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SAINT MARK'S -CATHOLIC SCHOOL-



ESTABLISHED 1967

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 Families and Friends of St. Mark's,

Last Sunday we marked the **20th anniversary of St. Mark's**— St. Mark's parish church as it stands today, on this property, in this building, as of this moment, with all of you, many of the same parishioners who built the place, present now. Of holy memory let us remember those who were present then but are now with the Lord.



With that said, let us acknowledge the obvious fact that the Church is not a building but rather, the people of God. St. Mark's is YOU, generations of faithful, who inspired the original building, paid for its construction, and have made of this parish the vibrant Catholic community it is today. So, "it is only right and just" that we praise and thank God for His Divine Providence for "providing" this beautiful place of worship—making God's dream a reality— through the generosity and sacrifice of so many parishioners and benefactors, great and small, over the years.

And the reality is—this is a big place! My first reaction... As you well know, the parish also comprises a big school with 365 students. So we're not only celebrating 20 years of this structure but also the recently completed 3-year expansion & renovation of the "old" St. Mark's facility, now integrated, expanded, renewed, and transfigured into our thriving school, complete with a new entrance, new classroom space, offices, library, and a gorgeous chapel.

Amazing! 20 years now! Indeed, it's amazing how we much we have loved one another, how faithful God has been to us and how the faithful of St. Mark's have been. **20 years, 240 months, 87,600 days, with 2,102,400 hours of 24/7 adoration!** However you count it, **it all adds up to LOVE** . Here, in this parish, generations have learned to love more deeply. We have all received grace upon grace, in His powerful Word, in His healing and strengthening sacraments... Charity has afforded us countless opportunities to serve Him and our brothers & sisters in myriad ministries too many to count. In effect, here, in our little

corner of Boise, we have all dedicated ourselves to building up the Kingdom of God, which the Gospel tells us today is “at hand.” St. JPII said “*The Kingdom of God tends towards the transformation of human relationships. Wherever one loves, serves, and forgives another, there it is being built.*” In this sense, a parish is like a marriage, the foundation of the family, where we learn to love and serve but also, to forgive out of love for God.

Recently, we successfully completed our RENEW and REFRESH project (in view of this 20th anniversary)—*renew* spiritually with a great series Eucharistic talks, *refresh* the physical plant—including our “holy reminders”, the statues of our favorite saints, and soon (hopefully within 4-6 weeks), there will be the crowning Altarpiece, drawing all eyes who enter this sacred space to “the source and summit” of our faith, the Lord’s Eucharistic presence in our midst.

As a friend of mine, Abbott McCaffrey from South Carolina used to say in his distinctive Southern accent: “*Thank God for God!*” May God reward you all, for your foresight, your generosity of heart, and your loving service these past 20 years.

With prayers and friendship

Fr. Paul

Letter from our Principal

Dear St. Mark's Families,

We are all excited to celebrate Catholic Schools Week beginning this Sunday. This annual celebration allows us to give thanks to God for the gift of Catholic education. Our fourth graders will host Mass at 8:30 on Sunday morning, and our student council members will provide tours for prospective families from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. If you know of a family that would like to join our school family, please encourage them to come.



Please check the Catholic Schools Week calendar below for all the fun activities our student council has planned. The All Schools' Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday when we welcome over 1700 students and Bishop Peter to St. Mark's. Parents are asked to watch the Mass on the Church's Facebook page, as all available pews will be filled with students.

A reminder that next week school will be closed on Friday for a teacher inservice day. We truly appreciate the time to collaborate, plan, and grow professionally.

Time to purchase discounted auction tickets is running out - prices go up February 2nd. I pray you will all prayerfully consider attending this special evening. I'd love to see you all there.

Have a blessed weekend,

Peace,
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.

Student Spotlight



Air St Luke's came for a demonstration for the 4th grade Cub Scouts. Members of the Den include Henry, Nico and Liam.



