

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | MAY 10, 2026



LIVING FOR THE  
DAY OF THE LORD

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Congratulations to Deacons Evan and José**, who received the Sacrament of Holy Orders yesterday (May 09)! What is in store for them next?! The Sacrament of Holy Orders! But before that, the immediate future. Read Fr. David's article to learn more. Thank you to all who certainly made it a rich occasion!

**And a lovely Mother's Day to all the mothers of the parish!**

**The Stations of the Resurrection will be prayed in the church this Easter Sunday evenings (5:00 PM)**, a meditating on our Lord's Resurrection (the form is quite familiar for any who have made Stations of the Cross).

**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. **Not looking to send kids to preschool?** Spread the word, nevertheless, and you're boosting our parish mission! [saintmarkspreschool.org](http://saintmarkspreschool.org)

A BIG thank you to the over 90 volunteers (22 first time volunteers + a dozen seminarians that joined the clean up!) who worked setting up, sorting donations, organizing departments, greeting shoppers, cashiering, and cleaning up. We are waiting for the final totals of funds raised, but it is another record breaker! Over \$23,000!

All women of the parish are invited to the next St. Mark's Council of Catholic Women (CCW) meeting and pot luck dinner: **Wednesday May 20, 4:30-6:30** in the community room. We will plan our next events, review funding requests and vote on disbursements and CCW officers.

**Defend Life!** Abortion remains the preeminent violation of human rights in our country, and the numbers of abortions are going up in Minnesota and the United States. All Catholics have a duty to stand up and defend vulnerable unborn children. Our parish pro-life ministry is currently in need of new leadership. Is God asking you to answer this call? Please contact Kristen Grant at [kgrant@onestrongfamily.org](mailto:kgrant@onestrongfamily.org) to learn more about how you can serve in this crucial work of mercy.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**THU**  
**14**  
**MAY**

*Emmaus Parish Holy Hour | 7:00 PM | Church*

It's definitely the second Thursday of the month, as ever. Candlelit adoration, praise and worship, and Confession. And then that's it... it's the last Emmaus Parish Holy Hour of the year!

Also, it's Fr. Patrick's birthday!

**SAT**  
**16**  
**MAY**

*Various Things | Various Times | Various Places*

The young adults (recall this cohort is ages 18-39) are assembling in Afton in the morning (8:30 AM) for some manual labor for the good of donations being made to the poor of Peru. Lunch provided! RSVP at [stmark.xyz/manual](http://stmark.xyz/manual)

Then high schoolers (plus eighth graders) are invited to the Ignite Swing Dance! 7:00 - 9:00 PM in Carolyn Hall) for a cool \$5! Technically an 18 year old high school student (or 8<sup>th</sup> grader) could attend both of the day's events.

**SUN**  
**17**  
**MAY**

*First Communions | 9:00 AM | Church*

It's May which means First Communion season! Youths of the parish will be making their First Communions this Sunday! Pray for them!

## So, Where to Now for These New PES Deacons?



It's been a bit since we had deacons serving on Sundays at St. Mark's. A closetful of dalmatics has lain fallow ever since May 29 of 2021, when Fr. Joe and I started wearing chasubles instead (five years already!). But all of a

sudden, like the geese now flying back north, and the rabbits reappearing in the rectory yard, *our parish has been redeaconized!*

Hallelujah! One of the delights we have here at St. Mark's is seeing our seminarian brothers grow and mature (in age and grace, rarely stature) before God and men as they rise through the clerical ranks of candidate, lector, acolyte, deacon, and finally priest. Having been one of those seminarian brothers, I can attest to how enriching it is to receive priestly formation while stationed at a parish, where pastoral opportunities abound and at which one can readily share and apply the riches of theology and spirituality (and leadership and liturgy!) that he is learning about. It's also by far the best way to prepare for priestly ministry at this parish! (And as our many PES "graduates" of St. Mark's would add, to prepare for ministry at other parishes too.)

