



Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parents and Friends of St. Mark's,

Today we celebrate the feast of St. Joseph the Worker. The feast of St. Joseph was instituted in 1955 by Pope Pius XII in response to the communist climate of the time and subsequent persecution of the Christian worker. "This feast extends the long relationship between Joseph and the cause of workers in both Catholic faith and devotion. Beginning in the Book of Genesis, the dignity of human work has long been celebrated as a participation in the creative work of God. By work, humankind both fulfills the command found in Genesis to care for the earth (Gn 2:15) and to be productive in their labors." Read the entire Franciscan Media article [HERE](#).

We often dream of winning the lottery and retiring early to engage in a 'permanent vacation.' But how many of us would truly enjoy never working again? We don't just work to make ends meet, we work to make the world a better place and we know it is good because even Jesus worked! Thank you St. Mark's family and friends, for all the good work you do in our school, parish, community and at home.

Public Masses are slowly reopening at St. Mark's, with limited capacity. [THIS VIDEO](#) explains what it will look like for the time being. You will need to make a reservation so we can ensure appropriate social distance and safety, click [HERE](#) to reserve a ticket.

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,

I pray you are all doing well on the feast of Joseph the Worker. May we all love our families as Joseph did and truly appreciate the dignity of work. Thank you for all of your hard work during this time!



After much collaboration with Dr. Quilici, Catholic school principals, guidance from Idaho Health officials, and feedback from staff and parents, St. Mark's will continue our remote learning through the remainder of the 19-20 school year. Please know student and staff safety was at the forefront of this decision.

Students will continue learning remotely through May 22nd. Teachers will be communicating with you on how the quarter will conclude. Students should expect to see a marked decline in new assignments after May 15th with the goal of having the following week for students to complete their assignments and ask for assistance if needed. While new material will be covered during the week of the 18th, the

workload will be reduced.

I will be sending out information about the last three days of school, May 26-28, in the weeks to come. We are planning a coordinated drop-off and pickup of all materials and a few, safe activities to bring closure to the school year.

SCHOOL MASS

You may have heard that our parish will start celebrating Mass at the parish this weekend. They are limiting the number of people who may attend to 200, and you must sign up online to attend a Mass on a first-come-first-serve basis. There is also a specific protocol that must be followed to attend. Please visit the [parish website](#) for more details. They are offering this for daily Masses as well. This means that if you would like to attend our school Mass at 8:30 on Wednesday, you may sign up to do so. Thank you so much for your continued support of St. Mark's. You are all in my prayers. Have a blessed weekend!

Peace,
Donna Gordon

Student Spotlight



Happy Birthday to Garrett Bernstein who celebrates his 1st birthday today



Happy Birthday to Vincent who had a drive by birthday party with his Kindergarten friends

Lion Pride Recognition

	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



Upcoming Events

Home and School

Volunteer Opportunities

As you know, each family at St. Mark's is required to complete 24 hours of volunteer time each year. Many families either completed these hours or were very close to doing so before the school was closed in March. Since we began remote learning, I can only imagine the hours you have spent guiding your children through this process. Your patience and support have been incredible and greatly appreciated. I think you all will far surpass the volunteer requirement this year, so there is no need to continue to log hours. Your commitment to Catholic education and St. Mark's is what makes our community so blessed.

Lunch Room Volunteers

News



Happy Teacher Appreciation Week!



Next week is also National Nurse's Week. Thank you to Mrs. Linda Miller, RN, and Mrs. Sherry Placido, CNA, for taking care of our students on Tuesdays and Thursdays each week. We also acknowledge all of our parents who are nurses and all of the nurses taking care of COVID-19 patients around the world.



EARN CASH FOR OUR SCHOOL

NO MORE CLIPPING. ALL YOU NEED IS YOUR SMARTPHONE.

The NEW and improved Box Tops mobile app uses state-of-the-art technology to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to our school's earnings online.

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EARN CASH FOR OUR SCHOOL

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Traditional Box Tops clips are being phased out of production but may continue to be found on many products throughout the store as packages transition to the new Box Tops labels. **You can still clip these and send them to school.** Please make sure each clip has a valid expiration date.



