

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | OCTOBER 27, 2024



THE CHURCH OF SAINT MARK | [www.onestrongfamily.org](http://www.onestrongfamily.org)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**IT'S PLEDGE WEEKEND!** Note that's not the same as "actually affect new giving" weekend! This Sunday we are all invited to heed however the Lord is leading each of us, as individuals, to respond to the very material needs of the parish! Let us respond with gusto and not fear! The Lord provides! (If you wish to change your giving, go to [stmark.xyz/give](http://stmark.xyz/give))

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS** next Sunday. Set your clocks back!

**PES IS LEADING** a pilgrimage to the Eternal City! The price is ridiculously acceptable, and, if you consider the spiritual riches that await, this is a steal! Act ASAP!

**CLASSROOM ASSISTANTS FOR CGS ARE WANTED**, especially someone with an A.M. availability during the week to be present for a couple of hours with the 4-5 year olds from the parish/preschool! CGS training experience is a plus, but not required! Contact our preschool director, Addie Smith, at [asmith@onestrongfamily.org](mailto:asmith@onestrongfamily.org). **And spread the word about our preschool:** maybe you know someone who's in need of preschool services, we have an outstanding offering! Inquire with the director and know that your child is in a truly Catholic program!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>MON 28 OCT</b>	<i>The RSVP-by date for the Soirée   End of the Day   Online at <a href="http://stmark.xyz/soiree">stmark.xyz/soiree</a></i> The pastor himself invites you, and, as a symbol of our unity, we really all ought attend! This night is a trifecta of tasty food, mingling as the 21+ crowd <i>only</i> , a pastoral state of the parish address, and dreaming dreams of the future! So RSVP ( <a href="http://stmark.xyz/soiree">stmark.xyz/soiree</a> )! A four-point trifecta!
<b>TUE 29 OCT</b>	<i>Bible Study   7:00 - 8:30 PM   Carolyn Hall</i> <b>Walk-ins and later-comers are welcome!</b> Father David's leading the study through the letters of St. Paul!
<b>FRI 01 NOV</b>	<i>All Saints Day   Masses at 7:00 AM, 10:00 AM, and 6:00 PM   Church</i> First Friday + Solemnity on a Friday (meat Friday!) + a <b>Holy Day of Obligation</b> + parish offices closed + praying to all the saints, who from their labors rest! What a day!
<b>SAT 02 NOV</b>	<i>End of Life Seminar   A mere 9:00 - 10:00 AM   Carolyn Hall</i> November is a time to get our final affairs in order! Featuring a spiritual reflection from Fr. David on a holy death, and practical wisdom for arranging our temporal affairs by wills and trust attorney, and local finance council chair, John Wehrly!
<b>SAT 02 NOV</b>	<i>All Saints Party   10:00 AM - 12:00 PM   School Gym</i> Brought to you by the Moms Group and Family Faith Formation and all of our local cherubs dressed as their favorite saints! The pictures will be adorable, but surely won't do the morning justice as compared to attending! RSVP at <a href="http://stmark.xyz/saints">stmark.xyz/saints</a>
<b>SUN 03 NOV</b>	<i>Prayer at Resurrection Cemetery   Following 9 AM Mass's Coffee and Donuts   Resurrection Cemetery</i> There are indulgences to be obtained, and spiritual works of mercy to be performed, especially in the first week of November! The faithful of all ages are invited out to Resurrection Cemetery, following a brief respite at Coffee and Donuts, to pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

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

## Parish School of Prayer, Pt 11: The Holy Rosary



Someone sent me an article recently containing the interview of an ex-KGB agent by a Catholic journalist. There, the agent discloses (or asserts) that the Soviet Union had been responsible for creating and diffusing certain influential theological currents by means of the World Council of

Churches starting in the 1960s, currents which were especially impactful among Catholic theologians in Latin America and which, to an extent, are still operative in the Church today.

