

SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY | APRIL 12, 2026



LIVING FOR THE  
DAY OF THE LORD



THE CHURCH OF SAINT MARK | [www.onestrongfamily.org](http://www.onestrongfamily.org)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*It's Divine Mercy Sunday, but we're breaking from the convention of the cover sporting the ol' Caravaggio's Incredulity of Saint Thomas, and even Bloch and Rubens' Doubting Thomases, in favor of giving our Spring Bible Study just one more extra nudge with von Honthorst's "King David Playing the Harp." Still, David is a great icon of our need for Divine Mercy (plus, we prayed Psalm 118 at Mass), so there's still providential connections to be made. Even more if you attend Bible Study, no doubt: [stmark.xyz/bible](http://stmark.xyz/bible)*

**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 22<sup>nd</sup>. 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)

If you're hankering for a walking devotion in the church now that Lent has passed, then pray **The Stations of the Resurrection, Sunday evenings (5:00 PM) in the church.** Join fellow parishioners on a somewhat informal pilgrimage 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.

You gotta get your coffee, anyway: grab a bag of our Karol Coffee special "Stay Awake" roast in Carolyn Hall, while the supplies last, and your donation also goes toward fueling our Coffee and Donuts. Support C&D, a local, Catholic business, and get caffeinated all in one fell swoop!

**All Women are invited to the next St. Mark's CCW Meeting on Wednesday April 15, 4:30-6:30 in the Community Room.** Please bring a dish to share for a potluck dinner. Come to catch up, pray for each other and discuss updates for the Rummage Sale, parish project suggestions, and CCW leadership. If you would like an agenda and minutes e-mailed to you please contact [pshrake@onestrongfamily.org](mailto:pshrake@onestrongfamily.org)

**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](http://saintmarkspreschool.org)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>SUN 12 APR</b>	<i>Lord, Renew Your Church Campaign Reception   9:00 AM - 12:00 PM   Carolyn Hall</i> Please join your fellow parishioners at our upcoming reception for the Lord, Renew Your Church Campaign during Coffee and Donuts. We will be gathering after Mass to hear from Fr. David and the volunteer team about the campaign, ask questions, and discover how you can contribute to the future of our parish.
<b>TUE 14 APR</b>	<i>Spring Bible Study   Tuesdays at 7:00 PM (until May 19)   Carolyn Hall</i> The Book of Psalms is the Old Testament book most quoted by Our Lord, and the one book of the Bible from which there is a reading at (almost) every Mass of the Church year. Join us for this six-session live Bible study with Fr. David on the Church's sacred songbook, whose contents form the backbone of the Church's official daily prayer, the Liturgy of the Hours. Yet again St. Mark's is teeing up dynamite Bible Study content; register at <a href="http://stmark.xyz/bible">stmark.xyz/bible</a>

## April 12 - Divine Mercy Sunday



The parish pastoral year can neatly be divided into quarters. The fall term starts early September and culminates with Christmas. The winter quarter runs from January through Lent and terminates gloriously in the

Pascal Triduum. The spring session begins with Easter and runs until the Sacred Heart solemnity mid-June. Then commences the summer “recess.” Although the Life never really comes to a stop here at the parish... otherwise we would be dead!

Consider this “syllabus day,” then, for our spring segment. Together we can look forward to the following:

- The Easter Bible Study begins this Tuesday. I am very excited to be leading a study on the Psalms. In the holy season, we will be looking at them especially in light of their fulfillment in Christ, and as windows into His interior life. In other words, as on-ramps into the spirit of His never-ending “Day”.
- April also means Rummage Sale at St. Marks’s. Our spring sale falls during the fourth week of the month. This year, it coincides yet again with our now annual Feast of St. Mark, which occurs on a Saturday. That means that we will *\*almost\** fulfill my secret dream of inaugurating RUMMAGE-FEST, i.e. infusing the Rummage Sale with even more of a festival atmosphere. In reality, the Saturday sale will wrap up just in time for a special 4pm Mass in honor of our patron saint, *and at which a \*very\* special blessing to our parish will be unveiled for the first time.* Afterwards, we will adjourn to the Cafeteria for the Hog Roast, where this year you will be able to pursue an exhibition of over twenty original works of arts with St. Mark, St. Mark’s, or the Sacred Heart as their subject, produced by community members.
- May carries with it its usual line-up of special Sundays, including the May Crowning procession and brunch, First Communion, and Mother’s Day. This year, that last celebration will coincide with another very special occasion: Brothers Jose Ignacio

and Evan will be serving that Sunday as deacons for the first time, following their ordination the day prior at the Cathedral. Keep them in your prayers!

- The somewhat-neglected high holy day of Pentecost is May 25 this year, meaning that the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart is June 12. As we heard during the Lenten Speaker Series, that great feast will witness the consecration of our nation to Our Savior’s divine Heart. Don’t forget the encouragement to enthrone the Sacred Heart in your homes prior to that grand occasion.

Meanwhile, the Capital Campaign moves ahead. Our new “stretch” goal is \$1.1M, an amount that will provide \$760K for our parish, which should fully fund the targeted projects. We hope to have everything wrapped up by the end of May, with a commitment weekend slated for May 18 for those who have yet to pledge. God bless all those who have gotten us this far (\$931K pledged at the time of writing) already, putting us in a position to aim for so lofty a goal.

In other news, I expect to remain here this summer and not travel to Detroit for studies for the first time since becoming pastor. I will finish up my coursework this spring semester, and plan to work on my thesis from home here during the summer.

Finally, Parish Council advises me that it might not be a waste of words to confirm here that Fr. Patrick Evans, PES, remains the associate pastor here *and that there are currently no plans for his reassignment.* Just in case any Good Friday homiletic jests left you thinking you had more reasons to beat your breast on the way home than, in fact, you had.

