

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | AUGUST 30, 2026

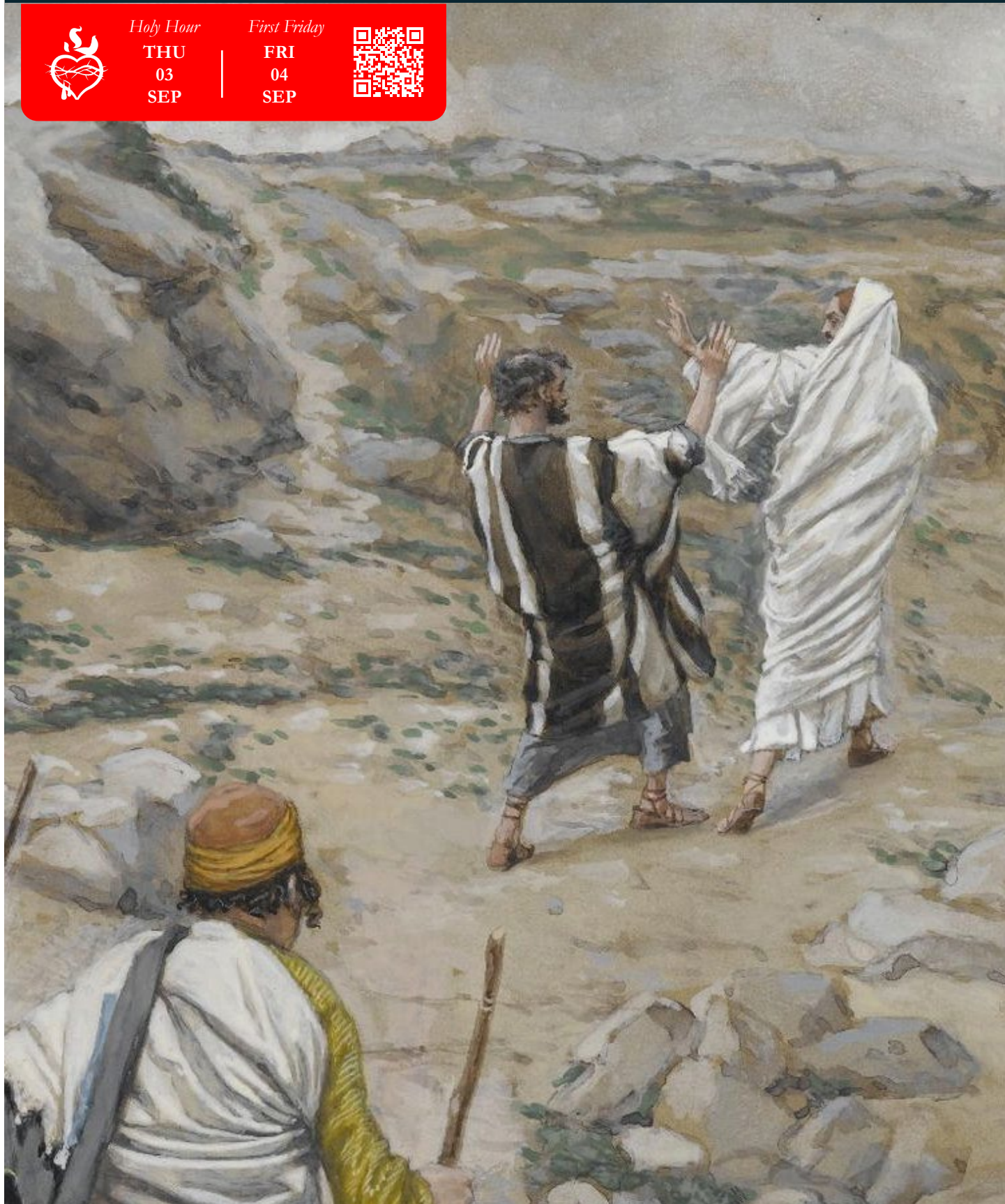


Holy Hour

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First Friday

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

7:00 AM Tue-Fri Masses, Sunday 8:30 - 9:00 & 10:30 - 11:00 AM Confessions, and 7:00 PM Thursday Holy Hour are all set to resume next week! Note **the parish office will be closed for Labor Day (Monday, Sep 07), as well as Sep 02** as Father David will be running the staff through pre-ministry year boot camp.