When then-Deacon Joe Barron and myself were made deacons by the laying on of Bishop Cozzens' hands in May of 2020, it was the height of COVID. My first "public" Mass was livestreamed from the Church with a live audience of about "10" persons. Fr. Joe's was at our first (and only) parking lot Mass (*who remembers?*) later that morning. Suffice it to say that our first summer as deacons did not abound with ministerial opportunities. I had ample time to write my MAT thesis while we tried our hand at podcasting and youtubing and drafting ever-new parish hygienic protocols as the list of restrictions from on high waxed and waned over the course of the following year.

Thankfully, Brothers Jose and Evan should have a much more ordinary deacon year. *Or will they?*

The reason it was even possible for their ordination

to be at St. Mark's was because there were no deacon candidates in their seminary class from this Archdiocese. That is because their class coincided with the implementation of a new plan of priestly formation at the Seminary, according to the revised directives issued by the Vatican. Men from the Archdiocese who would have otherwise begun Pre-Theology with the brothers became members of the first propaedeutic class instead. But that wasn't the only change to the program. More drastically, perhaps, the Vatican requires transitional deacons to spend 6 months of their deacon year in full-time ministry in their home diocese. To accommodate that requirement, the St. Paul Seminary has adjusted its curriculum so that men in their 4th year of theology can spend the whole of their deacon summer serving at a parish, and three months of the spring semester at home as well.

What about our PES brothers? Until now, their "teaching parish" has been St. Mark's. That will remain the case...when they are in town. But to better live the spirit of the plan of priestly formation, and to provide more and more varied ministerial opportunities (we only have so many baptisms, weddings, and burials for four clerics to preside over), they will also rotate between two other PES foundations in the US this summer and during "ministerial months" of the next academic year. Basically, starting this June, they will take turns being "the St. Mark's deacon" while the other is exposed to the assuredly-less-delightful-but-better-be-exposed-to-it reality of other dioceses and parishes.

Which is a long way of saying that it won't be often that Fr. Patrick and I get to "dual wield" deacons at the Masses here, but it will be for sake of the ministerial enrichment of our brother deacons. And after priestly ordination in 2027... well, let's pray that God will keep them close! And that He send us a new crop of PES brothers to take up the reigns as MCs of the Masses, serve around the parish, and grow before our eyes as we are so blessed to see them do.

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

### 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 Charlotte Lidberg! Charlotte lives near the Church of St. Mark, and is a senior at the University of Northwestern where she is working towards her degree in nursing.

Currently she works as a tutor at her school, but starting this summer she will be working as an RN. In her free time she enjoys fishing, reading, and doing things outdoors like going for hikes and walks. She also loves to travel!

She discovered St. Mark's naturally, simply by living in the neighborhood and occasionally coming throughout college. However, she started coming regularly when she joined the Church's OCIA program this past fall. What drew her to the parish initially was the beauty of the church and how she truly felt like she was growing in her faith like never before.

Her favorite things about the parish include the exceptional OCIA program which helped her to deepen her faith and love for the Lord, as well as the priests who are so welcoming and kind and who give helpful, engaging homilies, as well as the church community as a whole. Charlotte has also found some of the kindest people at St. Mark's who she has grown in friendship with. She also appreciates all of the fellowship opportunities the parish offers.

This summer Charlotte is most looking forward to deepening her faith in this current season of change in her life. She will be graduating from college and starting a new job, all offering her new opportunities to grow as a person and as a Catholic.

SAINT MARK YOUNG ADULTS  
**SERVICE PROJECT**  
 SATURDAY, MAY 16  
 8:30AM-NOON IN AFTON  
 Join us at a parishioner's house, do some manual labor, and earn money for the poor in Peru! Lunch provided.  
 If you want lunch, RSVP!

### Holy Kids Camp (Aug 10-14)

**Registration is open** for our authentically **Catholic K-5 VBS summer program** created and developed by the religious sisters of Pro Ecclesia Sancta brings to life the love of Jesus in dynamic and creative ways. This year our theme is "Holiness: The True Adventure."

