

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | SEPTEMBER 06, 2026



THE CHURCH OF SAINT MARK | www.onestrongfamily.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All women of St. Marks are invited to the 1st Quarterly Meetings of the St. Paul Deanery Council of Catholic Women on Thursday, September 17 at Holy Childhood, 1435 Midway Parkway, St. Paul. Registration 4:30 pm, Mass 5:00 pm, followed by light supper, business meeting and program. Program; Chuck Spavin of the Optimists Club and how they serve youth. Brown bag raffle. St. Mark's CCW will cover the cost. Phone reservations by Monday, September 14 to Nancy at 651 644-2260.

All women of the parish are *also* invited to the first CCW (Council of Catholic Women) meeting and pot luck dinner of the season: Wednesday Sept. 16 4:30-6pm in the community room below the sacristy in the church. Come for prayer, fellowship and planning our upcoming events and fund raisers. All are welcome.

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

The preschool is *also* seeking an Afternoon Preschool Care Coordinator. In exchange for 30 hours a week, they'll pay you and offer benefits! Yes, it's a job! Surely Addie Smith, Director, (asmith@onestrongfamily.org) would love to hear from any interested parties ASAP! For more info, contact Addie or see the posting at stmark.xyz/apcc

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 ironing board and an iron are a must, if not exhaustive. Questions: mustardseed725@gmail.com

Pastoral care is not just for the pastors: you, too, can and should be an emissary of the mercy of God. Help is needed taking communion to the homebound et al! For these opportunities, as well as others in a similar vein, reach out to our pastoral associate, Audrey Koval (akoval@onestrongfamily.org)

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 (mfruso@gmail.com).

UPCOMING EVENTS

THU 10 SEP	<i>Emmaus Parish Holy Hour</i> 7:00 PM <i>Church</i> Strive to be 9/9 this year by coming out on 9/10 for a 10/10 experience that is our Emmaus parish holy hour! The first-of-nine holy hours of the year is upon us with all the solid offerings of holy hours past: praise and worship, Confession, and candlelit adoration!
SAT-SUN 12-13 SEP	<i>Parish Picnic (Sat) & YA Cookout (Sun)</i> 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM (Sat), 5:00 - 7:30 PM (Sun) <i>Newell Park (Sat), Rectory Garden (Sun)</i> Everyone should come out, as they are able (and strive to be able), for the parish picnic (Sep 12) wherein we'll fraternize and get oriented and our hearts enflamed for another pastoral year at the Church of Saint Mark! Details at stmark.xyz/picnic

And the YA crowd has their rarefied, hearts-enflamed opportunity, by the flames of the grill, the next day (Sep 13) at the young adults cookout! And they should **RSVP at stmark.xyz/cookout**

A NEW VISION FOR FAMILY FAITH FORMATION AT ST. MARK'S

At the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, when most of my workday transpired in the Rectory third floor office, I participated (not sure why) in “Think Tank” led by the PES Sisters regarding family ministry at St. Mark’s. The fruit of those conversations involving PES members, parish staff, and St. Mark’s parents, was to transform our Faith Formation ministry into Family Faith Formation, adopting a program developed at the Church of Saint Paul in Ham Lake. The goal was to better serve our children and families and empower parents to embrace their vocation as primary educators in the faith.

Practically speaking, it meant that instead of parents of public school children dropping their kids off at a weekly Wednesday night catechesis program (the old “CCD” model), once a month parents and children came together to St. Mark’s to learn about the Faith, so that during the rest of the month parents and children could continue to grow together in their knowledge of Christ at home.

Over five years later, those who have participated can agree that Family Faith Formation has borne abundant fruit at St. Mark’s. Now the program attracts not only parents with children in public schools, but also homeschooling and Catholic school families as well. We still have a robust catechetical program for children stretching from First Communion preparation to Confirmation on Wednesday nights, involving fellowship, prayer, and instruction for children and parents alike. Last year, Confirmation preparation was integrated into the Ignite Youth ministry for all children grades 6-8, to provide those students with a more holistic experience of learning and living the faith. And we have made great strides towards ensuring that the home is the primary site of formation in the faith, with the parish providing parents concrete assistance in that crucial education.

But it has also become apparent, after five years, that our families are ready for something more. We are blessed to have a parish full of committed and well-formed parents. Many who are ahead of the curve in terms of those for whom the Family Faith Formation curriculum was designed. Moreover, this year, in which

the Archbishop is asking the whole Archdiocese to focus on supporting parents as primary educators, we have the perfect opportunity to further develop our family faith formation program.

After listening to the input of families involved in FFF and those who don’t, the parish is ready to roll out a revamped ministry to parents and their children: Family Faith Formation is now ***Nazareth Family Ministry***.

What will stay the same?

The PES Sisters will still lead a First Wednesday formation night gathering at which catechesis will be provided to children grades 2-5 (including sacramental prep). That night will, as it did last year, involve a family meal (pizza night!), night prayer, and a talk for the parents to equip them better to form their children in the Faith.

What will change?

First, there will be no more packets to worry about.

Second, with the help of Kristen Grant, our Director of Discipleship, we have created our own curriculum for the parents’ formation sessions, based on input from our parents themselves. We plan to bring in engaging speakers from the area to speak on matters of interest such as

- Passing the faith on to your children
- Communication and conflict resolution
- Cultivating a Catholic family culture
- Praying together as a family
- Kids and technology

Thirdly, we want these newly minted **Nazareth Nights** to feed your hunger for more fellowship, peer-to-peer wisdom sharing, and discussion. You parents talking to each other about how you navigated certain challenges, commiserating and “co-parenting” in the best sense. So, in addition to exceptional speakers sharing illuminating content, you all will be teaching one another too.