Outdoor adventures, camping, games, friendships, and character development. All boys K-12 are invited to join **Scouts at St. Marks!** It's a tradition going back to 1910 when Troop 1 became the first Catholic Scouting unit in America! Learn more and apply online at BeAScout.org for Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts or contact Mike Truso (mftruso@gmail.com).

You can do it: request Masses be celebrated for your intentions! Just email parishcenter@onestrongfamily.org to get the ball rolling. Super simple and a great offering for timely grace!

Our facilities' technical maintenance needs are now with a service-man (see Fr. David's article for an intro to our newest staff member), but our buildings and grounds still need extra custodial care! We still have an opening for a buildings and grounds custodian! Ask Randy Lehn (rlehn@onestrongfamily.org) for more info and to apply!

St. Mark's Preschool is seeking to grow our parish CGS program with the help of generous parishioners! We received a generous grant this summer to pay for St. Mark's parishioners to attend CGS training. If you are interested in learning more about this scholarship opportunity or to support the CGS program in other ways, please complete this brief survey: stmark.xyz/cgs

And don't forget to checkout the preschool, for, you know, preschool purposes: saintmarkspreschool.org

What're you doing once every four weeks? Consider going up to the altar ... *linens* [of God]! Help is needed starting October in our rotation of **servicing altar linens** (*i.e., smaller liturgical-use items like purificators, hand towels, and corporals*), involving picking up linens (Monday, preferably) and returning clean by Saturday, at the latest. It's a simple task: an

UPCOMING EVENTS

THU-FRI
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First Friday + Thursday Holy Hour | 7:00 & 10:00 AM (Fri); 7:00 PM (Thu) | Church*

Console the Sacred Heart of Jesus! As our Lenten formation illuminated, the faithful are encouraged to receive Holy Communion on the First Friday of nine consecutive months to make reparation for the sins committed against his Sacred Heart. And to console the Sacred Heart in a time when He was alone, a special invitation is also given to the faithful to observe the 11 PM - 12 AM Thursday hour as an hour of prayer and meditation joining with Christ in his Agony in the Garden. As this can constitute a particular challenge for many, given their state in life, a parish holy hour is marked at 7:00 PM, particularly during the academic year.

DAYS
IN
SEP

September Things | Various Times | Various Places

Parish picnics, cookouts, choirs, Emmaus holy hours, MercyWorks, rummage sales are just some of what's in store. Find more in this bulletin and, not the least, in Father David's bulletin article (page 3).

August 30 - 22nd Sunday OT - Fall Preview



Summer 2026, we hardly knew you. You entered quietly into our midst, stayed not entirely uneventfully, and now comes the time to release you into the swiftly fading past, for time marches on.

September is the month of getting back together. Though not everyone at St. Mark's is gone for all of the summer, it seems we are never all here from June-August. Students go home. People travel. Those who can, weekend at the family cabin. The heat-sensitive go to Nativity. Even PES members disappear for weeks at a time. Our average Sunday attendance drops a full one hundred persons June-July, compared to the spring figures. But then, just when the ragweed pollen is raging appallin', when the days begin to shorten, and the cicada lengthens the end of summer buzzer... the Markers start to reassemble.

In the next few weeks "everything" will start up again at the parish. Here is a bulletin-point overview of the highlights:

- **We return to our regular liturgy this week.** 7am Mass (remember that?) Tuesday-Friday resumes Tuesday September 1. Thursday 7pm Holy Hour starts up again as well this week, and usual Sunday confession schedule next weekend.
- The St. Mark **Preschool resumes after Labor Day.** I am very proud of the great work Ms. Addie Smith and her stellar staff are doing over in the Star, Sunshine, and Rainbow rooms for the little ones God that sends our way. This year, we carry on after bidding a fond farewell to Mrs. Terry Lewis, who retired at the end of the summer session from her many years of serving at St. Mark's. May God repay her!
- Our parish year gets underway in earnest with the **3rd annual Parish Picnic** on Saturday September 12. Join the whole parish family at Newell Park for what (God willing) will be a bright sunny day filled with kickball, food and drink, kid's games, bingo, heads or

tails, and all your favorite people milling about.

