FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING | Nov. 21, 2021



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Feast of Christ the King! This photo is from the 2019 procession, and was taken by the freakishly talented Sr. Cinthya, PES. Basically, if there's ever a really great photo in our parish media (bulletin, website, parish report-the lot), there's a really good chance that Sister is responsible for it.

TAKE THE TURKEY out of the oven *before* it reaches your target temperature and let it rest. The boring people at the USDA recommend 165° F. These people came up with that number because they hate fun. Shoot for 150° instead. If you like, you can always carve off the white meat, and then return the bird to the oven to bring the dark meat to a higher temp--say, 170, or so, which will help if fall apart a little more easily.

St. Mark's continues to collect names and contact info for those interested in buying or selling a house near St. Mark's. Our hope is to help match prospective sellers with prospective buyers. To learn more about this initiative, visit **onestrongfamily.org/house**. Send questions and suggestions to: **webmaster@onestrongfamily.org**.

WANT TO LEARN MORE about ministry life at St. Mark's? Visit: stmark.xyz/ministry.

Saint Agnes High School Showcase | Join us at our November event to get a good perspective on what makes this Catholic school unique. Please attend our showcase where members of our faculty and administration will be on hand to discuss and put on display the beautiful education our students are receiving. This event will take place on November 30th, 6:00PM in the upper school auditorium. Call the admissions office at 651-925-8803 with any questions. Apply soon, as spots in all sections may fill up before Christmas for the 2022-23 school year. Kindly RSVP at tinyurl.com/SaintAgnesShowcase.

THE Mom's Group has a new ministry to share, the Elizabeth Ministry! If you and your family have experienced a miscarriage or infant loss and would like to receive resources for processing during this time of grief as well as support and prayers please reach out to us. Email elizabethministry@onestrongfamily.org You will be kept confidential within this ministry and receive a care package and other resources. Please know of the love and prayers our parish has for you and your family as you seek comfort and healing during this time.

A MEN's BIBLE STUDY has begun to meet at 7 AM on Saturday mornings in the Community Room. These short meetings offer the opportunity to contemplate and discus the Sunday Readings. Please enter through the NW door of the church.

You are Invited to The Temperament God Gave You Group. Do you sometimes think that your husband's and children's behavior makes no sense? You're not alone! When you join our Temperament God Gave You group, you will be able to resolve problems more easily with your family and friends and you will have peace as you love each other better. The Temperament God Gave You group that is starting this January at St. Mark's! Meetings will be Monday evenings. Email Rachel Truso at racheltruso@gmail.com to find out more.

UPCOMING EVENTS	
TUES	Loaves & Fishes
23	Our next Loaves and Fishes outing is this Tuesday at the Catholic Charities' Higher Ground Center
NOV	in St. Paul. This is one of three regular outings each month to prepare and serve a meal to those in need. Visit onestrongfamily.org/humandignity to learn more and sign up.
TUES	Preschool Open House 6:00 - 7:30 PM Preschool
7	Interested in learning more about St. Mark's Preschool? Join us for an open house on Tuesday,
DEC	December 7. Come and discover our amazing program, meet our wonderful teachers, and tour the
	preschool.

From the Heart of the Shepherd

Fr. Humberto Palomino, PES, Pastor

The King We Need



T ODAY WE CELEBRATE the Solemnity of Christ, our King. As we have for the past several years, our parish will mark the day with a procession with our Eucharistic Lord, walking with him through the streets of our neighborhood and

entrusting all that we do through our ministries and apostolates to Jesus Christ, who is our King. It is a day for us to be witnesses to hope, and to ask the Lord to strengthen the virtue of hope in our hearts.

TRUST IN WHAT REMAINS UNSEEN

Saint Paul tells us that in this life, "We see indistinctly, as in a mirror, but then face to face." [1 Cor 13: 12] We don't want it to be that way. We would much prefer to see and understand God's will clearly. At times in our life the longing to see is so strong that it is painful. As the pslams express it, "Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face!" [Psalm 24] We want to push aside the veil. We cry out to God, asking him to give us a sign and to reveal just a little light.

The scene from our Gospel today was one of those times. Those who followed our Lord had given up houses, father, mother, sister and brother [see Matt 19: 29], trusting that Jesus was the Messiah, the King who had come to save his people. But when Jesus stood before Pilot, their senses cast this truth in shadowy doubt. Jesus stood before Pilot defeated and in chains. Pilot had complete power over him as a man, the power to have him scourged and mocked, and the power to take his life. What kind of king is this, who is so helpless and has been abandoned by even his closest followers? Those looking on had only their hope to sustain them. Spiritual writers have said that perhaps in that moment, hope lived only in the heart of the Blessed Virgin.

