools for facing those challenges and deepening the bond between husband and wife.

The schedule for Nazareth Nights is a shared supper at 5:30, program at 6:00 (including a kids program for PreK-5), and Night Prayer at 7:15 PM!

Register for the night by Nov 03 at stmark.xyz/monfm

Speed Dating? Here? Yes. Maybe.

Aspiring operational parties within the St. Mark-o-sphere are *l*ooking to gauge interest for young adults (ages 22-38) relatively far and wide to partake in a little yuletide blind/speed dating. If you've got an interest, or even an interest in having interest, they've put together a simple form to see what can be made of this. Much of the details are TBD, so *simply* respond to their form at **stmark.xyz/dating**

MASS AND PRAYER INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions for week of NOVEMBER 01, 2026

	7 AM	10 AM
M:	***	---
T:	Elizabeth Clare Macheichok +	Robert Case
W:	Dominic Cummings	Robert Case
Tr:	Walter Slater +	Rosa Alvarez Anguiano
F:	Pat Ryan	Genevieve Beatty

Sa: Jake Navin + (8 AM); Tom Madera + (5 PM)

Su: Pro Populo (9 AM)

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

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. Visit the preschool website, **saintmarkspreschool.org,** or contact Addie Smith, our Preschool Director at:

preschool@onestrongfamily.org
651-644-5030

ADORATION



Did you pray today? One of the saddest feelings in the world is it's 9:30 PM and you're about to turn in and you realize, oh no, I *didn't* [yet] pray today.

Just one of the many perks of a middle-of-the-night holy hour is you can *wake up* knowing that you already prayed today! Commit to an hour at **stmark.weadorehim.com**! Can't cover a whole hour, regulary? We also have a team-builder initiative where you can be matched with other adorers to adore in rotation! Share your interest and availability via **stmark.xyz/team**

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

Christmas Boutique Sale (Dec 5-6)

Mark your calendars now for the annual CCW Christmas Boutique, held on Saturday, December 5 from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM, and on Sunday, December 6 from 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Come to Carolyn Hall for homemade Christmas goodies and Christmas treasures for sale at a remarkable savings. There will be coffee and doughnuts after the Sunday masses.

Christmas Boutique Volunteer Opportunities

Donated Christmas tins can be dropped off in the Parish Center starting now. Deadline is Thursday, December 3. We use these tins to package the Christmas cookies on Friday, December 4.

Donated Christmas cookies can be dropped off in the Carolyn Hall kitchen on Friday, December 4, from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM. If you can not make it by 10:00 AM, we will welcome cookies later, but please try to drop off by 1:00 PM.

There is a Sign Up Genius at **stmark.xyz/boutique** for questions, email Carolyn **carolyn.mt2237@gmail.com**

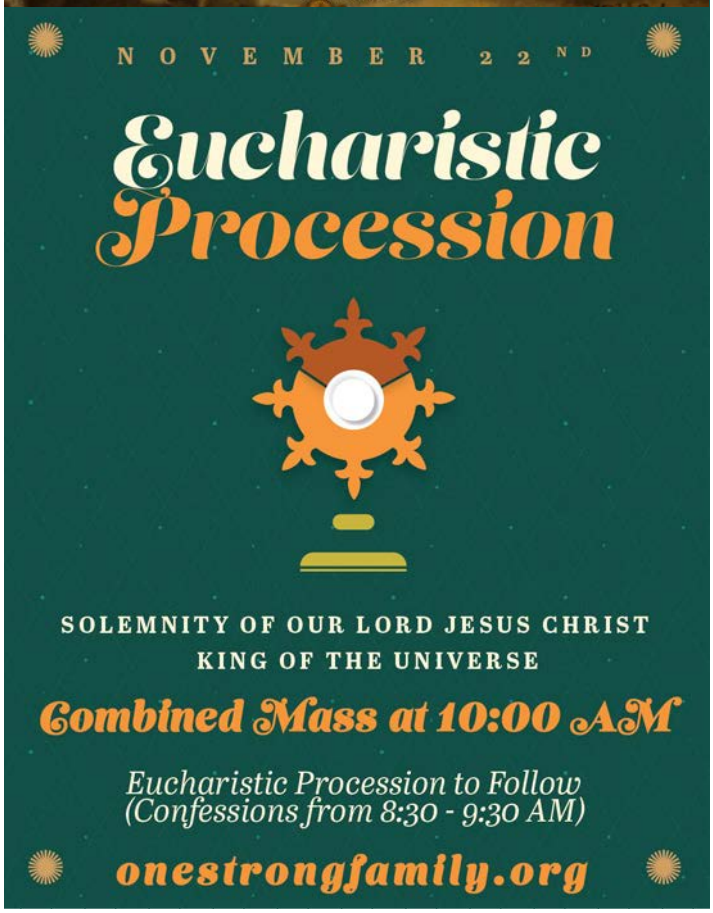
Men's Retreat (Dec 4-6)

Men of the parish are invited to register for the upcoming retreat - Dec 4 to 6 - at Dunrovin Retreat Center in Marine on St. Croix. The retreat is open to all men and provides time for recollection at the beginning of Advent.

Fr. Patrick Evans, PES, will lead the retreat along with other PES priests and deacons who will share seven reflections on the Beatitudes and provide opportunities for confession, spiritual direction, and one-on-one moments. Periods of adoration and prayer will follow each talk.

They expect the retreat to be full, so sign up soon to secure your spot. If you have any questions, please reply to **mensretreats@thecatholicadvance.org** or register at **stmark.xyz/cam**





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UPDATE YOUR INFO

Need to be added to or have your info updated in our new digital directory? Don't have access to it but you would like to? Have other operative questions thereto? All that and more can be found on the parish website using the QR code to the left.

