

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We're still a Family at the Feet of Jesusing and to refresh that for our imaginings, consider this week's bulletin cover, a styling of Christ in the house of Mary and Martha by the Flemish painter Jan Brueghel and Peter Paul Rubens (the figurative work is attributed to the latter). Like Vermeer (referenced last month), Rubens was yet another Low Country convert to Catholicism from Calvinism and father of many children (eight to Vermeer's 15). A biography of Rubens is also worth a read, especially to see the dynamics of the heart of still-in-the-thick-of-things Reformation and Counter-Reformation conversion drama; maybe pray an "Eternal rest," for these Lowly?!

All women of St. Mark's are invited to the 2nd Quarterly Meeting of the St. Paul Deanery Council of Catholic Women on Thursday, November 19 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, 401 Concord St, St. Paul. Registration and coffee 9am followed by a short business meeting. Presentation by Father James Bernard. Mass at noon followed by lunch. Christmas white elephant fundraiser. St. Mark's CCW will cover the costs for attendees. Phone reservations by Monday, November 16 to Nancy at 651-644-2260.

Peter Distelzweig and nine other men of the archdiocese will be ordained a permanent deacon on Saturday, December 12. The ordination Mass will be at the Cathedral of St. Paul from 10 am - 12 noon. Peter and his wife, Chezarae, warmly invite each of you to attend! Please keep these men in your prayers in these weeks leading up to their ordination.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUN 08 NOV

Group Prayer for the Faithful Departed at Cemetery| Depart C&D @ 10:45 AM| From Carolyn Hall to Calvary Cemetery

Last year a hearty crew of parishioners popped over to Calvary Cemetery on All Souls Day (a Sunday) to pray for the departed, and we'll pursue a similar venture this year, albeit on **Sunday November 8th, following the 9:00 AM Mass!** Recall that the first eight days of November present an opportunity to pray with special potency for the deceased: **stmark.xyz/indulgence**

WED 11 NOV

Saint Martin Festivities| 5:30 PM | Parish Center Backyard, Carolyn Hall

For years and years, especially in Germany and France, Saint Martin of Tours' feast day was markedly celebrated. The faithful are invited to recapture a bit of that fervor this year with a St. Martin Fire, Lantern Procession, and Potluck. The evening will consist of a fire at the parish center fire pit (fire starts at 5:00), a lantern procession (bring your own "DIY" lanterns; but LED candles only, please!), and dinner at Carolyn Hall. Drop off any dishes between 5:00 - 5:30 in Carolyn Hall.

THU 12 NOV

Emmaus Parish Holy Hour, "YA Holy Hour|Happy Hour"| 7:00 PM| Church**

Return again to the feet of Jesus at 7:00 PM for candlelit adoration, prayer teams, Confession, and praise and worship music for the matchless "Emmaus Parish Holy Hour." Night *three* of nine! After the Holy Hour, the YA crew (ages 18-39) are going out to Barrel Theory Brewery (~8:15 PM) for a happy hour, made all the happier having been prefaced with Emmaus!

SAT 14 NOV

Mercy Morning| Starts with 8:00 AM Mass | Church, Carolyn Hall, off-site, etc

It's here! Our annual parish day of corporal works of mercy. It's just one day (well, one morning), and not the only day you ought be perfroming corporal works of mercy, but it's the one day we do it together as much as possible as a parish family! Lean in, love the poor, and sign up at **stmark.xyz/mercymorning**

SUN 15 NOV

Annual CSA Appeal| At Mass | Church

Our local church is *the* Archdiocese and to support many mission efforts that no one parish can pursue is the annual Catholic Services Appeal. Give generously!! (Especially if you're "MN Give to the Maxing" this week! Give to CSA, eh?!)

Parish School of Prayer, Chapter 27: Praying at the Feet of Jesus



In the last installment, we contemplated the scene of Martha and Mary: Martha, at a distance; Mary, at Jesus' feet; Martha filling with anxiety and resentment; Mary, empty of self and filling with Jesus' words; Martha, busy about many things; Mary, occupied with the One Thing necessary.

