



### Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parents and Friends of St. Marks,

We find ourselves in a time unlike any other we have experienced. Things are concerning, both in terms of health and finances. Yet, as faithful Catholics, we are prepared for just such a moment! Hope comes from our trust in God, who provides us with everything we need, always! We have no need to panic; rather, be prudent, patient, kind, and steadfast. Importantly, it is a time for us to take care of ourselves and one another with charity that flows from the love of Jesus.

We defeat the coronavirus when we wash our hands thoroughly and often, sanitize common surfaces, wash clothes daily, and keep social distance from others (don't hug, shake hands, etc.). It cannot spread if we don't allow it to infect us. If you aren't feeling well, stay home or, if your symptoms warrant, seek medical care. If you or a family member is ill, you are not obligated to attend Mass. See the [\*\*Center for Disease Control's website\*\*](#) for accurate information and updates on the virus, its prevention, treatment, and recovery.

At the same time you are protecting and caring for your family, your Church needs you! As those who are more at risk (the elderly; people with diabetes, high blood pressure, pulmonary or cardiac disease, or immune deficiencies, etc.) are unable to attend Mass, their social and spiritual isolation is just as concerning as the virus. The parish staff is drafting a St. Mark's Parish Response to Coronavirus plan, which includes establishing home visitor teams. These teams will practice precautions as they visit the homes of those who are quarantined. Please consider volunteering for a team. Details will be sent early next week. The parish also needs healthy parishioners to pray in our Adoration Chapel. Many current adorers are elderly and will be unable to continue. Jesus still needs us in worship! Contact the Parish Office if you and your family are able to spend an hour in adoration each week (**208-375-6651**).

Finally, if you are unable to attend Mass, I want you to stay in spiritual relationship to your parish. Gather your family daily, pray, read the scriptures, and fellowship with each other in your home church. On Sundays, when Mass is being celebrated at St. Mark's, join us by praying, reading the Sunday scripture readings, and praying the prayer of spiritual communion:

**My Jesus,  
I believe that you are present in the most holy Sacrament.  
I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least into my heart.  
I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you.  
Never permit me to be separated from you.  
Amen!**

Please know that I hold each of you in my prayers and heart. I ask that you pray for me and our parish as well. We all must pray for containment, healing, and recovery from the coronavirus.

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

Fr. Ben

## Letter from the Principal



Dear St. Mark's Families,

Today marks the end of the third quarter! A reminder that report cards will be added to your child's electronic portfolio on Friday, March 20th. Please be sure to read through Friday Facts as there have been a lot of changes and cancellations due to Coronavirus. The most recent cancellations include the Holy Spirit basketball tournament, the Mother-Son movie, and the Irish Dancers who were scheduled to perform at school on Tuesday.

### Retirements

It is with both sadness and happiness that I announce that both Teri Souza and Anne Boesiger will retire at the end of this school year.

For 12 years, Teri has taught in our middle school. She has had a lasting impact on all of her students, our staff, and the community. She will begin her full-time job of being a grandma to her grandson this summer. It is Teri's hope to still be involved with the school.

After 16 years, Anne will retire and join her husband, who also has recently retired. Anne has played a crucial role in starting our Child First Team and is a master educator. Anne is also planning on being involved with the school in the coming years. Teri and Anne share a passion for teaching and a deep love for our students. They will be greatly missed!

### Green-Out Day

Tuesday is St. Patrick's Day. For \$2.00 students may dress from head to toe in green. All monies raised will go to support the first annual 8th-grade spiritual retreat in May. Erin go Bragh!

Have a blessed weekend, and stay healthy.


Blessings,  
Donna Gordon





Mary-Cate and Hope played Y-ball together and with their other teammates completed an undefeated season Saturday capturing the 5th grade championship

## Lion Pride Recognition

 <b>LionPRIDE</b>		Practice <small>MAKES</small> Saints				
	CLASSROOM	HALLWAYS	LUNCH ROOM	PLAYGROUND	BATHROOMS	CHURCH
<b>PERSEVERANCE</b> <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
<b>RESPECT</b> <i>Others, Self &amp; 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
<b>INTEGRITY</b> <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
<b>DISCIPLESHIP</b> <i>Following Jesus' Example</i>	Support Others Cooperate with Others Be Honest Share Christ's Love Do Your Very Best Work	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 Revere Actively Participate Be Involved Show Appreciation
<b>EXCELLENCE</b> <i>Striving for Success</i>	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 SCHOOLS