- **Choir will get underway again in September.** Could this be the year your voice joins its angelic ranks? **Small groups** too, will be getting back to their regular rhythms, and **the Ignite program will rekindle** its calendar of youth activities.
- Looking ahead to October, **I'm very excited for this fall's Bible Study.** In six live sessions (starting Oct 13) I plan to share only the most succulent morsels from the STL thesis I was able to finish this July while ensconced in the Rectory (more or less). The book in question will be **the Acts of the Apostles**, and we will pay special attention to the theme of **apostolic preaching** found therein.
- October is usually the Month of Stewardship. This year, rather than try to meditate on returning the gifts of Time, Talent, and Treasure to God in five jam-packed weeks, we will space out our stewardship initiatives. With regard to stewarding our talents, in place of a ministry fair we will be **spotlighting various ministries** throughout the year and **Small Group recruitment will take place in January.** Our focus on **prayer (giving God our time)** will be **throughout the whole month of December** (first ever all-parish retreat day!). And **October will retain rights to the annual Financial Pledge** (tithing our treasure).

Regarding the year as a whole, if last year we were "Living for the Day of the Lord," this year the focus turns to assisting our parents as primary educators in the faith. **The theme for the year, therefore, which I plan to unpack more fully in the weeks ahead is "A Family at the Feet of Jesus."** Whatever else we are and do, that has to be seen as the *Only One Thing Necessary*, to borrow the title of Archbishop Hebda's Pastoral Letter which we will all read this year.

Every fall at St. Mark's are the new people God sends us every year: new arrivals to the neighborhood, people who have wandered our way, students making it over to the parish for the first time. I ask all those who have been around long enough to be able to distinguish

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

from the Heart of the Shepherd continued

between Fr. Patrick and myself to be generous in approaching the newcomers to introduce yourself and welcome them to the parish. Many people come and go around here; what gets people to stay is when they feel "at home" and find community.

Finally, one new face you will be seeing on staff this fall is our interim Facilities tech, Dan Prochazka. Dan is our new custodial/maintenance guy, arriving just in time to help keep the Good Ship Mark in ship shape as all hands return on deck. Welcome Dan, and welcome back one and all!



ST. MARK YOUNG ADULTS
COOKOUT

RSVP to let us know you're coming!

5PM-7:30PM

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
RECTORY GARDEN

Come join us to meet new folks, pray together, eat good food, and hear what we have in store!

Remembrance Service for Miscarriages (Oct 17)

Saturday, October 17, 10 a.m., Gethsemane Cemetery Chapel Mausoleum, New Hope and Resurrection Cemetery Chapel Mausoleum, Mendota Heights
 This special service of remembrance is an opportunity for those who lost a child before birth. Find more information and promotional materials on the event page: archspm.org/events/service-of-remembrance-for-those-who-lost-a-child-before-birth/

