

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | AUGUST 02, 2026



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

"Which when Jesus had heard, he retired from thence by boat, into a desert place apart," sayeth the Gospel for this Sunday (Douay-Rheims translation), and what painter was most adept at capturing marine scenes of solitude, retirement, and contemplation? Winslow Homer. Especially exemplarily captured in his 1874 watercolor work, Moonlight. If you're ever on I-90 northwest of Albany, NY and can score seeing it at the Arkell Museum, you're in for a treat as you're hard-pressed to find a high resolution rendering of it elsewhere!

St. Mark's Preschool is seeking caring, faith-filled, responsible individuals to care for the preschoolers during the 2026-27 school year. A variety of hours are available. Please reach out to Addie Smith, the director, at asmith@onestrongfamily.org to inquire.

And, among other things that St. Mark's is seeking, is we've got **two open** positions, or at least the potential for two open positions: Facilities Maintenance Technician (stmark.xyz/fmt) and also a Buildings and Grounds Custodian (stmark.xyz/bgc). These both fall under the Business and Facilities heading and conceivably there's some overlap between the two, or at least the potential for overlap within a particular candidate for the two, as the positions relate to physically keeping St. Mark's shipshape. If you know a good lead for the position[s], send them to Randy Lehen, business and facilities manager to the stars, at rlehen@onestrongfamily.org

First Friday is this Friday (Aug 07)! Mass is at 10:00 AM at the Church, and while there's no "parish" holy hour, recall how fitting it is to make a special Thursday holy hour before a First Friday (extra special if it's at 11:00 PM)! stmark.xyz/sacredheart

Medium to believe, but *this upcoming* weekend is **Catholic Family Camp** at Trinity Woods (a helpful reminder for all who are going out or not.)

Easy to believe (maybe for Catholics), but **Saturday of next week (Aug 15) will also be the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary!** It's **not** a Holy Day of Obligation in 2026, but it *is* a *holy* day and one of great recommendation, so the 5:00 PM Mass is of particular note at St. Mark's, which also will **NOT** fulfill your Sunday obligation. **But there will be an ice cream social to follow Mass!!**

Here's your helpful, periodic reminder to exercise good cyber-vigilance out there! If you get a an email purporting to be from staff — and/or unsolicited from a fellow parishioner — and it has suspicious marks (especially scammy text, urgency incitement to give funds, etc), then proceed with caution in opening, responding, clicking any links, and/or downloading any attachments!

Mark September 12th on your calendar now: **that's the parish picnic!**

So, also make sure you do your assigned reading to be ready for not-Summer coming in ~seven weeks: archspm.org/familyletter

UPCOMING EVENTS

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First Friday Mass | 10:00 AM | Church

Go to Mass! Console the Sacred Heart of Jesus! stmark.xyz/sacredheart

Mission Report to St. Mark's

It was such a joy to be back with you this past weekend to celebrate Mass and preach. Even though the visit was short, it was a beautiful gift to see so many familiar faces, catch up with old friends, and spend a little time with the parish that was such an important part of my life for so many years.

When I think about St. Mark, I think about home. I first came to St. Mark as a college student, simply looking for a place to grow closer to the Lord. I still remember the beginning of perpetual adoration at the parish, and naively volunteering for the 2a.m. hour on Saturdays (hard as a college freshman!) and the grace of those quiet moments sitting with Jesus. I remember showing up to Emmaus with my guitar, helping with praise and worship, and seeing the Lord work through those evenings of prayer and encounter.

Little by little, the Lord continued to lead me deeper into His plan. I served as a brother, and later had the incredible blessing of serving as your associate pastor for two years. Those years at St. Mark formed me in so many ways. I learned from you what it means to be a parish family: to walk with one another, to celebrate new life, to support each other through challenges, and to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus.

Looking back now, I can see how much the Lord used those years to prepare me for the mission I have today. The things I experienced and learned at St. Mark continue to bear fruit in ways I never could have imagined.

So, here is a little “mission report” from the far-off shores of Lake St. Clair!

For the past three years, I have had the blessing (and challenge!) of serving as pastor of **St. Isaac Jogues Parish**. The Lord has been doing some amazing things. Our Sunday Mass attendance has doubled, our baptisms have increased fivefold, and we have been blessed with so many young families. There are lots of children, lots of energy, and plenty of crying babies—which, honestly, makes me feel like I am back at St. Mark!

A lot of the things that I experienced at St. Mark have found a home here as well. Our altar server program has **exploded!** We have started a high school youth group called Ignite, which continues to be a beautiful part of life at St. Mark too. We have a young adult group, and we have begun First Friday adoration, confession, and praise and worship music, very much in the spirit of Emmaus. We are also in the process of building an adoration chapel, so that Jesus present in the Eucharist can remain at the center of our parish life.