Pondering the contrast leads to a greater appreciation for the necessity of contemplation in our lives. I don't mean that we all need to dwell in the Sixth Mansion. But simply that, whatever our state in life, we all need to make time for silent reception of Jesus' presence, Person, and Word. We need a daily moment in which our attention and affections are devoted to Him alone. Even if that time must be short due to other duties, and always vulnerable to interruption, it makes all the difference. The difference between maintaining at least something of Mary's posture of receptivity and serenity, and sliding headlong into Martha's frantic self-absorption, with which I imagine we are all only too familiar.

The gold standard for such prayer at the feet of Jesus, the place of contemplation par excellence, is the Adoration Chapel. There, like nowhere else, we can *be with Him*. And be free (as best we can) from the worries and anxieties and busyness of this life. Untroubled by the good things that are nevertheless not the One who alone is Good.

At St. Mark's, for fifteen years this January 1, we have been engaged in a remarkably ambitious effort to remain at the feet of Jesus through near-perpetual adoration each week. It's remarkable for a parish of our size; there are parishes much larger who would not dare to keep their chapels open as much as we do. And as I have said before, only in Heaven will we know all the ways God has blessed our parish and the world through this labor of love. I try to do my evening hour of prayer there on weekdays and it is always consoling to see how many people flock to the chapel over the 6pm hour and still at 8 or even 9pm. People of all ages!

And yet: the chapel remains open thanks to the generosity of a relative few, our committed adorers. As pastor, I have learned that pushing for adoration commitments is a constant labor. Much of it is simply cyclical: each spring, school gets out, people leave the area, and slots open on the calendar. Each fall, people return or move into the area… but they often need the prompting of an invitation to commit to "hosting" an hour in the chapel. And so: ***are you committed to an hour? Have you allowed yourself to experience the way Jesus rewards those who spend an hour in His presence each week?*** If not, ***are you by chance feeling more and more like Martha?***

I stand by the long-standing expectation for committed parishioners to each have a committed hour of adoration. You may need to split it with a spouse or a friend. You may need to be part of a four person team! Perhaps you can only pick an hour that is already "taken." Whatever it takes! But know that we currently have **eight hours during the week with no committed adorer,** most of them between the hours of noon and 5pm. Surely, someone reading this is able to step into one of those breaches, or rather snatch up those blessings currently going unbestowed!

There are of course any number of ways to profitably spend that time with Our Lord. At least for part of the time, I encourage you to "make like Mary" and simply admire Him. Listen to His still small voice that speaks the truth; be content to simply *be* with Him, available to Him, should He wish to give a word of command or pour out His Heart into yours. On the other hand, the exquisite crucifix in our St. Mary's chapel directs us to another "Mary moment" at the feet of Jesus. I mean when Our Lady stood adoring her Son at the foot of the Cross. Writing this on a First Friday, I can't help but think how pleasing to God it would be if we all committed to paying Jesus a visit in the chapel at least once a week to *thank Him for dying for us* in such a manner. And if you have littler sufferings to unite with His, don't let them go to waste!

SIGN UP ---------->

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

Mercy Morning (Nov 14)



Practice the works of mercy with other members of the St. Mark's family on **November 14!** Members will be visiting Franciscan Brothers of Peace and Lynnhurst residents, serving at various shelters, packing snack and hygiene bags on-site at St. Mark's, and more! The morning starts with Mass at the parish at 8:00 AM, followed by a breakfast (8:45) and send-off to various works! Register for a work of mercy at **stmark.xyz/mercymorning**

And recall that donations are being sought from all comers for the aforementioned snack bags and hygiene kits et al! See those items below.

Snack Bag Items:

- Granola bars
- Baked snack chips
- Whole grain and/or baked snack crackers
- Apple sauce cups
- Jell-O cups
- 100% juice boxes
- Small boxes of Dried Fruit
- Package fruit snacks
- lunch paper bags

Hygiene Kits:

- Deodorant
- Body Wash or Bar Soap
- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Shaving Cream and razor(s)
- Lotion
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Chapstick or Lip Balm
- Wash Cloth
- Gallon plastic bags

Bingo Prizes:

- Candy

Abria Diaper Packs:

- Size 4-6 Diapers

Managing boisterous youths?