Lion Pride Recognition



LionPRIDE

Practice
MAKES
Saints

	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
DISCIPLINESHIP <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

Congratulations to this week's winners:

Ava S, Chloe S, Hudson M, Micah B, Lucy W, Abel L, Maddie B, Tyler C, Rosie R, David C (2), Laura B, Alma R, Caleb R, Amari B, Molly A, Nathaniel R, Kieran J, Adalyn A, Josiah A

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, January 28

8:30 a.m. School Mass hosted by 4th & 5th grades
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Catholic Schools Week Open House

Monday, January 29

CSW/Dinner Auction Dress Up Day - Best Tea Party Attire

Tuesday, January 30

St. Mark's Graduates attending BK invited to Alumni Breakfast
CSW Neon Dress Up Day

Wednesday, January 31

CSW Mass Dress

Thursday, February 1

CSW Career Dress Up Day
7:00-9:00 p.m. 7th & 8th grade TVCS Dance at St. Ignatius
Mr. Bazhinov's Birthday

Friday, February 2

Teacher Inservice - No School
Progress Reports in FACTS Family Portal

Upcoming Events

Sunday, February 4

Mrs. Turner's Birthday

Monday, February 5

National School Counseling Week

Tuesday, February 6

Dinner Auction Basket Review Day in School Lobby
Mrs. Schuette's Birthday

Wednesday, February 7

8:30 a.m. Student Body Mass presented by Mrs. Jensen's Kindergarten

Thursday, February 8

Mrs. Arentz's Birthday

Friday, February 9

Spirit Day

Saturday, February 10

5:00 p.m. Bloom in Love Auction



Thank you to all the 180 St Mark's parents, students, siblings and friends who attended St Marks night at the Steelheads! Fun was had by all, and the Steelheads will donate \$900 to St Mark's School because of our ticket sales. A highlight was seeing Mrs. Gordon ride the Zamboni! We hope everyone made some new friends and enjoyed our St Mark's community. Thanks again!

☀️ Join us on Tuesday, February 6th, for an exclusive sneak peek into the enchanting world of class baskets at St. Mark's School! 🌈 From Crazy for Coffee to Ultimate Camping, our classrooms have crafted captivating themed baskets that will make your heart skip a beat. 🍷🍷

Drop by during morning drop-off, pick-up, or any time of the day to explore the treasures awaiting you and your family. Picture the joy of sipping coffee from your Crazy for Coffee basket, embarking on a magical journey with Hogwarts fans, or hosting the perfect princess mani-pedi party at home! 🧚‍♀️🌟

Discover these unique treasures and more on our online auction catalog at <https://stmarksschool.schoolauction.net/bloom>. 🖥️ Get ready to place your bids and secure these delightful packages while supporting St. Mark's School. 🇺🇸🏀 Whether you're a sideline spectator, a book lover, or a lucky lady, there's something for everyone!

Don't miss out on the chance to bring home these handcrafted baskets filled with love and creativity. Mark your calendar, spread the word, and let the bidding begin! 🧺🎁 Together, let's make this auction a success for St. Mark's School! 🌈🏠

All about the 2024 Bloom in Love Auction

When: February 10, 2024, Doors open at 5 pm

Where: Boise Centre Downtown Room 400 in the East Wing
Guests will need to take the elevator to the 2nd level and then follow the escalators upstairs. This way they can register at Room 440 and then continue toward the ballroom for the event. Room 440 is also where guests will go at the end of the event for auction check out and to pick up their coats.

Who can attend: Any member of St. Marks, their friends and family, and anyone who would like to support our school and students.

Is attending mandatory? No. But we encourage everyone, especially new families, to come join us for community and a night of fun!

Dress for the Night: Many guests like to dress up for the evening, come in formal wear, a costume, or something related to the theme. Be fun and creative, but in good taste, please.

