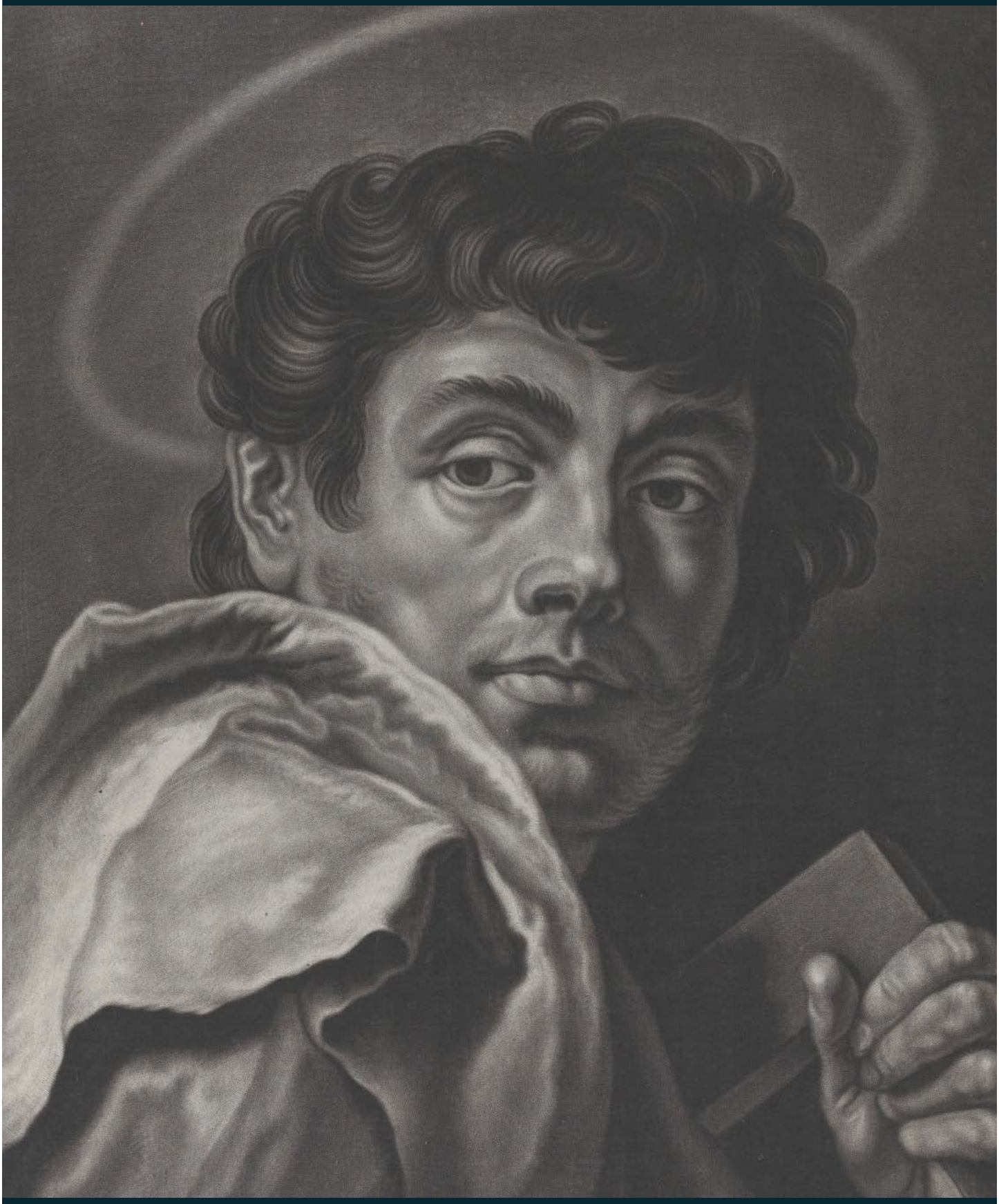


ANNOUNCEMENTS

You don't see that everyday. And by that is meant Johann Lorenz Haid's depiction of St Jude the Apostle that graces our bulletin cover. The Feast of this patron of impossible causes is Wednesday, October 28! (Saint Simon the Apostle's feast, too!)