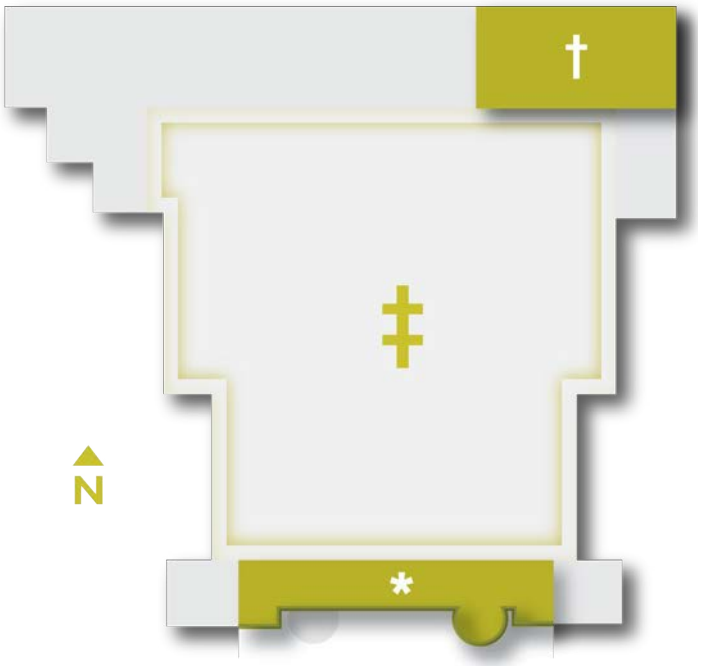
"Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these" (Mt 19:14).

Children are present in the liturgies at St. Mark's. We consider it a tremendous blessing to have so many of them and their parents worshipping with us. As we strive to build one another up in love, worshippers are asked to be understanding towards parents and their children who are unable or still learning to keep that reverent silence and stillness so appropriate to the Sacred Liturgy. Parents of such little ones, in turn, are asked to also be considerate toward others around them (who may have different sensitivities), and to be prepared, if they can, to temporarily remove their children in the event that their noise or movements create a significant disturbance. To that end, our church is furnished with the following spaces of refuge:

† **Adoration Chapel**
air-conditioned during warmer months

‡ **Basement**
accessed via any stairway
features live AV stream of liturgy

* **Vestibule**



In this way we can truly be a "family at the feet of Jesus" during Mass, show mutual charity and consideration to all, and so fulfill the law of Christ!

MASS AND PRAYER INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions for week of NOVEMBER 08, 2026

	7 AM	10 AM
M:	***	---
T:	Janet Egan +	Milton Schmidt +
W:	Lisa Kudwa +	John Salisbury
Tr:	Pat Ryan	Memorial Mass: Ron Lietz
F:	Pat Ryan	Robert Case

Sa: --- (8 AM); Peter Newby (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



Did you pray today? One of the saddest feelings in the world is it's 9:30 PM and you're about to turn in and you realize, oh no, I *didn't* [yet] pray today.

Just one of the many perks of a middle-of-the-night holy hour is you can *wake up* knowing that you already prayed today! Commit to an hour at **stmark.weadorehim.com**! Can't cover a whole hour, regulary? 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

Christmas Boutique Sale (Dec 5-6)