What should I expect while I am there? Registration begins at 5 pm, from 5 to 7 we will have the silent auction portion of the evening, guests will be able to wander around socialize, listen to live music, bid on items, enter raffles, play games, enjoy having their picture taken, sample wonderful foods and desserts (see below for more details). This year guests will be able to leave their mark on our St. Mark's live painting happening during the event and later auctioned off during the live portion of the event. Around 7 pm the silent auction portion of the evening will close, everyone will be called to their tables for welcoming, prayer by Father, and the dinner

portion of the evening begins. There will be games and announcements before the 8 pm live auction and the paddles-up portion of the evening in which we will be raising funds towards a newer bus for the school. After the Live auction concludes we ask guests to make their way to the exits to check out and/or to head down the hall to ballroom 420 for the afterparty which includes dancing and the Queen of Hearts Tournament (see below for more details).

Parking: There are many parking centers in and near the Centre. Provide extra time to park and walk a short distance to the Centre. Please obey all parking laws and requirements. There are also Uber, Lyft, and other transportation companies that can take you to and from the Centre.

Hotel Rooms: Unfortunately, we were unable to get discounted hotel room rates this year with the Grove or Hotel 48. But please mention that you are booking for St. Mark's – this will help us get discounted rates in the future.

Tickets: Tickets can be purchased at our official website

<https://stmarksschool.schoolauction.net/bloom>

or by filling out a ticket form located at the front office of the school. A table seats 10 guests so grab some friends and purchase a table.

Ticket prices will increase on February 1st so, please pay for your tickets/purchases before this date to save money.

What if I need or have a special ticket? Please reach out to Michelle Downing regarding special tickets and promo codes.

What about meals and food?

This year we will be serving pass-around appetizers during the **Silent auction** part of the evening 5 pm to 7 pm along with many wonderful desserts created for this evening (*see Dessert Ticket for more information*) and specialty teas from around the world served by our very own tea monger. There will also be 5 bar lines this year for those who wish to cheer the night of fun.

Dinner will be served at 7 pm Starting with an Organic Mixed Greens salad, Heirloom Tomatoes, Cucumbers, Olives, Sunflower Seeds, Herb Vinaigrette, and dinner rolls
And your choice of a Pan-Roasted Breast of Chicken (GF) with Salt and Herb-Roasted Fingerling Potatoes and Sweet Onion-Thyme Sauce

or

A Grilled Portobello Mushroom (GF, V, DF) with Lemon-Leek Polenta, Ratatouille, and Butternut Squash Puree Please be sure to indicate your meal preference on your online profile or ticket form.

For issues with tickets, tables, seating, or meals please contact our reservation team at stmarksauctionreservations@gmail.com

To Bid Online: What if I want to be able to bid on items but not attend the event? Go to our website <https://stmarksschool.schoolauction.net/bloom> and choose the option **Sign-up** rather than **Tickets**. This will allow you to create an account to bid. Please note that not all items are available online. One of the many perks of attending in person is the ability to bid on all the items including class projects and baskets.

What is the Queen of Hearts ticket add-on? This ticket will allow the guest to participate in the Queen of Hearts Card Game tournament after the auction from 9-midnight in Ballroom 420.

After the conclusion of the Live Auction portion of the evening. Make your way to the end of the hallway and join us in the Queen of Heart Room (420). Look for the Card Soldiers. Here you can dance the night away on our black and white chess board, provided by Soundwave Entertainment. Once again Rock in Rooster returns to play all our favorite songs. Don't feel like dancing? Join our various Card Games for a chance to win big. \$25.00 a ticket allows you to play cards for the remainder of the night. Cash out at 11:45 pm and receive raffle tickets to enter to win Golf Tickets for two to Eagle Golf Course.

What is the Dessert Ticket add-on? This \$25 ticket allows the guest to sample over 60+ desserts created for just this evening. This is in place of the traditional dessert auction. Note this is a first come first serve event. We cannot guarantee you will receive a sampling of every dessert. Desserts will be served from 5 pm till we run out. There are no refunds on the dessert tickets.