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

from *The Heart of the Shepherd* *continued*

So, my hope is that those families who have been a part of Family Faith Formation will profit from Nazareth FM even more. Those parents who have stayed away or dropped out FFF because it did not seem relevant or worthwhile, I hope will reconsider and come check it out. And those who are not parents or not forming children in the home any more, know yourselves welcome too; we all are called to be members of the *Family at the Feet of Jesus*, and each Nazareth Night is a chance to be that, together, at St. Mark's. Starting October 7!

Immigration 101 (Sep 15)

MercyWorks is sponsoring a jam-packed session all about one of the most topical of topics for 2026 Minnesotans: immigration!

What is the Catholic wisdom on the subject, and what is the picture of the current legal landscape? To present on

- History of Immigration Law
- Legal means of entering the United States
- How foreign nationals may lose legal status
- Relief options and rights of migrants

are Allison Wells and Lauren Lowry, two local, experienced, Catholic immigration lawyers. Come with your questions!

September 15th at 7:00 - 9:00 PM in Carolyn Hall!

OCIA Changes Lives!

Last year 19 men and women were received into the Catholic Church at St. Mark's. Nineteen people heard and the professed faith in Jesus Christ and his church. Nineteen people received the grace of the sacraments and found their home in God's family.

Who do you want to see have their life changed by the love of God? Invite them to explore OCIA! Our no-commitment **Introduction to OCIA evening is coming up on Tuesday, September 22 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Parish Center. For more information, contact ocia@onestrongfamily.org.

Sing! Sing! Sing!

Choir season is about to begin! The first rehearsal is Wednesday, September 16th at 7 p.m. in the organ/choir loft. The choir will sing at the 9 a.m. mass on September 20th.

The parish adult choir sings at most of the 9 a.m. Sunday masses from mid-september through Corpus Christi (Sunday, May 27, 2027). Rehearsals are most Wednesday evenings from 7-8:30 pm (9:00 when preparing for Christmas, Triduum and special feasts). All voice parts are welcome, though tenors and sopranos are especially needed. Please see Kathy Handford after one of the weekend masses or contact her through her church email or through the parish office if you are interested and would like more information.

Cantors are also needed for the 11 a.m. Sunday mass. Cantors need not be professional singers, but previous musical training and vocal/choral experience is helpful. The cantor shares the role with the lector in proclaiming the Word of God. Therefore, spiritual preparation is also important alongside musical preparation. An audition is required.

Requirements and considerations:

- Ability to read and learn music quickly
- Must have a pleasant singing tone
- Ability to sing in tune and with good rhythm
- Comfortable singing in front of people
- Willingness to attend a cantor training and work with the Director of Music
- Ability to set aside necessary time for technical preparation, i.e. reading and studying the texts, noting tone and inflection, practicing vocal production and diction
- Learn techniques of singing with a microphone for volume and clarity.

Please contact Kathy Handford, Director of Music (khandford@onestrongfamily.org) if you are interested in this important ministry to serve the liturgy.

MASS AND PRAYER INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions for week of **SEPTEMBER 06, 2026**

7 AM
M: ***
T: Fr. David Hottinger
W: Eli Chaffee
Tr: Russell Adkins +
F: Geraldine L. Richardson

Sa: Don Wistrell (8 AM); Jordan Malikowski (5 PM)
Su: Pro Populo (9 AM)

10 AM
M: ---
T: Jake Navin +
W: Fr. Edwin Nyuydine
Tr: Nate Chaffee
F: Bp. Kevin Kenney

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

Gratitude from the Moore Family

"To our dear St. Mark's family,

Words cannot do justice to the feelings of love and gratitude we have for all the support we've received around the death of our daughter Elizabeth. All your prayers have gotten us this far and will carry us on this journey of grief.

Thank you to our wonderful staff for securing the gym for the celebration of her life, for help with audio/visual equipment, and for the planning of the beautiful liturgy. You all were so gracious. Also for our dear priests who stepped away from their much needed vacation to be there with us. Thank you to all who helped set up and take down the many tables and chairs, for the many women who made sure all were fed and for all who have been bringing meals to our home, giving us one less thing to think about. Like manna from heaven! And last but not least, thank you all who came to pray with us at her funeral Mass. We were so moved by the outpouring of love.

We love you all and please know that you are in our prayers. Thank you for being instruments of God's abundant love to us and our family."

Will & Eileen Moore

Gratitude from the Peter Distelzweig

From Peter Distelzweig himself re: the House of Hospitality initiative he shared with the parish community:

"Warm thanks to all the St. Mark's folks who have supported the launch of the House of Hospitality on Sherburne Ave -- and to Fr. David, who blessed the house on Saturday, August 29th. Our first two residents have moved in, and this "soft start" has gone well! We will be inviting two more men into the house very soon--we are just waiting for the floors to be redone. Looking to get involved? There many ways for Markers to get involved. Questions? We are happy to answer them. In either case, reach out to Peter Distelzweig (peter.disco@gmail.com)"



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

ADULT KICKBALL
FOOD TRUCK LUNCH
 (OR BRING YOUR OWN!)
GAMES
TUG OF WAR

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!

STAFF

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 Dan Prochazka.....Interim Facilities Maintenance Technician
 Kristen Grant.....Director of Discipleship
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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: 5:00 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

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

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

 **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.

HIGH SCHOOL
Retreat

FRIDAY - SUNDAY
OCTOBER 23-25
AT DUNROVIN

\$225 until Sept. 15, then \$250
Register by Oct. 1



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