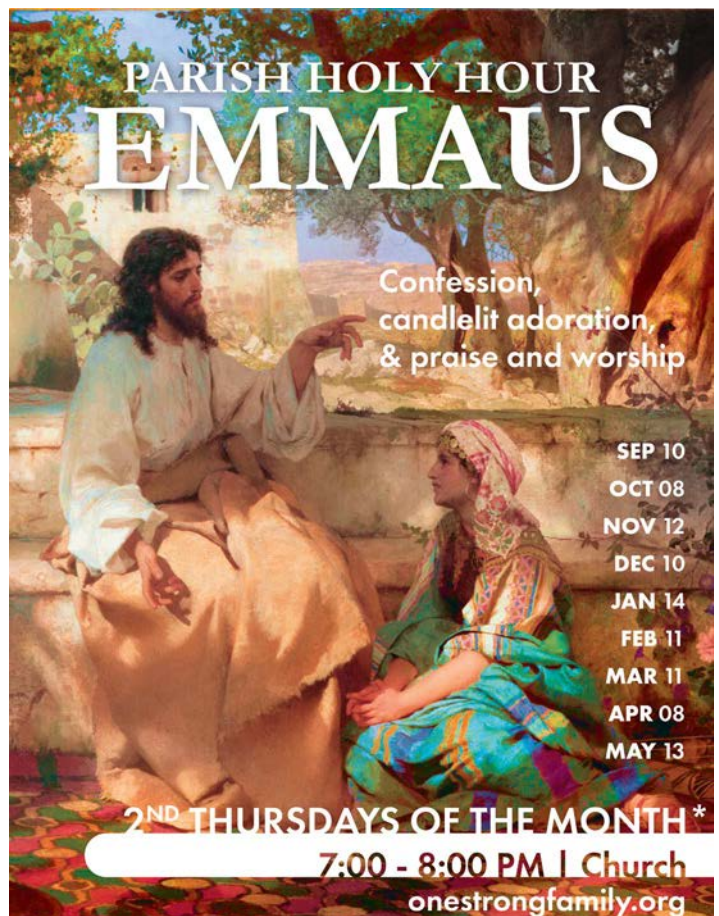
Immigration 101 (Sep 15)

"Will this be on the test?"

Unknown, but life's more likely to serve you pop quizzes, and, often she's a harsh teacher, giving the test first and the lesson after!

And, especially around these parts as the Twin Cities has too often been a nexus for various national dramas, this has really hit home with respect to the topic of immigration. All the more beneficial it is for Catholics to be formed with respect to the wisdom of the Church on the subject, as well as illumination about the present legal policies. As such, our MercyWorks team at the parish is sponsoring this session, hosting immigration lawyers Allison Wells and Lauren Lowry (themselves Catholic) for guidance for the faithful.

For all the details, visit stmark.xyz/101 and note the event will be in Carolyn Hall, September 15th, from 7:00 - 9:00 PM.



PARISH HOLY HOUR
EMMAUS

Confession, candlelit adoration, & praise and worship

SEP 10
 OCT 08
 NOV 12
 DEC 10
 JAN 14
 FEB 11
 MAR 11
 APR 08
 MAY 13

2ND THURSDAYS OF THE MONTH*
7:00 - 8:00 PM | Church
onestrongfamily.org

MASS AND PRAYER INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions for week of AUGUST 30, 2026

7 AM
 M: ***
 T: ---
 W: ---
 Tr: ---
 F: ---

Sa: Mabel DeMarais (8 AM); Frank Kudwa (5 PM)
 Su: Pro Populo (9 AM)

10 AM
 M: ---
 T: Fr. Patrick Evans
 W: Lynn Boynton +
 Tr: Anna Mae Gebhart +
 F: Norita Beaudry +

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 know that now is a great time to adore the Lord and be solicitous in dedicating, via a commitment, an hour (or more) of your week to being in front of him in the Blessed Sacrament?!

It's true!
 Commit to an



hour at stmark.weadorehim.com!

Can't cover a whole hour, regular? 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

"What God has joined together, let no one separate." – Mark 10:9



Worldwide Marriage Encounter
GOD CHOSE YOU FOR ME

"Our desire for each other mirrors God's desire to be one with us."

WHAT YOU WILL EXPERIENCE:

- ✓ **A NEW WAY TO PRAY**
Prayer will become a daily expression of love between you and your spouse – a way to invite God deeper into your relationship.
- ✓ **A NEW WAY TO CONNECT**
Share, listen, and reflect together to deepen your emotional and spiritual connection.
- ✓ **A NEW WAY TO ENCOUNTER GOD'S LOVE**
By seeing your marriage through the lens of faith, you will discover how your love reveals the presence of Christ in your everyday life.

Your Marriage is not just a relationship – it is a holy **commitment**. And your sacrament is a living sign of Christ's presence in the world.

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EVENT DETAILS:

- 📅 Saturday, September 12
- 🕒 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM
- 📍 St. Hubert Catholic Community
8201 Main Street
Chanhassen, MN 55317

For all couples! RSVP below.



