

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION | MARCH 29, 2026



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LIVING FOR THE
DAY OF THE LORD

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

As at Christmas, we wish to beautify the sanctuary for Easter! Offer donations towards Easter flowers, **by 3 PM Wednesday (Apr 1)** in memorial of a loved one; names of the remembered to be featured in the bulletin! Look for envelopes to be made available in the church, or you can otherwise give at stmark.xyz/give (select Church Flowers as Fund, and Easter Flowers as Sub Fund)! An Easter lily is ~\$10! Questions? Email parishcenter@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. saintmarkspreschool.org

And St. Mark's Preschool is *still* seeking a loving, energetic, and compassionate individual to **sub from April 7th-April 24th** with opportunities to sub throughout the school year and summer as well. Individuals must be available from 12:00pm-6:00pm each day. Please reach out to asmith@onestrongfamily.org with inquiries.

We'd love to see a thoroughly Catholic Merriam Park, whether by multiplication, evangelization, invitation, or immigration. And to further facilitate the last item, don't neglect St. Mark's home buyer initiative, matching interested neighborhood sellers with potential parishioner-buyers! stmark.xyz/house has more details!

Every year the St. Mark's Council of Catholic Women raise \$30-40,000. Please submit your requests or suggestions to them on where to send the funds! **Respond by April 7th at stmark.xyz/funds**

As we prepare to celebrate Easter, it's time to turn in your Rice Bowl!

- Online: Count up your Rice Bowl offerings and make your donation through St. Mark's Collection page: stmark.xyz/crs
- In person: Coffee and Donuts on March 29, 2026 after the 9 AM Mass, or after the 10 AM Easter Sunday Mass
- Parish Office: Drop bowls off at the parish office.
- Questions? Email: claredgooding@gmail.com

Please keep our catechumen and candidates in your prayers as they enter into their final preparations to receive the sacraments of initiation **this Saturday** at the Easter Vigil!

Catechumen

Jose Salgado Rosas

Candidates:

Kristin Bakeman	Cassandra Gray	Samuel Norland	Skarlett Salazar-Mondragon
Martha Connaire	Jaden Kalal	AJ Plehal	Sean Sanford
Erin Erickson	Charlie Lidberg	Jennilee Plehal	John Zeimet
Eric Eskuri	Paul Metal	Vincent Risso	

UPCOMING EVENTS

THU-SUN *The Holy Triduum and Easter Sunday | Various Times | The Church*
02-05 See page 4 of this bulletin. Make special note that **the Easter Vigil is at 8:30 PM! And there is**
APR **only one Mass on Sunday (10 AM).**
Note the parish office will be closed Holy Thursday - Easter Monday.



The liturgy always seeks to lead us into the mystery of Christ's work of our redemption, in such a way that this work is accomplished in our lives, through our participation in it. In Him!

In truth, these “mysteries” have always been at work in God's plan of salvation. Though they are fulfilled in the life, passion, death, and resurrection of Our Lord, they are operative and at least partially manifest throughout salvation history. For example: St. Paul says that the Israelites who lived through the Exodus were “baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea” (1 Cor 10:2). “All are the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink” (1 Cor 10:3). These are curious statements. They seem to mean, however, that by what they went through during the Exodus—such as the deliverance through water in crossing the Red Sea—these men and women were “plunged” into sharing in Moses' relationship with God. Moses' name, after all, means “drawn from the water”; he was the man with whom God spoke face to face, whom God had already delivered from Pharaoh's death sentence as a baby and later as a grown man. Through the Exodus events, God's people were given to share in the salvation Moses had already experienced, and something of his intimacy with God as well. They all ate the miraculous food—a constant reminder of their dependence on God's word—and all drank of the miraculous draught drawn, not “from the water,” but from the rock which Moses had struck.

And the rock was Christ.

“These things,” says St. Paul, “occurred as types” (1 Cor 10:6). In one way or another, they contain the “shape” of all that was accomplished in and by Christ Our Lord. Whose Word is true nourishment—it imparts everlasting life. Who gives those who believe in Him living water—the Holy Spirit. Who leads those who follow Him through the “waters of death” (cf. Ps 69:16) into the true Promised Land of Heaven (perhaps after some wandering in the arid regions of Purgatory).

