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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 Parochial Vicar

Dear Friends and Family of St. Mark's,

Is modern man troubled by uncertainty, fear of people, and fear of himself? Probably yes, many are looking for a fortune teller, of course they don't believe what she says, they go there just for fun. Modern man is looking for a recipe for happiness. Only, is he always looking in the right direction? It's good to have a trusted person, a friend who helps you go through life. However, can any of the people, even with the best intentions, understand us to the end? **There is a sphere in each of us that only God has access to.** People can advise us, but only God is able to transform us, sanctify us, and meet our needs because God looks at the heart. God the Father has not left us orphans. He sent his Son into the world, who took our sins upon himself and, departing to the Father, announced the Comforter, Paraclete Spirit. The Holy Spirit watches over us and speaks to each of us individually. Each of us can hear Him in our own language. We need one thing: stop telling ourselves that we don't have time to pray. We need to make a moment of silence without radio, TV, social media, to listen to ourselves and to God inside, to become sensitive to His presence. **He is as he was ages ago...attentive to our needs and to our voice.**

Today we celebrate the Pentecost, the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles. The Lord Jesus asks the Father for the Holy Spirit, who is to teach them how to live, who is to be an inspiration and a source of strength for them. "*John baptized with water, but you will soon be baptized with the Holy Spirit... but when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, you will receive His power and you will be my witnesses..."* (Acts 1:5.8) This time the Apostles did not ignore the Savior's warning. Taught by experience, they watch and pray. They are no longer sleeping because they have learned the consequences of lack of vigilance. They live these days in focus. Servant of God Fr. Michael Sopocko, St. Faustina's confessor; sees the time of waiting for the Holy Spirit as the first retreat of the Church, lived in silence, in prayer, far from the city and bustle. "Solitude, concentration, and silence - writes Fr. Sopocko - is a sacrifice made to God for our sensuality and distraction, and best prepares souls to receive any grace, and especially prepares the way to internal

inspirations.

With the Apostles in the Upper Room is Mary - Mother of Mercy. The Holy Spirit filled Mary at the moment of the Annunciation. Here, too, she is ready to receive Him. Her heart is always open to God's action. She does not cease to be the Handmaid of the Lord. Through her presence in the Cenacle, she realizes her vocation to spiritual motherhood towards the nascent Church. She is a Mother and her attitude teaches her to make the right choices. "In Upper Room, the same Spirit descended on her again, so that by her own example she would stimulate the Apostles to concentration, perseverance, and prayer," writes Fr. Sopocko, that she may become the Mother of our faith."

The persistence of the Apostles in the Upper Room, obedience to Jesus, who ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, is another gesture of reconciliation on their part to the will of God, another step on the path of vocation. It is a consequence of previous choices and an attitude of trusting God, and accepting God in one's life. "God never restricts man's free will," writes Fr. Sopocko - and if he wants to grant him his graces, he requires that the man himself desires these graces, that he prays for them and thus deserves them, although to a small extent.

Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we can bear fruit in our lives. By the fruits we bear, the world is to know to whom we belong. "*A good tree bears good fruit"* (Matthew 7:17a). The Holy Spirit enables us to be witnesses of God. His presence in us is Mercy itself. Since the Mercy of God according to Fr. Michael Sopocko is leaning over man to lead him out of misery and fill the gaps, the Holy Spirit is Mercy itself in us, and with his presence, with his gifts, carves in us a new image of creation in the likeness of the Creator. He "picks up mud from the mud and sets it on the rock", which is His power. If we cling to Him, we will bear His fruit. *"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control"* (Gal 5:22-23).

The day of Pentecost can be an opportunity for us to reflect on the sacrament of Confirmation. The sacrament cannot be repeated, because it is given once and does not lose its power. However, you can always refresh and deepen your awareness. We can ask with greater fervor for the gifts of the Holy Spirit within us. **Which of these gifts do you want to ask for the most right now? Wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, or fear of the Lord**; we all need His gifts His presence his gentile breath in our lives.

What is the place of the Holy Spirit in your life? Is the Holy Spirit a host or a guest in the Upper Room of your heart? Or maybe there is no place for Him in your life at all? In truth, you visit Him every Sunday in the church, because that's how you were brought up, but does your presence result from faith? Can you say that you make every step of your life conditional on discussing it on your knees with God? Is it as important to you as air is to life?

