

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD | APRIL 05, 2026

 LIVING FOR THE
DAY OF THE LORD
St. Mark



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reminder!: there is no 7:00 AM Mass offered at the parish this week! Also, the parish offices are closed Easter Monday!

The mountain of lost and found items in the back of the church is looming large. If you've been missing something from your life, there's a nonzero chance it's there! Have a look lest the items are ceremoniously given to the Rummage Sale.

Troop No. 1 is pleased to announce an Eagle Scout Court of Honor for George Enesvedt, Eli Prater and Oliver Kaardal on Sunday 1 pm April 19 at Church. A reception will follow. The public is invited. Come celebrate 115 years of scouting at the Church of St. Mark.

All CCW members please save the date of Friday, May 1 for the ACCW convention at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton church in Hastings. Details to follow.

Please join us in welcoming, and continuing to offer your prayers on behalf of, all those who received Sacraments of Initiation this Easter!

Elect

Ashley Metal Jose Salgado Rosas

Candidates for Reception into Full Communion

Kristin Bakeman	Jaden Kalal	Jennilee Plehal	John Zeimet
Martha Connaire	Samuel Norland	Vincent Risso	
Eric Eskuri	AJ Plehal	Sean Sanford	

Baptized Catholic Candidates for Confirmation

Audrey Castro	Paul Metal
Charlotte Lidberg	Skarlett Salazar-Mondragon

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Emmaus Holy Hour | 7:00 PM | The Church

Hallelujah! Easter is no time to slack off prayer: we're on the road to Pentecost! What a treat, then, that in the Easter Octave we have our Emmaus Holy Hour!: praise and worship, candlelit adoration, and Confession.

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Marriage Enrichment Retreat | 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Carolyn Hall

Fr Patrick will be with us LIVE to offer a half-day retreat on "A Cure for Discouragement," diving into the Lord's appearance to the disciples on the road to Emmaus, look at the causes of the discouragement of these disciples, and contemplate practical ways Jesus cured them from their discouragement, applying these causes and cures to the ups and downs of married life. Breakfast provided; no RSVP necessary! Questions? Contact Alison Kaardal (akaardal@onestrongfamily.org).

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Lord, Renew Your Church Campaign Reception | 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Carolyn Hall

Please join your fellow parishioners at our upcoming reception for the Lord, Renew Your Church Campaign during Coffee and Donuts. We will be gathering after Mass to hear from Fr. David and the volunteer team about the campaign, ask questions, and discover how you can contribute to the future of our parish.

April 5 - Easter Sunday



During the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral this past Thursday, we sang an old favorite: Psalm 89. It's a personal favorite because it was also sung at my priestly ordination (and mentions David). It's always moving when two

thousand voices are singing in unison: *"The goodness of the Lord! The goodness of the Lord! Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord!"*

In context, we are contemplating the Lord's goodness poured out in the Holy Oils of the Church, which are blessed in that special Mass. It is very good of God to make use of ordinary olive oil—a natural symbol of abundance and joy—to heal, strengthen, and consecrate His people throughout the year. At that Mass we also contemplate His goodness in calling men to share His priesthood (all the priests of the Archdiocese are gathered to renew their priestly promises in the presence of the Archbishop). And, of course, our minds are also anticipating the Paschal Triduum and all the *goodness* lavished on God's people in the mysteries we celebrate: the institution of the Holy Eucharist, the New Commandment (to will each other's good!), the Blood shed in His Passion, His saving Death whereby we are saved, the hope that dawns with His Resurrection... and if we begin to reflect on the marvelous and unmerited ways by which He brought each of us to believe in, cherish, and share in these great mysteries of His goodness, well, truly, we will need "forever" to sing of it!

I am reminded here of a line from Philippians: "Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things" (4:8). In the Easter Sunday Mass, the same apostle calls us to lift up our minds and "seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God" (Col 3:1). This is something more than the "power of positive thinking." When we recall and contemplate God's goodness, both in Himself and in what He has done for us in Christ, that goodness fills us

the more. Our emotions, our desires, our deeds, and our character all flow from *what we choose to think about*. "Pay attention," St. Paul is saying, "to what you pay attention to."