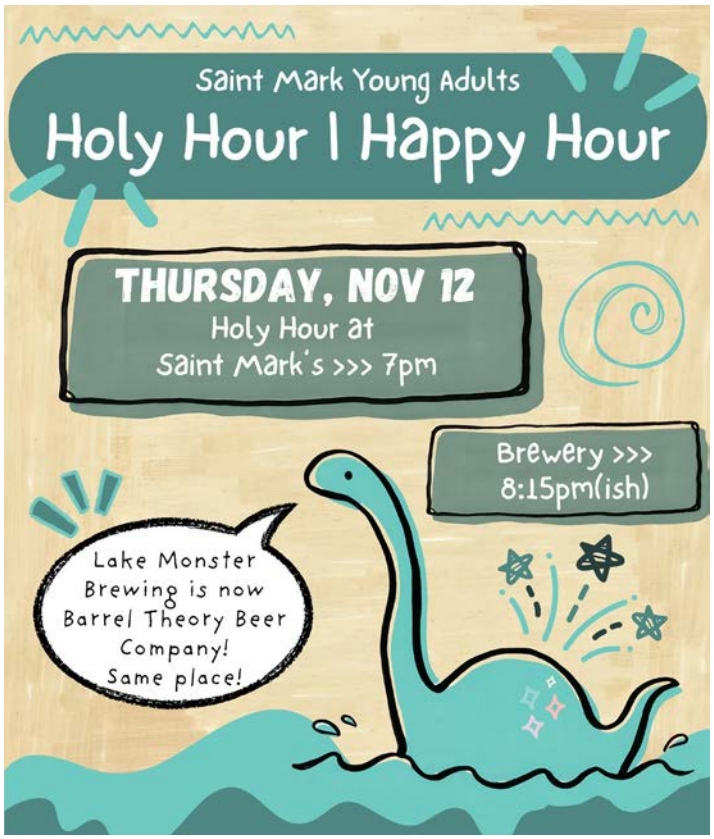
Mark your calendars now for the annual CCW Christmas Boutique, held on Saturday, December 5 from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM, and on Sunday, December 6 from 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Come to Carolyn Hall for homemade Christmas goodies and Christmas treasures for sale at a remarkable savings. There will be coffee and doughnuts after the Sunday masses.

Christmas Boutique Volunteer Opportunities

Donated Christmas tins can be dropped off in the Parish Center starting now. Deadline is Thursday, December 3. We use these tins to package the Christmas cookies on Friday, December 4.

Donated Christmas cookies can be dropped off in the Carolyn Hall kitchen on Friday, December 4, from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM. If you can not make it by 10:00 AM, we will welcome cookies later, but please try to drop off by 1:00 PM.

There is a Sign Up Genius at **stmark.xyz/boutique** for questions, email Carolyn **carolyn.mt2237@gmail.com**

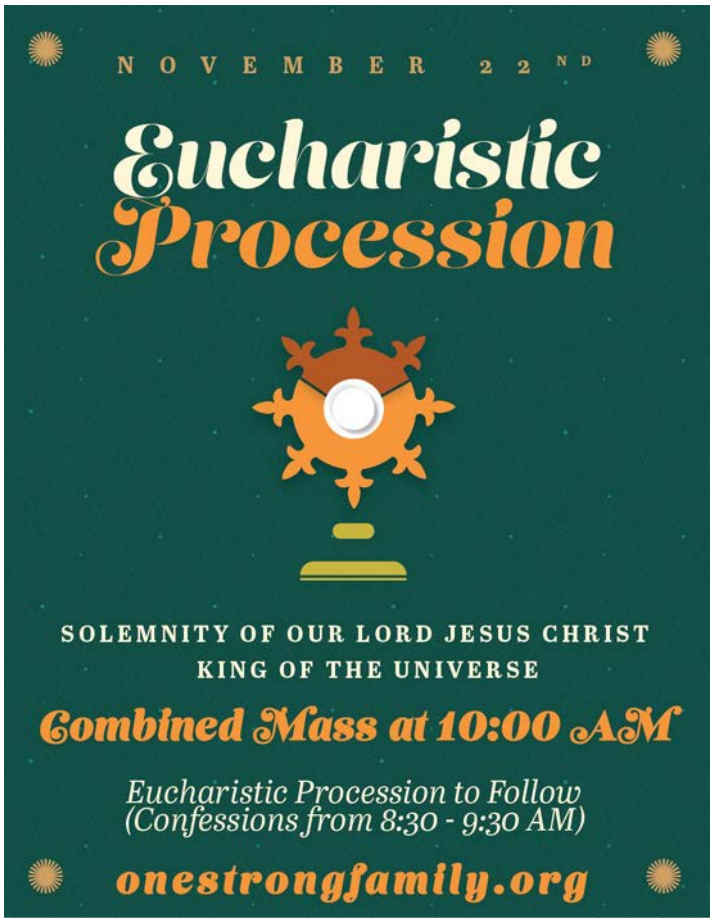


Men's Retreat (Dec 4-6)