These times we are living in can seem very dark as well, and require us to hope. It can seem like the mirror is

particularly dark and the veil particularly thick. It can seem like we are untethered and tossed about.

Abundant Fruit for Christ's Kingdom

But let's not forget that our King and "faithful witness" [Rev 1: 5] is with us. He is the King we need. Today's feast reminds us that the Jesus who stood before Pilot overcame death and sin, and is seated in glory at the right hand of the Father. We are reminded that he is a powerful King and that "his dominion is an everlasting dominion." [Dn 7: 14] We may not always see the victory, but it has already been won.

Today's feast also reminds us that the path to Christ's victory necessarily passes through the cross. In the history of salvation, every work of God that brought light to the world was also purified and strengthened by darkness and struggle. As a religious, I have been lifted and encouraged by the countless stories of religious orders who were founded in light, but had to pass through trials and darkness so that they could bear abundant fruit for Christ's Kingdom. I don't think there is one truly fruitful religious order in the history of the Church that doesn't share the same story. These orders shared more closely in the cross of Christ, and so shared more closely in his victory and fruitfulness.

The same is true for us. The Lord invites us to share his life and victory. He invites us to live by hope in him. He strips away everything else - all of the little securities that we cling to - so that we can stand with him as he stood before Pilot. Will we stand with our King, when so many refuse to do so? It is then that we will be able to stand with him as King of Heaven.

As St Paul of the Cross encourages us, "The Passion of Jesus is a sea of sorrows, but it is also an ocean of love. Ask the Lord to teach you to fish in this ocean. Dive into its depths. No matter how deep you go, you will never reach the bottom."

ONE STRONG FAMILY UNITED IN CHRIST

Children's Choir



For those parents and children who have been eagerly awaiting it, St. Mark's is currently gauging interest in a Children's Choir, to sing at Christmas, and continue on a regular basis thereafter. While the target age of the group would be grades 3-8, if a younger child is particularly interested, we'd love to hear about it! Please see stmark.xyz/sing for an interest form.

Advent Organ Recital



Based on the success of last year's inaugural event, St. Mark's is proud to present Dr. Stephen Hamilton in our second annual Advent Organ Recital! Dr. Hamilton will present a classic organ program of Bach, Franck, and others on Monday, December 6 at 7 PM. Come hear our organ in all its glory, played by an organist who has graced some of the greatest organ venues in the world!

Christmas Boutique (Dec 11 - 12)



MARK YOUR CALENDARS now for the annual CCW Christmas Boutique, held this year on Saturday, December 11 from 10:30 AM - 6:30 PM, and on Sunday, December 12, from 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Come to Carolyn Hall for. Homemade Christmas goodies, Christmas treasures for sale at a remarkable savings, and a \$1 raffle for a train set (which will be on display.) There will be coffee and doughnuts after the Sunday masses. Questions to Carolyn, available by email at: carolyn.mt2237@gmail.com

Thanksgiving Schedule



YOU NO DOUBT ALREADY KNOW THIS, but Thanksgiving is this Thursday, November 25. The parish office will be closed Thursday and Friday. (This bulletin editor doesn't imagine Wednesday is going to be unusually productive, either, but the office will be open.)

Mass will be said at 9 AM only on both Thursday and Friday, with confessions heard 30 minutes before each Mass.

The Adoration Chapel will close at 10 PM on Wednesday and will reopen on Monday.

On behalf of the clergy and staff at St. Mark's, we wish you all a blessed and peaceful holiday.



