



Letter from the Pastor

Dear Family and Friends of St. Mark's:

Happy Thanksgiving!

I am thankful for each member of our St. Mark's family. Thank you for choosing St. Mark's and for supporting Catholic education! Many of us will gather with family and friends on Thursday. Perhaps some will go shopping on Black Friday, and then, on Giving Tuesday, we will each have the chance to show our gratitude for our Catholic community by participating in iGiveCatholic. Please take a moment to view the attached video <https://youtu.be/m8rYcbgE1BU> and then on Tuesday, November 27th, visit the link: <http://www.stmarksboise.org/igive>, stop by the parish office or St. Mark's School and give Catholic.

May the light of Christ continue to shine into the future through our children.

Father Ben



Letter from the Principal

Dear St. Mark's Families,

As I reflect on the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday, I have so much to be thankful for. I greatly appreciate your continued support of the school, I am grateful for your children and for your choice to send them to St. Mark's. I am thankful that I encounter Christ every day in the hallways of this school and in our parish. I am thankful because I truly believe that we, the entire St. Mark's family, are making a difference in the lives of our students and the world.

I pray you have a blessed Thanksgiving.

God bless,
Donna Gordon



Weekly Calendar

Tuesday, November 27

Giving Tuesday. Visit #iGiveCatholic at www.stmarksboise.org/igive and select St. Mark's School to donate.

Wednesday, November 28

8:30 a.m. Students Body Mass presented by Mrs. Judy's 6th grade

Friday, November 30

8:30 a.m. Late Start Friday

Upcoming Events

Sunday, December 2

First Sunday of Advent

Wednesday, December 5

8:30 a.m. Student Body Mass presented by Mrs. Brady's 5th grade
St. Mark's School Advent Retreat

Friday, December 7

8:30 a.m. Late Start Friday
Spirit Day
7:00 p.m. Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass

Saturday, December 8

8:00 a.m. Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass
Beloved Retreat for 6th, 7th & 8th grade girls

Lunch Room Volunteers

NEXT WEEK'S LUNCH HELPERS

Monday (26)—Glodowski, Valuet

Tuesday (27)—Baltazar, Irvine, Schwehr

Wednesday (28)—LaMott, Genova, Baltazar

Thursday (29)—Schindele, Baltazar

Friday (30)—Baltazar

St. Mark's offers a healthy, delicious hot lunch to students and staff EVERY FULL DAY OF SCHOOL!

3 LUNCHROOM HELPERS ARE NEEDED EACH DAY to make the lunchroom experience enjoyable for all. Volunteers work from 11:10-12:45 and are given a free lunch. SIGN UP in the BLUE BINDER in the School Office.

Daily Lunch Schedule: 11:20 (K-2); 11:40 (3-5); 12:00 (6-8)

News



Attention all St. Mark's Students!!!

The Home and School Association needs help creating their Christmas card. Three winning pieces of art will be featured on the Home and School Christmas cards to be sent to school patrons this Christmas. Please join in! Create your masterpiece and have a chance to see your artwork in print.

CONTEST RULES:

- ★ Artwork must be 8.5" x 11 (standard size sheet of white paper) and must be original (no tracing, copying or adult help).
- ★ Artwork should be religious in theme.
- ★ All flat artwork accepted, including crayons, markers, pencil and paints. (Hint: Bold colors or pictures with lots of contrast copy onto cards the best).
- ★ Include the artist's (student) name and grade **on the back.**
- ★ Each student may submit only one entry.
- ★ Artwork must be turned in to the School Office by 3:00 p.m. on Monday, December 3.
- ★ Entries will be judged on content and artistry by the Home & School Board.
- ★ A winner will be chosen from each of the following three age groups: K-2, 3rd-5th grade and 6th—8th grade.
- ★ Contest winners will be announced in December.
- ★ All artwork submitted will be displayed at school during December.
- ★ The three winners will receive 12 Christmas cards with their own artwork on it to send to their families this Christmas.

Students don't miss your chance to represent St. Mark's School with your artistic talents! Start on your Christmas card picture right away, and be sure to turn it in by December 3.

St. Mark's School Spirit Store is now open through November 25 for Christmas gifts and cold weather Spirit Wear. Estimated delivery is December 17. [Click here to enter the store.](#)

Please send a warm coat, hat and gloves with your child everyday for recess and walking to Mass on Wednesdays. IT IS TOO COLD for students to only be wearing sweatshirts outside.

Ms. Jen, our school counselor, has requested 250 16 oz. empty water bottles for a project she will doing with our students. Please send them to school by December 10th .

The 8th grade class would like to thank everyone for supporting this year's holiday wreath fundraiser. It was a big success!