Games and Raffles: This year we will have our usual raffles, Best of Live, and A Years Tuition. We will also be doing a wine pull, where this year not only will you take home a nice bottle of wine, but you could win the Queen of Hearts Bottle that comes with a gift card for two to Bardenays restaurant.

However, we are adding two additional fun games:

Off with Their Heads or Cotton Tails Raffle \$20 - Wine Tour

Purchase a bunny cotton tail from one of our game tables for \$20.00. During the dinner portion of our night, the game will begin. The winner of this game will win a 4-person wine tour from The Eagle Foothills & Star tour. The Eagle Foothills & Star tour includes tastings at three amazing wineries in the Treasure Valley. You will visit Sol Invictus, Dude Dewalt, and 3 Horse Ranch. (Value \$460)

Card Soldiers Raffle \$10 - Shift Boutique

Purchase your choice of a Playing Card Soldier out of a deck of 52 for \$10.00 each. Your card will be torn in half, and you will be handed one half; please hold onto this “receipt”. The other half of the card will be placed in the drawing basket. During the dinner portion of the night, the presenter will announce for all card raffle players to stand. The presenter will then announce winning and losing cards and suits until only one Card Soldier is identified. The winner of this game will win a Private Shopping Event from SHIFT boutique for up to 15 people. Enjoy beverages and light snacks while you and your friends take over SHIFT for a private shopping event, including 20% off the entire store for the evening

My child mentioned something about painting a teacup? Yes, every student in the school painted a teacup that is available for purchase for \$25.00. You can purchase them at <https://stmarksschool.schoolauction.net/bloom/catalog>, or the night of the auction. Those teacups not taken home the night of the auction will be at the school the following week for purchase and pick up. Please consider donating and taking these beautiful pieces of artwork home.

What if I win something but I am not at the auction or can't take it home the night of the auction? The Monday (2/12) following the auction, all items will return to the school for pick up. We have volunteers working in the am after drop-off and in the pm during pick-up to help you locate your items. For faster pick up, please bring a printout of your invoice or your phone to show items won and paid for.

I still need auction volunteer hours, what should I do? Check out our sign-up genius page at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10Co449A8A62EA2FDo-dinner#/> to check out available positions and requests or reach out to Jenn Baxter.

What if I forgot what I signed up to help? Sign in to the sign-up genius page at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10Co449A8A62EA2FDo-dinner#/> to double-check.

What if I have an additional question? Please email the auction team at stmarksschoolauction@gmail.com and we will get back to you as soon as possible.



Bloom In Love: Auction Dress Up Day will be Monday, January 29!

Dress for a tea party or as your favorite Alice in Wonderland character (eg. Top hats, party dresses, Mad Hatter, Tweedle Dee, etc) Costumes need to be appropriate for school and weather - students will still go outside for recess.

Do you know where you are sitting for the Bloom in Love Auction? Be sure to contact the reservation team about who is sitting at your table, ticket prices go up on Feb. 1st so please get those payments in early!



Please click the link to register for the dinner auction online; buy tickets, view items, bid on online auction items as they become available. The dinner auction will have silent and live auction items available to event attendees only; there will also be an online auction, and buy now options available to everyone.



BLOOM IN LOVE

RAFFLE TICKETS



\$ 6.00 EACH OR \$25.00 FOR 5 TICKETS*

*5 TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED BY SAME PARTY TO QUALIFY FOR DISCOUNTED PER TICKET PRICE

DRAWING TO BE HELD FEBURARY 10, 2024

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING ST. MARKS SCHOOL BY PURCHASING A RAFFLE TICKET

RAFFLE GRAND PRIZE: ESPRESSO MAKER

2ND PLACE – \$200 GIFT CARD TO RUTH'S CHRIS STEAKHOUSE

3RD PLACE- \$100 AMAZON GIFT CARD

STUDENTS THAT SELL THE MOST TICKETS:

1ST PLACE – APPLE AIRPODS GENERATION 3

2ND PLACE – \$100 AMAZON GIFT CARD

3RD PLACE – 2 TICKETS TO JUMPTIME

CLASS THAT SELLS THE MOST TICKETS:

1ST PLACE – PIZZA PARTY FOR THE ENTIRE CLASS

ANY STUDENT WHO SELLS \$100 OR MORE IN RAFFLE TICKETS WILL EARN A CAN OF SILLY STRING TO SPRAY PRINCIPAL GORDON.

ALL SALES ARE FINAL. WINNER WILL BE NOTIFIED AFTER THE 2-10-2024 DRAWING. WINNER DOES NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN. PLEASE SUBMIT COMPLETED TICKETS AND MONEY TO THE FRONT OFFICE. IF YOU NEED ADDITIONAL TICKETS, PLEASE MAKE COPIES OF THE FOLLOWING SHEET. MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE RAFFLE MAY BE FOUND AT [HTTPS://STMARKSSCHOOL.SCHOOLAUCTION.NET/BLOOM/](https://stmarksschool.schoolauction.net/bloom/)

It's Raffle Ticket time. [Click here](#) to print your tickets.

Volunteer Opportunities

Hello Parents!

Home & School is hosting an open house this Sunday from 9 am to 1 pm at St Mark's School for prospective new families.

We need volunteers to help with set up, welcoming and talking to new families, and clean up. We have an opportunity to share with families what we love about our school, and time spent helping counts toward volunteer hours!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F4DAAA62EA7F94-47390277-open>

Please TEXT Summer Gurrola at 619-840-5658 if there are any questions about the open house.

Thank you!
Rachelle Bial
H&S Treasurer

Senora A is looking for parent volunteers to come in to help her grade the students reciting their prayers. To be able to volunteer, you need to be able to speak Spanish. Email her at rarrubarrena@stmarksschoolboise.com.

Lunch Room Volunteers

NEXT WEEK'S LUNCH HELPERS

Monday (29)—Bauer, Glasgow
Tuesday (30)—Bauer, Chavier, Berry
Wednesday (31)—LaMott, Binns, Gorney
Thursday (1)—

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 serve lunches and clean tables in the lunchroom. 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

CELEBRATING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK



ST. MARK'S 2024

Catholic Schools
United in Faith and Community

SUNDAY January 28th	MONDAY January 29th	TUESDAY January 30th	WEDNESDAY January 31st	THURSDAY February 1st
Celebrating Our Parish 8:30 am School Mass hosted by 4th and 5th grades. Students are encouraged to wear their school uniforms to Mass to represent St. Mark's School! 9:00 - 1:00 - St. Mark's School Open House Student Council members will give tours to prospective families. We celebrate and acknowledge our parish staff!	Celebrating Our Families Dinner Auction Dress Up Day - Bloom in Love Dress in your best Tea Party Attire! *** No baseball hats. Uniform required if not participating. Prizes awarded for best dressed! We celebrate and acknowledge our families' dedication and sacrifices in order to send us to a Catholic school!	Celebrating Our Students Neon Dress Up Day St. Mark's students shine bright with their school pride! Dress in your best neon attire! Jeans are permitted if you don't have neon bottoms. We celebrate and acknowledge our students! They try their best and work so hard everyday! They exemplify Perseverance, Respect, Integrity, Discipleship and Excellence!	Celebrating Our Catholic Community All Schools Mass celebrated with all Treasure Valley Catholic Schools Mass dress. We celebrate and acknowledge our fellow Catholic schools!	Celebrating Vocations Career Dress Up Day A St. Mark's education is setting us up for success! Dress in what you aspire to be in your future career! We celebrate and acknowledge our priests and deacons, faculty and staff!

