

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | Sep. 12, 2021

An artistic painting of a desert landscape. In the foreground, a dirt path leads towards a stone building with a dark doorway. A camel is visible on the right side of the path. The background features rolling hills under a cloudy sky. The painting style is expressive, with visible brushstrokes and a rich color palette of earthy tones.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our editor has a mountain of things to do as this thing goes to press, including, but not limited to, attending his little brother's wedding, which will have happened by the time you all read this. (Congrats, Alex and Leti!) So, we're going to keep this artist bit short and sweet. This week's cover is a watercolor of Caesarea Philippi, the location of today's Gospel, painted by an English-born American artist called Harry Fenn (d. 1911). He painted quite a few landscapes, both of the United States and of foreign locales. Yay, Harry!

WANT TO RUN AN ANNOUNCEMENT in the *The Evangelist*? Stupendous. The best way to do that is to send it to Nick, at submissions@onestrongfamily.org. You can also call him at the office, or, if you really want his attention, you can include your content submission inside a duffel bag of non-consecutive unmarked bills, twenties and fifties.

ALL WOMEN OF ST. MARK'S are invited to the 1st Quarterly Meeting of the St. Paul Deanery Council of Catholic Women which will take place on Thursday, September 16 at the Church of St. Peter, 2600 Margaret St., N. St. Paul. Registration and refreshments 8:15 am, business meeting at 9:00 followed by the program. The program will feature information on the National CCW Convention and a presentation by Cathy Carson, Director of the Cana Institute. Mass will be at noon followed by lunch. Please bring school supplies for the children of the Philippines and there will be a white elephant sale. St. Mark's CCW will cover the cost for all St. Mark's women attending. Please send phone reservations to Nancy at 651-644-2260 by noon on Monday, September 13.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS to Brother Evan Steeves, who made his profession of temporal vows with Pro Ecclesia Sancta during the 9am Mass this weekend. Please keep him in your prayers, placing him under the protection of our Blessed Virgin Mary!



THE FALL 40 DAYS LIFE campaign begins soon. Our kick-off event will be on Wed September 22, from 4 -5:30 pm at Davanni's. We will have a few pizzas ordered and people may order their own food if they would like. After this all may join, as we go to Planned Parenthood for the opening 40 Days candlelight vigil beginning at 6 PM. Children and Families are welcome to attend either or both parts of the evening. St. Mark's will once again team up with Nativity to adopt two days of peaceful vigil in front of Planned Parenthood: Mon Sept 27, and Thursday October 7. Visit onestrongfamily.org/40days to learn more.

UPCOMING EVENTS

THURS 14 SEPT	<i>RCIA 7:00 PM Parish Center</i> The first session of RCIA is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept 14. If you or someone you know is considering becoming Catholic, visit onestrongfamily.org/RCIA to sign up. Send questions to RCIA@onestrongfamily.org .
THURS 16 SEPT	<i>YA Holy Hour + Happy Hour 7:00 PM Chapel, then Off-Campus</i> Young Adults (and the young at heart!) are invited to join us on Thursdays for a Holy Hour/ Happy Hour. Spend time with Jesus, fully present in the Eucharist, beginning at 7 PM in the Adoration Chapel. We'll head to nearby Lake Monster Brewing for drinks right after (8 PM - 9:30 PM).
TUES 21 SEPT	<i>Synod Small Groups St. Mark's Gym</i> The synod small groups meet soon! Our first meeting will be in the gym--though subsequent meetings will be held in Carolyn Hall. See page 4 to learn more.



From the Heart of the Shepherd

Fr. Humberto Palomino, PES, Pastor

Leadership in the Image of Christ



EVERY YOUNG PERSON applying to college or adult interviewing for a new job is interested in showing leadership. We complain about bad leadership when we see it, whether from government officials during the Covid pandemic

or Church leaders when faced with scandal. We know that good leadership is important, but there are differing opinions on what it means to lead, especially in our Church.