It's as though the mysteries of Christ's life shine backward upon all that happened in the Old Testament, revealing the hidden significance of those events in a new light. But the light also shines in the other direction.

We Christians have been baptized *in Christ*. By that sacramental “plunge,” we come to share in Christ's relationship with the Father (as sons!) and participate in the deliverance His saving passion has pioneered and perfected. And this is true of all the sacraments of the New Covenant: like the types of old, but in a far more efficacious way, they pour the light of Christ's life and death and resurrection upon the ordinary events of our lives, bathing them with divine grace and infusing into us saving power. We hear the very words of Christ—those of everlasting life—granting us pardon, eat the same Spiritual Food as the apostles, have the Living Water who is the Spirit poured out upon us as at Pentecost, etc.

In Holy Week, the light shines the brighter. The “shape” of the mysteries of our redemption is all the more apparent in the liturgy by which those mysteries are made present again for us. We relive the institution of the Eucharist on Holy Thursday, the consummation of that Sacrifice upon Good Friday's Cross, and the dawning of the Light that transforms all of history at Easter. One of the many collect prayers in the Easter Vigil prays thus: “O God of unchanging power and eternal light, look with favor on the wondrous mystery of the whole Church and *serenely accomplish the work of human salvation*, which you planned from all eternity.” We are praying that that work be accomplished here and now, *in this liturgy*, and for us!

Let these truths guide our participation in the Sacred Triduum. We delight in the beautiful music; we revel in the symbolism of the rites; we remember all Jesus suffered for us; we rejoice in the exuberance of the newly baptized and confirmed. But at the heart of these celebrations is our being “baptized” all the deeper into Christ—our conscious and active *cooperation* with Him in the work of our redemption, retracing the hours of His final days in such a way that His Hour arrives for us as well, and we enter into His Day.

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AND CELEBRATE WITH US THE **HOLY TRIDUUM** & EASTER SUNDAY

HOLY THURSDAY (APR 02)

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper @ 7:00 PM
Altar of Repose after Mass until Midnight

GOOD FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION (APR 03)

Stations of the Cross & Confessions @ 3:00 PM
Liturgy @ 7:00 - 8:30 PM

HOLY SATURDAY (APR 04)

Easter Vigil Mass @ 8:30 PM

EASTER SUNDAY (APR 05)

ONE COMBINED MASS @ 10:00 AM



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Saint Mark Young Adults **Holy Hour | Happy Hour**



Thursday, April 9

Holy Hour at Church of Saint Mark → 7pm
Lake Monster Brewing → 8:15pm(ish)



See, we're doing something new!

How fitting that the *very first* First Friday following our Lenten Soup Supper & Speaker Series on the Sacred Heart of Jesus *is Good Friday* [of the Lord's Passion]!

In light of the renewed energy the parish is *devoting to devotion* to the Sacred Heart of Jesus (*the premiere devotion*), **going forward the bulletin will be tagged (as on the cover presently)** to invite all to First Friday Holy Communion plus Thursday-before-First-Friday Holy Hours. (This is in no small part why our *parish* holy hour is every Thursday at 7:00 PM, but special emphasis is given to before a First Friday observance (as well as the 11:00 PM holy hour time).)

This week you can *literally* keep watch with the Lord at 11:00 PM on [Holy] Thursday and receive Holy Communion on the day of his Passion! There's no better time to lean into this most promising devotion! **Let's be zealous about consoling the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and sharing that zeal!**

The bells and images from Mary



Aaaaaaaaand there's a providential way you can pursue procuring a winsome and unique Sacred Heart image to enthrone in your home: Mary Henseler of She Sells Sanctuary (jewelry-maker studioed in the school building and donator of the bell in the back of the church that is rung before

Mass) has an assortment of religious curiosities and antique/repurposed items you won't find elsewhere. Check out her studio if you're really looking to mark well the Sacred Heart and Christ's Lordship over your home!