Men of the parish are invited to register for the upcoming retreat - Dec 4 to 6 - at Dunrovin Retreat Center in Marine on St. Croix. The retreat is open to all men and provides time for recollection at the beginning of Advent.

Fr. Patrick Evans, PES, will lead the retreat along with other PES priests and deacons who will share seven reflections on the Beatitudes and provide opportunities for confession, spiritual direction, and one-on-one moments. Periods of adoration and prayer will follow each talk.

They expect the retreat to be full, so sign up soon to secure your spot. If you have any questions, please reply to **mensretreats@thecatholicadvance.org** or register at **stmark.xyz/cam**



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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: 5:00 PM
Sunday Mass: 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM
Daily Mass:
Monday-Friday: 10:00 AM
Tuesday-Friday: 7:00 AM
Saturday: 8:00 AM
Confession:
Tuesday-Friday: 9:30 AM
Saturday: 3:30-4:30 PM
Sunday: 8:30 - 9:00 & 10:30 - 11:00 AM
Rosary: The Rosary is prayed after every weekday Mass in the Adoration Chapel and a Family Rosary is prayed Sundays at 7:00 PM i the main church.

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.

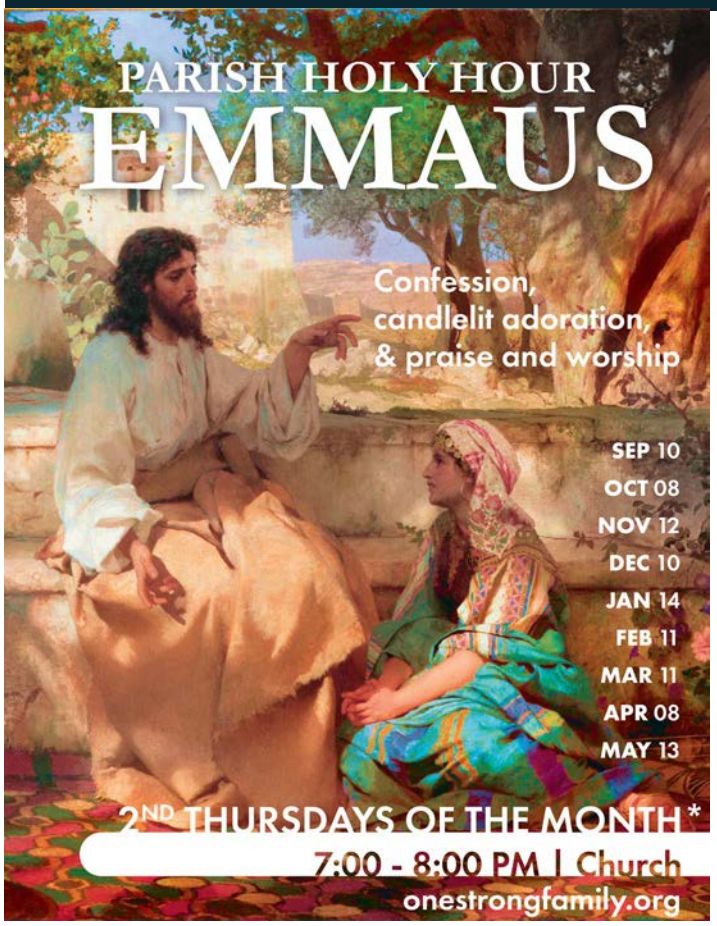
Sacramental Marriage preparation must begin at least six months prior to your wedding date. Weddings are most often celebrated on Saturdays at 2 PM.

