



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.



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 a 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



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	CLASSROOM	HALLWAYS	LUNCH ROOM	PLAYGROUND	BATHROOMS	CHURCH
PERSEVERANCE <i>Every Day - Every Time</i>	Be Prepared Be On Time Be On Task Be Present	Be Timely Be Courteous Model Good Behavior Walk Slowly	Use Your Manners Be Patient Wait to be Excused	Be Safe Obey the Rules Play Fair Share Space & Equipment Be a Good Sport	Throw Away Trash Keep it Clean Flush Toilet Wash Hands	Be Engaged Pray, Not Play Behave Appropriately
RESPECT <i>Others, Self & Property</i>	Be Positive Listen to Others Be Prompt Follow Dress Code Care for School Property	Be Quiet Keep Your Hands to Yourself Keep Clean	Clean up Messes Share Space Eat Only Your Food Keep Voices Low Keep your Hands to Yourself	Use Kind Words Use Equipment as Intended Keep Your Hands to Yourself	Give Others Privacy Use Appropriate Volume	Listen Attentively Enter and Leave Quietly Treat Church Materials with Care
INTEGRITY <i>Honesty in All You Do</i>	Be Honest Be Accountable Do Your Own Work Set & Meet Goals Honor Due Dates	Do the Right Thing Respect Posters & Displays	Use Manners Don't Be Wasteful Pay for Purchases	Notify Staff if Problems Arise Follow Staff Directions	Return to Class Promptly & Quietly Report any Inappropriate Behavior Use at Appropriate Times	Be Kind Be on Time
DISCIPLESHIP <i>Following Jesus' Example</i>	Support Others Cooperate with Others Be Honest Share Christ's Love	Help Others in Need Say Thank You to Our Custodians	Sit by Those Sitting Alone Engage in Appropriate Conversations	Encourage Others to be Kind Be Inclusive Lead by Example Help Others When Needed	Use Only as Needed Report Supply Shortages Clean Up After Yourself	Be Reverent Actively Participate Be Involved Show Appreciation
EXCELLENCE <i>Strive for Success</i>	Do Your Very Best Work Challenge Yourself Learn Beyond the Classroom Ask Questions	Set a Good Example Greet People Politely	Follow Cafeteria Rules Use an Inside Voice	Solve Issues in a Peaceful Manner Line Up on Time Stay in Assigned Areas	Use During Non-Instructional Times Report Problems to an Adult	Be the Best Version of Yourself Follow Dress Code for Mass

SAINT MARK'S
-CATHOLIC SCHOOL-

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**



Enjoy yourself and support our cause at a special fundraising event for:

Organization name: St. Mark's Catholic School

Date: Tuesday November 13, 2018

Time: 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Location: Blaze Pizza – 2206 N. Eagle Rd(Village)

Bring in this flyer or show it on your phone before paying. Blaze Pizza will donate 20% of proceeds from your meal back to our organization.



Donation amount excludes proceeds from tax and gift card purchases. Valid for dine-in and take-out only. Not valid for online orders. Alcoholic beverages excluded. Event proceeds void if flyers are distributed in or near the restaurant.

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.

BOX TOPS ACROSS AMERICA

Call your family ... write your friends

Collect  from across the great USA **NEW DEADLINE OF FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16**



If the school collects box tops from EVERY STATE we will have a **free dress day!**

Tracking based on postmark. Have box tops sent to:

St. Marks Catholic School ATTN: Boxtops 7503 W. Northview Boise, ID 83704

For questions contact Brooke Smith, BrookeSmith2010@gmail.com



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 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!

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.

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, Glodowski, 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)

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.

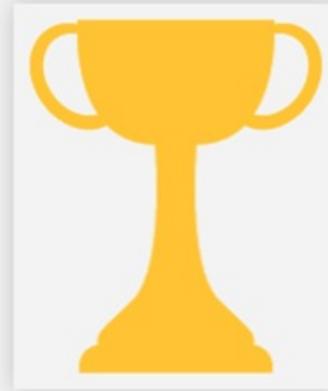
CRISTO REY CUP

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.

TVCS DANCE!!!



