Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parents and Friends of St. Mark’s:

Today, November 9th is a very important feast day, as we celebrate the Mother Church of all of Christendom, St John Lateran. It is the first official church of the Catholic Church built by Emperor Constantine (a fascinating short history of why it was built here can be found: http://www.ewtn.com/library/christ/lateran.htm).

Origen and St Augustine, two Church Fathers, wrote about the importance of both the stones of a church building and Christians as living stones that make up the Church. We read Origen’s words drawing our attention to the foundations of the church building. Foundations have to be strong and large to support a large building, analogously, these are the prophets and Apostles. Christ of course, is the corner stone, and specifically the altar. The entirety of the building must be in harmony, otherwise the building falls. The purpose of the entirety of the building is to give praise to God. There are times we are drawn to be support and other times closer to prayer at the altar and offering our prayer. St Augustine then draws from this: if we expect the church building to be immaculately clean, beautiful and strong when we arrive, so should our hearts and lives be to give praise to God as living stones of the Church in the world.

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Letter from the Principal

Dear St. Mark’s Families,

You are all invited to a special prayer service Monday morning in honor of those who have lost their lives to recent tragedies and for our veterans. This service has inspired and created by our incredible, compassionate 8th graders. We will gather in the auditorium at 8:00 am instead of on the playground and all are invited.

Please keep our middle school students in your prayers next week as they will attend the 3rd annual Junior High Rally at Bishop Kelly. This will be a beautiful day of fellowship, prayer and team building. As part of the rally, our school is collecting diapers for families in need. We are in a friendly competition with the other Catholic schools for the coveted "Cristo Rey Cup". If you are able to contribute to this great cause, we have boxes set up outside the school office.

If you are craving pizza next week, please consider ordering pizza from BLAZE Pizza at The Village in Meridian on Tuesday night between 6:00 pm and
May the light of Christ continue to shine into the future through our children.

Father Ben

8:00 pm. When our school is mentioned, a percentage of the sales will come back to the school. Thank you for your support.

A few weeks ago I mentioned we were getting our water tested due to the elevated lead levels found next door at Fairmont Jr. High School. We did receive great results back from the Department of Water Quality. Our water supply doesn't contain lead. Our water fountains in the hallways and the gymnasium had close to zero parts per billion of lead. The maximum contamination level allowed is .015 parts per billion. There were trace amounts of lead found in 3 old faucets (.016, .017 and .021). An acceptable remedy is to just run the fixtures for a few seconds before drinking the water, but we have decided to replace not only those three fixtures but, all eight older fixtures in the elementary building. If you would like to read the complete results of the testing, you may view them in the office during school hours.

Have a blessed weekend and thank you so much for sharing your amazing children with us.

God bless,

Donna Gordon

Student Spotlight

Lion Pride Recognition
Congratulations to this week’s winners:

Danny Harrington
Ethan Lipetzky
Aiden Sauerwein
Paige Thiel
Joshua Jarvis
Christian Stoker
Sarma Pavlis
Byden Caudle

**Weekly Calendar**

**Sunday, November 11**  
Veterans Day - Thank You for Your Service

**Monday, November 12**  
$1 per item wear **RED, WHITE & BLUE** to assist Hurricane Relief for Catholic Schools in Florida  
5:30 p.m. School Board Meeting in Mrs. Souza’s classroom  
7:00p.m. H&S Meeting in Mrs. Bernstein's classroom

**Tuesday, November 13**  
6:00-8:00 p.m. Blaze Pizza Community Night @ the Village

**Wednesday, November 14**  
8:30 a.m. Student Body Mass presented by Mrs. Schuette’s 6th grade

**Thursday, November 15**  
**Catholic School Principal Appreciation Day**  
Thanksgiving Feast with Parents of Preschool-3rd Grade

**Friday, November 16**  
8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Jr High Rally @ BK
8:30 a.m. Late Start Friday
Progress Reports Issued on Rediker - Full Day of School
$1 Optional Spirit Day
8th Grade Legacy Wreath Pickup

Saturday, November 17
11:00 a.m. First Reconciliation for 2nd graders @ Church

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, November 21
Thanksgiving Break - No School

Thursday, November 22
Thanksgiving Day - No School

Friday, November 23
Thanksgiving Break - No School

Home and School

Meet us for St. Mark’s Community Night on Tuesday, November 13
Need Volunteer Hours for St. Marks School? Here is an easy way to earn some volunteer hours and raise funds for St. Mark’s School!