Make the day of Pentecost a moment of important life choice, open your heart to the action of the Holy Spirit. Repeat with your mouth and with your whole life: Come, Holy Spirit, I thirst... He constantly comes, but His coming can be compared to a quiet breath of wind. Don't just wait for the fiery flames.

With prayers and friendship,

Fr. Adrian

Letter from our Principal

Dear St. Mark's Families,

We did it! What a fantastic 22-23 school year! I am blessed to be part of St.

Mark's "We." St. Mark's Catholic School would not exist without your support and commitment. I am honored to work with such a dedicated, caring faculty and staff and to receive so much support from you. WE are a community that wants nothing but the best for our young disciples. As you reflect on the school year, I pray you are reminded how much your children are loved by "We."

A few 22-23 highlights:
Final report cards have been posted to your PlusPortal account. Once you log into your account, click "e-Locker" and "E-Portfolio." Your child also received a hard copy of their report card and a copy of the MAPs scores (1st - 8th grade). If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email me.

Construction on the chapel and library has already begun! I am so excited to finish our Journey with Us project this summer and for everyone to see the culmination of this four-year labor of love.

Last week we said goodbye to our graduates and 27 families who will no longer have children enrolled at St. Mark's. To our 2023-2024 returning families, please look for a summer email in July with lots of information regarding next school year.

Thank you for a wonderful year! Have a safe, happy, faith-filled, memory-making summer.

Love,
Mrs. 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

Student Spotlight

Lion Pride Recognition

LionPRIDE

Practice MAKES Saints

	CLASSROOM	HALLWAYS	LUNCH ROOM	PLAYGROUND	BATHROOMS	CHURCH
PERSEVERANCE *Every Day - Every Time*	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 *Others, Self & Property*	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 *Honesty in All You Do*	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 *Following Jesus' Example*	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 *Strive for Success*	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

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Congratulations to this week's winners:

Claire R, Mariana F, Declan S, Michael C

Weekly Calendar

Upcoming Events

Click here to view the 2023-2024 school calendar.

Home & School

Saint Mark's Home & School
invites you to the first annual

Summer Pool Party

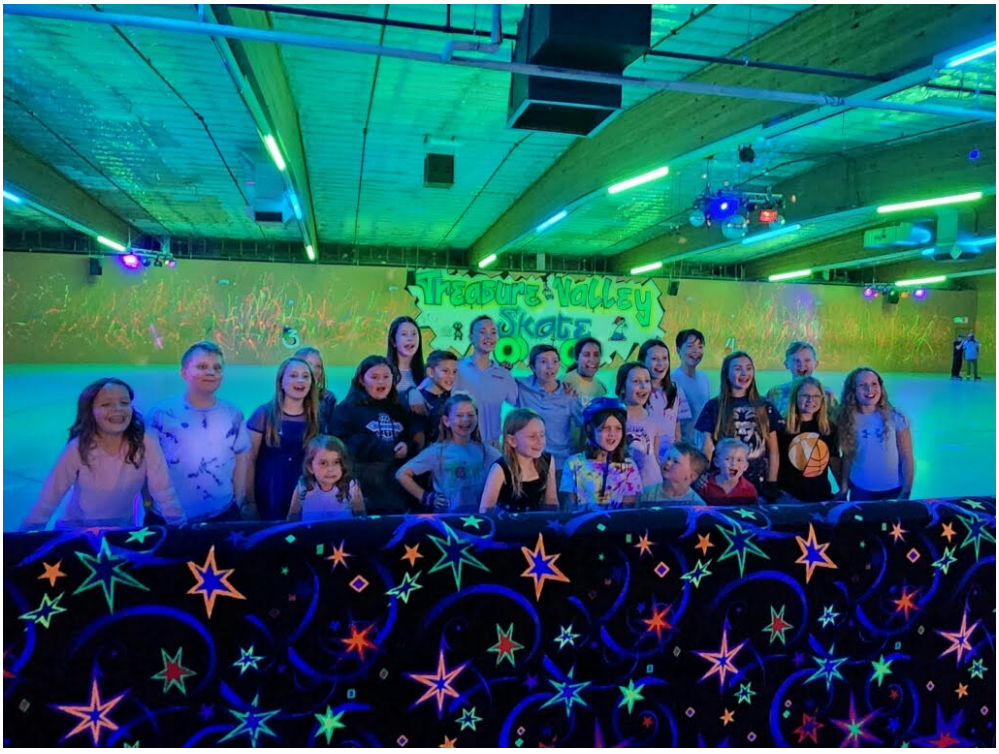
Reconnect with your classmates and swim at this private event, with lifeguards and Fairmont's Wibit inflatable. Popsicles provided for all!

