

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT | MARCH 08, 2026



 LIVING FOR THE
DAY OF THE LORD

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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And St. Mark's Preschool is *still* seeking a loving, energetic, and compassionate individual to **sub from April 7th-April 24th** with opportunities to sub throughout the school year and summer as well. Individuals must be available from 12:00pm-6:00pm each day. Please reach out to asmith@onestrongfamily.org with inquiries.

If you've made some sort of arrangement to have campus doors unlock, and your schedule changes, do make sure to tell Queen of Doors, Gina Brennan (gbrennan@onestrongfamily.org) so access can continue to be secure!

Please keep our catechumen and candidates in your prayers as they enter into their final preparations to receive the sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil.

Catechumen

Jose Salgado Rosas

Candidates:

Kristin Bakeman	Cassandra Gray	Samuel Norland	Skarlett Salazar-Mondragon
Martha Connaire	Jaden Kalal	AJ Plehal	Sean Sanford
Erin Erickson	Charlie Lidberg	Jennilee Plehal	John Zeimet
Eric Eskuri	Paul Metal	Vincent Risso	

UPCOMING EVENTS

**THU
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MAR** *Penance Service at Emmaus | 7:00 PM | Church*
All the conventional elements of Emmaus holy hours (candlelit adoration, praise and worship, and Confession) for your pertinent penance needs for Lent!

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MAR** *40 Days for Life Prayer Day | 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM | 671 Vandalia St*
Pray for the unborn, mothers, and all involved with the horrible scourge of abortion, a crime which undoubtedly calls out to heaven for justice. Give an hour as part of your Lenten regimen: **stmark.xyz/40days**

*Friday Soup Supper & Speaker Series & Stations of the Cross |
Supper at 5:30, Presentation ~6:00, Stations at 7:00 PM | Carolyn Hall, Church*

Our fourth presentation for our series, *Claiming Country for Kingdom - Your Part in the National Consecration!*

**FRI
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MAR** This year's series is *especially* providential! Given that it's the semiquincentennial of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the US Bishops will consecrate these United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in June and all parishes are invited to join. **But a good consecration takes preparation!** A most excellent harmony of this preparation with our year's focus on Living for the Day of the Lord (which we had planned to be capped with the Feast of the Sacred Heart, which is also so integral to the spirituality of our venerable Pro Ecclesia Sancta family) is a win-win-win-win. Never tire of winning, friends! And **do your part for country and kingdom!**



“Never let a good crisis go to waste.” Thus spoke Winston Churchill, who lived through a crisis or two. In this case (only?), the Holy Spirit outdoes even the politicians. As the parable of the prodigal son shows, God, in His

love, will often permit His children to fall into crises and pig-sties of all sorts in hopes that we will come to our senses, return to Him, and/or rise to the challenge with good works. Though we may let those trials go to waste, His providential hand is always at work to bring them about, or at least to bring good fruit out of them. Just as He brought the greatest of goods from the cruel death of His Son!

Oh, how He loves us! The world around us never ceases to provide opportunities in the form of sties, crises, and crosses. But I want to devote this Pastor’s column to providing a little retrospective and thanksgiving to those at the parish who made “good use” of the “last crisis” (the whole “immigration thing,” not that there has been any resolution to the underlying problems)—for the exercise of Christian charity towards those going through a hard time. Efforts continue, but this is what has happened so far:

- **Rent assistance.** Thanks to contributions of parishioners and some neighbors to the Families in Need Fund, seven families in our parish or parish territory have received emergency rent assistance over the past two months. Saint Mark’s also received a grant from the Catholic Community Foundation to assist with emergency financial needs. [*We continue to receive requests for financial support as families recover from months of lost wages. To give to our fund, go to stmark.xyz/give and select “Parish Outreach -- People in Need” under “Fund.”*]
- **Groceries.** Boxes and boxes of food, diapers, and household supplies donated in our Narthex food pantry have been shared with parish families and local Catholic school families in need. A few parish families have also “adopted” a family to provide

their weekly groceries. This started when one family reached out to the parish MercyWorks ministry with the idea, and two hours later the ministry learned of a family in need of help with groceries. The “match” was made, and over the past month several other pairings have taken place.