One of the great joys has been seeing the Lord work in the hearts of our young people. Through our young adult group, there is currently a young man discerning religious life with Pro Ecclesia Sancta. It is such a beautiful reminder that when a parish is close to the Heart of Jesus, He continues to call people to give their lives completely to Him. Pray for more vocations! Our school continues to be a tremendous blessing. We have about 195 students, from our three-year-olds through eighth grade. One of my favorite parts of the day is simply stopping by the classrooms, visiting with the students, and seeing them at lunch or recess. Their joy and excitement are contagious, and they remind me every day of the importance of this mission.

Along with St. Isaac Jogues, I also oversee the operations of two neighboring parishes: **Our Lady of Hope** and **St. Margaret of Scotland**. There are certainly plenty of challenges, and some days there are more things to do than hours in the day. But the Holy Spirit is working hard and living fast, I am just trying to keep up!

Beginning this year, I am very blessed to have Brother Adrian and Brother Nicolas working directly with me in this mission. Father Marco and Brother David are serving another group of parishes in Detroit proper. Sister Laura, Sister Maddie, and Sister Betsy continue to help with our pastoral work as well. I am so grateful for each of them and for the ways the Lord provides.

Please keep us in your prayers. The mission is not always easy, but it is filled with so many graces. Pray that I may
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From the Heart of the Shepherd continued

continue to follow where the Lord leads, that I may serve His people well, and that I may always remain close to His Sacred Heart.

And please know that I continue to pray for all of you. Stay close to the Lord and keep being the one strong family united in Christ that you have always been.

Thank you for all the ways you formed me, encouraged me, and welcomed me into your lives. St. Mark will always have a special place in my heart, and I am so grateful for the role you played in my journey.

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus bless you all!

In the Heart of Christ,
Fr. Joe Barron, P.E.S.

Prayer for Holy Kids Camp

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, we come before You with grateful hearts as we pray for Holy Kids Camp in our parish.

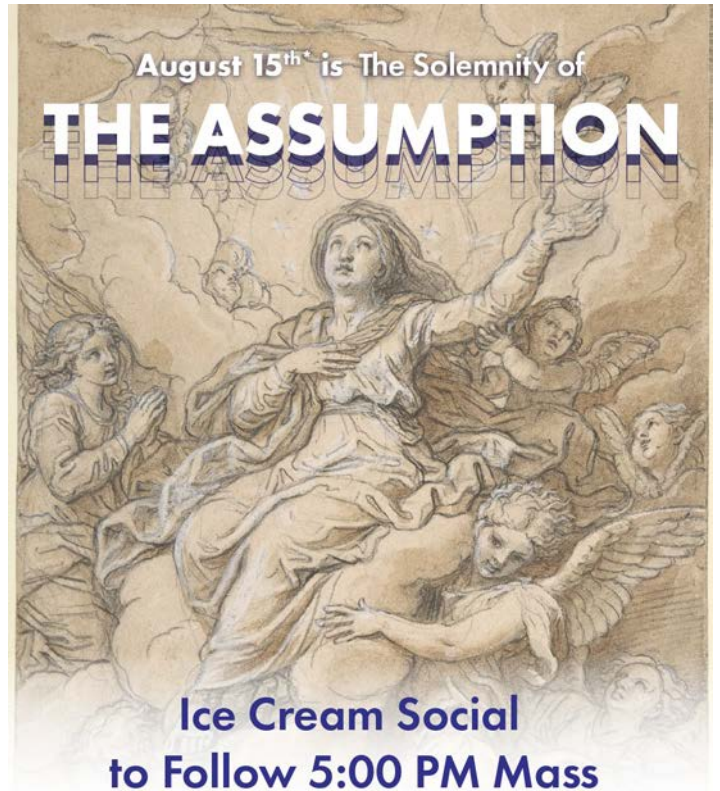
Draw every child, family and volunteer closer to Your Heart. Help our children discover that following You is the greatest adventure, and teach them to hear Your voice and joyfully commit to a life of holiness.

May this year of Holy Kids Camp bear abundant fruit for our parish and raise up young disciples who will love you with their whole hearts.

Blessed Virgin Mary, pray for us.
St. Joseph, pray for us.
St. Carlo Acutis, pray for us.

Amen.

Hard to believe, but *next* week it'll be here: **Holy Kids Camp (Aug 10-14)!** Make your plans now to offer copious prayers and sacrifices for the fruits of bringing the Gospel to our youths!



*The Assumption is not a Holy Day of Obligation in 2026.
Also, the 5:00 PM Mass does **NOT** fulfill your *Sunday* obligation!

"Let the children come to Me" Holy Hour

Fridays at 9am

All are welcome to adore our Lord in the chapel.

We hope that a dedicated hour will encourage moms and tots to feel especially at home.