All Saints Day is special this year as it's an extra hour long! That's right: next Sunday marks the end of Daylight Savings Time.

Indulgences for the departed (**stmark.xyz/indulgence**)! Recall that the first eight days of November present an opportunity to pray with special potency for the deceased. Last year a hearty crew of parishioners popped over to a local cemetery on All Souls Day (a Sunday) to pray for the departed, and we'll pursue a similar venture this year, albeit on **Sunday November 8th, following the 9:00 AM Mass!**

General elections are November 3rd. If you're looking to apply yourself to more civic engagement, then check out the MN Catholic Advocacy Network: **mncatholic.org/join** or You can also **text CAN to +1 (651) 998-7165** to join.

November 3rd is also the next "Andrew Dinner" of the Archdiocese (**10000vocations.org/andrew-dinner**): men 16 and older are invited by the Archbishop and Father Mark Pavlak, vocations director, to dinner and a conversation about the priesthood. Find other Archdiocesan vocations events in the near future at **10000vocations.org**

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUN 25 OCT	*Pledge Sunday | At 9:00 and 11:00 AM Masses | The Church* Make your commitment to support St. Mark's in the year ahead! Remember, we're a stewardship, grassroots kind of parish and to keep things going pledged parishioner support is key!!
TUES 27 OCT	*Bible Study (Night 3 of 6) | 7:00 - 8:30 PM | Carolyn Hall* The trek through Acts of the Apostles continues with chapters 3 and 4, or "Simon's Speeches on Solomon's Stoop and those Subsequent." Don't be afraid to jump into the study even now! Find materials and recordings from previous nights at **stmark.xyz/acts**
SUN 01 NOV	*All Saints Day | Celebration Surrounding the 9:00 AM Mass | The Church, Carolyn Hall* Youth of the parish are invited to attend Mass dressed as their favorite saints. Following Mass, there will be a procession of saints in Carolyn Hall at Coffee and Donuts, along with some "candy begging" (i.e., "trick-or-treating").
MON 02 NOV	*All Souls Day | Mass at 10:00 AM | The Church* We have 3-day votive candles that will be placed on St. Joseph's altar for the 10:00 AM Mass. You may offer a candle for a deceased loved one; staff will place the person's name on the candle and family members can take home the candle after Mass. Parties can **email names of the deceased** for candles (suggested donation is $10) **to parishcenter@onestrongfamily.org by EOD Thu, Oct 29.**
WED 04 NOV	*Nazareth Night | 5:30 - 7:30 PM | Carolyn Hall* See page 4. Register at **stmark.xyz/monfm**

October 25, 2026 - 30th Sunday of Ordinary Time



Punch your neighbor in the shoulder if you have never been in the Rumpus Room. Or the gym locker rooms. Or the old principal's office. Or the Rectory bowling alley 😝

Except for the last one, such "unknown" spaces abound at our parish. Particularly in what we now call the Parish Center, which of course was originally the St. Mark's Convent. For example, flick your neighbor's ear if you have never seen or even heard of the beautiful two-story chapel that is located on the second floor of the Parish Center (complete with stained glass, confessional, sacristy, choir loft, and working pedal organ!). In fact, until recently, there were even spaces upstairs that the pastor had never seen: the old "superioress suite" that until recently had been the living quarters of the priest in residence from the St. Paul Seminary.

…Until recently. Next month, after something approaching fifteen years, the St. Paul Seminary's lease of roughly 70% of the old convent is coming to an end.

