

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | MAY 03, 2026



LIVING FOR THE
DAY OF THE LORD

THE CHURCH OF SAINT MARK | www.onestrongfamily.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

"Stay Awake" mugs are in! Limited quantity: we shan't have any more made, so cap off the year of "Living for the Day of the Lord" with that token that better yokes your domestic church to the parish church! If you already donated, or expressed interest at our Drogo Day, then stock has been secured for you! All other comers are welcome while supplies last!

Saturday May 16th there will be High School Ignite Swing Dance! 7:00 - 10:00 PM. See the swanky posters on the bulletin board for more details, otherwise the editor has given you what he's got!

May 17th is First Communion for our parish youths who are to receive for the first time! Pray for them!

UPCOMING EVENTS

WED *Parish Family Formation Night | 5:30 - 7:30 PM | Carolyn Hall*
06 May is Mary's month and for this ALL PARISH formation night, Dr. Faith Pawl is going to be
MAY anchoring things with "Our Relationship with Mary." Also, pizza! RSVP ASAP at stmark.xyz/zeal

SAT *Diaconate Ordination of Brs. Evan and José | 10:00 AM | Church, Gym*
09 They'll still be brothers, but join us in witnessing and welcoming our brothers into Holy Orders!
MAY Reception to follow Mass! **Note there is NO 8:00 AM Mass this Saturday.**

THU *Emmaus Parish Holy Hour | 7:00 PM | Church*
14 It's definitely the *second* Thursday of the month, as ever. Candlelit adoration, praise and worship, and
MAY Confession. And then that's it... it's the last Emmaus Parish Holy Hour of the year!

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

May 4 - 5th Sunday of Easter

In the month of April, a strangely conspicuous number of wild turkeys (plump, slow moving ones...) have been wandering about in St. Paul. I've seen them all over. I have heard them all over. I don't know what to make of it.

In other ages, they would surely discern in this some prophetic portent. In ours, we point at them and say, "Oh look, turkeys!" That is, until the fifth time we have seen them in a fortnight and we just shrug our shoulders. And wonder.

Not having had occasion to make germane mention of this thus far, I am stating it now.

Now: on to May! This 5th Sunday of Easter (already!) finds us in the midst of the spring bloom. The trees are unfurling their new crop of leaves, crabapples are putting forth their flowers, and plump, slow rabbits are overrunning the rectory garden. Life has risen! Nature is getting into the spirit of the Easter season.

And into this annual sigh of delight steps the Queen of Heaven.

Mary, of course, prefers that the focus always be on her son. "Do whatever HE tells you!" she ever says to her servants. And then she steps into the background, contemplating her Jesus as she prays for those who follow Him... and those who don't yet. But in the month of May, it's as though her humility can no longer restrain her devotion (though of course the two are never opposed). She must step forward into the spotlight of the Resurrection and, exuberant with Easter joy, shows her children how to dance and rejoice as is right and just before the face of so good a God. "I will greatly rejoice in the Lord; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness... as a bride adorns herself with her jewels" (Is 61:10). And all of Heaven explodes with delirium and praise!

In May we celebrate with gratitude Mothers' Day, but

let's not forget that all thirty one days are part of the Blessed Mother's Month. It all typically culminates with the feast of the Visitation before the calendar changes to June, when, with Elizabeth, the "mother of our Lord" comes to visit *us* unworthy hosts to fill us with the Spirit of Jesus. This year, that feast is appropriately subsumed into the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, a reminder that Mary herself is submerged into Father, Son, and Holy Spirit more than any other creature. But this whole month, stretching from our parish May crowning in the first Sunday, to the memorial of Our Lady of Fatima May 13, to the commemoration of Mary, Mother of the Church the Monday after Pentecost, and every Saturday in between, can be filled with flowers on her altars and Rosary processions and those kisses we blow at her images which none but the Lady herself see.