SHORTS ARE NO LONGER ALLOWED AFTER THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY. MRS. GORDON WILL LET STUDENTS KNOW IN THE SPRING WHEN THEY CAN WEAR

SHORTS AGAIN.

Attached is the 'volunteer opportunities sign up link' for the Feast of St. Nicholas on December 1st. <http://signup.com/go/ctEgDHe> Something we heard through our strategic planning focus groups was that there was a need for more opportunities for families to minister and serve together. The Feast of St. Nicholas is a great opportunity do just that! The Feast of St. Nicholas is a free community dinner, all are welcome. The dinner will immediately follow the 5pm Mass, and will end at 7:30pm so that we can all attend the Ecumenical Advent Concert together at 7:30pm. Mike Harrington has agreed to be the responsible adult/contact for the student volunteers, please feel free to contact myself or Mike with any questions. Audrey, aweiss@stmarksboise.org or 208-375-6651 Mike, harringM@gojo.com Thank you and have a very blessed Thanksgiving! Audrey

TVCS DANCE!!!



When: Friday, November 30

Where: Sacred Heart

Time: 7-9 pm

Cost: \$5 and a can of canned food

St. Mark's School Families:

Don't forget to support St Mark's school during your holiday shopping by buying your gift cards from our Scrip program. All gift card orders that are turned into the office by Fridays will be available the following Friday. To make sure you have your gift cards for Christmas, please remember to turn your orders in by 12/14. Please place your order online at shopwithscrip.com or turn the [Scrip Order Form](#) into the office with your payment.

Do you want to get your child's teacher a gift card, but don't know what they want? We have \$10 and \$25 Scrip gift certificates in the office for purchase. Give one to your teacher to let them pick out what they want!

If you have any questions, please contact Natosha Walsh at 515-360-6912 or stmarksschoolscrip@outlook.com.



Festival of Trees

A fun family tradition on Thanksgiving weekend is visiting St. Alphonsus' Festival of Trees. If you go to the event, make sure to stop by and visit the St. Mark's School tree decorated by Mrs. Sippy, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Boisvert and Ms. Vosquez. The theme for this year's tree is "Christmas Wishes" and each student was asked to provide one wish they had for this Christmas. The actual wishes are printed in gold frames on the tree. [Click here for more information on the Festival of Trees.](#)

St. Vincent DePaul's annual coat drive is going on now at the Church and they are in need of children's new and gently used coats. If you have coats to donate, the School will have a collection box across from the Office to place your donations in.

St. Mark's Christmas Music Program, featuring Grades K-5, choir & orchestra, will be held on Thursday, December 13 @ 7:00 p.m. Call time 6:45 p.m. in classrooms. Choir and advanced orchestra call time 6:30.

Choir - Black shirts, dark pants, nice shoes. Also, bring ugly Christmas Sweater, scarfs, gloves etc and any blinking lighted thing for our last number.

Advanced Orchestra - White long sleeve, dress shirt. black pants, dress shoes, boys tie.

5th Grade - Nice Christmas Dress

4th Grade - Either nice Christmas Dress or dress as a regal King. Song is We Three Kings

3rd Grade - White uniform shirt, and blue uniform pants, preferably dark shoes We will be soldiers but other costume items will be provided.

2nd Grade - Boys - please provide own shepherd's outfit. No staffs. Girls are angels - costume provided.

1st & K - Nice Christmas dress.

[Parenting the Love and Logic Way Brochure](#)

St. Mark School

**Joe Lipetzky Psy.D.
Facilitator**

Presents an Introduction to...

Parenting the Love and Logic Way[®]

Topics include:

- The Two Rules of Love and Logic[®]
- Delayed or "Anticipatory" Consequences
- Using empathy and Love and Logic one-liners to neutralize arguing
- How to get more information about Love and Logic

This parenting program is designed to give you practical skills that can be used immediately!

Dates: Thursdays

1/17/19 through 2/21/19

Time: 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Location: St. Mark Parish, 7960 Northview, Boise, ID

Cost: \$45 per family, includes workbook

Facilitators of the *Parenting the Love and Logic Way[™]* curriculum are independent and are not employees of the Love and Logic Institute.

Please register me for your upcoming *Parenting the Love and Logic Way[®]* introduction!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Number and ages of children: _____

Mail registration to:
St. Mark's School
c/o Dr. Joe
7503 Northview
Boise, ID 83704

Lost & Found is overflowing. Please check your child's closet and if you are missing uniform items, it is likely there are hung up in our Lost & Found. Items left when we break for Christmas vacation will be donated to St. Vincent's.