**When:** Monday, Aug. 10 through Friday, Aug. 14, 9AM-12PM daily (A family celebration Friday includes lunch and goes until 1:30PM)

**Ages:** Rising kindergarteners (five year olds) to fifth graders (10-11 year olds)



## MASS AND PRAYER INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions for week of MAY 10, 2026

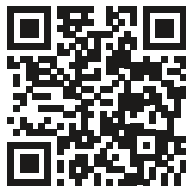
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|     | <b>7 AM</b>  | <b>10 AM</b>                     |
| M:  | ***  | ---                              |
| T:  | <b>Fischer James Lapinski</b>  | <b>Mark Worms +</b>              |
| W:  | <b>Sanchez Family</b>  | <b>Deceased CCW Members +</b>    |
| Tr: | <b>Karen Shrake</b>  | <b>Pamela A. Metten +</b>        |
| F:  | <b>Anna Adkins+</b>  | <b>FUNERAL - Peggy Elliott +</b> |
| Sa: | <b>Fount of the Merciful Lamb Household (8 AM); Ron E. Anderson + (5 PM)</b> |                                  |
| Su: | <b>Pro Populo (9 AM)</b>   |                                  |

### 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](mailto:ocia@onestrongfamily.org). Or sign up at [stmark.xyz/cim](http://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](http://saintmarkspreschool.org), or contact Addie Smith, our Preschool Director at:

[preschool@onestrongfamily.org](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://onestrongfamily.org/mission)

Know someone in need of prayers? Email your request to [prayers@onestrongfamily.org](mailto: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](http://onestrongfamily.org/give-help). For questions, contact [parishcenter@onestrongfamily.org](mailto:parishcenter@onestrongfamily.org)



ONE STRONG FAMILY UNITED IN CHRIST

All Women of the Parish are invited to the Annual CCW

# Spring LUNCHEON

SATURDAY JUNE 6 11-1  
CAROLYN HALL

RSVP by May 29: [stmark.xyz/luncheon](http://stmark.xyz/luncheon)

Year in Review,  
funding announcements

Catered lunch

Door Prizes!



# Summer Camp!

Girls ages 5-9 are invited to join us for a five-day camp filled with friends, games, crafts, and fun in the sun!

June 8<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup>

9:30-11:30am

### What To Expect

This camp will be an opportunity for campers to make new friends, to do great crafts, and enjoy group games. Each day will have a different theme. The themes are below.

### Additional Details

Camp will be hosted at  
734 Woodridge Dr., Mendota Heights 55118

### Themes :

Monday- Arts and Crafts, Tuesday- Ocean Day, Wednesday- Music and Acting Day, Thursday- Princess Adventure Day, Friday- Olympic Day

Total cost for 5-day camp: \$60  
(\$40 registration + \$10 materials fee + \$10 snack fee)

# High School Ignite SWING DANCE

\$5  
ADMISSION



Swing by for a fun night of music & dancing!

Saturday,  
May 16



7:00-  
9:00pm

Church of Saint Mark  
Carolyn Hall (220 N Moore St.)

For current  
8-12th graders

# SUMMER Art CLASSES!

CLASSES OFFERED:  
(2 SESSIONS PER CLASS, 90 MINUTES EACH)



Drawing 1 & 2  
Watercolor  
Hand Sewing

Meet your instructor,  
Gabrielle Johnson!  
Trinity Alum, Benedictine College  
student, oldest of nine siblings.  
Loves art, teaching, & kids!

Classes offered Mondays June 1<sup>st</sup> ~ August 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Morning and afternoon sessions available  
Ages 5-9 and 9&-up  
Maximum of 4 students per class  
Home studio located in Mendota Heights

### COST

\$30 per class, plus \$8 materials fee

### Registration Information

[gabriellegracejohnson07@gmail.com](mailto:gabriellegracejohnson07@gmail.com)  
(952)-250-5107



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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 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](http://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.

