

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER | APRIL 19, 2026



LIVING FOR THE
DAY OF THE LORD

THE CHURCH OF SAINT MARK | www.onestrongfamily.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOST & FOUND: Before Easter the lost and found items in the Church were moved to the Parish Center. Please come and retrieve your treasures by April 22nd. After that date you can buy them at the Rummage Sale! Items include: mittens, gloves, glasses, scarf, beanies, umbrellas, children books, water bottles (adult & child), jackets (child sz 8 navy, 5T blue Cat& Jack, adult XL plush navy)

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).

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.

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

If you didn't know, there are homes for sale in the greater Saint Mark neighborhood (even more in the parish territory). And there's an uptick in parties reaching out to let us know of said homes. If you want to be on the home buyers list, or know someone who should be, direct your attention to onestrongfamily.org/house And if you've got creative ways that we could otherwise help parishioners purchase said homes, we're also open to conversations!

Please pray for our to-be-confirmed youths!: Confirmation Mass is Tuesday, at the Cathedral!

UPCOMING EVENTS

TUES 21 APR	<p><i>Spring Bible Study (Night 2 of 6) 7:00 PM Church, somewhere (lower church?)</i></p> <p>You should still get in with the Bible Study! It's on the psalms, after all! And nothing has changed from previous advertisements: it's still a live study with Fr. David, the psalms are still prayed all the time in the church, and it's still a great crew! Well, one thing changes for this week: Carolyn Hall will be occupied by <i>the Rummage Sale</i> crew, so head over to the church for the study!</p>
THU-SUN 23-26 APR	<p><i>The Rummage Sale Various Times Carolyn Hall and other sprawling lower level school building space</i></p> <p>Cue Europe's "The Final Countdown" because there won't be another. It's here. The Spring Rummage Sale. Drop-offs are accepted Mon-Wed, and the sale starts on Thursday with the sneak peak (\$5 entry) and then Fri-Sat (9:00 AM - 4:00 PM), and Sunday (9:00 - 11:00 AM). Find all the details of what to donate, how to donate, what not to donate, how to help, and so on at stmark.xyz/sale and stmark.xyz/help</p>
SAT 25 APR	<p><i>The Feast of Saint Mark Mass at 4:00 PM, Supper to Follow Church, Cafeteria</i></p> <p>And <i>it's</i> here! The Feast of Saint Mark! Come to a special Mass at 4:00, with a <i>*very*</i> (so styled Fr. David) special blessing being unveiled. So there's plenty of incentive to come. And for those of you who don't live on the Blessed Sacrament alone, and even for those who do, there will also be our hog roast dinner <i>and</i> community art expo after Mass! St. Mark, pray for us! Also... help with the dinner, please (St. Mark's prayers welcome, and your labor)! stmark.xyz/icanhelp</p>

April 19 - Third Sunday of Easter



This Sunday, we hear a Gospel that very much proclaims a New Beginning to humanity, as the Risen Christ restores all things, beginning with the hearts of these two disciples. In a deep sense, He is undoing the Fall of Man. Consider

the following parallels between the walk to Emmaus and Genesis 3:

- In Genesis 3, we have two individuals, a man and another (the woman). They have just received the Word of God in the form of various commands: to be fertile and multiply, to have dominion, to fill the earth, to name the animals, and to not eat of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden. Into that initial situation of harmony, a third party slips between them: the serpent. A dialogue ensues, in which they are led to distrust in God's word. In the course of which, the man and the woman close their hearts to God's word. They eat the forbidden fruit. Their eyes are opened. Naked of grace, they are thrown into confusion and their hearts are hardened. When God comes to them to walk with them, they flee from him out of fear. They end by going out from the garden, strangers now to paradise, to creation, to God, and to their own selves.
- In Luke 24, we have two individuals, a man (Cleopas) and another. They begin in a state of disillusionment and sorrow, going out from the gates (of Jerusalem). Naked of hope, they walk along. A third party insinuates Himself into their conversation: not the serpent, now, but Jesus. A dialogue ensues. In the course of which, the two open their hearts to God's word. Rather than hardened, their hearts are softened to this "stranger;" in fact, they are set on fire. Far from fleeing from Him, they cling to Him, beginning Him to "stay with" them. At the inn, they eat, not of forbidden fruit, but broken bread. Or rather, of the fruit of the Tree of Life, which is the Eucharist. Their eyes are opened to the truth, to newfound joy. Clothed now in hope, they run out of the inn and back to Jerusalem. When the day began,

the two were outcasts from everyone. It ends with them embraced by the communion of God on earth, the Church.

Kind of cool! Of course, it's more than a neat coincidence. It's an icon of the redemption we have in Christ. This is what He came to do! Reverse sin. Bring us back to communion. Restore us to grace.

But Emmaus does not just refer back to the Garden. It also points forward to us. It's well known that the walk to Emmaus is also an icon of the Mass: it begins with the "introductory rites" and opening greeting/dialogue. It continues with the Liturgy of the Word, in which the Scriptures are opened and referred to Christ. At the midpoint there are the petitions ("Stay with us!"). And it all culminates in the "breaking of the bread" (Liturgy of the Eucharist) and concludes with the joyful sending back into the world, to share the good news of the Risen Lord.

But perhaps the most consoling aspect of the episode is simply the effect Jesus has on these two disciples. They begin the day dejected and downcast, grieving their failed hopes. They are at odds with each other, debating and disagreeing over what has just happened. And they are filled with a kind of pride by which they think they know what they are talking about...when in fact they have totally misunderstood. See the difference Jesus makes however! The transformation is evident in the fact that their hearts have been kindled by His words, that they do not wish to be parted from Him (and lay hold of Him so that He stay), that their eyes are opened to recognize Him, and that, like the prodigal son, they retrace their steps, running now, with newfound purpose and their hopes not just resurrected but fulfilled. Truly, the Lord has risen and has indeed He has redeemed Israel, beginning with these two Israelites!

