

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD | JANUARY 12, 2025



THE CHURCH OF SAINT MARK | www.onestrongfamily.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT OUR PRESCHOOL: we've got one of the most accommodating programs around! Inquire with the director (asmith@onestrongfamily.org) and know that your child is in a truly Catholic program! Also, staff is needed for the preschool in the upcoming semester on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

THIS WEEK OF JAN. 13-18 adoration will be in the main church as a wall repair and paint job is scheduled at that time in the chapel.

SO IT BEGINS... or it may begin [sooner than expected]. Weather-permitting. And the "it" is the great window restoration project that was appealed for back yesteryear, aka about a month ago (*yes, it was only that long ago!*)! This is ahead of schedule, so we're on the up-and-up!

A NEW SEASON OF WOMEN'S WORKOUT SESSIONS IS ON THE CALENDAR! Find the schedule at stmark.xyz/workout and head to the school gym (corner of Marshall and Prior) on Monday nights at 8:00 to attend!

WHERE'S THE INFO ON that Roma trip that Father David is going to mention on the next page? Well, the flyer is at stmark.xyz/roma and you can learn more about the itinerary at stmark.xyz/itinerary and register at stmark.xyz/rp

HAVE YOU BEEN LURKING AROUND the Church of St. Mark but not yet registered as a parishioner? Registering is more than a formality around here: join us and experience the benefits that flow from being on the roster! **stmark.xyz/join** is the place to do that!

NEXT MONDAY (JAN. 20) IS MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY: the parish office will be closed, but otherwise it should be "business as usual."

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Mass Explained | 7:00 PM | Church

**TUE
14
JAN**

Would you like to understand more deeply what is happening during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, and why the Church prays the way that she does? Our Christian Initiation Ministry Team presents "The Mass Explained," in which we will walk through all the parts of the Mass with narration and explanation of the words and actions of our liturgy. All are welcome; please come and invite anyone you know who would like to know more about the truth and beauty of the Mass. Note: this will not be an actual Mass but rather a "guided tour" of the Mass which can help us all to pray and worship at Mass with greater knowledge and love.

**SAT
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JAN**

YA Movie Night | 7:00 PM | Rectory

Clint Eastwood, a film teed up with some Bishop Robert Barron musings, pizza, and more! If you're in the young adult audience (ages 18-35), you should be in the audience for this! **stmark.xyz/film** for RSVPing!

**SUN
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JAN**

Preschool Open House | 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM | Preschool

Though it's *right there*, our parish's preschool can be a hidden reality even to the most dyed-in-the-wool parishioner: sad! But in many ways it's one of the most impactful parts of what goes on in our campus! So, no matter your state in life, pull back the veil this Sunday, share a word about it with your outside-St.-Mark's circle, and connect with this staple of the Church of St. Mark! Not the least because through the preschool **many souls may be brought to Christ** and you could be instrumental in that connection!

But wait, there's more. Find the Parish calendar on our website: onestrongfamily.org/events.



From the Heart of the Shepherd

Fr. David Hottinger PES, Pastor

The Baptism of the Lord



Pope Francis has declared this year the Jubilee Year of Hope. But what does this mean?

For centuries, the Roman Church has periodically celebrated jubilees at regular intervals, typically every

twenty five years. Some will recall Pope John Paul II's Great Jubilee of 2000. (The Jubilee of Mercy in 2015 was dubbed "Extraordinary" in that it was outside of the usual cycle). But the practice of observing jubilees goes back to the Old Testament and is rooted in a divine command.

Leviticus 25 enjoins the Israelites to, "count seven weeks of years, [i.e.] forty-nine years. ... And you shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants; it shall be a jubilee for you, when each of you shall return to his property and each of you shall return to his family." (Lev 25:8-10). This "proclamation of liberty" at the heart of the jubilee observance meant the emancipation of those who had sold themselves into servitude, the devolution of ancestral lands that had been sold (or rather, mortgaged) to their previous owners, and therefore the return of families to their lands. The land itself was to be "free" that year, for planting and sowing were prohibited and the people were to eat what the land produced on its own, trusting in the Lord's provision.