St. Mark’s School Scrip program is teaming up with St. Mark’s Parish Angel Tree program this year to help raise funds for the school. We need volunteers to help take orders for gift cards when the Angel Tree angels are selected after weekend masses in the coming weeks. Once all the angel cards are distributed after mass, we will have a table setup to offer scrip gift cards for sale. After orders are taken, we will distribute the scrip gift cards that have been ordered the following weeks. To volunteer, see the Signup Genius here: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D4AACA82FA7FF2-stmarks

If you do not know how scrip works, we can explain it to you before your volunteer time. We also hope we can get orders for St. Mark’s families Christmas shopping needs during this time. Contact us with any questions at: StMarksSchoolScrip@outlook.com or Jeff (913-579-8435) or Natosha Walsh (515-360-6912) by phone.
Thank you to Tina Kasper and her mother who volunteered to contact Catholic schools in all the states we don't have to request BoxTop$. If you have contacts in states we don't have, please encourage your family and friends to send BoxTop$ to us.

The ONLINE AUCTION closes on Friday, November 9 @ 10:00 p.m. Visit www.stmarksauction.com to view all the items available, including Camp Lions on Friday, February 8.

CAMP LIONS

**Sand, Slime & Squish – Mrs. Jankowski & Mrs. Jensen – Grades K-5, 15 spaces**
Have an oozy, squishy time playing with kinetic sand, different kinds of slime (yes, there are different kinds!), gel beads, cloud dough and other materials to delight your senses. Use molds, tools, or just your hands to squish, squoosh & squeeze to your heart’s content. You’ll get to take some stuff home with you, too.

**Paint & Sip – Ms. Baker & Ms. Enrico – Grades 5-8, 8 spaces**
Like painting? Like snacks? Then Paint & Sip is for you! You’ll get to paint on your own canvas, following a guided lesson, and enjoy snacks and drinks while you’re doing it. Take your painting home with you and impress your family with your artistic skills!

**Make Mini Sculptures – Mrs. Czarniecki – Grades K-8, 8 spaces**
Using amazing polymer clay, you can make anything from bright and colorful beads to little faux “candies” and other food items, to miniature sculptures and décor. Kids of all ages can find a project that suits their preferences and abilities. And of course, you’ll get to take your creations home with you!

**Lego Camp – Mrs. Brady & Mrs. Russell – Grades K-6, 20 spaces**
Legos. Need we say more? It’s pretty simple: There will be lots of Legos, and you get to build whatever you want! Please bring a lunch and plans.

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build with them. Build by yourself or do a joint build with friends. Whatever you want. It’s a Lego-lover’s dream come true! Each camper will take home a little Lego kit. 

**Nerfed! – Coach Schaffeld and Mike A (parish Youth Minister) – Grades 6-8, 12 spaces**

Less than 10 minutes from St. Mark’s is the awesomeness known as Nerfed Boise. It’s an indoor Nerf arena where you and your fellow campers can fight a Nerf war where no one gets hurt but everyone has an amazing time. Students will be transported to and from Nerfed, back to St. Mark’s.

**Mystery Dessert Party – Mrs. Judy, Mrs. Schuette, and Mrs. Wolbach – Grades 5-8, 8 spaces**

Don’t be clueless! Join us for an evening of mystery, suspense and mayhem. We will dress in costumes, have dessert, and try to figure out who committed the crime. It will be a fun evening that will keep you guessing to the very end.

**Cake Decorating 101 – Mrs. Brinegar, Mrs. Rivas, Mrs. Van and Mrs. Gordon – Grades 2-8, 15 spaces**

This one involves cake so you know it’s going to be good. Campers will learn how to frost and decorate a cake using several different tips. You’ll get to take home an apron you’ve decorated, as well as your own set of tips to wow your family with your cake-decorating skills.

**Spa - Mrs. Bernstein, Mrs. Godfrey and the BK Cheerleaders - Grades 2-5, 15 spaces**

A fun night for your kids! Relax and enjoy having your nails painted and hair styled! Campers will even make a sugar body scrub and take home a goody bag!

**Mad Scientist - Mrs. Behrend and Mrs. Boesiger - Grades K-5, 12 spaces**

Mrs. Behrend and Mrs. Boesiger are excited to take you on an evening of exploring science! Join us for the fun!

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**Volunteer Opportunities**

Looking to get more involved? St. Mark’s Home and School Association is looking for a detail-oriented, self-motivated, and enthusiastic individual to take over coordinating St. Mark’s scrip program. Scrip is a program where individuals buy gift cards and a portion of the funds comes back to St. Mark’s. The current coordinator estimates the time commitment at approximately 30 hours over the school year, and is available to help train the new coordinator over the next few months. Please contact Brenda Bauges at bbauges@gmail.com if you are interested in this position.

