

## Volume 7, Issue 1— August 19, 2022



### St. Mark's Catholic School Vision

**St Mark's Catholic School is dedicated to educating student disciples in body, mind and spirit, through the collaboration of families, community and the Church.**

### Our Mission

**St. Mark's Catholic School is a ministry of St. Mark's Catholic Community that fosters academic excellence, rooted in the Catholic faith, and Christian values.**

### Letter from our Pastor

Dear Parents and Friends of St. Marks,

My name is Father Paul O'Donnell and I am blessed to be serving as your new Pastor of St. Mark's parish community.



I had the honor of being a part of the ribbon cutting last Saturday. What a beautiful new addition you have all worked so hard to fundraise and help set up. I would like to thank Tim LaMott for his gifts of time, treasure, and talent in leading this large project and getting it completed in such a short time frame.

We celebrated our first school Mass on Wednesday with our first through eighth graders; where I prayed the Good Shepherd blessing over the students and teachers. What a beautiful celebration!

I look forward to welcoming the Kindergarteners and Preschoolers at next week's Mass as well as blessing each classroom next Monday.

I look forward to meeting each of you soon.

With prayers and friendship,  
Father Paul

### Letter from our Principal

Dear St. Mark's Families,

Happy first week of school! Seeing our classrooms and hallways full of smiling, eager students was a true blessing. We are genuinely looking forward to a fantastic 55th year at St. Mark's! I would like to sincerely thank the parents and students who helped us prepare for the first day of school; we could not have opened without all the moving, organizing, cleaning, and installing!



Thursday, August 25th, is our Back to School Night. All 41 of our new families will meet in the gymnasium at 6:00 p.m. All families (including new families) will join their child's classroom at 6:30 p.m. for a Zoom presentation. At 7:00 pm and at 7:30 pm, each teacher will have two identical sessions to go over what the school year will look like for your child(ren).

As a reminder, this is a night for parents to learn about the school and what will be happening in their child's classroom this year. We kindly ask that students do not attend.

#### **Parking Lot Pick-Up Change**

The inside (west side) of the island will now be for families with 4th or 5th graders. The outside of the island (east side) will be used as a pass-through lane for middle school pick-up. If your fourth or fifth grader has younger siblings, we will have them stand with their youngest siblings to be picked up in the two closest lanes to the school. Thank you for your patience as we settle into a routine.

#### **Covid Protocols**

Please read below the school's policy regarding how positive cases of covid will be handled this year and our general illness policy.

#### **St. Mark's Car Show**

All are welcome to the First Annual St. Mark's Car Show tomorrow, Saturday, August 20th, from 10 a.m to 2 p.m. in the church parking lot. All proceeds benefit our school. Thank you, school parent Joshua Callihan, for coordinating this special event.

I pray you have a blessed, safe week. Thank you so much for choosing St. Mark's. Go lions!

Blessings,  
Donna Gordon

**THIS NEWSLETTER CONTAINS A LOT OF INFORMATION, AND THE LENGTH OF THE NEWSLETTER CAUSES IT TO BE TRUNCATED.**

**LOOK FOR THE LINK AT THE BOTTOM OF THE EMAIL THAT SAYS "VIEW ENTIRE MESSAGE" TO EXPAND THE EMAIL, OR [CLICK HERE](#) TO VIEW NEWSLETTER ON OUR WEBSITE.**



Revitalization News

REVITALIZING OUR PARISH SCHOOL  
*Journey with Us*  
PHASE II

Our summer construction project included a new entrance, Principal's Office, School Office, Vice Principal's Office, Counselor's Office, Conference Room, new Preschool and 4/5th grade Classrooms. Thank you to Bishop Peter, Fr. Paul, Tammy Emerich (Catholic School Superintendent) and all the families and students who came to help us celebrate.