The jubilee year was the climax of a whole complex of times of sacred rests. Each week culminated in the Sabbath rest, on which day the people were also to refrain from labors. Every seventh year was to be a "Sabbath year" in which the land was left fallow and unsown and the people were to trust in God to provide: "The sabbath of the land shall provide food for you..." (Lev 25:6-7). The jubilee came, then, as the great "reset" that concluded the cycle.

The Sabbath structure was intended as a check against idolatry and an exercise in faith. The chief rival to God for the people's allegiance in the Old Testament is not Baal or Lucifer. It is human effort and the wealth it produces, "Mammon" as Jesus calls it in the Gospel. Fallen man's great temptation is ever to worship the "work of his hands" (Isa 2:8) rather than the One of whose hands we are the work.

To observe the various sabbath rests each week and every seven and then forty nine years required one to renounce the illusion that man can provide for himself better than God will for those who trust in Him. It required—and engendered—faith in Him as the source of all blessing.

Sadly, the Israelites did not have enough faith to live the Sabbath and Jubilee years. In fact, according to the prophet Jeremiah, the destruction of Jerusalem and the forced "pilgrimage" into Babylonian exile were occasioned by the people's refusal to observe these years of rest. Since the people had been unwilling to offer them freely, God exacted by force all the Sabbaths that were in arrears "until the land had enjoyed its sabbaths. All the days that it lay desolate it kept sabbath, to fulfil seventy years" (2 Chron 36:20-21).

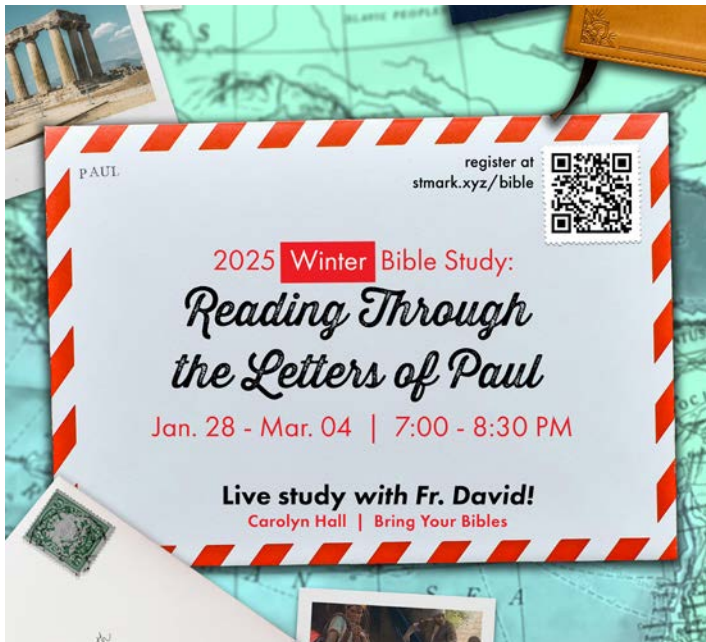
Evidently, God takes jubilee years very seriously. He wants to bless us, and free us from the idolatry of our own efforts, which will yield only "thorns and thistles" without His grace! Jesus' whole mission, in fact, can be seen as coming to "proclaim liberty" and therefore inaugurating a Great Jubilee of salvation (see Is. 61:1). In declaring this year's jubilee one of hope, Pope Francis is inviting us to rest from or rather renounce hope in our man's always failing efforts to obtain peace and prosperity in the world, and to place hope in God alone.

How do we Christians live a jubilee? It's all about rejoicing in the salvation that Jesus came to bring: deliverance from sin. Resolve, therefore, upon the frequency by which you will receive Reconciliation this year. Remarkably, this year only you can receive **two** plenary indulgences a day; work those practices into your daily routine to "free the captive" in purgatory and purify your own soul. Finally, the great invitation from the Holy Father is to return to your Catholic "home" through a pilgrimage to Rome. Thus PES fathers are leading a pilgrimage to Rome and other holy sites for parishioners of St. Mark's this July (see the flyers on the bulletin boards). If that is not in the cards for you, plan a local pilgrimage this year for you and your family or friends. Break away from work and your routines. Prepare by prayer and fasting. Laden your heart with holy intentions and petitions. Then "go rejoicing" to the house of the Lord, imploring all the way the blessing of Him in whom we place all our hope.