This May at St. Mark's promises to be an exceptionally busy one. Each weekend has its major event(s): May Crowning, Deacon Ordination, First Communion, Capital Campaign Commitment Weekend, Pentecost/Memorial Day... actually the last weekend, other than a big wedding, is relatively open. But amid the busyness, I beg you: *Mary!* It was the first name Our Lord uttered after the Resurrection. Can we make it our refrain during this Marian season? *Mary!* You don't need time, much less leisure to think of her, to call upon her. To acknowledge that she is there! *Mary!*

It's a nice real-life "Easter egg" to see turkeys by the roadside. It is infinitely better to remember that Mary is beside Jesus, unfathomably happy in Heaven and extremely eager to do us whatever good we ask her for. *Mary!* What a service we do when we put statues or images of Mary up in our homes and yards, or even on our cars, so that those who pass by them can be reminded and say, "*Look: Mary!*" What power we have at arm's reach if we always have Mary's name ready on our lips, like an arrow in the quiver! What consolation shall be ours, if our days are peppered, bolstered, by frequent recourse to Mary. What flowers and fruit and new growth we shall surely experience in our lives if we but learn to say with Jesus and all the Church, *MARY!*

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



Parish Family FORMATION PIZZA NIGHT




**RSVP HERE
ALL INVITED!**

Wednesday MAY 6th | 5:30 - 7:30pm at Carolyn Hall
 Meal | Formation | Adoration | Small Group Discussion
 Topic: "Our Relationship with Mary"
 by Dr. Faith Pawl

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!



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.




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 Canvas	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



MASS AND PRAYER INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions for week of MAY 03, 2026

7 AM

M: ***
 T: Marla Hepola
 W: Sanchez Family
 Tr: Isabel Monette
 F: Helen Monroe

Sa: Fount of the Merciful Lamb Household (8 AM); Jake Navin + (5 PM)
 Su: Pro Populo (9 AM)

10 AM

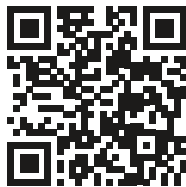
 Patricia Arachtingi +
 Sheldon Anderson +
 LuVerne & Loretta Worms
 Owen Lapinski

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



*With praise and gratitude
to Almighty God*

*the General Superior, the members
of Pro Ecclesia Sancta, and family of our brothers,
request the honor of your presence
at the Mass of Diaconate Ordination:*

Brother José Ignacio Rodríguez, P.E.S.
Brother Evan Steeves, P.E.S.

*which will be presided by
the Most Reverend Michael J. Izen,
Auxiliary Bishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis.*

*Saturday, May 9, 2026
at 10:00 am at the Church of Saint Mark
(2001 Dayton Ave, Saint Paul, MN 55104)*

Reception to follow at the School Gym

A.M.T.G.

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!

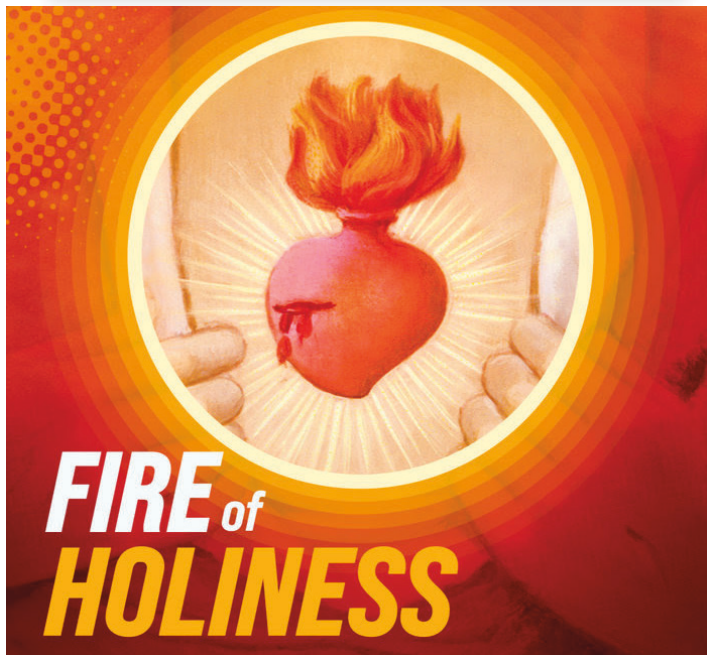
June 8th -12th
9:30-11:30am

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)



**FIRE of
HOLINESS**

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

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 1st ~ August 3rd
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
(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.

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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.”

LORD, RENEW YOUR CHURCH



GOAL: \$760,000

\$969,300

RAISED TO DATE



CAMPAIGN UPDATE

As of April 27, 2026

We are deeply grateful for those who have already contributed to our goal. Thank you for joining us on this journey! Since we are over our initial goal, 80% of all additional funds raised will come back to St. Mark's. With your support, we can support the parish for years to come!

This weekend is LRYC Leadership Weekend!

If you have received your materials and discerned your involvement, we kindly ask you to turn your pledge into the campaign drop box in the commons. Thank you for your leadership and generosity!

Prefer to pledge online?

You can do so using the QR
code below!