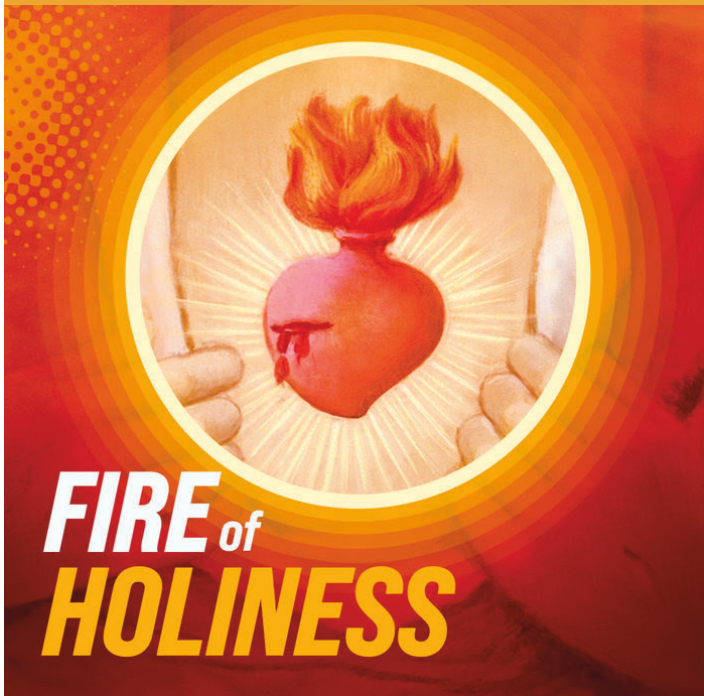
**RECEIVING THE EUCHARIST:** All are welcome to join us in worship at the Church of Saint Mark. Nevertheless, because the Holy Eucharist is the real Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, the reception of Holy Communion is reserved to those Catholics who are in full moral and doctrinal communion with the Catholic 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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**FFF & Ignite Ministry Closing Night (May 20)**

Join us for an evening of community, fun, faith and thanking the Lord for all the ways He has blessed the spiritual journey of the children, youth and families in our parish.

All FFF and Ignite families are welcome to come for a recap of the year, the chance to meet the catechists and volunteers, and a free catered meal!

**Wednesday, May 20, 5:30-7pm in Carolyn Hall.**

Please RSVP to let us know you are coming for food planning purposes: [stmark.xyz/eoy](http://stmark.xyz/eoy)

Thursdays, May 14-28 from 6:00 - 7:00pm and Saturday, June 6 from 8:30 - 11:30am, the PES Sisters are hosting a 4-session series to prepare those participating to make a personal consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Location is their convent in Bloomington! Details available at [stmark.xyz/foh](http://stmark.xyz/foh)



**Save Even More Lives - Sign Up for Our Next Drive Today!**

Thursday, May 28  
10:30am - 4:30pm  
Nativity Catholic Church



**AN INVITATION TO LONGING HEARTS**  
The Church's Wisdom for LGBTQ+ Experiences

**Thursday, June 18th**  
7:00 PM- 10:00 PM  
Our Lady of Grace, Edina, MN  
**Find more info and register online at [edeninvitation.com/events](http://edeninvitation.com/events)**

*Are you curious about the Church's wisdom for people wrestling with sexuality and gender? Join us for an evening hosted by **Eden Invitation!** Together we'll learn, pray, and grow in our accompaniment of people with LGBTQ+ experiences. The evening will feature a talk from Anna Carter (Co-Founder & President), Eucharistic adoration, and a social with Q&A.*

**RESTORED BY GRACE day retreat (May 16)**

**Saturday May 16, 7:30 am - 3:30 pm**, beginning with Mass at 8 am presided by Archbishop Hebda. Location is St. John the Baptist in New Brighton. Strengthen your recovery or begin your journey to find help in overcoming addictions, compulsions, and unhealthy attachments. Breakfast and lunch provided. To register go to [catholicinrecovery.com](http://catholicinrecovery.com) under retreats. \$20 donation with scholarships available. Contact Eileen M. at 612-483-2973 with questions. Sponsored by Catholic in Recovery.