MASS AND PRAYER INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions (Nov 22 - 27)

7 AM

M: [no Mass]

S:

T: +Fidel Clemente Jimenz
W: +Ellen Newby-Hines
Tr: +Louise Moore (9AM)
F: +Randal Kivi (9 AM)

Nathan Cicero

10 AM

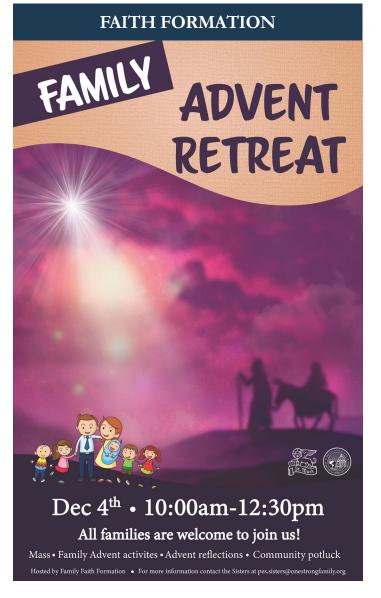
+Lyman and Louise Moore

+Holy Souls in Purgatory

BECOME CATHOLIC

+Lois Thomas (8 AM)

Interested in becoming Catholic or learning about the Catholic faith? RCIA provides an opportunity for adults who are not baptized, baptized in another faith, or Catholics seeking to receive Eucharist or Confirmation to learn about Jesus Christ, His teachings, and the beliefs, traditions, and history of the Catholic faith. Contact rcia@onestrongfamib.org.



ADORATION AT ST MARK'S

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place in the
St. Mary Chapel from
Monday 10:30 am thru Wednesday 10:00 pm
Thursday 6:00 am to 10:00 pm
Friday 6:00 am to 10:00 pm

The blessed sacrament is reposed during Daily Mass. Please consider committing to one hour a week with the Blessed Sacrament. To view our current open hours, or to sign up, visit stmark.weadorehim.com. Use activation code: Jesus

HELP OUT IN THE OFFICE

We're always on the lookout for a few individuals who would be willing to join our Money Counter Ministry. The time commitment would be at least one, 1.0 - 1.5 hour session per month. This ministry meets on Mondays from about 8: 30 AM to 9:45 AM. If you are interested in learning more about this ministry contact Jill in the parish office at 651-645-5717 or email jschmidt@onestrongfamily.org

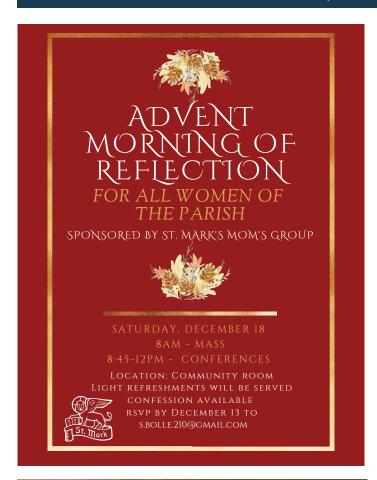
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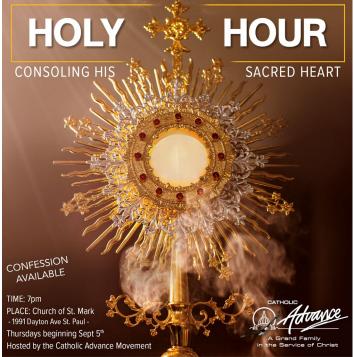
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BE WITH HIM

Respect Life Book Discussion

The Human Dignity Committee will partner again with our friends from Nativity on Tuesday, November 30, at 1:30 PM for a pro-life book discussion. Dessert will be served.

Our book this month is *What to Say When: The Complete* New Guide to Discussing Abortion by Shawn Carney and Steve Karlen. This new book equips you with proven approaches from the front lines to help you to know exactly what to say (and not say) when the topic of abortion comes up, avoid the urge to want to simply try to win arguments, navigate the changing ways abortion is promoted, and stay on topic when defending life.

You can purchase the book (\$11.50) or loan a copy. This meeting will be held in a private home. To RSVP and get directions, or to obtain a book, contact Karen at 612-964-4522 and karenmccann3@gmail.com, or John at shrake@usfamily.net.

Holy Hour-Happy Hour

Join Saint Mark's Young Adults on the first and third Thursdays of the month this fall to console the Heart of Jesus at the parish-wide Holy Hour. We will then have fellowship afterward.

- October: 7, 21. Fellowship: Dual Citizen Brewing
- November: 4, 18. Fellowship: Blackstack Brewing
- December: 2, 16. Fellowship: Game nights at St. Mark's (Community Room)

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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, **onestrongfamily.org/preschool**, or contact Gayane Manukyan, our Preschool Director at:

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CELEBRATIONS

Mass:

Saturday Evening Mass: 5 PM

Sunday Mass: 9 AM and 11 AM and 5 PM

Daily Mass:

Monday: 10 AM; Tuesday-Friday: 7 AM, 10 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 said 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 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.

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