Do you have a child who is not currently attending St. Mark's School who will be 3 or 4 years old to attend Preschool next year or 5 years old by September 1 to attend Kindergarten next year? Please complete and return the [Sibling Request Form](#). Please return the form by Friday, February 9.



Catholic Schools Week is Sunday, January 28 through Thursday, February 1

We will be having an Open House at the school on Sunday, January 28 from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

The school will be open for guided tours, information for the 2024-2025 school year and school personnel who can answer questions that potential parents have.

Word of mouth from our current families is our best advertisement, please spread the word and invite your friends, family and neighbors to our Open House.



Do you have older students who graduated from St. Mark's School and now attends BK? They are invited to an Alumni Breakfast on Tuesday, January 30 from 7:15-8:15 a.m. Students were sent an invitation to their BK email account. Please encourage them to complete the form so we have count for our continental breakfast and tours, but we would love to see them even if they didn't register.

Lunch on Wednesday, January 31 has changed from Sack Lunch to Chicken & Rice Bowl, Black Beans and Corn Salsa. St. Paul's will not be joining us for lunch.

The **February Lunch Menu** is now available. Click on the link to download.

Click here to view the February Calendar.

Hello 2024 Eighth Grade Parents -

YEARBOOK

The yearbook is one of our favorite school traditions! Students anticipate reliving the school year through candid photos, student portraits and event highlights. In just a few months, your child will be bursting with excitement to review the yearbook! Our yearbook staff is hard at work creating this memorable book and we have two unique sections dedicated to 8th graders!

Following the tradition of past years, we would like to include a baby picture of your 8th grader. Please submit a baby picture photo of your child to Mrs. Schuette (nschuette@stmarksschoolboise.com) no later than Friday, February 17th. This can be done by scanning the baby picture or taking a clear photo of it before emailing. If you are unable to scan or email, feel free to send in an actual baby photo to school. We will return the photo to you when we are finished with our baby picture pages. Please label the photo.

The other tradition of past years is creating a **Personal Display of Affection (PDA)** for your 8th grader. This is a way to support our school and recognize your child as they are about to graduate. This is completely optional but imagine the surprise when your child finds a personal message from you!

To order a PDA for your student, please return the PDA order form that is attached to this email. Please also include a favorite photo of your student and a personal message to be printed next to the photo. This photo does not have to be a baby picture. It can be any picture of your choosing. If you have digital images, please submit them in a digital format. Do not submit photos on regular paper. Like the baby photo mentioned above, feel free to send in an actual hard copy of your favorite photo. We will return it to you once our PDA pages are completed.

You may design your own PDA ad or we will design it for you. Previous yearbooks are available in the school office for your viewing if you would like to see examples of PDA ads or [you can click on the Samples Pages below](#). All PDA submissions must be received no later than Friday, February 17th.

Thank you for supporting our school! If you have any questions, please contact our yearbook advisors, Mrs. Schuette (nschuette@stmarksschoolboise.com) or Mrs. Lynch (slynch@stmarksschoolboise.com).

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**BISHOP KELLY
HIGH SCHOOL**

Information Knight

Monday, January 29th

at 6:30 PM

in the Carley Athletic Center at BK

New Student Information Knight
is for students who will be in the
9th - 11th grades in the fall of 2024

Important 2024 Dates

- January 23 - Registration Opens
- January 29 - Information Knight
- February 16 - Early Bird Registration Deadline
- March 8 - Deadline for Registration

Register



Register for Information Knight

ATTENTION ALL CATHOLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

**The Bishop Kelly girl's basketball program
would like to invite you to their**

*Senior night
& pink out*

Wednesday January 31st @ 7:30pm vs. Ridgeview in the Carley

All partner school students will get in free with a paid adult



let's go knights



ONE KNIGHT PARENT KNIGHT

On Social Media and Mental Health



Officer Gomez



Dr. Gudmundsen

Topics :

- Officer Gomez on Social Media
- Dr. Gudmundsen on Teen Mental Health
- Updates from the BK Counseling team

📅 Tuesday, February 20th

🕒 6:30 PM

📍 The BK Cafeteria
7009 Franklin Road
Boise, Idaho 83709



[Click Here for More Information](#)



**BISHOP
KELLY**
HIGH SCHOOL

South Boise Little League has registration open through February 15 for T-ball (ages 4-6) through Baseball Leagues (ages 13-15). Register at www.southboisell.com.



