

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | AUGUST 09, 2026



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ivan Aivazovsky returns to the bulletin's cover with a work that's very apropos for this Sunday's gospel and the editor's bent toward marine fine art this summer.

This is still current: 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.

This, too, is still current: St. Mark's has **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 Lehn, business and facilities manager to the stars, at rlehn@onestrongfamily.org

Correction!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! The **5:00 PM Mass on Saturday (Aug 15)**, celebrated for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary) **DOES fulfill your Sunday Obligation**. Otherwise note that Aug 15 is, itself, not a Holy Day of Obligation in 2026, so at least as concerns the mandates of Holy Mother Church, you are not *bound* to attend Mass *on* August 15th. But you are greatly encouraged! And why not attend that 5:00 PM Mass, especially as there will be an **ice cream social to follow!** And, secondarily, we celebrate the anniversary of Fr. David's installation as pastor, and presumable safe return to the US, too!

Peter Distelzweig (peter.disco@gmail.com) and fellow Catholic Melissa Marsolais (marsolaismelissa7@gmail.com) are exploring the possibility of launching a Catholic Worker-inspired house of hospitality for four to six homeless men in the Frogtown area of St. Paul. The House would serve as a hub for a loose-knit, welcoming, Catholic community that crosses the divide between the housed and unhoused. They are trying to gauge interest and support. Please take a moment to fill out the google form at stmark.xyz/sherburne Feel free also to pass it on to any in your circles who might be interested.

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

If you're ever in Kitui, Kenya you should be able to find a friendly face as our annual summer mission appeal goes to our sister diocese there. **This year's mission appeal will be the weekend of August 22/23!**

UPCOMING EVENTS

**MON-FRI
10-14
AUG**

Holy Kids Camp | 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM; *family celebration Aug 14 until 1:30 PM* | *Campus*
Youths grades K-5, and a bevy of volunteers older than that will be fanning the fires of holiness with our PES sisters this week! Pray for them! See page 8 for a recommended prayer. Also, snacks donations may still be desired: stmark.xyz/snacks (let's not be *hangry* kids!)

**SAT
15
AUG**

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass + Ice Cream Social | 5:00 PM | *Campus*
See the above note in **ANNOUNCEMENTS**. Not much more needs to be added here to do good by an announcement, except to note that there will *also* be an 8:00 AM Mass on Aug 15, though the choir will only be present at the 5:00 PM.

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Aug 9 - Postcard from Peru



As I type this, the “sounds of Lima” come filtering through the very thin windows of the community library at the “San Jose” PES house in Peru’s capital. What kind of sounds?

Mostly automobile-related. The constant “call and response” of car horns. Some of which are full melodies (custom car horns here are like ring tones were back there in the early 2000s). But also car alarms, which are surprisingly popular (and perhaps more needed) here. Sometimes the drivers of those vehicles make their own contributions to the racket, with “cries of enthusiasm” and “words of encouragement” to those with whom they share the road, each indicating where the other should go, etc. Besides that, there is the constant drone of vehicle engines of all sizes passing by down the busy thoroughfare outside of the house. The interior of which is very porous to the outside world, since houses in Lima do not need to be insulated, heated, or air-conditioned given the temperate coastal climate. While in Minnesota there is an (appropriately) unspoken expectation that people move around in public in silence, that is not at all the norm here.

Ah, Lima. After eight years, I am back. Disembarking late last night, a stewardess saw my collar and shouted (in Spanish), “Ay, there was a priest on board! He could have given me a blessing. *Padrecito*, throw a little blessing on me as you go!” Which brought to my attention that this was, of course, my first time in Peru as a priest (curiously, though I wore clerics in Lima as a brother, no one ever asked for a blessing. Perhaps I looked too young for anyone to believe I could give one).

Why have I returned?

For one, it was high time. PES was founded in Peru and here in Lima we have our roots and our greatest concentration of members. It’s a chance to reconnect with old members and meet the new arrivals... some of whom are not so new. Too long in the “provinces” and we might forget we are part of something bigger. But since escorting a young postulant Br. Evan down in

2018, I hadn’t had occasion to return. Then, spending five weeks in Detroit the last three summers made it hard to find time for more travel. But not having to travel to Detroit this summer, the perfect occasion came my way when I learned that Bishop Michael Izen was planning to spend a month with PES in Lima to have a Spanish immersion experience. I offered my services as interpreter and guide for the first ten days of the journey. Here we are on Day Two already!

Not much to report just yet, however. (Our porous house allowed a little bird inside, which I was able to catch and toss back outside, which was somewhat exciting). The arrival, thankfully, was uneventful. When our luggage finally came down the chute late last night and we walked out to the pick up area, my heart skipped a beat when my eye caught a sign that someone was holding up for the person they were waiting to pick up. While here some started to call me “Davicho” and I thought I saw a sign saying just that. *They are waiting for me*, I thought. *And so many of them!* But then I looked closer and saw that it read “Davidovich,” which was a surprisingly Russian name to be held up by a very Peruvian looking old lady. So they weren’t *all* waiting for me. Anyway, new glasses will be arriving to the rectory soon.