Groundbreaking Ceremony on  
March 17, 2022



Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on  
August 13, 2022



Mrs. Gordon and dignitaries



Tim LaMott, Construction Mgr, Grandparent  
and Volunteer Extraordinaire



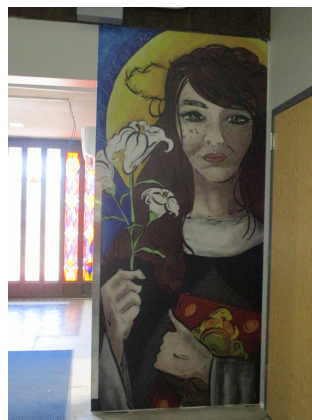


Teachers and staff extending their blessings on our new entry



New preschool classroom

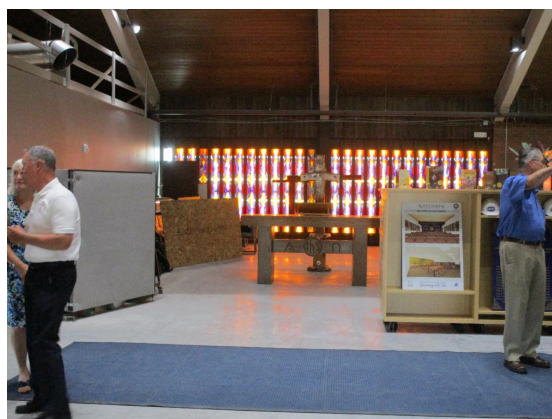
New art work in our entry, created by our art teacher Mrs. Czarniecki



New art work of St. Catherine of Siena, outside of preschool, was also created by Mrs. Czarniecki



Our library space, staffed by Mrs. Rosania, is ready for students to check out books in person this year



Our future Chapel

**For more information about how to participate in the Journey with Us campaign, please contact Kathleen Brinegar in the School Office at 208-375-6654.**

## COVID/Illness News

Children learn best when they are healthy and well-rested. Please, for your child's health and safety, and for the health and safety of others, keep sick kids home. If your child is experiencing any of the symptoms below and these symptoms are not attributable to any other condition they may have, then your child should stay home.

- A temperature of 100.4 or higher without the use of fever reducing medication
- Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, or loss of appetite
- New uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing OR a change in their cough from baseline for those with allergies/asthma
- New congestion or runny nose OR a change in symptoms from baseline for those with allergies/asthma
- Severe sore throat
- New or unusual onset of severe headache, muscle, or body aches

- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- New loss of taste or smell
- New or unusual rash
- Pink eye with discharge not associated with diagnosed allergies

A student may return to school when:

- They are asymptomatic or symptoms have significantly improved
- There has been no vomiting, diarrhea, or fever for 24 hours without the use of medication
- They have been evaluated by a healthcare provider and cleared to return to school with a note from the provider
- They have been taking a prescribed medication for impetigo, strep throat, pink eye, or any other communicable conditions for 24 hours or per their healthcare providers instructions/recommendations

### **COVID-19 Testing and Positive Cases**

- Consider testing if illness symptoms persist and/or your healthcare provider recommends testing, test results must come from a lab
- Report positive COVID-19 tests to the school
- Positive COVID-19 students must self-isolate/stay home for 5 full days, the first day of symptoms is considered day zero
- May return to school on day 6 if asymptomatic or with improving symptoms, masks recommended for another 5 days
- The school will no longer track, trace, or communicate positive cases in the facility

## **Student Spotlight**



Harry, 4th grade, shows his paint horse, Destiny, at the Western Idaho Fair.  
Harry is in a 4H horse club.

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Has your child done something amazing? Let us know and we will feature them in the Student Spotlight. Send a picture and description to **[schooloffice@stmarksschoolboise.com](mailto:schooloffice@stmarksschoolboise.com)**.

**Lion Pride Recognition**



# LionPRIDE

Practice  
MAKES  
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>DISCIPLINE</b> <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
<b>EXCELLENCE</b> <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 SCHOOLS

## Congratulations to this week's winners:

Carter S, Genevieve S, Charlie B, Espyn S, Colin C, Lexi D, Elliott C, Khaleesia B, Connor D (2), Noah A, Hudson A, Elliott C, Teddy Z, Carter M, Paul T

## Weekly Calendar

### Saturday, August 20

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. First Annual St. Mark's School Car Show in the Church Parking Lot (see details below)