\$100/PER COUPLE LUNCH INCLUDED



SEPTEMBER 12TH
10 AM - 2 PM
NEWELL PARK IN SAINT PAUL

ADULT KICKBALL
FOOD TRUCK LUNCH
(OR BRING YOUR OWN!)

GAMES
TUG OF WAR

CONFIRMATION 2026-2027

"The Holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name— He **will teach you everything** and remind you of all that I told you."
-John 14:26

**REGISTRATION
NOW OPEN!**



**Xavier Room
(Parish Center)**
6:30-8:00PM
1st and 3rd Wed



End-of-Life Workshop (Nov 07)

This is a comprehensive pre-planning workshop (Nov 7, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM, St. John the Baptist, New Brighton) where you'll learn from expert speakers about a variety of end-of-life planning topics and fill out a pre-planning workbook. Registration includes seat and lunch. Attendees can optionally purchase the workbook as well. Find more information at the Catholic Cemeteries website: catholic-cemeteries.org

Early Learning Scholarship

The St. Mark's Preschool Early Learning Scholarship is available: get after it! Especially if you're thinking about enrolling and could use a little extra wind beneath your wings. Applications are super quick to fill out and are due **September 1st**; the review committee will make their determination for by **September 15th** and notice will be provided shortly thereafter. For all the few terms and details, and to submit, visit stmark.xyz/ps Questions? Contact director Addie Smith (asmith@onestrongfamily.org)!

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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

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."

ST. MARK, PRAY FOR US

Last Week's Summer Mission Appeal

Fr. Simon Peter Kitute of the Diocese of Kitui, Kenya, celebrated Masses at St. Mark last weekend (August 22/ 23), in support of the Kitui Partnership. The Kitui Partnership is a global solidarity partnership between our archdiocese and the Diocese of Kitui, Kenya, begun in 2004 in recognition of our shared faith in the Eucharist. The Diocese of Kitui covers an arid and semi-arid rural region that often battles drought and famine, and we are hoping to raise \$20,000 to help fund increased access to clean water, sanitation improvement, and education on best hygiene practices. Funds raised in excess of this amount will go to support the general and administrative work of the partnership. Thank you for your generosity.



AUDITIONS FOR MISS BENNET: CHRISTMAS AT PEMBERLEY!

Missed the Boat Theatre is holding auditions for *Miss Bennet: Christmas at Pemberley* by Lauren Gunderson and Margot Melcon, directed by Jaclyn Mack. Performances will be at Upson Hall at the Church of St. Mary (St. Paul), December 10-20, 2026.

Audition info:

30-minute audition slots will be Sep 8 - 9, from 6:00 8:00 PM, at The Church of St. Mary (267 E 8th St, Saint Paul, MN 55101).

About the Show:

In this imagined sequel to Jane Austen's beloved *Pride and Prejudice*, we find Mary Bennet grown and wishing for a place in the world to call her own. When she visits the Darcys at 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.

Learn more about the show and audition information by visiting their audition posting (missedtheboattheatre.com/audition)! Contact admin@missedtheboattheatre.com with any questions!



Quarterly Dinner of the St. Joseph Business Guild

5:00 PM | THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH

“A Catholic SPIRIT OF ‘26”

All are welcome!
Cost: \$17.76; Free to clergy, unemployed, students

Holy Family Catholic Church,
5900 W Lake St., Mpls, MN

RSVP at
sjbusinessguild.org

All are invited to the St. Joseph Business Guild's next quarterly dinner meeting at Holy Family Catholic Church, on September 17th! The Guild is all about Catholics helping Catholics build an economy that puts first the kingdom of God. And this evening they're taking a novel and perhaps inflammatory look at our American and Catholic roots and what fruits we can get from them today. \$17.76; free for clergy, unemployed, and students.

September 24th - 27th

ST. MARK'S FALL RUMMAGE SALE



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



Fri. - Sat., 9-4 PM | Sun. 9 AM-11 AM
Sneak Peek Thursday (Sep 24) 5-7 PM; \$5 admission



stmark.xyz/sale