The news would have us think about all that is wrong with the world. Social media would have us pay attention to all that is frivolous or provocative, in one way or another. Advertisements would have us think about what we lack. The devil, those things that lead us to distrust God or to think either too highly or too negatively about our own selves. The flesh likes to ruminate on what would give delight or what is making us angry. Many people spend their days ping-pong back and forth between any one of these "attention grabbers." Only the Good Spirit, the one who leads us to think "thoughts of peace" (Jer 29:11), lifts up our minds to what is above, to Christ, to the good things of God.

The aim of our Lenten penances was to purify our minds from all the dross and distraction, so that we might be more free to "seek what is above" this Easter season and, really, for the rest of our lives. I know that this Easter, many of our parish family members are dealing with one or another source of sorrow or bitterness in their lives—hospitalizations, grave illness in the family, marital woes, prodigal sons and daughters, mental health troubles, moral struggles, financial crises, angst about the state of the world, etc. etc. It would be impossible for such persons not to think about the evils present in their lives. Nevertheless, my invitation to all the parish this Easter, especially those who, like Magdalen, are still weeping beside the tomb in one way or another, to remember Psalm 89 in the week(s) ahead. To see everything with the conviction that "God makes all things work for the good of those who love Him" (Rom 8:28), even that most terrible thing, death on a cross, and to be prepared to have your eyes opened, even amidst the dreary weather and heartaches, to be overwhelmed by the goodness of the Lord.

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CCW Leadership Changes

From the CCW

St. Mark's Council of Catholic Women (CCW) NOW ACCEPTING LEADERSHIP NOMINATIONS!

Are you feeling called to serve our parish in a meaningful and faithfilled way? We are seeking women interested in a two year leadership term with the St. Mark's CCW. Your gifts, your voice, and your heart for service can help shape the future of our parish women's ministries!

Interested? Have Questions?

Contact Karen Aguirre

- Call/Text: 6126169252
- Email: palmtreeflamingo@comcast.net

Voting planned for April • Installation in May

Annual CCW Activities Include:

- Parish CCW Meetings (Apr, May, Sept, Oct – with potluck dinners!)
- St. Paul Deanery Meetings (optional; fees covered)
- ACCW Annual Convention – May 1, 2026
- NCCW National Convention – Aug. 26–29, 2026
- Parish Women's Events: Summer Social, Winter Social, May Crowning & Breakfast, Spring Luncheon,
- Funeral Honor Guard

Fundraisers:

- Fall Rummage Sale
- Christmas Boutique& Cookie Sale
- Spring Rummage Sale

**Prayerfully consider saying “yes.”

Your leadership can bless our parish!**

Saint Mark Young Adults Holy Hour | Happy Hour



Thursday, April 9

Holy Hour at Church of Saint Mark → 7pm

Lake Monster Brewing → 8:15pm(ish)



Remembered at the altar this Easter

Thanks to those who helped fund our most wonderful Easter flowers! And a special note to pray for all those who were memorialized with the gift of these flowers! Find their names below!

Darin Donald Miller

Jennifer Cragg

Steve & Sophie Chlebeck

Robert & Catherine

Nelson

Betty

Susan Robinson

Vickey Hobza

Celine Perkins

Mark Burns

Tim Hanratty

Deceased friends and family of the Schmidt family

Cheryl Lech

Burt & Peggy Brandrud

Alesana Anetipa

MASS AND PRAYER INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions for week of APR 05, 2026

7 AM
 M: ***
 T: ***
 W: ***
 Tr: ***
 F: ***

10 AM

 Paul & Ashley Metal
 Jake Navin +
 LuVerne & Loretta Worms +
 Fran Piper +

Sa: Mary Pedry (8 AM); Clint R. Racine (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



Easter is here! commit to an hour of adoration!

A simple click and you can create an account (stmark.weadorehim.com) and choose from over 100 times throughout the week.



Can't cover a whole hour,

regularly? 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



ONE STRONG FAMILY UNITED IN CHRIST

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 Mona Janisch! Her family is from California and New Mexico, but moved to Minnesota back in 1978 and she now lives in Roseville. Her husband Mark is a former "Marker" from the 60's and they have a daughter, son, and four grandchildren!