These are dormitories that, after the last Sister of St. Joseph moved back to St. Catherine's, had been used as a temporary residence of the Handmaids of the Sacred Heart, and after that to host at least one women's retreat at the parish. Initially, the Seminary used the convent as overflow housing, placing here their pretheologians (men with college degrees who needed to study philosophy before moving on to theology), along with a priest rector and a deacon or two. Starting above five years ago, the site became home to the new Propaeudic program, designed as year pf detox and human formation for men entering seminary after college, in which they would prepare for studies through a time of solidifying their relationship with Christ, growing in self-knowledge and discerning more clearly their vocation.

From a parish perspective, the seminarians were ideal renters. They were well-behaved and didn't create problems (how many of you even knew they were up there?). It was the best possible use of the space (the formation of potential future priests!). And the rental income was of course a crucial inflow during a stretch of years of financial insecurity surrounding the school closing. From our perspective, we liked to think that the location was ideal for the Seminary as well: in close proximity to the seminary itself, but still apart from the hustle and bustle of campus, in a quiet neighborhood, at a vibrant Catholic parish, and in quarters which, though spartan, nevertheless had a beautiful chapel and were well-suited for a program of twenty or less men.

Alas, all good things come to an end in this world. Understandably, Seminary did not want to rent forever. Last year they closed on a property all their own, at St. Francis de Sales off West 7th. Over the summer, the Propaedudic program moved out of our old convent and into the new space in time for the new school year.

We are sad to see them go. We are grateful for the ways that they enriched our parish community the last decade and a half. We wish them the best. And now I wish I knew what to do with that other 70% of the old convent…

Some uses will be obvious, at least in the short term. Our staff will be eager to have a proper lunchroom and larger kitchen, as well as some extra meeting and office space (right now three part-time staff members are crammed into the "shared office" which is no larger than an ordinary office!). But the rest is a big question mark. What to do with twenty eight cells built for little nuns? Common bathrooms, which are more than a little outdated? And that beautiful chapel? And how does this opportunity relate to the still-unclear campus master plan and all the empty space in the school?

Of course we have been noodling about this for some time. A religious community toured it (too small, they said). Perhaps (graduate) student housing? A living community for Catholic singles? An urban retreat center? Our parish not having the means to renovate, nor the staff the bandwidth to explore and develop possibilities, much less take on the work of rental management, I am writing this article… and inviting you to start dreaming.

Christmas Boutique Sale (Dec 5-6)

Mark your calendars now for the annual CCW Christmas Boutique, held on Saturday, December 5 from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM, and on Sunday, December 6 from 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Come to Carolyn Hall for homemade Christmas goodies and Christmas treasures for sale at a remarkable savings. There will be coffee and doughnuts after the Sunday masses.

Christmas Boutique Volunteer Opportunities

Donated Christmas tins can be dropped off in the Parish Center starting now. Deadline is Thursday, December 3. We use these tins to package the Christmas cookies on Friday, December 4.

Donated Christmas cookies can be dropped off in the Carolyn Hall kitchen on Friday, December 4, from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM. If you can not make it by 10:00 AM, we will welcome cookies later, but please try to drop off by 1:00 PM.

There is a Sign Up Genius at **stmark.xyz/boutique** for questions, email Carolyn **carolyn.mt2237@gmail.com**

Men's Retreat (Dec 4-6)

Men of the parish are invited to register for the upcoming retreat - Dec 4 to 6 - at Dunrovin Retreat Center in Marine on St. Croix. The retreat is open to all men and provides time for recollection at the beginning of Advent.

Fr. Patrick Evans, PES, will lead the retreat along with other PES priests and deacons who will share seven reflections on the Beatitudes and provide opportunities for confession, spiritual direction, and one-on-one moments. Periods of adoration and prayer will follow each talk.

They expect the retreat to be full, so sign up soon to secure your spot. If you have any questions, please reply to **mensretreats@thecatholicadvance.org** or register at **stmark.xyz/cam**



Our second night inviting all comers out for strengthening marriages and families is coming up **(Nov 04)!** The adult program this evening is making a big promise; check out the topic: "Conflict & Communication: Unitive, Fruitful and Joyful"

Bill and Tiffany Dill will help us identify barriers to connection in our marriages and offer tools for facing those challenges and deepening the bond between husband and wife.