Sign up or
drop in!

Scan here:



MASS AND PRAYER INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions for week of AUGUST 02, 2026

10 AM

M: ***
T: Dcn. Evan Steeves
W: Mark Worms +
Tr: Matt Cummings +
F: Jake Navin +

Sa: Patricia Shrake (8 AM); Dcn. Jose Rodriguez (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 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

Life is good **SPEAKER SERIES**



Fruitful Beyond Biology

The Adventure of an Open Heart

Kory & Alicia LaCroix



Kory and Alicia LaCroix are high school sweethearts who grew up just a mile apart in Buffalo, Minnesota. They are the grateful parents of seven children through birth, adoption, and foster care. Alicia and Kory have generously responded to God's invitation to expand their hearts and family. Their family has welcomed many children beyond biology, beginning a journey that has transformed their faith and family life. They hope their family's story encourages others to embrace the Gospel of life with courage, generosity, and trust in God's plan.

Choose from Two sessions:

Tuesday, August 18th at 6:00pm-7:30pm

Wednesday, Aug. 19th at 8:30am-10am

Light refreshments will be served

Includes time for Q & A, discussion afterwards



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
680 Mill Street, Excelsior, MN

DeMontreville Retreat (Aug 20)

Go to a place where you can hear the voice of the Lord in the quiet and peaceful setting of Lake DeMontreville for a three-day men's silent retreat at the Jesuit Retreat House. The retreat begins Thursday evening, August 20, 2026, and ends Sunday evening August 23, 2026. Free-will donations are accepted. For more information call 651-777-1311 or visit demontrevilleretreat.com



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The SJBG has regularly-scheduled intro meetings on the calendar. Check it out at sjbusinessguild.org/intro-meetings

Check out Scouts at St. Mark's

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).

ADVENTURE AWAITS!

CUB SCOUTS & BOY SCOUTS AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK

ALL BOYS K-12

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CAMPING

GAMES

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Seminary Information Night (Aug 12)

Catholic junior and senior high school men (and others up to age 24 who have not completed college) and their parents are invited to learn more about Saint John Vianney College Seminary. The event begins with 5 p.m. Mass, followed by dinner, informational program and tour. RSVP using the accompanying QR code:



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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

Saturday: 8 AM

Confession:

Tuesday-Friday: 9:30 AM

Saturday: 3:30-4:30 PM

Sunday: 8:00 - 8:45 AM

Rosary: The Rosary is prayed after all daily Masses.

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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Audition for Missed the Boat (Aug 3 & 4)

Missed the Boat Theatre (missedtheboattheatre.com) is holding auditions (Aug 3 & 4 at Church of St. Mary (St. Paul)) for their **2026 New Works Lab**, featuring workshops and staged readings of two new scripts, to be performed at Art House North in Saint Paul on September 24-26, 2026.

About the Shows:

The Lost Art of the Private Eye

Written by Hannah Reller

Directed by Sam Vargo

It's 1950 in the bustling metropolis of Capitol City. Eustace Wonderly, Private Eye, takes on a case to search for the Alabaster Child, a priceless figurine stolen from the Capitol City Art Museum. But something about this case is different. Eustace has taken on a new partner—his younger, starry-eyed brother Ned. As they dive into the eccentric world of art idolizers, corrupt art dealers, and genuine lovers of beauty, the Wonderly brothers must navigate hidden doors, a fist fight, a car chase, and more in order to solve the case of the Alabaster Child.

The Women of Cheboksary

Written by Emily Schoenbeck

Directed by Jimmy Bickerstaff

As the Russian village of Cheboksary prepares to celebrate their annual Kupala festival, a messenger sent on behalf of Ivan the Terrible arrives and announces that the tsar has decided to take a Russian bride and is having all of the virtuous maidens of Russia rounded up to compete for his hand in marriage at the palace. When a young woman of the town does not want to be taken, she and a recently betrothed couple decide to create a fake scandal to let her stay. But how far are they willing to go to keep her in Cheboksary?

Learn more about the show and audition information by visiting the audition: stmark.xyz/nwl! Please contact admin@missedtheboattheatre.com with any questions!



Know any Catholic and local [enough] gardeners, artists, makers, farmers, or what-have-you? The St. Joseph Business Guild has a pioneer team pursuing a local, in-person Catholic Artisan Market.

All the fine details are presently TBD, but the hope is a Fall 2026 launch and the prospect for generating some community and economic energy, so well worth getting involved! sjbusinessguild.org/cam

Barn Dance (Aug 08)



Parishioner Jillian Jean has shared the above item with the parish community: a barn dance (including bonfire, lessons, and more) at the Barn at Jean Acres. Free (aside from having to get yourself to Ellsworth, WI)! Sounds like a great time: RSVP appreciated but not required! You better go unless you're literally lame.