Mona is a retired RN and worked at United's Birth Center & Children's NICU for forty-three years. She loved helping new moms get ready and feel confident taking their baby home.

In her free time she loves to cook, quilt, read, and play pickleball.

Mona came to St. Mark's because her grandson William made his sacraments here and brought her back to the church after many decades away. She now comes to St. Mark's with her son-in-law, Sean, who entered the Church this Easter. Together they attended OCIA and Mona is so honored to be his sponsor. One of her favorite things about the parish is the welcoming environment and how the Mass is so reverent. This season she is looking forward to growing more in her faith!

Welcome to the parish Mona!



ST. MARK'S
SPRING BIBLE STUDY
TUESDAYS APR 14 - MAY 19
7:00 - 8:30 PM

on the psalms



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CCW Deanery Meeting (Apr 16)

All women of St. Mark's are invited to the Fourth Quarterly Meeting of the St. Paul Deanery Council of Catholic Women on Thursday, April 16 at St. Pius X Church, 3878 Highland Ave., White Bear Lake. Registration 4:30pm. Mass at 5 followed by a light dinner, business meeting and program. Program: Kristie Thibodeau of Bridge to Basics, a hygiene bank. Please bring donations of women's hygiene products. St. Mark's will cover the cost for the day. Phone reservations **by Monday, April 13** to Nancy at 651-644-2260.

Last chance to tell 'em where to send funds!

Every year the St. Mark's Council of Catholic Women raise \$30-40,000. Please submit your requests or suggestions to them on where to send the funds! **Respond by April 7th at stmark.xyz/funds**

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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



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.

Liturgy of the Hours:

Tuesday-Friday: 6:30 PM (Vespers); Saturday: 7:30 AM (Lauds)

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.”

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MCCL Conference (Apr 11)

Pro-life college students and young adults (ages 18-25): MCCL's first-ever Life Launch conference is for you! Taking place **April 11** at the Mall of America's Executive Center, it will feature expert speakers, breakout sessions, networking opportunities, a catered lunch, and more. It's all designed to launch students and young professionals on their way to making a lasting difference for Life! Hosted by Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life, the state's oldest and largest pro-life organization. Learn more and register now at mccl.org/lifelaunch

Spring Rummage Sale: Engage!

The Famous St. Mark's Spring Rummage Sale is fast approaching! Don't miss what many have called the best rummage sale in town. The sale will be held in Carolyn Hall Friday, April 24 – Sunday, April 26th, with a sneak peek sale Thursday evening April 23rd. Consider donating your gently used clothing, household items, book and kids' stuff. Items can be dropped off Monday – Wednesday, 4/20-4/22 from 9am – 8pm.

In additions to your donations, we need **VOLUNTEERS!** It's a fun way to spend time with your fellow parishioners and neighbors. Here is what we need.

- Donation Sorting
- Department Heads
- Sneak Peek Sale workers
- Cashiers and Baggers
- Shopper Helpers
- After hours Straighten-Uppers
- Set up and Clean up workers.

You can sign up for specific tasks, days and hours on the following link: stmark.xyz/help or contact Patti Shrake at 651-206-1056 or pattishrake@usfamily.net.

Remember it takes “one strong family” to put on a Famous Rummage Sale!

Saint Marks in Art (for Apr 25)

Honor our patron and our parish with novel parishioner-made art: it's the first-ever community art expo at our Patronal Feast Day celebration! The call is to artists young and old to spin out some St. Mark's imagery to otherwise incline minds and hearts toward our great parish, patron, and/or devotions! Details and sign up information are at stmark.xyz/marky

Preschool Enrollment Open

Enroll now for the 2026 - 2027 school year! Set your child up for success at St. Mark's Preschool. Our experienced teachers craft engaging, play-based lessons that enhance cognitive, social-emotional, physical, and language development, which foster creativity and inspire a lifelong love of learning. saintmarkspreschool.org



an offering of the St. Joseph Business Guild

3:00 PM on Saturday,
May 02, at the
St. Joseph's Fair in Edina



An event offering material support (via cash prizes and crowdfunding), advertising and exposure, and encouragement to budding projects being undertaken by the faithful in our community.

Visit sjbusinessguild.org/saintly-ventures

Applications are required by Apr 05.