In our Gospel today, Jesus is taking a walk with his Apostles and closest followers. As they walk along, he is trying to prepare them for all that will happen to him in Jerusalem. He is inviting them into his mission as Messiah, telling them that he will be handed over and killed, and will be raised from the dead after three days. But these leaders our Lord has chosen himself do not understand what he is saying. In fact, they are “afraid to question him.” [Mk 9: 32] They are afraid for the same reason we get afraid. They are focused on themselves rather than Jesus. And so instead of seeing the mystery our Lord wants to reveal, they end up arguing amongst themselves about who is the greatest.

THE HEART OF JESUS

Imagine the pain this must have caused the Sacred Heart of Jesus. These are the first shepherds he has chosen for his Church. As he reveals his Heart to them, sharing with them all that he will suffer for the good of the Church, they do not connect with what he is saying. Instead, they are looking at themselves. They know they are called to lead, but they don’t understand the leadership of Jesus at all. There is failure in the leadership of the Church from the very beginning. Our Lord knew from the beginning that he was placing the Church in the hands of weak men, and that they would sometimes fail. But he doesn’t give up on these men or on us. Instead, he patiently calls the Twelve he had chosen to his

side. He reminds them again of who they are and how they are called to lead. He does this not by giving them a talk on effective leadership, but by giving them the example of a small child and saying to them, “If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.” [Mk 9: 35] If the Apostles want to be the “greatest” they must be like Jesus.

SERVANT LEADERSHIP

Our second reading today is the start of a reflection on the leadership of the world as compared to the servant leadership of Christ. In his next chapter, St James says that “where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every foul practice.” [Jas 3: 16] When we seek ourselves, as the Apostles were beginning to do while walking with the Lord, we are on the path to deeper sin. It is the ugliness of self-seeking ambition in the Church, and the sins that follow in its wake, that turn our stomach and make us long for the light. But when we look to Jesus in humble prayer, the fruits St James describes are found – we are “peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of mercy...without inconstancy or insincerity.” [Jas 3: 17]

We must come to the Lord on our knees, asking him to make us servants in his image. I have read that, while he was Pope, St John Paul II would wake up each morning at 5:00am and spend almost two hours in prayer. He prayed the Rosary, prostrate on the floor or kneeling, followed by his personal, silent prayer. He would not allow himself to be interrupted, even by the most pressing problems in the Church. God came first. After prayer, we would go to the chapel to prepare for Mass, kneeling before the Blessed Sacrament and praying for the 30-40 new petitions he received each day. During the Mass, one observer noticed, “He lingered lovingly over every syllable that recalled the Last Supper as if the words were new to him.” This is because St John Paul II didn’t just offer the Mass, he lived it. Like the Eucharist, he became a gift of love – a servant like Jesus.

ONE STRONG FAMILY UNITED IN CHRIST

CCW Fall Rummage Sale



AFTER A BRIEF HIATUS, the famous CCW Rummage Sale returns! This fall's sale will take place the last week-end of September (24 - 26); we'll collect items the week leading up to the sale.

Don't miss this one-of-a-kind, long-running parish tradition. There's so much you can find at these sales. There's plenty you won't find, too. You won't find bad vibes; you won't find bad deals; and, search as you might, you probably won't find your father's approval that you followed your dreams of editing a bulletin instead of becoming a walrus rancher like him, and his father, and his father before him, seven proud walrus farming generations, and you went and tusked the whole thing up.

We're on the lookout for volunteers, so if you'd like to lend a hand, or if you have any questions, contact Don or Pam Brabeck at ontpam6@gmail.com or by phone at 651-645-3594.

Regular Service Opportunities

OUR HUMAN DIGNITY COMMITTEE organizes three regular outings to serve those in need in our community.

- St. Mark's sends volunteers to the Family Service Center **on the 3rd Thursday** of each month to prepare and serve a meal. Located in Maplewood, the Catholic Charities Family Service Center of Ramsey county provides shelter for families in crisis.
- St. Mark's also sends volunteers to the Catholic Charities Higher Ground Center in St. Paul **every 4th Tuesday**

No experience required—just a willingness to serve! All volunteers must be at least 16, and those under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. To learn more and sign up, visit onestrongfamily.org/humandignity

Join a Synod Small Group

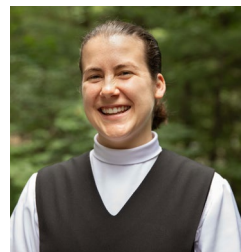


HAVE YOU SIGNED UP for a Synod Small group yet? If you have, awesome, we can't wait to see you there. If not, what are you waiting for, ya big silly? When is the next time you'll get to participate in a Synod? I mean, *come on*, this is a really cool opportunity--and a really important one, too!