FAIRMONT POOL

JULY 19, 2023

8:30PM TO 10:00PM

COST: FREE



Thanks to all the families who came out to join us for St. Mark's Community Night at Treasure Valley Skate. It was a fun way to end the school year.

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Uniform Sale & Exchange

Date: Saturday, July 29th

Where: St. Mark's Church, Donahue Hall

When: 7:30am-10:30am

Cash/Check only

- Plaid Skorts = $10
- Plaid Jumpers = $15
- Navy/Khaki Skorts = $5
- Tops/Sweaters = $2
- Pants/Shorts= $4
- Sweatshirts $15

Exchange accepted during sale hours

➢ Exchange - means *like for like items only*
(ie. Pants for pants, skort for skort)

➢ Please **do not** exchange/donate clothing with:

- Rips/Holes
- Stains (collars or armpits)
- Worn knees
- Faded/off colors

For more information or to volunteer -
contact: Debbie Baerlocher 208-602-9659

You should have received your Father/ Daughter Dance photos during this last week of school. If you have not already checked out all the photos, please do so, there are some really cute group photos of the girls! There is an opportunity to **buy additional photos** if you are interested at this website:

https://clifhampelphotography.smugmug.com/StMarks-

1/Father-Daughter-Dance-2023/ or use the QR code below
Password for either is **stmarks2023**

If you have any questions, please reach out to Brooke Smith at Bsmith@stmarksboise.org

TAKE MY PICTURE

TO FIND THE PHOTOS

PASSWORD:
stmarks2023

Volunteer Opportunities

Seeking 2 volunteers to mow two small areas around the school. This will take an hour each week. Get a jump start on your Volunteer Hours for next school year by mowing . **Email Mr. Rossi** for details.

Lunch Room Volunteers

NEXT WEEK'S LUNCH HELPERS
Monday ()—
Tuesday ()—
Wednesday ()—
Thursday ()—
Friday ()—

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 10:45-12:45 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

The School Office will be open for summer hours beginning Tuesday, May 30-Friday, June 2 from 9:00 a.m.-Noon. These hours are for business only, no visiting please.

8th grade report cards and MAP testing results will be mailed next week.

7th grade Literature Parade

Dinner Auction Principal for the Day

Principal for the Day - Owen Bachmeier

Principal for the Day - Aubrianna Smith

So good! Making a difference in this world through kindness and doing something good for no reason at all ❤

Thank you So good! and Slow River Coffee for spreading kindness at St. Mark's this week.

Dear Families,

As our school year comes to a close, please know that the joy of reading goes on!

As you know, summer is a time when kids can experience a dip in their school skills from lack of practice—the dreaded Summer Slide. I've created a simple Summer Reading Challenge for your child(ren) to track their reading progress over the summer break; to motivate them to keep reading until we meet again in the Fall. Here's what you need to know:

- St. Mark's Summer Reading Challenge takes place from May 25 through August 15.
- Print out a Tracker (see attached) for each of your children.
- Put their name on the top and let them track the minutes they read, as well as the minutes you read to them or they read to their siblings. They can color in the sections (one for each 20 minutes of reading) or use stickers.
- Tracker sheets can be turned in to Mrs. Rosania/Library beginning August 17.They will be accepted through August 24.
- All students who track at least 500 minutes will receive a goodie bag. Those who finish all 1000 minutes will also receive a finisher certificate, bookmark, and have their name entered into a drawing to have lunch with author W. Bruce Cameron (A Dog's Purpose), who will be visiting St. Mark's for a presentation at the end of August!
- The class with the most finishers will be treated to donuts.
- There are many local reading programs (at the library, B & N, etc.) and the minutes tracked for them count for our challenge, as well. Double-dip all you like J

Wishing you a fun summer! God bless you all,

Mrs. Rosania, School Librarian

Summer Art Classes
of Drawing and Illustration
with Mrs. Czarniecki

Grades 4-8 (grade student is currently enrolled in)
Week of June 19-23 from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. daily

Cost is $150 for a week of fun

Contact **Mrs. Czarniecki** with questions or to register.