- **Sacraments.** Volunteers from our parish have taken Holy Communion to immigrant families in their homes and provided rides to Mass. Our priests have provided confessions in Spanish in homes and local apartment buildings. OCIA catechesis has been offered remotely. Through these ministries, friendships are forming, and some have returned to the practice of their Catholic faith.
- **Prayer & Fellowship.** A parishioner organized a weekly Spanish-language rosary on Zoom, which now draws between 40 and 100 participants. What began as a daily 3 a.m. prayer is now held three times a week at different hours. This effort has brought together many Spanish-speaking individuals who hadn’t been to church in years, reconnecting them with their faith and with one another during a time of isolation and anxiety.
- **Friendship.** Works of service have blossomed into new friendships among those serving and served at the parish. Families are inviting each other to dinner, children are playing together, and parents are sharing their experiences, often across language barriers—all connected through St. Mark’s.

Ministerially, the whole affair has helped make me more aware of the many Latinos (most of which are at least baptized Catholic) who live quite close to St. Mark’s, some who attend, but the many who don’t attend here or anywhere. This “crisis” would indeed have borne good fruit if it opens paths to encounter and conversion with those who have fallen away from the Church or never been joined to us. Please pray for that possibility. If you would like to become a part of any of these efforts, please email mercyworks@onestrongfamily.org. And to those who have been a part, thank you.

LENT 2026

The Sacred Heart



If you missed our most recent Soup Supper & Speaker Series then you missed out!

But resources from it (and previous installments, including Fr. Patrick's presentation from Feb 27) are available at stmark.xyz/sup so you can be better prepared for *personal consecration* and *household enthronement*. Limited extra print materials should also be available at the back of church and/or outside adoration chapel.



Get your credit for the 2026 Annual Fish Fry Helper merit badge. (And a +10 on your combat score.)

Because it's coming. **The Annual Fish Fry (Mar 27).**

Although its coming is not a certainty *unless* good folk step up to help fry and if you visit stmark.xyz/fryer you'll see it's quite a production! Volunteer early to scoop up the great options!

Fry details are at stmark.syz/fryday

See you in the kitchen!

CCW Funds

Help them give money away!

Did you know that every year the St. Mark's Council of Catholic Women raise \$30-40,000 through their Fall and Spring Rummage Sales along with the Christmas sales to bless charitable organizations and fund vital parish restoration or special projects? Thank you to the many CCW members, parishioners, and greater community who work at and support these sales. Every March they invite you to submit your suggestions for charities and parish projects to fund. All charities are vetted to be in alignment with the Catholic church and all parish projects are approved by the Building and Grounds committee and parish administration.

Please submit your requests or suggestions by April 7th at stmark.xyz/funds or using the accompanying QR code.

All requests will be prayed over and voted on by the CCW membership at our May meeting and announced June 6th at our Spring Luncheon, (open to all women of the parish!)



CRS Rice Bowls



This Lent St. Mark's community is participating in CRS Rice Bowl. An almsgiving and prayer opportunity supporting the work of Catholic Relief Services, the official international relief and development agency of the USCCB. For prayer content, simple Lenten recipes, and to meet the children and families impacted around the world, visit crsricebowl.org

MASS AND PRAYER INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions for week of MARCH 08, 2026

	7 AM	10 AM
M:	***	---
T:	Mary Eidem +	Richard LeSauage +
W:	Mary Ann Bambenek +	LuVerne & Loretta Worms +
Tr:	Walter Slater +	Mary Eidem +
F:	Mary Eidem +	Leona Hammerbeck +
Sa:	Veronica Lapczynski (8 AM); Maximilian Cummings (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



2026 will be great! Even more so if you 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

40 Days for Life (Mar 13)

St. Mark's is teaming up with Nativity of Our Lord for the Spring 40 Days for Life campaign! Prayer vigil days for us are **Mar 13 & 25**, from 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM! **Sign up at stmark.xyz/40days**

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LET'S GET LOONY!