When: Friday, November 9

Where: Sacred Heart

Time: 7-9 pm

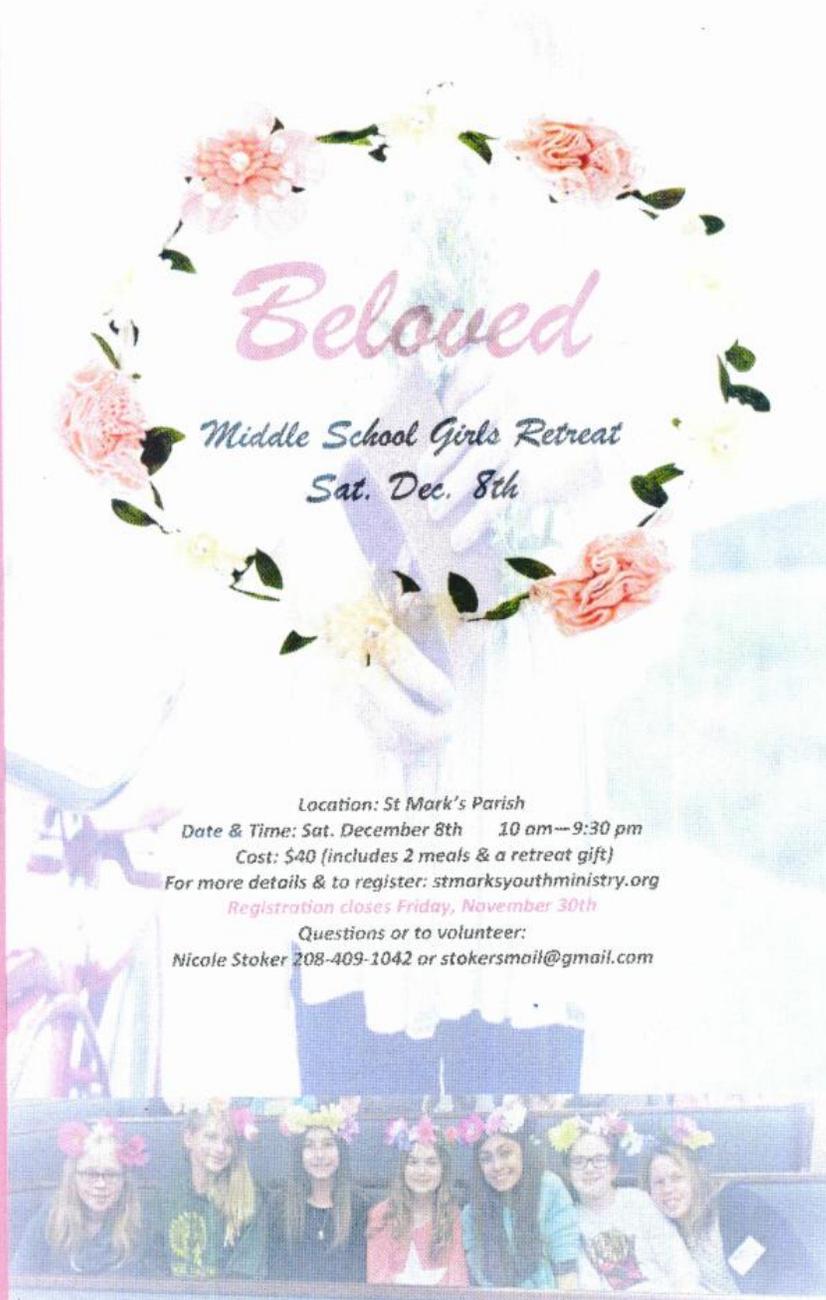
Cost: \$5 and a can of canned food



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.

I am God's Beloved...and He calls me His beautiful one. Song of Songs

A retreat for middle school girls grades 6-8



Location: St Mark's Parish

Date & Time: Sat. December 8th 10 am--9:30 pm

Cost: \$40 (includes 2 meals & a retreat gift)

For more details & to register: stmarksyouthministry.org

Registration closes Friday, November 30th

Questions or to volunteer:

Nicale Stoker 208-409-1042 or stokersmail@gmail.com

The Bishop Kelly Foundation at Bishop Kelly High School will hold its 42st 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 though 11/16 at bishopkellyauction.org. Check it out!

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**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!



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St. Mark School

**Joe Lipetzky Psy.D.
Facilitator**

Presents an Introduction to...

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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

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

Sports

November

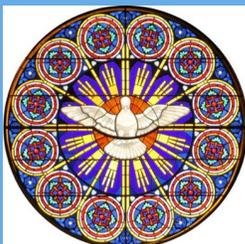
- 12 5/6GBB (blue) @ St. Joe's (white)
7GBB @ Mt. Home
8GBB v. Mt. Home
- 13 Wrestling @ Vallivue
- 14 7GBB v. Kuna
8GBB @ Kuna
- 15 5/6GBB (white) @ St. Mary's
Wrestling v. Emmett
- 26 5/6GBB (blue) v. St. Paul's
7GBB v. Fremont
8GBB @ Fremont
- 27 Wrestling @ Middleton
- 28 5/6GBB (blue) v. St. Ignatius (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](tel: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.

Feast of St. Nicholas Community Dinner

December 1st, 6:00pm

"The giver of every good and perfect gift has called upon us to mimic God's giving, by grace through faith..."

St. Nicholas of Myra

Please join us in welcoming our friends and neighbors to a community pot luck. You are encouraged to bring your family's favorite holiday dishes:

A-I: side dish, J-Q: salad, R-Z: dessert



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.