This year's Father Daughter Sweetheart Dance is scheduled for February 23. Since many of us do shopping on the Friday after Thanksgiving, I thought it might be helpful to get word out about our need for raffle prizes ahead of time, in case anyone wants to take advantage of the sales to grab an item or two! We are going to be doing another raffle this year, and we are looking for donated items. These can be toys, games, DVD's, gift certificates, etc. that your daughters OR their dads would enjoy! (We want to include our wonderful dads in the fun by having prizes for them as well!) Please feel free to contact me with any questions or if you would like to be involved with the event!

Thank you,
Becky Sippy

becky.sippy@yahoo.com

**When we come back after Thanksgiving Break,
Tuesday is Giving Tuesday. Please consider making
a tax deductible contribution to St. Mark's School
through #iGiveCatholic.**

**[Click here to view a
video featuring Fr. Ben and Mrs. Gordon](#)
talking about St. Mark's School and #iGiveCatholic.**

#iGIVECATHOLIC

#GI^{VE}INGTUESDAY

November 27, 2018

Visit stmarksboise.org/igive and select



iGIVE St. Mark's Church



iGIVE St. Mark's School

For more information about how you can get involved with

#iGiveCatholic

Contact us:

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Sports

November

26 5/6GBB (blue) v. St. Paul's

7GBB v. Fremont

8GBB @ Fremont

27 Wrestling @ Middleton

28 5/6GBB (blue) v. St. Ignatius (maroon)
7GBB @ Emmett
8GBB v. Emmett
29 5/6GBB (white) v. Sacred Heart
7GBB v. Lone Star
8GBB @ Lone Star

December

3 7GBB v. Nampa West
8GBB @ Nampa West
4 5/6GBB (white) v. Cole Valley (silver)
5 7GBB @ Vallivue
8GBB v. Vallivue
10 7GBB Tournament @ Emmett
-12 8GBB Tournament @ East Valley



Church Connection

If you would like to receive the Parish Newsletter
text [BOISESTMARKSNEWS to 42828](tel:42828) to sign up

OR

[Click here](#) to sign up for Parish Newsletter

[Click here to upload the Parish Bulletin for November 25](#)

Notes from the Nurse

A Thanksgiving Prayer

God of all blessings, source of all life, giver of all grace:

We thank you for the gift of life:

for the breath that sustains life,
for the food of this earth that nurtures life,
for the life-giving love of family and friends.

We thank you for the mystery of creation:

for the beauty of the Earth that the eye can see,
for the unfolding universe that draws us beyond our imaginings.

We thank you for the communities to which we belong:

for families, for friends,
for neighbors and for companions at work.

We thank you for the strangers who welcome us into their lives and whom we invite to be part of ours.

We thank you for our brothers and sisters of all ages, all races, all nations and all faiths.

We thank you for the multitude of ways that you call us to steward the gifts of creation and to serve others in your name.

We thank you for this day, for the companionship we share and the bountiful goodness of the bread we break together.

God of all goodness, we pray in thanks for your presence among us as we gather together, and your promise to be with us now and always. AMEN

(from Catholic Health Association of the United States)

Happy Thanksgiving from your school nurses!

Saint Alphonus School Health Program



Notes from the Counselor

Eliminate morning ‘rush hour’ with routines, games & themes

In many families, “rush hour” begins before anyone even walks out the door: Your child doesn’t have time for breakfast. They may race out the door while leaving homework and school supplies behind. And even then, they may miss the bus.

If this sounds familiar, it’s time for you to develop a new morning “traffic pattern.” To tame the chaos:

- Prepare for the day the night before. Help your child make their lunch and pick out their school clothes. Have them make sure their backpack and other items are ready to go and by the door.
- Help your child figure out how much time they really need in the morning to get ready. Tell them it is their responsibility to set their alarm clock—and get up when it goes off.
- Use charts and checklists. Post a list of all the steps your child must take to get ready in the morning: brush teeth, brush hair, get dressed, make the bed. Post another checklist of things that need to go to school. If it’s Tuesday, where’s the library book? If it’s Wednesday, does your child have their shoes for gym?
- Make it a game. Try playing Beat the Clock. If it took 20 minutes for your child to get to the kitchen for breakfast yesterday, can they do it in 18 minutes today? Let’s be honest. Some kids are late because they dawdle.
- Create fun breakfast themes— Waffle Wednesday, Fruity Friday, etc. Having a schedule takes the guesswork out of breakfast and may motivate your child to actually sit down and eat!

Joe Lipetzky Psy.D.

Ms. Jen Boehm. LCPC

Dr. Joe Lipetzky, our school psychologist, is at St. Mark’s on Monday and Friday mornings.

Mrs. Jen Boehm, our school counselor, is at St. Mark’s on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.