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

April 23<sup>rd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>

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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DOORE ST  
DAYTON AVE  
SHULLING AVE

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 26<sup>th</sup>, with a sneak peek sale Thursday evening April 23<sup>rd</sup>. 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](https://stmark.xyz/help) or contact Patti Shrake at 651-206-1056 or [pattishrake@usfamily.net](mailto:pattishrake@usfamily.net).

Remember it takes “one strong family” to put on a Famous Rummage Sale!

2026  
CATHOLIC  
family camp  
weekend

stmark.xyz/2026cfc

If you can see the graphic above, then you're probably already late to the game for registering for the 2026 Catholic Family Camp. Still, you never know (but know that you shouldn't delay): [stmark.xyz/2026cfc](https://stmark.xyz/2026cfc)

## MASS AND PRAYER INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions for week of APR 12, 2026

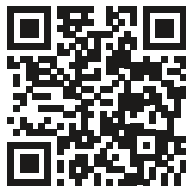
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W:	Veronica Lapczynski	Mark Worms +
Tr:	Matt Bikus +	Ron E. Anderson +
F:	Fr. Patrick Evans	Matthew Newby
Sa:	Deceased CCW Members + (8 AM); Mark Gebhart (5 PM)	
Su:	Pro Populo (9 AM)	

### 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](mailto:ocia@onestrongfamily.org). Or sign up at [stmark.xyz/cim](http://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](http://saintmarkspreschool.org), or contact Addie Smith, our Preschool Director at:

[preschool@onestrongfamily.org](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://onestrongfamily.org/mission)

Know someone in need of prayers? Email your request to [prayers@onestrongfamily.org](mailto: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](http://onestrongfamily.org/give-help). For questions, contact [parishcenter@onestrongfamily.org](mailto: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 Zach Liebl! Zach grew up in Owatonna with his brother and three sisters. He graduated in 2024 from South Dakota State University where he studied Political Science. He then moved to Saint Paul to begin law school at the University of Saint Thomas where he is pursuing a dual degree in law and Catholic Studies.

While the school year keeps Zach pretty busy, this past summer he had the chance to work for a Christian non-profit in Virginia just outside of Washington D.C. which he loved! While he isn't quite sure how he wants to use his law degree, he is interested in civil litigation or appellate work.

In his free time he loves reading. Recently he enjoyed rereading some classics that he grew up with like Chronicles of Narnia and The Lord of the Rings. He also tries to keep up with the latest U.S. Supreme Court opinions. In addition to reading, he ran his first half marathon this past October, plays in a recreational volleyball league with his sister, and he also loves singing and joined the choir at Saint Mark's!

Zach was introduced to Saint Mark's by his older sister who lived in Saint Paul. He loved how the community was both vibrant and reverent, as well as the music and the preaching. He's been coming to Mass at Saint Mark's for around a year and a half, but made his membership official just a few months ago.

He has been looking forward this season to Holy Week and Easter, which he says is one of his favorite (if not most favorite) time of the year, and also being able to run outside again when the spring weather warms up.

Welcome to the parish Zach!

### 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](mailto:palmtreeflamingo@comcast.net)

Voting planned for April • Installation in May

#### Annual CCW Activities Include:

- Parish CCW Meetings (Apr, May, Sept, Oct – with potluck dinners!)
- St. Paul Deanery Meetings (optional; fees covered)
- ACCW Annual Convention – May 1, 2026
- NCCW National Convention – Aug. 26–29, 2026
- Parish Women's Events: Summer Social, Winter Social, May Crowning & Breakfast, Spring Luncheon
- Funeral Honor Guard

#### Fundraisers:

- Fall Rummage Sale
- Christmas Boutique& Cookie Sale
- Spring Rummage Sale

**\*\*Prayerfully consider saying “yes.”**

**Your leadership can bless our parish!\*\***

#### Saint Marks in Art (for Apr 25)

Honor our patron and our parish with novel parishioner-made art: it's the first-ever community art expo at our Patronal Feast Day celebration! The call is to artists young and old to spin out some St. Mark's imagery to otherwise incline minds and hearts toward our great parish, patron, and/or devotions! Details and sign up information are at [stmark.xyz/marky](http://stmark.xyz/marky)

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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](http://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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**Feast of St. Mark (Apr 25)**

There'll be a special Mass at 4:00 PM as we celebrate our great patron's feast day, and, following it, all are invited to the cafeteria for what historical precedent promises to be an outstanding hog roast and feast in every sense of the word. St. Mark, pray for us!

**CCW Deanery Meeting (Apr 16)**

All women of St. Mark's are invited to the Fourth Quarterly Meeting of the St. Paul Deanery Council of Catholic Women on Thursday, April 16 at St. Pius X Church, 3878 Highland Ave., White Bear Lake. Registration 4:30pm. Mass at 5 followed by a light dinner, business meeting and program. Program: Kristie Thibodeau of Bridge to Basics, a hygiene bank. Please bring donations of women's hygiene products. St. Mark's will cover the cost for the day. Phone reservations by **Monday, April 13** to Nancy at 651-644-2260.

**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.

**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](https://sjbusinessguild.org/sjf)**

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

**MAY 01**



**NEW 2026 LEADING WITH FAITH AWARDS**

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 the Worker on his patronal feast day (May 1st)! Mass at 5:00 PM, dinner at 6:00! **RSVP at [sjbusinessguild.org/lwf](https://sjbusinessguild.org/lwf)**



**Summer Camps 2026**  
**Trinity School at River Ridge**



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