### Wednesday, August 24

8:30 a.m. Student Body Mass (All grades) presented by Mrs. Behrend's 8th grade

### Thursday, August 25

Back to School Night

6:00 for NEW FAMILIES

6:30 for ALL FAMILIES

### Friday, August 26

\$1 Optional Spirit Day

## Upcoming Events

### Sunday, August 28

Mrs. Gordon's Birthday

### Tuesday, August 30

Mrs. Kenworthy's Birthday

**Wednesday, August 31**

8:30 a.m. Student Body Mass presented by Mrs. Paz/Mrs. Martin's 8th grade

**Friday, September 2**

Teacher In-Service Day - No School

**Monday, September 5**

Labor Day - No School

## **Home & School**

Mark your calendar for this year's Dinner Auction on Saturday, February 11.

## **Volunteer Opportunities**

We could use a few volunteers on Monday, August 22 right after morning drop off to clean and organize the Staff Lounge. If you can help, please stop by the School Office on Monday morning. Time worked counts towards your Volunteer Hours.

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### **St. Mark's School Spirituality Committee Seeks Parent Involvement**

The Spirituality Committee, which meets monthly, is made up of faculty and parents and helps the principal/pastor nurture and expand the Catholic identity of the school. We need a couple more parent volunteers to sit on the committee. If you would like to help us live and grow the spirituality of our school community, please email Angela Paz at [apaz@stmarksschoolboise.com](mailto:apaz@stmarksschoolboise.com). Thank you!

## **Lunch Room Volunteers**

### **NEXT WEEK'S LUNCH HELPERS**

Monday (22)—Mullin, LaMott, Bial  
Tuesday (23)—Mullin, Johnson, Manzanares  
Wednesday (24)—Anderson, LaMott, Manzanares  
Thursday (25)—Bial, Johnson, Corcoran, Mullin  
Friday (26)—Webster, Corcoran, Manzanares

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

4 LUNCHROOM HELPERS ARE NEEDED EACH DAY from 10:45-12:30 to load lunches on to trays and deliver the trays to the classrooms. Volunteers are given a free lunch.

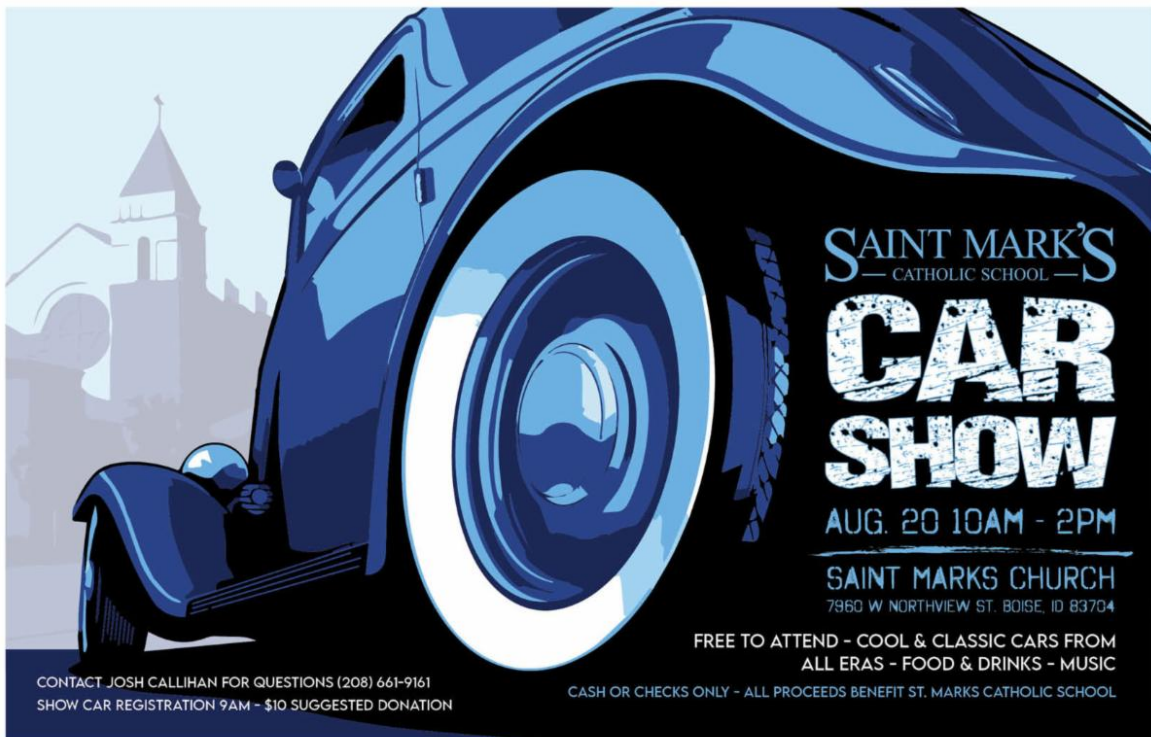
Please call (208) 375-6654 or email the School Office to volunteer.