I suppose we should always take what is said by a one-time KGB agent with a grain of salt. But the claim does serve to illustrate what Our Lady *might* have meant when she told the children at Fatima in 1917 that, if her message was not heeded, “Russia will spread her errors throughout the world.” Those “errors,” best I can tell, have to do with a drive for “salvation” that is materialistic, atheistic, and immanentistic. That is to say: a religion founded on faith that human happiness can be attained here and now, without God, and solely on the basis of the distribution of material goods. Hmm... sounds like the world we are living in!

Viewed in this light, the remedies that Our Blessed Mother prescribed make total sense, in that to an atheistic materialist, they make no sense at all! Consecration to her Immaculate Heart, penance, and prayer of the Rosary for peace... these means are entirely spiritual, theocentric, and transcendent. And if they seem inapt for bringing about world peace, it is only because we ourselves have become too affected by the opposite way of thinking!

As the Month of the Rosary draws to a close, I want to offer a few reflections on that prayer’s power.

In the first place, the power of the Rosary need not have anything to do with the Rosary itself. If Heaven tells us, “Push this button and help will be sent,” we don’t need that button to have any inherent power beyond the meaning given to our pressing it. The Rosary is at least that: the “Bat Signal” for supernatural assistance! Like Naaman wading into the waters of the Jordan, or a Christian receiving any of the sacraments, we can expect a disproportionate effect from this simple instrument, since Heaven has endowed it with a power that exceeds its elements.

But of course, the Rosary is more than just an emergency flare. It’s a sacrifice, since it requires offering to God our most precious resource, which is time. And that time is spent at least in praying some words that are most pleasing to God: the profession of faith, the Lord’s perfect prayer, a prayer of blessing of Jesus and Mary, and one giving glory to the Holy Trinity. For the too-busy Marthas, the Rosary is a luxury few can afford; for the faithless Judases, it is utter waste. Those fifteen minutes could be spent so much more productively than in pious prattle! But for those who recognize that “one thing alone that is necessary” is worthy of some lavishments, the Rosary is true wisdom.

Deeper still, the Rosary is also a contemplative act. It invites us to ponder with Our Lady all the things that her Son said and did during the course of her life. Because these “mysteries” have both revelatory and saving power, to behold them in our mind’s eye with faith is transformative, quite apart from our ability to imagine or understand. Just like Eucharistic adoration, to be in touch with these mysteries is to receive light and strength. And because both are imparted to our spirits, not our senses, the fruitfulness of the Rosary can be judged only by the virtue it enables us to practice, not the experience we have while we say it!

Finally, the personal level. Should we not trust that Our Lady, whose help we pray for (“now”) fifty three times with every Rosary, is present to all those who pray it? And if she is the one whom “the Lord is with,” should we not believe that Jesus is also present in a special way as well? In this sense, to pray the Rosary is to enter the intensely sanctifying experience of St. Joseph for a quarter hour: it is to spend quality time with Jesus and Mary, just as Joseph was blessed to do for so many years. No, not necessarily a mystical, ecstatic experience. Rather, a “Nazareth” experience of being with Jesus and Mary in the ordinariness of our own hum-drum lives. Exactly as they prefer it to be.

Perhaps we should not be so skeptical of the Rosary’s power to bring about world peace (especially since every other solution seems to have failed!). At St. Mark’s, we have the aspiration that each able parishioner has a weekly hour of adoration. But I wonder if the first step ought to be that we all commit to the daily Rosary. Oh, imagine what our Blessed Mother would do in us and through us!