To give you a leg up, she'll have an open studio (enter Door G in the school courtyard and proceed upstairs to Mary's studio directly as you enter the second floor) on Good Friday, from 3:30 - 7:00 PM, so if you want to pick out an item, *carpe diem!*

MASS AND PRAYER INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions for week of MARCH 29, 2026

7 AM

M: ***
 T: **Thomas Shrake**
 W: **Veronica Lapczynski**
 Tr: ***
 F: ***

Sa: *** (8 AM); *** (5 PM)
 Su: *** (9 AM)

10 AM

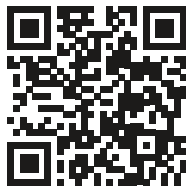
James + & + Carol Murphy
Sheldon Anderson +

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



2026 is nigh on a quarter of the way done: what are you waiting for to sign up for adoration?! (5/16ths of the year?!) 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

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 Noah Redfearn! Noah grew up in New Prague and moved to Saint Paul for a new job about a year ago. While skeptical of city living at first, he's begun to actually enjoy it! Noah is over half way through his apprenticeship as a commercial electrician at Stinson Electric. The company is responsible for installing the systems and wires from as thin as pencil lead to as thick as white board marker throughout schools, warehouses, factories, etc.

In his free time he enjoys going on outdoor adventures including rock climbing and road trips. A few of his favorite destinations include the North Shore/Boundary waters and the national parks out west.

When asking his roommates about what church he should go to on Sunday, they recommended Saint Mark's for their reverent liturgy and insightful homilies. While Noah has found this to be true, he has been even more impressed with the community he is finding in the parish. Whether it is holy hours, small groups, bible studies, or soup suppers, there is always something going on and he knows there will be wonderful people to enjoy it with.

This season Noah is focusing on incorporating more leisure into his life. His hopes are that by walking, reading, and volunteering more he will find even more joy and fulfillment in his day to day life.

Welcome to the parish Noah!



**ST. MARK'S
SPRING BIBLE STUDY**
TUESDAYS APR 14 - MAY 19
7:00 - 8:30 PM

on the psalms



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Our final MERCy Retreat of '25-'26

Mark your calendars for our Easter Retreat for Couples coming up on Saturday morning, April 11th (9 AM - Noon, breakfast included; Carolyn Hall). Fr Patrick will be with us LIVE to offer a half-day retreat on "A Cure for Discouragement." In our Easter retreat we will dive into the Lord's appearance to the disciples on the road to Emmaus. We will look at the causes of the discouragement of these disciples, and contemplate practical ways Jesus cured them from their discouragement, applying these causes and cures to the ups and downs of married life.

Our retreat will begin at 9am and conclude by noon. Breakfast will be provided, there is no cost, and no need to RSVP. Questions? Contact Alison Kaardal at akaardal@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.

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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."

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Coffee & Donuts

Last Sunday was "Drogo Day" and if you missed it, you missed out! Not only did we have our normal fare from *La Boulangerie Marguerite* for donuts, but our venerable pastor provided biscotti and *some* of the coffee that was sampled that day was a *Karol Coffee* roast made just for us called "Stay Awake for the Day of the Lord."

Also if you did miss out and would like to score a "St. Mark's Stay Awake" mug, given that we substantially under-ordered, we made another *limited* order for pickup at The Feast of St. Mark (Apr 25) hog roast.

Coffee and Donuts has ostensibly been a key part of our Lord's Day parish flourishing and so we want to make sure it's well-tended (and that we close that 70% funding gap of our ~\$10,000 outlay in yearly donuts costs and make C&D more solvent on its own)!

This past Sunday was merely a novel celebration. Ethereal. Fleeting. Vapors! What will *actually* keep things afloat is greater stakeholdership: make a recurring gift at stmark.xyz/drogo and/or serve some Sunday[s] as a volunteer in this great ministry!

Donate



Volunteer



April 23rd - 26th

ST. MARK'S SPRING 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 Sale (Apr 23) 5-7 PM; \$5 admission

an offering of the St. Joseph Business Guild

3:00 PM on Saturday, May 02, at the St. Joseph's Fair in Edina

An event offering material support (via cash prizes and crowdfunding), advertising and exposure, and encouragement to budding projects being undertaken by the faithful in our community.

Visit sjbusinessguild.org/saintly-ventures
Applications are required by Apr 05.