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1. Make a **May Day** flower crown. ...
2. Give a **May Day** flower basket. ...
3. Plant some spring flowers. ...
4. Dance around a Maypole. ...
5. Enjoy a **May Day** picnic. ...
6. Build a **May Day** bonfire. ...
7. Do a **May Day** dance. ...
8. Read a picture book about Springtime

Do you shop at Fred Meyer and have your phone number attached to St. Mark's School so the school receives a quarterly donation percentage of your receipts. [Click here](#) to select St. Mark's School (GC320) as the recipient of your shopping trip donations.

We will place an order through the school for Summer Skills Review Books if we have enough interest. Books are \$19 each and will be delivered to the school for you to pick up (date will be

announced at a later date). [Click here](#) to view details of the books (remember since these are review books, you should order the grade level that your student is currently in). The order form can be viewed below. Please select the books you want to order and email your selections to schooloffice@stmarksboise.org by Friday, May 8. Please mail your payment to St. Mark's School 7503 W. Northview St., Boise, ID 83704.



Summer Skills™

Strengthening skills. Cultivating confidence.

Reinforce Your Child's Learning Over the Summer!

Parent Letter/Order Form

(For books sent to the school)

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The education of our children is more important than ever before. You can give your child a summer of continued learning with our books. Studies show that much of what is learned during the school year is lost over the summer months. Since 1991 the Summer Skills Review Books have provided millions of students with a comprehensive review of materials taught the previous year without adding more screen time to their summer.

With educational demands continuously changing, children need not only a review that keeps current with State and Common Core Standards, but also gives them an academic edge and self-confidence when they return to school in the fall.

Our easy-to-use Math, Language Arts and Foreign Language review books serve this purpose. Taking only 15-30 minutes three to four times per week over the summer, our books provide a succinct review that is not overwhelming.

Generally the grade level just completed is ordered; however, you and your child's teacher can best determine what grade level would be most suitable. **Our books are not sold in stores.** For more information visit our website at: www.summerskills.com

Summer Math Skills Sharpener Books:

- 15 review books for Pre-K through 7th grade, Basic Math Review, Prealgebra, Algebra I, Geometry, High School Math* and Math for Life**.
- Each lesson gives students practice in a mix of skills.
- Grade-appropriate auxiliary pages are included.
- Answer key, solutions for each problem (4th grade and up), and tutorial "Help Pages" are included.

*Helps students prepare for college entrance exams, state proficiency tests and college algebra; reviews both Geometry and Advanced Algebra.

**A practical guide for everyday life, designed for the high school level and above.

Summer Language Arts Review:

- 10 books for Pre-K through 7th grade and High School Prep.*
- Lessons review mixed skills including reading, writing, phonics, punctuation, grammar and more.
- Answer key and a grade-appropriate reading list are included.

*Helps students prepare for high school as well as entrance exams and the PSAT.

Foreign Language Review:

- Spanish I, Spanish II and French I review books (recommended for middle school/high school).
- Lessons help students prepare for their second or third year of foreign language.
- Answer key is included.

Touch the Future Computer Keyboarding:

- One book designed for grades 3 through 6.
- A paper keyboard is included for students without access to a computer.

Study Skills Sharpener:

- One book for grade 7 through high school.
- Lessons help students study more efficiently.

School Order Form *(for books sent to the school)*

Student Name _____ Teacher _____

SUMMER MATH SKILLS SHARPENER

Pre-K _____	7th _____
K _____	Basic Math Review for the Middle Grades _____
1st _____	Prealgebra _____
2nd _____	Algebra I _____
3rd _____	Geometry _____
4th _____	High School Math _____
5th _____	Math for Life _____
6th _____	

LANGUAGE ARTS REVIEW

Pre-K _____	4th _____
K _____	5th _____
1st _____	6th _____
2nd _____	7th _____
3rd _____	H.S. Prep _____

SPANISH I REVIEW _____ (middle & high school level)

SPANISH II REVIEW _____ (high school level)

FRENCH I REVIEW _____ (middle & high school level)

STUDY SKILLS SHARPENER _____ (7th grade through high school)

TOUCH THE FUTURE KEYBOARDING _____ (3rd - 6th grade)

The cost of each book is \$_____. Make check payable to the school and return with form by ____/____/_____

To assist in our efforts to comply with changing sales tax laws, please enclose a properly executed sales tax exemption certificate if you are an exempt institution.