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

Bible Study Part II

THIS IS YOUR FINAL WARNING to not be deceived by this familiar graphic below, dear reader: it has been altered from its Fall 2024 design! For the academic year 2024-2025, recall our parish Bible Studies will be reading through the letters of (St.) Paul and the second half of that study starts January 28th! For six weeks, Fr. David will guide us through the remaining letters of St. Paul! Register at stmark.xyz/bible



EVERY PRESCHOOLER COUNTS at St. Mark's Preschool! So we want to get the message out to check out the school: even if you don't have preschool age children, you can still help boost this important work at the Church of St. Mark. Check out the open house, next Sunday, from 10 AM to 1 PM, at the preschool!



QUESTIONS? CONTACT YOUNGADULTS@ONESTRONGFAMILY.ORG

New Parishioner Lunch (Feb 02)



NEW TO THE PARISH AS OF JUNE 2024? And you've not been to a new parishioner lunch?! Our next one is coming up February 2nd. This is a catered lunch (not potluck), but don't think that'll spoil the small-town, family spirit that characterizes the parish. The exact opposite: these lunches are invaluable opportunities to meet staff, clergy, and fellow newcomers and be yoked ever more to the mission of St. Mark's!

RSVP at stmark.xyz/npl

MASS AND PRAYER INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions for week of JAN 12, 2025

	7 AM		10 AM
M:	---		William & Hannah Shrake +
T:	Thomas Greer		Marylou Stabile +
W:	Holy Souls in Purgatory +		Theodore Graham
Tr:	MCCLA Staff		Bishop Kevin Kenney
F:	Sisters of Charity		Marylou Stabile +
S*:	Susan & Laura Redlinger (8 AM); Beatrice de la Rosa Wilson + (5:00 PM)		

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. Meetings will begin on Wednesday, September 26th at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room. To find out more, contact rcia@onestrongfamily.org. Or sign up at stmark.xyz/cim

FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

FORMED has been back for awhile! Note we REALLY may eventually get around to cleaning up the back end, so if your old credentials don't get you in, it's "not you, it's us." To access content, visit Formed.org and click "Sign up as a parishioner" and find St. Mark's via our zip code: 55104

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. Enrollment for the upcoming school year is open now! Visit the preschool website, onestrongfamily.org/preschool, or contact Addie Smith, our Preschool Director at:

preschool@onestrongfamily.org
651-644-5030

ADORATION



We are blessed to have Eucharistic Adoration available at our parish. However, help is needed to maintain it. Please prayerfully consider signing up for a weekly holy hour. We have a number of openings plus there are many hours that could use a prayer partner (currently only one Adorer committed):

Monday: 11pm
Tuesday: Noon
Wednesday: 2am
Thursday: 9am
Friday: Noon, 6pm, and 7pm
Saturday: 5am



Create an account at stmark.weadorehim.com or Email adoration@onestrongfamily.org

The Church of St. Mark
*Our mission is to live and share
Christ's call to holiness.*
Learn more: onestrongfamily.org/mission

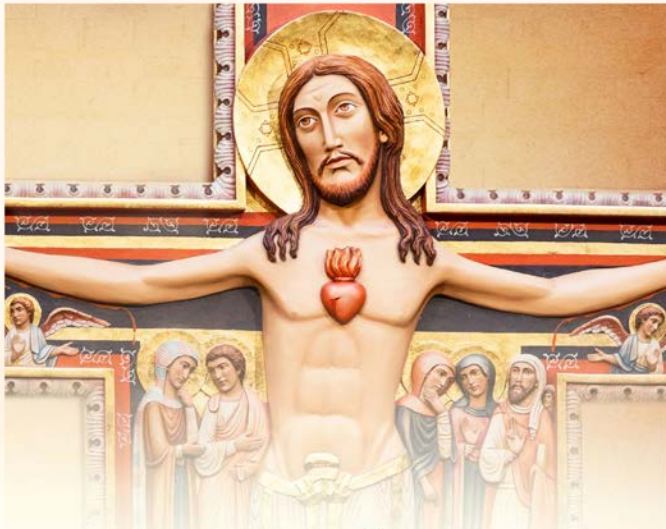
Know someone in need of prayers? Email your request to prayers@onestrongfamily.org and we'll be sure to pray for you!

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



FOUNDER'S MASS

Join us to give thanks to the Lord for the gift of our founder, Fr. Pablo Menor, on the anniversary of his passing to eternal life.