Daily Lunch Schedule: 11:15 a.m. (PS-2); 11:35 a.m. (3-5); 12:00 p.m. (6-8)

## **News**

Join us this Saturday for the First Annual St. Mark's School Car Show





View the [August Monthly Calendar](#)

You can always find the Lunch and Monthly Calendars on our website at [www.stmarksboise.com](http://www.stmarksboise.com) under "current families" tab.



### **Back to School Night is Thursday, August 25**

- 6:00 for New Families
- 6:30 for All Families

The **New Families** session will be held in the gym. The **All Families** session will be broadcast to all classrooms. Each teacher will present 2 sessions so families with multiple children can visit each child's classroom. For the All Families session, choose one of your student's classrooms to attend the broadcast.

If you have a family member who would like to receive the weekly edition of the newsletter, please email their name and email address to [schooloffice@stmarksschoolboise.com](mailto:schooloffice@stmarksschoolboise.com).

- **Students arriving at school between 7:30–7:44 a.m. report to the gym.**
- **Students arriving 7:45–8:00 a.m. proceed through the Middle School gate directly to the playground.**
- **Students arriving at 8:05 a.m. or later must stop by the School Office for a tardy slip.**

If students have checks or other items for the School Office, they may give them to their teacher after the bell rings and students enter class.



If your child is absent from school, please call the School Office @ 208-375-6654 or email [schooloffice@stmarksschoolboise.com](mailto:schooloffice@stmarksschoolboise.com). If your child is marked absent and you haven't contacted us, you will receive an email inquiring about the absence.

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If someone else is picking up your child, please call the School Office and let us know. Unless we hear from you, we will not release your child.

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All new and current families were sent an email from Plusportals with your family login and password. If you are a current family, your information remains the same as last year. Your family account allows you to view your student's grades, attendance, progress reports, teacher emails, student directory and family demographics. You are also able to view student and family directories. These directories are intended for school use only, please do not share them or use them for business or commercial enterprises. Please contact the School Office at 208-375-6654 if you did not receive the email.

If you have changes to your address, phone numbers, etc., please email those changes to the School Office at [schooloffice@stmarksschoolboise.com](mailto:schooloffice@stmarksschoolboise.com).

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No school on Friday, September 2 due to Teacher Inservice or on Monday, September 5 in honor of Labor Day.

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St. Mark's Cub Scout Pack 94 is having an information and registration meeting on Wednesday, August 31 in the gym @ 7:00 p.m. Scouts will participate in outdoor activities while parents learn about Cub Scouting. **Email Tim LaMott** for more information.

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During morning drop off and afternoon pick up, please DO NOT park:

- In the parking lot at the west end of the school. This parking lot is reserved for staff members only.
  - In the cut out on Northview St. This is reserved for staff members and the 2 families who purchased the parking spaces at last year's Dinner Auction.
  - In the River City Church parking lot across Northview.
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Are you keeping track of your Volunteer Hours? **Click here** to download the Volunteer Log. Remember that 24 hours of volunteer time are required during the school year, 6 of those dedicated to the Dinner Auction and 18 hours that directly benefit the school. You will be asked to submit your Volunteer Hours quarterly to the School Office.