**Congratulations to this week's winners:**

Cooper Wilson, Vincent Arentz, Olin Speck, Xeniah Baltazar, Dani Taugher, Nico Paz

## Weekly Calendar

### Sunday, March 15

4:00 p.m. Mother/Son Movie Event @ Reel Northgate Theater

### Tuesday, March 17

Happy St. Patrick's Day

9:00 a.m. Irish Dance of Idaho

### Wednesday, March 18

8:30 a.m. Student Body Mass presented by Kindergarten

7:30 p.m. St. Mark's Choir performs at BK Concert

### Friday, March 20

8:30 a.m. Late Start Friday

Holy Spirit Tournament in Pocatello

\$1 Optional Spirit Day

## Upcoming Events

### Saturday, March 21

Holy Spirit Tournament in Pocatello

### Sunday, March 22

Holy Spirit Tournament in Pocatello

### Monday, March 23 - Friday, March 27

Spring Break

## Home and School

**Due to the Coronavirus and the possibility of a gathering of more than 250 people, this event has been cancelled.**



It's time to pop the corn!

# MOTHER & SON MOVIE DATE

Dress as your favorite movie character  
and genre to commemorate the day at  
the photo booth!

March 15, 2020 • 4 pm  
Reel Northgate Theater  
6950 W. State St  
Movie: TBD

Movie Tickets: **Free for both mothers and sons**  
Concessions (includes popcorn & medium drink):  
**Free for sons, \$4 for mothers**

Movie and boys concessions complimentary by  
Home and School

Please RSVP via link below by **March 13th**

Questions? Email Emily Stech at [eabuyuans13@gmail.com](mailto:eabuyuans13@gmail.com)





April 16th 2020

SAINT MARK'S  
—CATHOLIC SCHOOL—

EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

ESTABLISHED 1967

6 pm to 8:30 pm

\$10 Admission Including Skates

Fundraiser \$2 Back to  
School per admission

School Skate Night

4712 W State St. Boise ~ 208-342-1842

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### Volunteer Opportunities

#### Lunch Room Volunteers

##### NEXT WEEK'S LUNCH HELPERS

Monday (16)—Glodowski, Keefer, Valenzuela

Tuesday (17)—Fagerson, Irvine

Wednesday (18)—LaMott, Schindele

Thursday (19)—Boroff, Dunlap

Friday (20)—Smith, Golo

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.

## News

### Planning for a School Closure

We have been working on contingency plans in case we are required to close the school. We are checking the [CDC website](#) and the [Idaho Department of Health and Welfare](#) daily for accurate, factual information as well as communicating with our parish and diocese. Sarah Quilici, our superintendent, informed us yesterday that we will close our school if the Boise School District decides to close its schools, or we have confirmed cases of COVID-19 at the school.

IF this happens, please allow us three days to get our virtual learning programs up and running. Teachers have already begun planning projects and lesson plans that can be completed at home. We have several resources that will enable us to accomplish this. Some of these resources include using computer-based programs such as Accelerated Reader, MyOn, Zearn, Khan Academy, and Formed. Again, we will need a few days for implementation and to communicate with you how this remote learning will occur.

Our plans do rely heavily on technology. Please let us know if you have technology needs at home. We are more than willing to loan out our Chrome books if necessary.

I ask for patience and prayers as new information is constantly being reported. We are truly dedicated to your children's health and education.

### Traveling over Spring Break

Many of our families may be traveling out of the area for spring break. If you, or anyone in your immediate household travel to a highly exposed area please be extremely conservative on your returning to school. Please let the office know of a possible exposure.

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The School Office is missing several door scan cards, mostly that have been given out to enter the middle school building. These cards are white hard plastic and have either a yellow or red yarn lanyard. If you have discovered a card in your laundry, pockets, coats, etc., please return to the School Office.

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Due to the Coronavirus, Irish Dance of Idaho has cancelled their St. Patrick's Day performance at the school.

### Attention 8th grade parents

Important dates coming up for your 8th grade graduates:

**Wednesday, April 8** after Student Body Mass - Graduation group and individual photos at the Church

**Week of May 11** - Finals

**Sunday, May 17-Tuesday, May 19** - 8th grade Retreat @ Trinity Pines in Cascade

**Wednesday, May 20** - 8th grade Graduation Mass @ 1:00 p.m. @ St. Mark's Church followed by a reception in Donoghue Hall



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Register now for summer engineering camps at Boise State!