SERVE with Us

St. Mark's is embarking on a 30 day food drive with the Knights of Columbus to meet the increased need our community will see as a result of the COVID-19 crisis.

- When you shop, please consider including the list of items below in a separate bag.



- Place them on your porch by Tuesday of each week, email [Will Rainford](#) your home address and the Knights of Columbus will pick the food up without even knocking on your door.
- OR you can still drop them in the Food Box located outside the double, north facing doors (near the Faith Formation room).
- OR make a donation to the St. Jude Fund by clicking [HERE](#). All donations made to the St. Jude Fund will be used to support the Food Bank.
- WE NEED YOUR HELP to feed the hungry in our community.

Items needed:

- Canned Spaghetti Sauce
- Tuna Fish
- Canned Chicken
- Jam/Jelly
- Cereal
- Canned Chili
- Canned Vegetables
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Canned Soup
- Canned Fruit
- Ramen Noodles
- 1 lb pkg of Oatmeal
- 1lb bags of beans
- Rice

Knights of the Week



Olivia Harrington (St. Mark's graduate and current BK senior) - Community

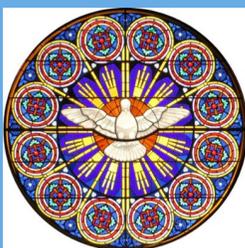
Olivia's participation and contributions to BK Spotlight are upbeat and uplifting. She brings such a great energy to the beginning of the day. She is contributing to BK Spotlight while keeping up with schoolwork and participating in an exemplary fashion!

TVCS Events/Sports

Preschool Happenings



Hello to all our preschool families. I want to wish you a blessed month of May. Look what I found today on a walk, a huge swarm of honey bees. Yikes! They are swarming on a rock.



Church Connection

If you would like to receive the Parish Newsletter **text** [BOISESTMARKSNEWS](tel: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 May 3](#)

Notes from the Nurse



April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. The U.S. Department of Health and Welfare provides many tips for parents in handling tough life circumstances and in building

a happy and healthy family. Families all need support from their communities and education for handling life's difficult situations. Check out the many tips and resources: <https://www.childwelfare.gov/topics/preventing/preventionmonth2020/>

Saint Alphonsus has set up a non-urgent COVID-19 nurse hotline between 8 am and 8 pm. You can call and ask questions related to COVID-19.

208-302-2683 (208-302-COVD)

Saint Alphonsus also has a Coronavirus page with links to more information as it is updated:

<https://www.saintalphonsus.org/coronavirus/>

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

Getting Along With Siblings Part 1

If you have children, you know that maintaining peace in your household can be difficult. One minute your children are getting along and the next minute they're at each other's throats. Knowing when and how to intervene can make a difference in how your children relate to each other. Find out what you can do to manage sibling rivalry.

What causes sibling rivalry?

Sibling rivalry typically develops as siblings compete for their parents' love and respect. Signs of sibling rivalry might include hitting, name-calling, bickering and immature behavior. Moderate levels of sibling rivalry are a healthy sign that each child is able to express his or her needs or wants.

What factors might affect how well siblings get along?

While sibling rivalry is a natural part of growing up, many factors can affect how well your children get along with each other — including age, sex and personality, the size of your family, whether it's a blended family, and each child's position in it. For example:

*Children close in age might battle each other more than children farther apart in age.

*Children of the same sex might share more of the same interests, but they might also be more likely to compete against each other.

*Middle children — who might not get the same privileges or attention as the oldest or youngest child in the family — might act out to feel more secure.

*Children whose parents are divorced might feel driven to compete for the attention of the parent with whom they live — especially if stepsiblings also live in the home.

As your children get older, the way they interact is likely to change. While younger children tend to fight physically, older children are more likely to have verbal arguments. Competitiveness between siblings typically peaks between ages 10 and 15. However, sometimes sibling rivalry can continue on into adulthood.

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.