[Click here](#) for the TVCS athletic schedule.

**BLACK
AND
WHITE
TVCS
DANCE**

FEBRUARY 1

7:00-9:00

**ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC
SCHOOL**

**THE DANCE WILL BE
HELD IN THE GYM
THIS YEAR!**

DON'T FORGET:

-YOUR SCHOOL ID

-\$5

-2 CANS OF FOOD!



Hail Mary, full of grace, help us keep the mud out of this place!

We had a wonderful week of learning and playing together.



Church Connection

If you would like to receive the Parish Newsletter [text](#) BOISESTMARKSNEWS to 42828 to sign up **OR** [Click here](#) to sign up.

Notes from the Nurse



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

Notes from the Counselor

Dear Parents,

Next week I will begin going into the classrooms to teach our *Circle of Grace* curriculum. This is a safe environment curriculum for children and young people that we are required by the Archdiocese to teach. Below is a bit more information regarding this curriculum.

Out of concern for all God's people and in response to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, we have a program for the safe environment education of children and young people supported and mandated by

Diocese/eparchies will establish 'safe environment' programs. They will cooperate with parents, civil authorities, educators, and community organizations to provide education and

training for children, youth, parents, ministers, educators, and others about ways to make and maintain a safe environment for children. Dioceses/eparchies will make clear to clergy and members of the community the standards of conduct for clergy and other persons in positions of trust with regard to sexual abuse.

Article 12 – Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People

This program is called *Circle of Grace*. It is meant to supplement and be integrated into the excellent programs and curricula for the formation of children and young people in our schools and religious education programs. *Circle of Grace* aims to equip our children and young people by arming them with essential knowledge and skills grounded in the richness of our faith. This program helps children and young people to understand their own (and other's) dignity in mind, body, and spirit.

What is a Circle of Grace?

The Catholic Church teaches that God has created each of us as unique and special. Genesis 1:27 tells us that we are created “male and female in God’s image” and that God saw this as “very good.” In that goodness, we are meant to respect ourselves and everyone else as persons created and loved by God.

Adults assist children and young people to recognize God’s love by helping them to understand that each of us lives and moves in a Circle of Grace. You can imagine your own Circle of Grace by putting your arms above your head then circle down in front of your body including side to side. This circle, front to back, holds who you are in your body and through your senses. It holds your very essence in mind, heart, soul, and sexuality.

Why is it important to help our children understand the Circle of Grace?

God intends our relationships in life to be experiences of divine love. Respectful, nurturing, loving relationships increase our understanding of our own value and help us to love others. It is never too early to help children and young people understand how very special they are and how relationships in life are called to be sacred. Understanding this can help them to protect the special person they are and to be respectful of others.

Adults, especially parents, as they strive to provide a safe and protective environment, hold the responsibility to help children and young people understand and respect their own dignity and that of others. A truly safe and protective environment is one where children and young people recognize when they are safe or unsafe and know how to bring their concerns, fears, and uncertainties to the trusted adults in their lives.

How is the Circle of Grace Program different from other protection programs?

According to research, one in four girls and one in seven boys will be sexually abused by age eighteen.² Many protection programs focus on “stranger danger”; however, up to ninety percent (90%) of the time the perpetrator of abuse is known to the child or young person such as a relative or family friend. Circle of Grace goes beyond just protection by helping children and young people understand the sacredness of who they are and how to seek help through their relationships with trusted adults.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or would like any further information.

Thank you!

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