JOIN THE ST. MARK YOUNG ADULTS

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REGISTER TODAY!

With praise and gratitude
to Almighty God

the General Superior, the members
of Pro Ecclesia Sancta, and the family of our brother,
request the honor of your presence
at the Mass of Perpetual Vows of:

Brother Evan LeRoy Steeves, P.E.S.

which will be presided by
the Most Reverend Bernard Hebda
Archbishop of St. Paul and Minneapolis.

Thursday, March 19, 2026
Solemnity of St. Joseph
at 6:00 pm at the Church of St. Mark
(2001 Dayton Ave, St. Paul, MN 55104)

Reception to follow after Mass

A.M.T.G.

Saint Marks in Art

In what may become a perpetual institution, this is a warm invite to the creatives among you/us to bring original art work of St. Mark (our patron or our parish or his Gospel's emblematic winged lion... or maybe some relevant tangent you can work out...) to the **Feast of St. Mark (Apr 25; we'll have our now customary parish feast that day).**

Also welcome are images of the Sacred Heart for topical reasons — *can't spell "heart" without "art!"* — like the fact that we're doing a big push for Sacred Heart consecration *and part of that encouragement involves an image of the Sacred Heart prominently displayed in your home (and the image of the Sacred Heart is an image of the Gospel, as Father Patrick pointed out in his speaker series installment). Br. Evan Laurel Gollinger is (laurel.gollinger@gmail.com) now point for this great and noble undertaking!*

SAINTLY
VENTURES

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.

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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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@churchofsaintmark

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."

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

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TWIN CITIES COMMUNITY GATHERING

Join us for an evening of prayer, fellowship, and discussion on marriage and family life according to Saint John Paul II's Rule for Married Couple Groups. Bring a potluck dish to share!

Sunday, March 22nd
Church of St. Mark

4–6pm in Carolyn Hall

Speakers: Peter and Theresa Martin; authors of *The Rule*; St. John Paul II's Rule for a Joy-Filled Marriage of Divine Love

We are a family of families; all stages of life are welcome. Childcare is provided. RSVP: stmarkxyz/tccg



You know a Catholic who boldly lives the Catholic faith in their labors —be they professional, enthusiast, or apostolate—and so positively impacts the broader community: make them known! The Leading With Faith Awards returns (May 1st) to honor individuals and organizations whose faith-informed work is actively changing the landscape of culture, and business, in the Archdiocese. Seeking examples of innovation, business growth, entrepreneurship, community impact, and/or collaboration & partnership. **Nominate at sjbusinessguild.org/lwf by Mar 22!**

2026 MEN'S CONFERENCE

"AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSE..."

Joshua 24:15



Keynote Speaker

Doug Barry

founder and director of the Catholic ministry RADIX

JOIN US

SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2026

SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON

2035 15th St W, Hastings, MN 55033

Doors open at 7 AM!

Mass at 8 AM celebrated by
Archbishop Hebda, Bishop Izen
and Bishop Kenney.

Conference and Holy hour 9 AM - 12:30 PM.

Holy Relationships Conference (Mar 28)

In a world marked by confusion, isolation, and broken relationships, the Holy Relationships Conference (Mar 28) offers something profoundly hopeful: an occasion to explore the theological foundations and practical wisdom of Christian marriage and family life as a compelling response to the relational challenges of our time.

Participants will experience a full day (8 AM - 5 PM) with morning Mass, inspiring keynote talks, practical workshops, shared meals, and time for fellowship and connections. They will leave with relevant formation, renewed clarity, and tangible resources to help them walk faithfully toward vibrant, Christ-centered relationships.

Hosted by the Roccasecca Project in partnership with UST's Campus Ministry and Catholic Studies, and the Archdiocese. To attend, visit roccaseccaproject.org