**Coffee Hour Coordinator - Looking for a volunteer to coordinate the School’s Coffee Hours the 4th Sunday of the months that school is in session. Please contact the School Office for details.**

We will need many volunteers to help with the Thanksgiving Feast on Thursday, November 15. If you have students in 4th-8th grades and you enjoyed the Feast when your children were younger, please consider paying it back by volunteering so our current families can enjoy this festive meal with their children.

Our maintenance department is seeking a volunteer to vacuum the main elementary hallway after school on Thursdays. Please contact the School Office to volunteer. Takes about half an hour and time goes toward your Volunteer Hour requirement.

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**Lunch Room Volunteers**

**NEXT WEEK’S LUNCH HELPERS**

Monday (12)—Glodowski, Huskinson
Tuesday (13)—Baltazar, Irvine, Schwehr
Wednesday (14)—LaMott, Schindele
Thursday (15)—Irvine, Schwehr, Gładowski, Godfrey (2), Jarvis (WE NEED 1 MORE HELPER FOR THE THANKSGIVING FEAST from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.)
Friday (16)—Webster

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)

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**News**

Students in Grades 3–5 are sponsoring a **RED, WHITE & BLUE Dress Up Day** on Monday, November 12 to benefit Catholic Schools in Florida and the Carolinas damaged and destroyed by Hurricanes Florence and Michael. Students will pay $1.00 per Dress Up Item, with a maximum of a $5 donation, i.e. White tennis shoes, Blue jeans, White t-shirt and a Red hat would be $4.00. **NOT ALLOWED: ATHLETIC SHORTS OR PANTS, LEGGINGS OR JEGGINGS, SPAGHETTI STRAPS OR TANK TOPS.**

**BK Christmas Order** - Get your Christmas shopping done early by ordering gear for your family and friends through the BK Spirit Store—new sweatshirts, women’s wear, winter hats, and lots of other items are available. Orders are due November 9th, and the Spirit Store will hold a special opening on Saturday, December 8, 9am-1pm, for order pick-up and last-minute shopping.

**IF YOU SIGNED UP FOR RAKE UP BOISE TOMORROW,** please be at school by 8:30 a.m. to get your assignment. We can also use **ALL HANDS ON DECK** at school tomorrow morning and after Rake Up Boise on the school grounds to rake leaves, spread playground bark and general grounds maintenance.

**The Jr High Rally @ BK for our 6th, 7th & 8th graders is collecting diapers and wipes and the school/parish who brings in the most diapers wins the Cristo Rey Cup. The Rally is Friday, November 16 so we have 1 week to collect as many diapers as possible. If our entire school pitches in, we can help stock the Diaper Depot. There will be collection boxes in the elementary hall and middle school for your donations.**
CRISTO REY CUP

Your mission...
...to collect as many diapers and baby wipes as you can for the Idaho Diaper Bank.

Win the Cristo Rey Cup...
...by collecting more items than any other parish group attending Junior High Rally 2018. The winning parish will be awarded the Cristo Rey Cup on Saturday at the Junior High Rally. If your group wins the Cup, you can display it proudly until the 2019 Junior High Rally, and it will be delivered to your group filled with cookies, candy, and goodies to share. Yum!

The contest starts now...
...and continues until the start of Rally at 10am Saturday. Bring donated items that day, along with a total item count for your parish. We will donate the diapers to the Idaho Diaper Bank to provide assistance to families in need.

There is a great need...
...so we have set a goal of collecting 10,000 diapers and wipes! If we reach that goal, we can provide diapers children all over the state of Idaho!

If you have questions...
...contact Natalie Nathan at 208-867-1483 or natalienathan@gmail.com.
The 8th Grade Legacy Wreath sale has a limited supply of 20" and cross wreaths. Contact Danielle George at daniellekgeorge@gmail.com if you would like to purchase one.

TVCS DANCE!!!

Due to BK playoff game and BSU game, dance has been cancelled and will be rescheduled later.

When: Friday, November 9
Where: Sacred Heart
Time: 7-9 pm
Cost: $5 and a can of canned food
The Bishop Kelly Foundation at Bishop Kelly High School will hold its 42nd annual Winner’s Choice Dinner and Auction November 10 at the Boise Centre. Tickets include dinner for two and a chance to win a new car from the Auto Ranch Group! The theme for the evening is "Hollywood Knights"—a nod to old Hollywood. Proceeds provide operational support and need-based scholarships at Bishop Kelly. For tickets or more information, visit bishopkellyfoundation.org. Concurrent online auction will run 10/26 through 11/16 at bishopkellyauction.org. Check it out!
Catholic School Principal Appreciation Day is Thursday, November 15. Thank you Mrs. Gordon for ALL that you've done for our school and our students!
TREASURE VALLEY CONCERT BAND'S FREE VETERANS DAY CONCERT