## ONE STRONG FAMILY UNITED IN CHRIST

### The Annual Parish Report

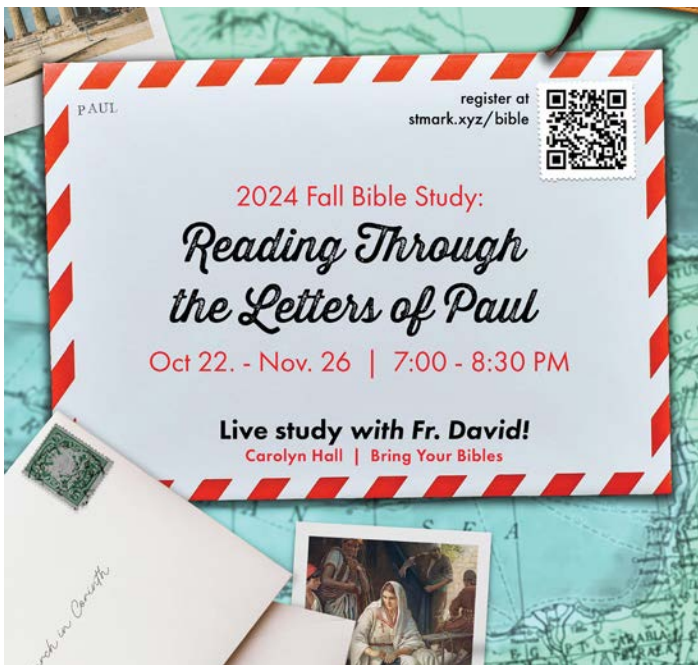


**HOW ARE WE DOING ON THOSE** oh so important metrics of income and expenditures? It behooves us to know, hence the annual parish report, which we also use for a retrospective on the previous year as we chart a course for the next.

Registered parishioners ought have received (or should soon receive) their copies in the mail, and/or our email newsletter list received digital copies. But if you've not perused it, do so, lest you find yourself in an awkward conversation where you have to fess up to *not* reading it! Find it at [stmark.xyz/report](http://stmark.xyz/report)

### A Fall Bible Study Journey with St. Paul

**EVEN IF YOU MISSED NIGHT ONE**, that doesn't mean you have to miss nights two through six! (5/6 is still a B, too!) **Walk-ins welcome!** Not only do you get a live Bible study with Fr. David and fellow parishioners, but it's a chance for great community! **Register at [stmark.xyz/bible](http://stmark.xyz/bible)**



**DON'T FORGET THAT** Liturgy of the Hours is prayed in the chapel, with Vespers Tue-Thur at 6:00 PM, and Matins at 7:30 AM on Saturdays! If you've done the Bible in a Year but haven't dived into praying with scripture via Liturgy of the Hours, give it a go!

### 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 Emily Anastasio who lives in Lowertown with her husband, but hopes to buy a house in one of the neighborhoods in St. Paul in the next few months.

Emily is a clinical psychologist, with an expertise in neuropsychology, psychological testing, ADHD, autism, anxiety, and more. She works full-time for a company called Caravel Autism Health, but recently started her own private practice on the side, offering therapy for adults and older adolescents. She also offers a compassionate but non gender affirming approach to treating gender dysphoria in both teens and adults. Her website is: [www.ipcpsych.com](http://www.ipcpsych.com). Her husband is a property manager for Union Park Management in St. Paul.

Emily enjoys dance (all kinds), reading, going for long walks and hikes, crime shows, anything Lord of the Rings, and board games. She grew up in New York City, was raised in the Catholic church as a child, and then rejected it as an adult and drifted for a while, but did get married in the church seven years ago. She and her husband don't have any children, though they wanted them, but they do have twelve nieces and nephews!

She found St. Mark's online and thought she'd take a chance and went to a few masses. She got a good feeling from the website. She had been away from the church for a long time, but had felt called back recently and was looking for a church that was more concerned with truth than with telling people what they want to hear or trying to be trendy.

Emily looks forward to getting involved and getting to know the people of St. Mark's.

Welcome to the parish Emily!