# eGirls 2020



a two-day adventure for girls exploring  
engineering and computer science careers

**June 5-6, 2020**

at Boise State University  
**For 9th, 10th & 11th Grade Girls**

e-Girls is FREE overnight program  
8:30 a.m. June 5 to 4:00 p.m. June 6  
Housing, lunch, dinner, snacks, & prizes provided

Thanks to our partners

keynetics™



For more information and to register online visit  
[boisestate.edu/coen/outreach/e-girls/](https://boisestate.edu/coen/outreach/e-girls/)



**Priority Deadline:**

May 1, 2020  
(Priority to early and  
new applicants)

Enrollment limited to  
50 girls.



**BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY**  
COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

e-Girls, June 5-6 (for high school girls exiting 9th, 10th, 11th grades)  
<https://www.boisestate.edu/coen/outreach/e-girls/>



# eCamp 2020



**May 31- June 2, 2020**

at Boise State University  
For exiting 7th, 8th, 9th graders

### Experience Campus Life

You will live on campus in a college dormitory under the supervision of camp staff.

All food, housing and recreational activities are provided.

For more information and to register online visit  
[boisestate.edu/coen/outreach/ecamp/](https://boisestate.edu/coen/outreach/ecamp/)



### Priority Deadline:

May 1, 2020  
(Priority to early and new applicants)

Cost: \$300 (\$350 after May 1)  
Scholarships available



**BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY**  
COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

e-Camp, May 31 – June 2 (for exiting 7th, 8th, 9th graders)

<https://www.boisestate.edu/coen/outreach/ecamp/>



St. Mark's School has a T-Ball Coach! Thank you to Josh Callihan for volunteering to lead the Lions. Watch for more information coming soon.

**CARTOONING classes!!!**



## Drawing Classes for kids at ST. MARK'S

If your child have a great sense of humor to complement his or her artistic skills then they'll LOVE a Young Rembrandts Cartoon class. Our students will learn how to personify inanimate objects, as they breathe life into everyday clocks. Popular pets will also see the cartoon treatment as they're transformed into colorful characters. Then we will imagine ourselves traveling to far away worlds as we illustrate amazing alien beings. We will also demonstrate to our students that drawing toys can be just as much fun as playing with them. All this and more await our students. Enroll your student today!

**Follow us. Like us. Watch us.**



### Classes

Wednesdays  
3:05 - 4:05 p.m.  
4/1 - 5/6



### Tuition

Pay in Full Option: \$72.00  
\*\*\***(6 Week Session)**  
Easy Pay Option: \$36.00 now, and  
then (1) \$36 payment in 3 weeks.



### Enrollment

**ENROLL ONLINE at**  
[www.youngrembrandts.com/  
boise-id](http://www.youngrembrandts.com/boise-id)



Young Rembrandts

Young Rembrandts-Boise  
Ph: 208.991.7396  
Email: tom.dempsey  
@youngrembrandts.com

**We need a minimum of 4 students in each session to be able to continue this art program**

*Salt & Light Catholic Radio's Spring Pledge Drive is coming up. St. Mark's is being highlighted on Wednesday, March 18 from 3-6pm. Tune in at 102.3FM, 1140AM, or listen online and find the complete guest schedule at [saltandlightradio.com](http://saltandlightradio.com).*



# Catholic Connected Parenting

## Is your family interested in participating in a Catholic Parenting Class?

**What:** A whole family parenting class that focuses on trust-based and attachment parenting and Catholic identity. Includes a children's program for children 4+ years and childcare for 0-3 years.

Week 1: Overview  
Week 2: Brain Development  
Week 3: Attachment  
Week 4: Connection  
Week 5: Empowerment  
Week 6: Discipline  
Week 7: Correction  
Week 8: Putting it All Together

**When:** Saturday mornings  
April 4 to May 23, 2020  
9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**Where:** St. Mark's Catholic School  
7503 W. Northview Street, Boise

**Cost:** \$50 (supplies and snacks)



## How does our family sign up?

An electronic survey is required before any family is accepted to participate in the class. Once the survey is completed, you will be contacted with news of your acceptance.

## For more information:

Contact: Jodi Fulford  
Email: [jfulford@rcdb.org](mailto:jfulford@rcdb.org)

## Special Thanks to:

St. Mark's Catholic School  
NNU School of Counseling  
Marriage and Family Life Office



## Free Event With Father Greg Boyle, S.J.

Father Greg Boyle, S.J., author of *Tattoos on the Heart*, and founder and Director of Homeboy Industries, the world's largest gang-intervention and rehabilitation program, is coming to Boise. He will be speaking at a free community event at the Cathedral of the Rockies on Thursday, March 19th at 6:30 PM.