ALL VOLUNTEERS MUST HAVE COMPLETED THE SAFE ENVIRONMENT WORKSHOP (SEW) AND HAVE AN APPROVED BACKGROUND CHECK THROUGH THE DIOCESAN OFFICE. THE COST OF A DIOCESAN BACKGROUND CHECK ranges between \$13.00-\$85.00, depending on several factors including the number of states in which an applicant has lived. One live Safe Environment Workshop has been completed in person, then an annual online renewal each year after that is required by the Diocese of Boise. Please visit <http://boise.CMGconnect.org> to set up an account. This is also where you will register for classes.

St. Mark's School has a new trainer this year and we will be having SEW classes soon. Check this newsletter each week for updates.

## Friends of the Library Book Sale

Boise Public Library  
715 W. Capital Blvd.

August 18-21

8/18 - 1:00-7:00 p.m.

8/19 - 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

8/20 - 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

8/21 - 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Our library is in need of:

- grade school chapter books
- beginning readers
- non-fiction and biographies for Grades 2-8

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### Spirit Days

Each month we have 2 Spirit Days, the first being free and the second is \$1, which is donated to charity. The first Spirit Day of the year is Friday, August 26. YOU MAY PAY FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR OF SPIRIT DAYS UP FRONT. SEND \$10 TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE MARKED SPIRIT DAYS.

Students may wear:

- Jeans or solid colored shorts (seasonal) in good condition
- St. Mark's spirit T-shirt and/or St. Mark's sweatshirt
- Students must continue to follow Students' Overall Appearance Guidelines on Spirit Days. Spirit wear (sweatshirts and spirit shirts) must be purchased at Educational Outfitters.

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We have bookcovers for sale in the School Office for \$2.00.

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Every Wednesday that we are in school and Holy Days during the school week will be Student Body Mass Days. Students should be in Mass Dress, as stated in the Uniform Dress Code. These days are noted on the Monthly Calendar and in the Friday Facts each week.

<b><u>MASS DRESS</u></b> <b><u>preK – 8<sup>th</sup></u></b> <b>Shorts and hoodies are never allowed at Student Body Mass</b>	
<b>Boys</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A clean, white, button down dress shirt.</li><li>• Tie - school plaid* or navy (ties available for purchase at the school office – navy only)</li><li>• Navy or red sweaters or cardigans (no <u>hoods</u>) <u>may be</u> worn along with the shirt and tie.</li><li>• <u>Uniform pants in color outlined above.</u></li></ul>
<b>Girls</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A clean, white, button down blouse.</li><li>• St. Mark's school plaid or navy crossover tie* <u>may be</u> worn.</li><li>• Navy or red sweaters or cardigans may be worn.</li><li>• Jumper, <del>skort</del> or skirt outlined above, OR</li><li>• <u>Uniform pants in color outlined above</u></li></ul>

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We have navy Mass ties for sale in the School Office. Ties are \$10 each and we have 3 sizes to fit all grades.

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**Hot Lunch** - new families should have received an email from EZSchoolApps.com inviting you to set up your child's hot lunch account. This will allow you to see what is being served for lunch each day, what your child's account balance is and what days they have eaten hot lunch. You can also set alerts for low balances in the lunch account. If a child comes to school and forgot their cold lunch, they will be served a hot lunch and their account will be charged \$3.50. Cold lunch milk will be available for .15¢ and that amount will be deducted from the student's lunch account.

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St. Mark's Catholic School offers an extended day program called Homework Club. The program runs from 3:00 to 5:30 each day school is in session. Fees apply beginning at 3:30 p.m. It is important your child(ren) is picked up promptly at the close of the program. A late fee of \$1.00 per minute will be charged beginning at 5:31 pm.

- 3:30 - 4:30 - \$6.00 per child
  - 3:30 - 5:30 - \$12.00 per child
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Please use the following format when sending an email to St. Mark's School - first initial+last name@stmarksschoolboise.com. To contact the School Office please use **[schooloffice@stmarksschoolboise.com](mailto:schooloffice@stmarksschoolboise.com)**. We no longer have access to the .org emails.