Nevertheless, it promises to be an eventful ten days. We were picked up by Fr. Eduardo Mendoza, whom some will remember from his year stint at St. Mark’s in 2013. He brought us to the same house in which Fr. Pablo Menor lived with the very first members of PES, where we will be staying. When he is not occupied with Spanish lessons I will be bringing the good bishop to various historic, cultural, religious, and PES sites in Lima. On Sunday we plan to visit the PES novitiate just outside of Lima, currently under the leadership of Fr. Carlos Farfan, also a one-time PES-MN member. The trip will culminate, for me, in a trip to the mountain city of Puno on the shores of lake Titicaca for the priestly ordination of Br. Kevin, known affectionately in the novitiate (we overlapped for a year and half) as “Negrito” (if you saw him you would understand why). Then I arrive back to
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from the Heart of the Shepherd continued

Lima just in time for my return flight to MSP in time for our Assumption festivities.

First time back in eight years... but who knows? Perhaps this trip will prove to be a trial run of sorts. I think St. Mark's is due for a parish pilgrimage/tour to Peru (last one, I believe, was in 2011 or 12). Imagine! Touring the PES mother Church in Lima, the novitiate where Br. Joe Barron made bread, or even the very site where Fr. Patrick was born... if not to say Macchu Picchu, or the Amazonian rainforest or the Nazca lines (but first ask Pat Shrake if he would recommend) with your pastor and twenty other soon-to-be-favorite parishioners in the summer of 2027. Just a thought!

Check out that sweet picnic table



See picture above; preschoolers provided for scale. Thanks to the CCW!; recall that the 2026 Jul 26 bulletin shared the particular CCW funds disbursements and here's one such item procured! So, you know, the system works!

Check out those other sweet funds

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 or scan the QR code below

Questions? Contact director Addie Smith (asmith@onestrongfamily.org)!



"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:



Don't forget your summer reading!

How could you go to the lake and forget Only One Thing is Necessary? Archbishop Hebda's pastoral letter for the 2026-2027 year is at archspm.org/familyletter

MASS AND PRAYER INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions for week of AUGUST 09, 2026

10 AM

M: ***
T: Kelley Loughrey
W: Ken Piper +
Tr: Vienna Slattery
F: Dominic Cummings

Sa: Deceased CCW Members + (8 AM); Elliot Peters (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



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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



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

BUILDING TOMORROW'S LEADERS... ONE ADVENTURE AT A TIME.

It's a tradition going back to 1910 when Troop 1 became the first Catholic Scouting unit in America!

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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.

CONNECT



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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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Join women from around the Archdiocese for the 4th annual Women's Day Retreat. Speakers will talk about holy women from the Bible beginning with Our Blessed Mother, St. Anne, St. Elizabeth, Sts. Martha & Mary, Deborah, Esther, Ruth & Naomi. Learn how we can derive strength from these Holy Women, especially our Blessed Mother, and say YES to God's will for our lives!

THE RETREAT DAY WILL INCLUDE

- Coffee & light breakfast
- Four wonderful Catholic Speakers
- Mass, Adoration & Rosary
- Catered lunch by Crisp & Green (salad choices on registration page)
- Social Hour, Door Prizes & Treats
- Shopping at various Catholic Vendors

Retreatants will receive a leather journal, pen & bookmarks

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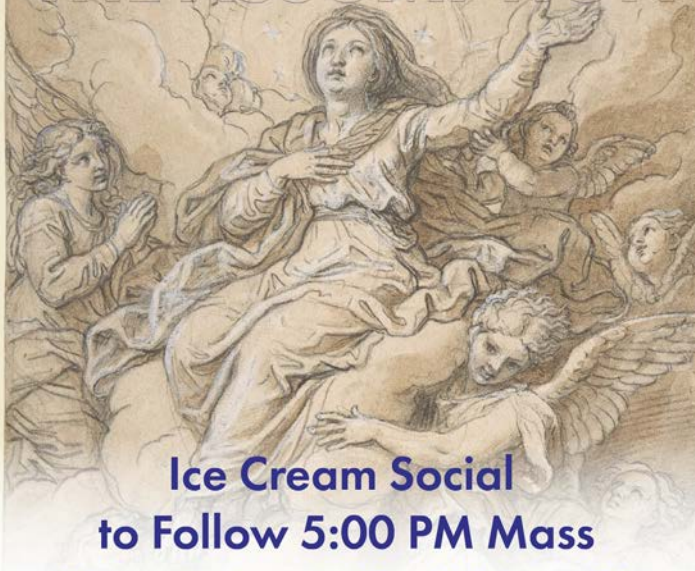
Discover a local, in-person CATHOLIC ARTISAN MARKET

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LAUNCH:
FALL
2026**

• now seeking vendors •

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

August 15th* is The Solemnity of THE ASSUMPTION



**Ice Cream Social
to Follow 5:00 PM Mass**

*The Assumption is not a Holy Day of Obligation in 2026.

Also, the 5:00 PM Mass

TOTALLY DOES fulfill your *Sunday* obligation!

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.