The schedule for Nazareth Nights is a shared supper at 5:30, program at 6:00 (including a kids program for PreK-5), and Night Prayer at 7:15 PM! **Register for the night by November 3rd at stmark.xyz/monfm**

Speed Dating? Here? Yes. Maybe.

Aspiring operational parties within the St. Mark-o-sphere are *l*ooking to gauge interest for young adults (ages 22-38) relatively far and wide to partake in a little yuletide blind/speed dating. If you've got an interest, or even an interest in having interest, they've put together a simple form to see what can be made of this. Much of the details are TBD, so *simply* respond to their form at **stmark.xyz/dating**

MASS AND PRAYER INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions for week of OCTOBER 25, 2026

	7 AM	10 AM
M:	***	---
T:	Ann Wistreill	Clint R. Racine
W:	Grandparents of Heidi Mischke +	Robert Case
Tr:	Elizabeth Clare Macheichok +	Craig Davis +
F:	Averie Kadane	Elizabeth Macheichok +

Sa: Fr. Edwin Nydyne Ngah and Bp. Kevin Kenney (8 AM); Kieran Cummings (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 pray today? One of the saddest feelings in the world is it's 9:30 PM and you're about to turn in and you realize, oh no, I *didn't* [yet] pray today.

Just one of the many perks of a middle-of-the-night holy hour is you can *wake up* knowing that you already prayed today! Commit to an hour at **stmark.weadorehim.com**! Can't cover a whole hour, regulary? 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

Mercy Morning (Nov 14)



Practice the works of mercy with other members of the St. Mark's family on **November 14!** Members will be visiting Franciscan Brothers of Peace and Lynnhurst residents, serving at various shelters, packing snack and hygiene bags on-site at St. Mark's, and more! The morning starts with Mass at the parish at 8:00 AM, followed by a breakfast (8:45) and send-off to various works! Register for a work of mercy at **stmark.xyz/mercymorning**

And recall that donations are being sought from all comers for the aforementioned snack bags and hygiene kits et al! See those items below.

Snack Bag Items:

- Granola bars
- Baked snack chips
- Whole grain and/or baked snack crackers
- Apple sauce cups
- Jell-O cups
- 100% juice boxes
- Small boxes of Dried Fruit
- Package fruit snacks
- lunch paper bags

Hygiene Kits:

- Deodorant
- Body Wash or Bar Soap
- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Shaving Cream and razor(s)
- Lotion
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Chapstick or Lip Balm
- Wash Cloth
- Gallon plastic bags

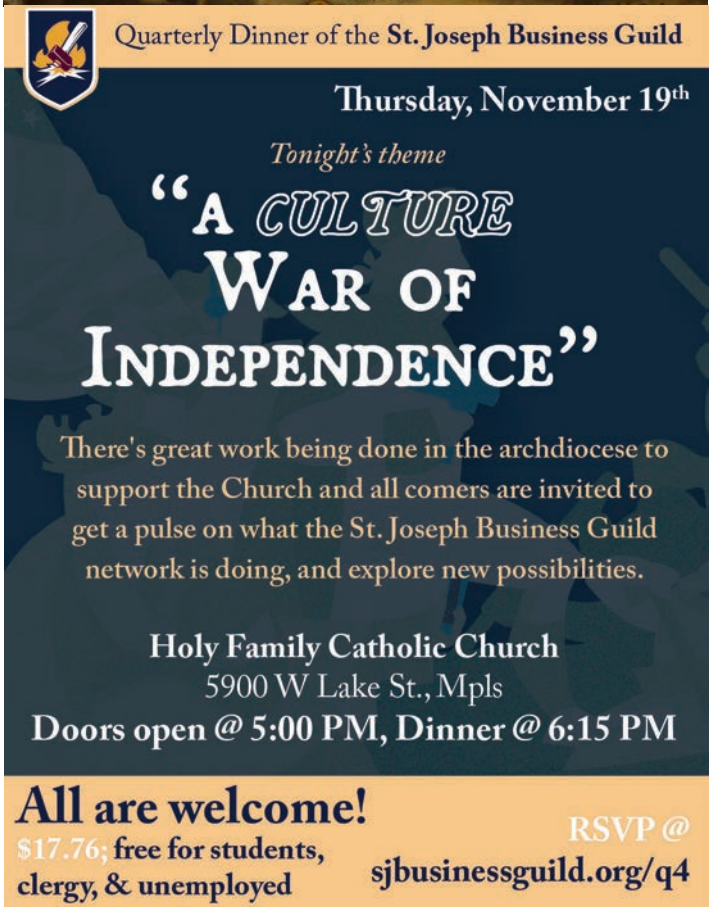
Bingo Prizes:

- Candy

Abria Diaper Packs:

- Size 4-6 Diapers





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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: 5:00 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
Rosary: The Rosary is prayed after every weekday Mass in the Adoration Chapel

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."

All Saints Day Celebration (Nov 01)



All parish youth are invited to attend Mass dressed as their favorite saints! After Mass, we will have a **Procession of Saints,** beginning 10 minutes after 9:00 AM Mass concludes. During the procession, children will have the opportunity to share which saint they chose to dress up as, so come prepared to tell us about your saint!

This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about our friends in Heaven and encourage our children to imitate their holy example.

Following the procession, children can walk around Carolyn Hall for some fun **"candy begging" (trick-or-treating)!**

All parishioners are welcome to bring candy to Coffee and Donuts to share with the children. Thank you for helping make this a fun and joyful celebration for everyone!

Open ~~House~~ Convent (Nov 08)

November 8th is a Religious Communities Open House Sunday and the PES sisters invite families, youth and all the faithful to visit the convent (8650 Russell Ave S, Bloomington) for a wonderful opportunity to pray together, encounter the love of the Sacred Heart, and learn more about religious life. **1:00 - 4:00 PM!**

All-Parish Retreat Day (Dec 13)

There will be an all-parish retreat day (including some semblance of childcare), including a combined 10:00 AM Mass, adoration and confession, brunch, talk, reflection, discussion and more. You know: a retreat! More details coming, but block that Sunday off!

End-of-Life Workshop (Nov 07)

This is a comprehensive pre-planning workshop (Nov 7, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM, St. John the Baptist, New Brighton) where you'll learn from expert speakers about a variety of end-of-life planning topics and fill out a pre-planning workbook. Registration includes seat and lunch. Attendees can optionally purchase the workbook as well. Find more information at the Catholic Cemeteries website: **catholic-cemeteries.org**

Life in Focus (Nov 07)

A day of films at the University of Minnesota, all about human dignity, compassion, and end of life care?! Yes! It's the "Life in Focus" film festival (Nov 7) put on by the Minnesota Alliance for Ethical Healthcare. 12 films will be shown on three screens throughout the day, along with filmmakers and speakers present for commentary. Traditional theater food served and a closing reception, too! Students and clergy can use discount codes CLERGY or STUDENT for discounted $5 tickets. To get cultured and also help build up a culture of life at the U, the cities, and greater Minnesota, visit **lifeinfocus.eventbrite.com/**

Through the Flames @ Holy Cross (Nov 01)

Holy Cross Catholic Church invites all comers for the world premiere of Through the Flames: A Musical Tribute to Martyrdom, on November 1, at 3:00 PM.

Created by composer Samuel Backman and soprano/poet Elena Zolnick, this dramatic new song cycle for soprano and organ brings to life the extraordinary stories of six saints and martyrs from across centuries and cultures. Experience a powerful musical celebration of courage, sacrifice, faith, and heavenly triumph. Free and open to the public!

samuelbackman.com/through-the-flames