# NORTHWEST LEADERSHIP

## FREE EVENT WITH FATHER BOYLE

THURSDAY, MARCH 19TH 6:30PM

717 N 11TH ST, BOISE, ID 83702

## TVCS Events/Sports

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sports Information</u>
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<u>March</u>	
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31	Tennis @ South Middle School
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**Click here** to view the March, April & May Tennis & Track schedule

TVCS Tennis for Grades 6-8: practice starts on Thursday, March 12 at 4:30 pm at the Julia Davis tennis courts.

TVCS Track for Grades 6-8: practice starts on Thursday, March 12 at 5:00 pm at Bishop Kelly

Both tennis and track require 10 practices prior to the first match/meet. That being said, the coaches will discuss practice times and dates with you this week. If they haven't made the 10 practices, be prepared to not participate in the first match/meet. Coaches information, practice schedule, and match/meet dates will be discussed further at practice on Thursday. **Students may join tennis or track after the the first day of practice, but may not have enough practices to participate in the first match.**



### 31st Annual Holy Spirit Basketball Tournament

As of today, March 12, 2020, due to the recent developments of COVID-19 and in an effort to prevent further spread and protect our communities, Holy Spirit Catholic School is cancelling its invitational basketball tournament scheduled for March 20 – 22, 2020. In the coming days and weeks, we will work individually with schools and parishes to refund tournament fees.

Thank you to the schools, coaches, parents and players who have supported this event for the last 30 years. Please share this information with any of your staff and families who planned on participating in the tournament. We hope to see you all again next March.

Powered By TeamSnap Tournaments

### Preschool Happenings



We have been learning about St. Patrick, shamrocks, shapes, and the letter T.

We are truly blessed to have such a fun, engaging, kind and eager to learn group this year!

### Church Connection

If you would like to receive the Parish Newsletter  
**text** [BOISESTMARKSNEWS](https://www.boisestmarksnews.com) **to** 42828 to sign up

OR





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

[Click here to upload the Parish Bulletin for March 15](#)



# *Divine Mercy Night*

*~ Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament*

*~ Veneration of a 1st Class Relic of St. Faustina*

*~ Praise and worship music*

*~ Father Ben will lead us in a reflection  
on the veneration of saints, mercy and prayer*

*Saturday 3/14, 7pm-8pm, St. Mark's Sanctuary*

*"Jesus, we trust in you."*

PLEASE PRACTICE THE FOLLOWING PREVENTATIVE MEASURES FOR THIS AND EVERY EVENT AT ST. MARK'S:

1. If you don't feel well, please stay home.
2. Practice good hygiene: WASH your hands prior to attending any event (for 30 seconds) use hand sanitizer and DO NOT SHAKE hands with one another.
3. If you are vulnerable (elderly with an underlying condition or immune compromised) please stay home.
4. If you traveled to a COVID 19 impacted area recently, please stay home.

## Notes from the Nurse

### Heads Up, Protect the Brain

#### 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.

Hello Parents,

It's time again for our annual sports physicals. **BK Physicals** are scheduled for **Sunday, May 3rd from 10-2 pm at St. Luke's Sports Medicine, 1109 W Myrtle St, Suite 200, Boise, Idaho**. Athletes must bring their physical form filled out and signed by a parent and the athlete and the \$25 fee (BKHS). It is good through the 2020/21 sports seasons.

#### Step 1: Register for an Appointment

We have **automated the sports physical sign up process** to make it more convenient for you and efficient for us. **Below is a link to the electronic sheet where you can set an appointment time for your athlete to receive their mandatory annual physical.** The online appointment times are on a first come first served basis.

Physical Appointment Sign Up Form:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904084FA4AF2DAAF58-bishop>

#### Step 2: Complete the Physical Form

You can find and print the **"BK Athletics Physical Form"** by going to <http://www.bkathletics.org/forms>. The health history and signatures on the first page must be complete before the appointment. The second page is completed by our doctors and nurses.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

P.S. As this email is being sent from Mr. Caldwell's email address, if you respond with questions or comments, be sure to respond to [nsturlin@bk.org](mailto:nsturlin@bk.org) rather than clicking "reply". Thanks!

My best,

Nate Sturlin, LAT, ATC  
Licensed/Certified Athletic Trainer  
Athletic Trainer at Bishop Kelly High School  
C: 208-867-5630  
[nsturlin@bk.org](mailto:nsturlin@bk.org)

## Notes from the Counselor

### Connection is Key

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.