Sunday January 19th | Mass 5:00 p.m. | Reception to follow in Carolyn Hall.

Church of St. Mark - 2001 Dayton Ave, St. Paul



And let the PES crew know you're coming by RSVPing at stmark.xyz/founder or using the QR code to the right!



Seminary Lecture

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE NEARBY MAJOR SEMINARY!: The Saint Paul Seminary invites you to their upcoming Voices in Education lecture, given by Andrew Pudewa, founder of the Institute for Excellence in Writing. Mr. Pudewa will be speaking about the importance of writing for clear thinking.

The lecture will be held at the St. Paul Seminary Ireland Library on Thursday, January 23rd at 7 PM. A time of fellowship and refreshments will follow. Additional information and registration are available via the QR code to the right!



WCI COMMUNITY GATHERING

Join us for a morning of breakfast, prayer, fellowship, and discussion on marriage and family life according to Saint John Paul II's Rule for married couples.

Saturday, January 25th
8am: Mass at St. Mark's

8:45-10:45 Potluck brunch, talk, discussion, and prayer in Carolyn Hall

We are a family of families; all stages of life are welcome:

- Single
 - Dating
 - Engaged
 - Married
- Children of all ages are welcome! We provide childcare during the talk and discussion.



Scan the QR code to let us know you will be joining us!



MIRIAM DINNER

Tuesday, January 21, 2025 • 6-8 p.m.
Archdiocesan Catholic Center, 777 Forest Street, St. Paul

Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda and Father Mark Pavlak, invite women, ages 16-35, who are discerning consecrated life to join us for a Miriam Dinner.

Come for an evening of prayer and dinner with consecrated women sharing their vocation testimonies.

It is typical for women discerners to be accompanied by their pastor, consecrated religious, or youth minister.

RSVP at 1000vocations.org/events before January 17.

Call: 651.962.6890 • Email: stpaulvocations@1000vocations.org



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CONNECT



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 the 3rd Saturday of every month at 10 AM (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.”



SAINT MARK, PRAY FOR US!

2025 MCCL

MARCH FOR LIFE

JAN. 22, 2025 | NOON-1:00
MN State Capitol

Join thousands of pro-life Minnesotans for an unforgettable remembrance of lives lost and a compelling call to rebuild a Minnesota where every human life is valued and loved



12:00-12:30: **March around Capitol mall** (south side of building)
12:30-1:00: **Program on Capitol steps** (speakers and music)

Opportunities to meet with legislators also available

 **Learn more and let us know you're coming at mccl.org/march**

Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life | 612-825-6831 | 

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2025

6:00 - 8:00 PM | **ARCHDIOCESAN CATHOLIC CENTER**
777 Forest Street, St. Paul, MN 55106

Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda and Father Mark Pavlak, Director of Vocations, invite men, 16 and older, who are discerning their vocation, to join them for dinner and conversation about priesthood and religious life.

REGISTER ONLINE
before Friday, February 21
10000vocations.org

*"The Lord continues to call by name, just as He once called the Apostles on the shores of the Sea of Galilee."
Pope Benedict XVI*



IN ADDITION TO WHAT FOLLOWS, NOTE THERE IS PIZZA! Imagine if every family in the archdiocese was eager to buy and work with and for fellow Catholics who support the Church! The St. Joseph Business Guild invites everyone to participate in that mission! They're hosting one of their intro-to-the-guild sessions January 15th at 11 AM, as well as a deep dive into opportunities for networking and marketing via their network (starts 12:30)!

RSVP for either/both events at sjbusinessguild.com

 **TRINITY SCHOOL**
AT RIVER RIDGE
Serving students in grades 6 through 12.

OPEN HOUSE
THURSDAY, JANUARY 23 • 5:30-7:30 P.M.



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TRINITY SCHOOL AT RIVER RIDGE (601 River Ridge Pkwy, Eagan, 55121) educates students (grades 6-12) in an environment designed to awaken a sense of wonder about the world. Their Open House Thursday, January 23 is a great way to learn about Trinity's classical curriculum that blends a strong STEM program with an equally rigorous study of the humanities, Scripture, Catholic doctrine and the fine arts. Your whole family is welcome to attend. To register & learn more, visit tsrr.org/visit.

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