## MASS AND PRAYER INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions for week of **OCTOBER 27, 2024**

**7 AM**

M: ---  
 T: + **Gene & Marie Kampa**  
 W: **Sr. Avis Schons**  
 Tr: **Bob & Cindy Heidelberger Family**  
 F: + **Lorna Luella Schwartz**  
 S\*: + **Holy Souls in Purgatory (8 AM); Wally & Linda Heidelberger Family (5:00 PM)**

**10 AM**

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 + **Ron E. Anderson**  
 + **Patrick Lombardo (funeral)**  
 + **Amy Wivell**  
**Charles Underbrink**

### 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. To find out more, contact [rcia@onestrongfamily.org](mailto:rcia@onestrongfamily.org). Or sign up at [stmark.xyz/cim](http://stmark.xyz/cim)

### FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

FORMED has been back for awhile! Note we 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](http://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](http://onestrongfamily.org/preschool), or contact Addie Smith, our Preschool Director at:

[preschool@onestrongfamily.org](mailto:preschool@onestrongfamily.org)  
 651-644-5030

### ADORATION



Thank you to all of our longtime adorers with ongoing adoration commitments; we are also grateful for those who've recently joined this ministry. It's only through your efforts that we can maintain Adoration through the week!

Please pray for the continued growth of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mark's. Noted below are open hours that immediately need a dedicated Adorer:

**Tuesday 3pm**  
**Thursday 9am**  
**Friday: 7pm**  
**Saturday 5am**



Website: [stmark.weadorehim.com](http://stmark.weadorehim.com)

Questions? [Adoration@onestrongfamily.org](mailto:Adoration@onestrongfamily.org)

### DONATE TO ST. MARK'S

Thank you for your generosity! To donate, visit [onestrongfamily.org/give-help](http://onestrongfamily.org/give-help). For questions, contact [parishcenter@onestrongfamily.org](mailto:parishcenter@onestrongfamily.org)



### The Church of St. Mark

Our mission is to live  
 and share Christ's call to holiness.  
 Learn more: [onestrongfamily.org/mission](http://onestrongfamily.org/mission)

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



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

SAINT MARK AND NATIVITY OF LORD YOUNG ADULTS PRESENT

# PERUVIAN food festival

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16**  
**ST. MARK'S COMMUNITY ROOM**  
**7PM-8:30PM**

TICKETS ARE \$25 AND INCLUDE:

- DRINK!
- ENTREE!
- SIDE!
- BEVERAGE! (21+!)
- DESSERT!

ENDLESS FUN!

RSVP by Nov 8  
Space is Limited!



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# Preparing Your Home for Advent & Christmas

Join us for a free & practical workshop to learn tips for keeping your family in sync with the Church's liturgical year.

**Saturday, November 9**  
**9 - 10:30 a.m.**  
**Cathedral of Saint Paul**  
**Hayden Hall**

Coffee and donuts provided. Childcare is provided so parents can participate in the workshop.  
**Registration is preferred.**



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JOIN ST. MARK'S AND MERCYWORKS FOR

# MERCY MORNING

Practice the works of mercy with other members of the St. Mark's family! We'll be visiting Episcopal Homes and Lynnhurst residents, serving at various shelters, packing snack and hygiene bags on-site at St. Mark's, and more!

We're also asking for donations for the Snack and Hygiene bags we'll be packing, as well as the bingo prizes we'll be giving at the Lynnhurst Home.

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2024**

### SCHEDULE

- 8AM - Mass
- 8:45AM - Breakfast send-off
- Various times - Serving at sites

SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP OR VISIT [STMARK.XYZ/MORNING!](http://STMARK.XYZ/MORNING!)




# ALL SAINTS PARTY

GAMES AND CRAFTS | COSTUME PROCESSION | SNACKS

**NOVEMBER 2ND**

10 AM- 12 PM in the St. Mark's Gym  
 1954 Marshall Ave St Paul MN 55104

Come dressed as your favorite saint and join us in celebrating!