The great news is that Jesus wants to do the same for each one of us. What do we need to do? Be open to welcoming that "voice that speaks the truth" whenever it meets with us on the way.

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

April 23rd - 26th

ST. MARK'S SPRING
RUMMAGE
SALE

CHURCH OF ST MARK
2001 Dayton Avenue,
St. Paul, MN 55104
(@ the corner of Dayton & Moore)

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DAYTON AVE

MOORE ST

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Fri. - Sat., 9-4 PM | Sun. 9 AM-11 AM

Sneak Peek Sale (Apr 23) 5-7 PM; \$5 admission

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!

Don't forget the foodshelf!

Prayer and almsgiving are definitely still a must, even during Easter.

Eagle Scout Court of Honor (Apr 19)

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.

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

MASS AND PRAYER INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions for week of APR 19, 2026

7 AM
M: ***
T: Steve Clarkin +
W: Sheldon Anderson +
Tr: Steve Clarkin +
F: Lucy Simones & Family

10 AM

Lauri Ross +
Sanchez Family
Joanne McLaughlin
Fr. David Hottinger

Sa: LuVerne & Loretta Worms + (8 AM); David Kress + (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 the Contreras! Christy and Gary moved to the St. Paul area in October to be closer to their son and daughter-in-law, Corey and Joan Soper, as well as their new grandson, Paul. While they currently live in Savage, they are building a house in Elko New Market.

Christy and Gary are both registered nurses and raised their children in San Diego. They spent the last seven years traveling around the country in their RV working as nurses, and currently work at the emergency room at Fairview Ridges in Burnsville. In their free time they enjoy spending time with their new grandson and enjoying the area restaurants.

The Contreras attended St. Mark's over the years when visiting their son Corey, so when they moved here they decided it would be their home parish. They love the sense of family at St. Mark's and appreciate the reverence shown at each Mass.

They are looking forward to the upcoming "ordinary time" and establishing a normal routine :).

Welcome to the parish Christy and Gary!

Summer Camps 2026
Trinity School at River Ridge

Camp	Grades	Dates	Time
Adventure Camp	Rising 4 th - 6 th Graders	June 15-19	9:00 am - 12:00 pm
From Clay to Carvas	Rising 4 th - 6 th Graders	June 15-19	12:30 pm - 3:30 pm
Ingenious Machines	Rising 1 st - 3 rd Graders	July 6-10	9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Forces at Play	Rising 4 th - 6 th Graders	July 6-10	12:30 pm - 3:30 pm
Boys Wrestling Camp	Rising K - 8 th Graders	July 20- 22	5:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Register and pay online at <https://trinityriverridge.org/workshops/summer-camps/>

All camps located at Trinity School
601 River Ridge Parkway, Eagan, MN 55121

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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.

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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 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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Jubilee Pilgrimage with the Franciscans

Care of the Franciscan Brothers of Peace, you’re invited to join the Franciscan Pilgrimage to Lourdes and Fatima this October-2026 **during the Jubilee Year of St Francis of Assisi**. The pilgrimage link for all the info, the brochure and the enrollment page is: selectinternationaltours.com/fr-seraphim-wirth-fbp/ (QR code below). If you have any questions, email Mark Miller at: mpmille333@yahoo.com.



Step-up Home Buying Seminar (Apr 25)

A bonus to help unstuck the stuck!

If you find yourself already a homeowner but are looking to sell your present pad as well as buy a new one and you have... questions. (Or if you know someone who fits that bill.)

Joe McCullough (realtor) and Chris Burr (mortgage lender), two parties often-around and endorsed-by the St. Mark’s crew, in addition to being members of the St. Joseph Business Guild **are offering a free lunch + cordial seminar** lending their counsel in charting a course in this space. 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM. Hosted in the Guild’s coworking space on campus; enter the school via door G (behind the playground). RSVP at sjbusinessguild.org/stuck or via the accompanying QR code.



Hosted by the St. Joseph Business Guild



MAY 02



If we don’t build our own economy, others will. But if Catholics come together to support each other, it’s a force multiplier. So **all the faithful are invited to St. Joseph’s Fair (May 2nd)** to strengthen, and be strengthened by, the good work being done in our Archdiocese and get excited about **building a culture that supports the faith in abundance.**


Featuring an expo of Catholic businesses; break-out sessions on finance, business, and wellness; guest speakers **Chuck Marohn** (Strong Towns) and **Dale Ahlquist** (Chesterton Society); and the whole day is capped with an inspired-by Shark Tank pitch-style event, emceed by **Matt Birk**.

Register at sjbusinessguild.org/sjf

\$29; doors open at 7:30 AM. Free for priests, deacons, religious, seminarians, and students*

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MAY 01



NEW 2026 LEADING WITH FAITH AWARDS

ON THE FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER
 MASS AT 5:00 PM (*open to the general public*),
 DINNER AT 6:00 PM

Support good work being done in our Archdiocese by celebrating exemplary faith-driven leaders in our community, advancing the work of the **St. Joseph Business Guild**, and rallying around St. Joseph, patron of the universal church and all who labor!

God grant us many more faithful laborers and successful labors! **\$35** per individual, **\$50** per couple, all for a good cause! Free for priests, deacons, seminarians, and religious.

RSVP by Apr 24 at sjbusinessguild.org/lwf