WE SALUTE YOU

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 7:00PM
THE MORRISON CENTER MAIN HALL

FEATURING SPECIAL GUESTS

OPERA IDAHO CHILDREN'S CHORUSES

BÖISE PHILHARMONIC MASTER CHORÁLE

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

Parenting the Love and Way brochure
Dear Parents:
I had the pleasure of meeting many of your children as they visited the GREETER table at the Ministry Fair held at the school on Monday 15 October. We now have a training scheduled for Sunday 18 November at 9.30 am for those of you who are interested in joining the GREETER ministry. It’s a great ministry for the whole family. We ask that you greet once a month at a date of your choice at the Mass that you and your family usually attend. Please email us at stmarksgreeter@gmail.com if you think this is the right ministry for your family.
Thanks!
Cathy Reckmeyer
Teresa Barnes

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**St. Mark School**
Joe Lipetzky Psy.D.
Facilitator

Presents an Introduction to...

**Parenting the Love and Logic Way®**

**Topics include:**

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

**Dates:** Thursdays
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**Location:** St. Mark Parish, 7950 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: ____________________________________________
Cty: __________________________ 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

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Sports

November
12  5/6GBB (blue) @ St. Joe’s (white)  
7GBB @ Mt. Home  
8GBB v. Mt. Home  
13  Wrestling @ Vallivue  
14  7GBB v. Kuna  
8GBB @ Kuna  
15  5/6GBB (white) @ St. Mary’s  
Wrestling v. Emmett  
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  
12  7GBB Tournament @ Emmett  
8GBB Tournament @ East Valley  

Preschool Happenings  
The Preschool will spend this month continuing with the letters of the alphabet, focusing on D, G, T, & S. Our math focus will be on the calendar, the teen numbers, and simple patterns. We have been looking at all things fall and will begin our Thanksgiving activities next week. We are excited about the Thanksgiving Feast at the school on Thursday, November 15 @11:00 and look forward to seeing all of the families! As it begins to get colder we ask that the preschool students remember to bring coats, hats, & gloves. We will enjoy as much of the fresh air as we can before it becomes too cold and wet to venture outdoors.

Church Connection  
If you would like to receive the Parish Newsletter text BOISESTMARKSNEWS to 42828 to sign up  
OR  
Click here to sign up for Parish Newsletter  
Click here to upload the Parish Bulletin for November 11  

First Reconciliation First Reconciliation will be held at St. Mark’s on November 17th, starting at 11am. Please pray for our St. Mark’s School and Elementary
Faith Formation children receiving this beautiful Sacrament of forgiveness and healing for the first time.

Our annual Ecumenical Advent Concert will follow dinner at 7:30pm. Please invite your friends and neighbors to join us at St. Mark’s on December 1st. It is a wonderful start to our Advent Season.

Join us for Encounter on Tuesday, November 20th, at 7:00pm. We will be preparing our Thanksgiving pies while learning about St. Elizabeth, the patron saint of bakers. You will have the opportunity to take your pie home or donate it to the homeless shelter.

Thanksgiving Basket Blessing. Our Thanksgiving Day Mass will be on November 22nd at 10:30am. You are welcome to bring a food item, bottle of wine, baked goods etc, to Mass for a blessing.
Notes from the Nurse

Linda Miller, RN
Saint Alphonsus School Health Program

Through the St. Alphonsus School Health Program, Mrs. Miller, our school nurse, is at St. Mark’s on Thursdays and Mrs. Placido, CNA, SASHP Assistant is here on Tuesdays.

Notes from the Counselor

Model the respectful behavior you’d like to see from your child. Being respectful is critical to success in school and life. However, when it comes to teaching your child about respect, the idea isn’t to teach them at all. It’s to show them. By demonstrating what respect looks like, you’ll go a long way toward helping your child become respectful. Here are some simple ways to demonstrate respect every day:

• Be honest. Tell your child the truth. Admit your mistakes instead of blaming others for them. Apologize (even to your child) when you are wrong.
• Be dependable. If you tell your child you’ll do something, do it. Earn their respect by proving that you’re reliable. And when you can’t do something, be honest about it.
• Be kind. Don’t insult or belittle your child when they make a mistake.
• Be fair. Don’t pass judgment on your child or punish them for something before learning all the facts. Show respect by taking the time to get their side of the story.
• Be polite. Say please, thank you and excuse me when talking to your child. Don’t barge into their room, either. Knock first.

“The bond that links your true family is not one of blood, but of respect and joy in each other’s life.” —Richard Bach

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.