Sponsored by Family Faith Formation and the Mom's Group

## STAFF

**Clergy:**

Fr. David Hottinger, PES.....Pastor  
 frdavid@onestrongfamily.org

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**Parish Staff:**

Randy Lehnen..... Parish Business Manager  
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 Br. Evan Steeves.....Ignite Youth Ministry  
 Sr. Leann Luecke, PES.....Ignite Youth Ministry  
 Sr. Maddy Elking, PES.....Faith Formation  
 & Ignite Youth Ministry  
 Larry Leif.....Head of Maintenance  
 Patricia Hartshorn..... Volunteer Liturgy Coordinator  
 Kristen Grant.....Director of Discipleship  
 Kathrine Handford.....Director of Music and Organist  
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**Summer Parish Center Hours**

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

**Parish Trustees:** Kip Chaffee, Andrew Nowak  
**Parish Pastoral Council:** Michael Duchesne, Chair  
**Parish Finance Committee:** John Wehrly, Chair  
**Saint Mark’s Catholic Preschool**  
 Addie Smith, Director  
 651-644-5030  
 preschool@onestrongfamily.org

## 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.

## SACRAMENTS

Detailed information about Sacraments and Sacramental preparation can be found at [onestrongfamily.org/sacraments](http://onestrongfamily.org/sacraments) or by contacting the Parish Center.

**BAPTISMS** are celebrated on Saturdays between 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (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!



OPEN WINDOW THEATER's 2024-2025 SEASON opener is coming to a close, so if you've not yet seen Macbeth (Oct 4-30), time is limited! For more info, visit [openwindowtheatre.org](http://openwindowtheatre.org)



CATHOLIC ADVANCE MEN'S RETREAT

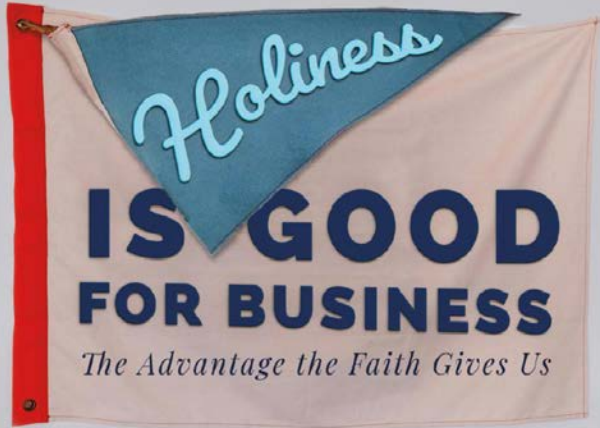
Led by the priests of PES, Dec. 6 - 8, from 6 p.m. Friday-3 p.m. Sunday at Dunrovin Retreat Center  
Cost: \$250-\$300 (depending on number of attendees)  
Questions? Email [mensretreats@thecatholicadvance.org](mailto:mensretreats@thecatholicadvance.org)  
Financial assistance may be available; inquire within the registration form!

Don't know what the Catholic Advance is? Doesn't matter, man of God: you should still come!



Quarterly Meeting of the **St. Joseph Business Guild**

Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>



Holy Cross Catholic Church  
1621 University Ave NE, Mpls, MN  
Doors open @ 5:00 PM, Dinner @ 6:00 PM

Open to the general public  
Cost: \$15; Clergy & Students are free  
RSVP online at [sjbusinessguild.com](http://sjbusinessguild.com)

FATHER PATRICK EVANS of the Church of St. Mark (a familiar face) will be presenting to all comers at the St. Joseph Business Guild's quarterly dinner (Nov. 12)! Be part of building a local, Catholic economy via the guild! We can't count on the world to do it!



Undivided HEART DISCERNMENT RETREAT

with the sisters of Pro Ecclesia Sancta

AUG 16-18 NOV 8-10 SACRED HEART OF JESUS CONVENT 8650 RUSSELL AVE S, BLOOMINGTON

FOR MORE INFO: EMAIL US AT [SACREDHEARTCONVENT@PES-USA.ORG](mailto:SACREDHEARTCONVENT@PES-USA.ORG) OR BY SCANNING THE QR CODE