Our parish-organized sessions will occur on **Tuesday evenings, beginning Sept. 21. These meetings will from 6:30 to 8:30 PM, and will typically take place in Carolyn Hall.** Please note that the first session on Sept. 21 will be held in the gym; all subsequent meetings will be held in Carolyn Hall.

Additionally, parishioners may register and organize their own small groups, which would need to meet six times between Sept. 19 and Nov. 14. Walk-ins are welcome for the parish-sponsored meetings, but registration is available and appreciated for these evenings. Registration, which is now open, is required for independent small groups. To learn more and register, please visit onestrongfamily.org/synod

Welcome, Sr. Maddie



My name is Sr. Maddie Shogren, a member of Pro Ecclesia Sancta, and I have the blessing of being a part of the St. Mark's ministry team. I am very excited to be able to serve in such a Christ-centered parish where there are many families.

I am also particularly excited to be serving in Family Faith Formation because the program at St. Mark's is the same one I was catechised in when I was growing up at the Church of St. Paul in Ham Lake, Minnesota. I am looking forward to being a part of this strong family united in Christ!

MASS AND PRAYER INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions (Sept 6 - Sept 11)

7 AM	10 AM
M: [no Mass]	+Paul Schons
T: Robert Bendel	+Loretta Gavin
W: +Fidel Clemente Jimenez	Personal Intention
Tr: Steve & Kitty Gleason	+Thanos Zinos
F: +Lois Thomas	-- --
S: Oliver & Mary Blackstone	

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

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

SAINT MARK'S YOUNG ADULTS

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**Young Adult
Fall Small Groups!**



Discussion-based Small Groups will work through the materials for the Archdiocesan Synod on Youth and Young Adults!

Two options for meetings:

- Monday Nights: every-other week (7-9pm), September 20 - November 29
- Tuesday Nights: every week (6-8pm), together with the other Parish-wide Synod small groups September 21 - October 26

Please Register by Friday September 10.

To sign up, scan the QR code below or find us on Facebook.

Questions? Email us at YoungAdults@OneStrongFamily.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

BECOME CATHOLIC

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@onestrongfamily.org.*

FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

EVERY MEMBER of our St. Mark's community can enjoy a free subscription to formed.org, the incredible online gateway to the best Catholic content, all in one place! With FORMED, you can:

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MINISTRIES, LITURGIES, & EVENTS

2021 Parish Festival (October 9)



IF YOU DON'T LIKE GAMES, entertainment, and delicious food and beer, then more power to you, Malvolio. You can stop reading this and go back to writing the definitive history of the Sherman Antitrust Act or watching Youtube videos about how to fold fitted sheets or whatever you do to pass time.

But if you do like games, entertainment, and delicious food and beer, mark your calendars now for the 2021 Parish Festival, a really nifty Oktoberfest-themed celebration scheduled for **Saturday, October 9**.

But wait, there's more: after Mass at 5:00 PM, we'll open up the gym for a night of drinks, **LIVE MUSIC**, and swing dancing in the gym. (Find a babysitter now!) And don't fret if your dancing shoes gathered a bit of dust during quarantine. We'll start the evening with a short lesson to get everyone back up to speed.

To learn more about the Festival, and to volunteer to help run the fall's best party, visit our website, onestrongfamily.org/festival.

ST. MARK'S PRESCHOOL



ST. MARK'S PRESCHOOL offers full-day and half-day programs, up to five days a week. To learn more about Preschool at St. Marks visit our website, onestrongfamily.org/preschool or contact Gayane Manukyan, our Preschool Director

preschool@onestrongfamily.org

or by phone, at

651-644-5030

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Parish Center Hours

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

Friday: 9 AM - 12 PM (Noon)

Parish Trustees: Kip Chaffee, Andrew Nowak

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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.

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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