### **TVCS Events/Sports**

### **Preschool Happenings**

Mrs. Katie A, Mrs. Katy B. and I were all so excited to meet and welcome our new and returning preschool students to our beautifully renovated preschool space. Our preschool program is growing and changing to meet the needs of our community. We had 12 returning students and welcomed 21 new members to our program and 20 new students. God is good! Wishing you all a very happy new school year. Thank you for choosing St. Mark's. Mrs. Anita

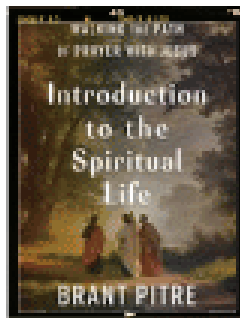


### **Church Connection**

If you would like to receive the Parish Newsletter **text** BOISESTMARKSNEWS to 42828 to sign up **OR Click here** to sign up.



**This is the perfect time to grow in  
your knowledge of our Faith, Scripture  
and Prayer.**



**Introduction to the Spiritual Life**

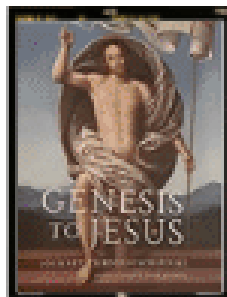
**Six weeks beginning Sept 13**

**Tuesdays 6:30-8:00pm**

**Order book online or in parish office**

**while supplies last \$22.50**

*Cheryl Johnson*



**Genesis to Jesus by St Paul Center**

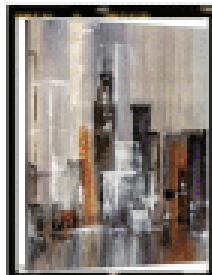
**12 weeks beginning Sept 14**

**Sundays or Wednesdays 9:30-11:00am**

**2 books: Workbook and A Father Who**

**Keeps His Promises \$37**

*Deacon Chris Privon*



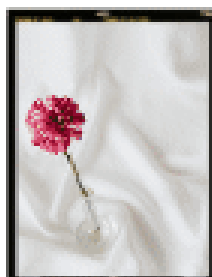
**Classical vs Modern View of Morality**

**4 weeks beginning Sept 15**

**Thursdays 6:45-8:00pm**

**optional materials announced in class**

*David and Wendy Behrend*



**Virtue and the Sacraments**

**4 weeks beginning Oct 27**

**Thursdays 6:45-8:00pm**

**optional materials announced in class**

*David and Wendy Behrend*

**stmarksboise.org Please register with office 208.375.6651**

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# CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

Begins the week of  
September 11th at  
St. Mark's  
Catholic Church



**REGISTER AT  
STMARKSBOISE.ORG**

Catechesis of the Good  
Shepherd and Faith & Life  
textbook series are offered  
on Sundays and Tuesdays

Questions? Email Ginger at  
[gmortensen@stmarksboise.org](mailto:gmortensen@stmarksboise.org)



Did you know by actively participating in the Corpus Christi Day Shelter ministry you can fulfill your active parishioner ministry requirement? This does not count toward your school volunteer hours. Please sign up to provide breakfast casseroles or help deliver casseroles each week to the Corpus Christi House.

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/10C0C4AABA92FA75-corpus>

## Notes from the Nurse

Welcome back to school! The School Health Program team is ready to start the new school year and we hope you are, too!



Our back to school schedule involves some important reminders as we begin the school year.

If you have not already done so, please provide up to date immunization records to your school nurse. It is imperative that we have an accurate picture of immunization status for our school population.

If your student has developed a health condition over the summer that will impact them at school, please contact your school nurse. This could be a new allergy, a recent illness or surgery, etc.

At this time masks will not be required at school. We ask that you remain vigilant as parents to monitor the health of your student(s) and keep them home if they are ill. If you have questions for your school nurse, please contact her at school. We are excited to be in person for the start of this school year. Together, we can work towards keeping our students, staff and families healthy.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND MEDICINE TO SCHOOL IN YOUR CHILD'S BACKPACK. ALL MEDICATIONS, INCLUDING "OVER THE COUNTER" ITEMS, MUST BE BROUGHT TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE FOR DISPENSING. This includes cough drops, ointments, etc. Medication paperwork must accompany the medication. All prescription medications must be in the original container with the Rx label attached NO MEDICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED IN A PLASTIC BAGGIE. [Click here](#) to download the paperwork.

## Saint Alphonsus School Health Program

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

### Notes from the Counselor

Joe Lipetzky Psy.D.

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