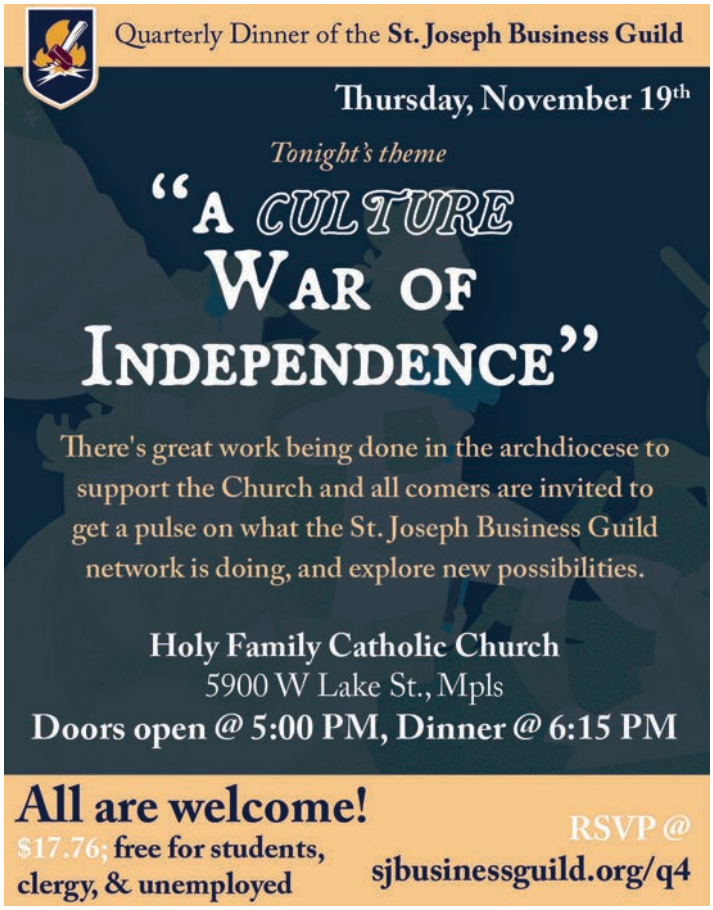
If you know of a Catholic who is homebound and would like to receive weekly Communion or have their confession heard, please contact the Parish Center to learn more about our Homebound Ministry.

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."





Open ~~House~~ Convent (Nov 08)

November 8th is a Religious Communities Open House Sunday and the PES sisters invite families, youth and all the faithful to visit the convent (8650 Russell Ave S, Bloomington) for a wonderful opportunity to pray together, encounter the love of the Sacred Heart, and learn more about religious life. **1:00 - 4:00 PM!**

Speed Dating? Here? Yes. Maybe.

Aspiring operational parties within the St. Mark-o-sphere are *l*ooking to gauge interest for young adults (ages 22-38) relatively far and wide to partake in a little yuletide blind/speed dating. If you've got an interest, or even an interest in having interest, they've put together a simple form to see what can be made of this. Much of the details are TBD, so *simply* respond to their form at **stmark.xyz/dating**

7:00 PM Sunday Parish Family Rosary

A group of parishioner families meets every Sunday at 7:00 PM in the Church to pray the rosary. All ages are welcome to join. Email Joe Beatty at **joseph.g.beatty@gmail.com** with questions.

Missed the Boat Theatre (Dec 10-13; 17-20)

Join Missed the Boat Theatre for Miss Bennet: Christmas at Pemberley, an imagined sequel to Jane Austen's beloved Pride and Prejudice, where Mary Bennet is grown and wishing for a place in the world to call her own. When she visits Pemberley House and reunites with her sisters, they must all learn to see each other as they actually are. This leaves the men to navigate their new family's dynamics and manage some unexpected guests all while attempting to keep Christmas full of lots of laughter, warmth, and love. Tickets on sale online at **missedtheboattheatre.com/pemberley**

All-Parish Retreat Day (Dec 13)

There will be an all-parish retreat day (including some semblance of childcare), including a combined 10:00 AM Mass, adoration and confession, brunch, talk, reflection, discussion and more. You know: a retreat! More details coming, but block that Sunday off!