CONNECT

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CELEBRATIONS

Mass:
Saturday Evening Mass: 5:00 PM
Sunday Mass: 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM
Daily Mass:
Monday-Friday: 10:00 AM
Tuesday-Friday: 7:00 AM
Saturday: 8:00 AM
Confession:
Tuesday-Friday: 9:30 AM
Saturday: 3:30-4:30 PM
Sunday: 8:30 - 9:00 & 10:30 - 11:00 AM
Rosary: The Rosary is prayed after every weekday Mass in the Adoration Chapel and a Family Rosary is prayed Sundays at 7:00 PM i the main church.

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 (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

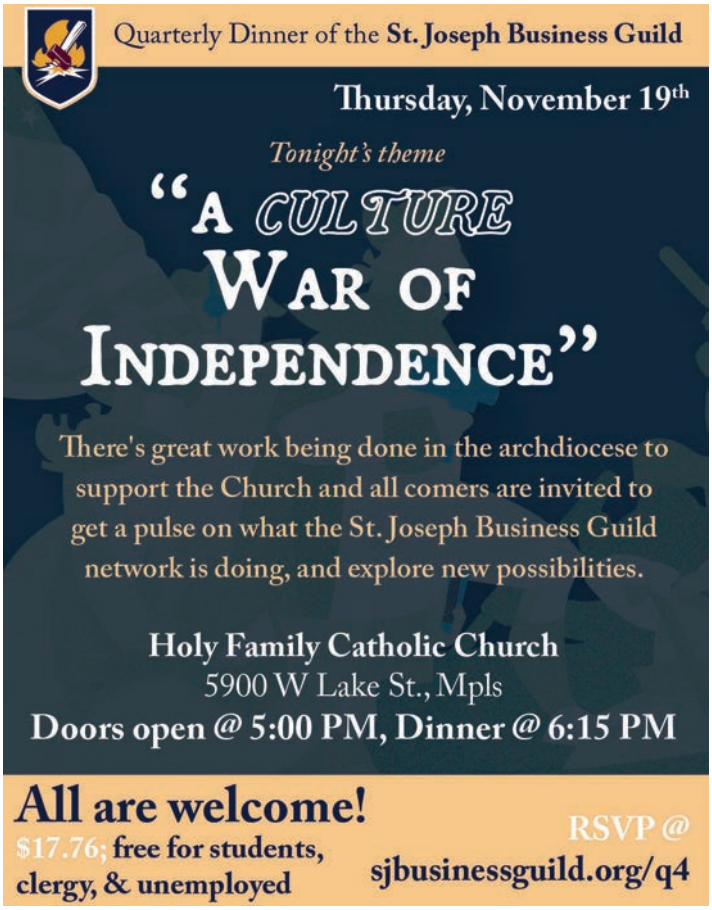
The Church of Saint Mark is served by the priests, brothers, and sisters of Pro Ecclesia Sancta, which is an institute of consecrated life founded in Lima, Peru in 1992, whose members dedicate themselves to living and promoting the universal call to holiness in the Church. Their motto is *ad maximam trinitatis gloriam*: Everything "for the greatest glory of the Holy Trinity."

Life in Focus (Nov 07)

A day of films at the University of Minnesota, all about human dignity, compassion, and end of life care?! Yes! It's the "Life in Focus" film festival (Nov 7) put on by the Minnesota Alliance for Ethical Healthcare. 12 films will be shown on three screens throughout the day, along with filmmakers and speakers present for commentary. Traditional theater food served and a closing reception, too! Students and clergy can use discount codes CLERGY or STUDENT for discounted $5 tickets. To get cultured and also help build up a culture of life at the U, the cities, and greater Minnesota, visit **lifeinfocus.eventbrite.com/**

Emmaus Parish Holy Hour (Nov 12)

Confessions, candlelit adoration, praise and worship music all at 7:00 PM in our church. Don't miss this staple of devotion at the Church of St. Mark!



End-of-Life Workshop (Nov 07)

This is a comprehensive pre-planning workshop where you'll learn from expert speakers about a variety of end-of-life planning topics and fill out a pre-planning workbook. Registration includes seat and lunch. Attendees can optionally purchase the workbook as well. Find more information at the Catholic Cemeteries website: **catholic-cemeteries.org**

Missed the Boat Theatre (Dec 10-13; 17-20)

Join Missed the Boat Theatre for Miss Bennet: Christmas at Pemberley, an imagined sequel to Jane Austen's beloved Pride and Prejudice, where Mary Bennet is grown and wishing for a place in the world to call her own. When she visits Pemberley House and reunites with her sisters, they must all learn to see each other as they actually are. This leaves the men to navigate their new family's dynamics and manage some unexpected guests all while attempting to keep Christmas full of lots of laughter, warmth, and love. Tickets on sale online at **missedtheboattheatre.com/pemberley**

7:00 PM Sunday Parish Family Rosary

A group of parishioner families meets every Sunday at 7:00 PM in the Church to pray the rosary. All ages are welcome to join. Email Joe Beatty at **joseph.g.beatty@gmail.com** with questions.

Open ~~House~~ Convent (Nov 08)

November 8th is a Religious Communities Open House Sunday and the PES sisters invite families, youth and all the faithful to visit the convent (8650 Russell Ave S, Bloomington) for a wonderful opportunity to pray together, encounter the love of the Sacred Heart, and learn more about religious life. **1:00 - 4:00 PM!**

All-Parish Retreat Day (Dec 13)

There will be an all-parish retreat day (including some semblance of childcare), including a combined 10:00 AM Mass, adoration and confession, brunch, talk, reflection, discussion and more. You know: a retreat! More details coming, but block that Sunday off!