Knight of the Week

Tyler Godfrey, St. Mark's Graduate and BK Graduating Senior
Community, Academic Excellence

Tyler has gone above and beyond to make sure projects were completed in the Building Manufacturing and Design class. Sometimes before and after school, working to make sure targets were hit. All this without complaint!

Ordination Broadcasts
Salt & Light Catholic Radio will be broadcasting the Priestly Ordination Mass of Deacon Nelson Cintra and Deacon Timothy Segert on Thursday, June 8 at 11am and the Diaconate Ordination on Saturday, June 10 at 10am. You can listen to the Mass on the radio at 102.3FM or 1140AM, through the Salt & Light Radio app on your smartphone, or online at **saltandlightradio.com**. Please keep all our seminarians and those in deacon formation in your prayers.

Johnnette Williams is coming to Boise!
Salt & Light Radio is bringing in the founder and president of Women of Grace, Johnnette Williams, to Boise on Thursday, June 15. Join her for a special presentation at St. Mark's from 2:00-3:30pm. No registration is required. A free-will offering will be taken. If not familiar with Johnnette, listen weekdays at 9AM on the radio, Salt & Light Radio app or online at **saltandlightradio.com**.

Women's Conference Registration
Save the date! Registration opens on July 15th for the upcoming Idaho Catholic Women's Conference. The conference is on Saturday, September 16th at St. Paul's in Nampa and online. To learn more about the conference speakers, being a Catholic Marketplace vendor, and/or to host a watch party go to **IdahoCatholicWomen.org**.

TVCS Events/Sports

Click here for the TVCS athletic schedule.

TRY IT OUT! COME RIDE WITH US!

The BK Mountain Bike Team is having a pre-season social ride on Saturday, June 3rd at Eagle Island State Park 11:00am-1:00pm. Come ride with us! Our team is open to all incoming 6th-12 graders at our Treasure Valley Catholic Schools and BK. We welcome all levels of experience.

Questions? Email Annie Boroff for more information. **annie.boroff@gmail.com**

Preschool Happenings

We greeted the last week of school with mixed feelings. We will sure miss our Preschool pack over the summer. I will be looking for you at Mass and at VBS this summer. Pictured are our Pre-K Cubs who are kindergarten bound for next year. Thank you for all of the fun, the sparkle, and the love! God is good, all the time!

Church Connection

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

CCW Rummage
Sale Volunteers Needed

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f45a4ab2da4fc1-ccwrummage1?useFullSite=true#/

St. Mark's Vacation Bible School
July 24-28th, 2023 9:30am to 12:30pm

- Register a child or volunteer at: **www.stmarksboise.org/vbs**
- Service Hours Available for St. Mark's School or Bishop Kelly
- Questions? Contact Ginger Mortensen: **gmortensen@stmarksboise.org** or phone 208-375-6651 x118

SAVE *the* DATE

Mark your calendar for the following dates:

- Priestly Ordination of Transitional Deacon **Tim Segert** on Thursday, June 8th at 11 am at the Cathedral!

- **Father Tim's first Mass** at St. Mark's on June 9th at 6:30 pm. Reception to follow.

Plan to support our St. Mark's parishioner!

Ed Herrera will be ordained a Deacon at the Cathedral June 10th at 10am

Join us for the weekend of June 10-11th where Deacon Ed and Father Tim Segert will be serving at all the Masses.

Please keep him in your prayers as he serves our community

Notes from the Nurse

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

Saint Alphonsus
SCHOOL HEALTH PROGRAM

COVID/Heath 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 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

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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

Notes from the Counselor

We wish all of you a safe, relaxing and fun summer vacation! We can't wait to see everyone again in August!

Sarah Lynch, St. Mark's School Counselor
Joe Lipetzky Psy.D.

Dr. Joe Lipetzky, our school psychologist, is at St. Mark's on Monday and Friday mornings.
Sarah Lynch, our school counselor, is at St. Mark's on Mondays, Tuesday, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

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