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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 Pastor

Dear Families and Friends of St. Mark's,

As the Paschal Mystery is fast approaching, the Passion and Death of the Lord, I would like to offer you a reflection on the meaning of the Sign of the Cross.



The ancients said there were **four basic elements** comprising the world: earth, air, fire, and water. By far the most basic and abundant is water. Comparatively, there are many **spiritual elements** or gestures (kneeling symbolizing adoration, folded hands symbolizing prayer, bowing symbolizing reverence, etc.) but by far the most basic and frequent holy gesture we make is the Sign of the Cross. **Pope Benedict XVI wrote:** *"The most basic Christian gesture in prayer is and always will be the Sign of the Cross."* It is the *most common prayer of Christians* since the founding of the Church. It was their favorite devotion because it *required no special knowledge or skill*. You didn't have to be able to read or write to make it or understand it. **Martyrs** made it when taken to their death. It was *both a public and a secret sign* between Christians. Even the apostate emperor Julian used to sign it when feeling oppressed by demons.

Over the centuries the faithful have developed *many ways of making the Sign of the Cross*. It is a sort of mini-catechesis.

During this season of Lent and always, may the Sign consecrate your day, and let it sanctify the moment.

With prayers and friendship,

Fr. Paul

Letter from our Principal



Dear St. Mark's Families,

Happy Spring Break! Today marks the end of the third quarter. Report cards will be available in your family portal on the Friday we return from break (3/29).

We enjoyed a faith-filled week as our students and teachers wrapped up the third quarter. On Monday, our 5th and 6th graders celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation with Father Paul and Father Adrian in our chapel (3rd and 4th went last Friday). On Wednesday, our middle school students went to confession at the church, and yesterday, Deacon Peter was here to expose the Blessed Sacrament for adoration. Each class spent time in the chapel in quiet reflection. God is good!

The Killarney Irish Dancers visited our school today to celebrate St. Patrick's Day and our student council introduced our new Mascot!! There will be Mascot tryouts for middle school students on Wednesday, March 27th and we will have a "name-our-mascot" contest. If you have any suggestions for our mascot name, please submit it to the office by March 28th.



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Today, the Idaho Catholic School Invitational (ISCI) will be held from the 15th to the 17th. St. Mark's has seven teams, 3rd - 6th grade, competing. Games will be held at Bishop Kelly and the Meridian Homecourt facility. The complete schedule and brackets can be found in the SE Tourney App. I can't wait to see you there!

Hiring for Next School Year

We are anticipating three teacher openings for next year. If you, or someone you know, would like to apply please visit [St. Mark's School website](#) or the [Diocese of Boise's website](#) for more details.

The week we return from break is Holy Week. Please check the [parish website](#) for the schedule of special masses and prayers. Deacon Peter and his wife will speak to our students about the Shroud of Turin on Wednesday, March 27th. Please see the times listed below if you would like to attend.

I pray you have a blessed, safe spring break.

Peace,
Donna Gordon

REST



RELAX
ENJOY

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



2nd grade girls YMCA basketball team



Thank you to Patrick, Leila, Stella and Ava and the Killarney Irish Dance Company for sharing their Irish dancing talents with us



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

SAINT MARK'S
-CATHOLIC SCHOOL-

Congratulations to this week's winners:

Maika P, Abel L, Brynn K, Alma R, Clara J(2), Bennett L, Cadence N, Kinley C, Catalina G, Kaysen T, June R, Kylar S, TJ D, Haley M, Pilar M, Lily G, Kaylin R (2), Theo N, Joe W, Evelyn Q, Makana J, Paisley H, Davis R, Tobias W, Mariana F, Claire R, Lily G, Joe B, Dario S, Quinten B, JoeJoe B, Jayden N, Alexa B, Dani D, Amari B (2), Victoria B, Livvie V, Connor L

Weekly Calendar

Saturday, March 16

Idaho Catholic Schools Invitational Basketball Tournament for grades 3-6
5:00 p.m. School Mass Hosted by Grades 3-6

Sunday, March 17

Idaho Catholic Schools Invitational Basketball Tournament for grades 3-6
St. Patrick's Day

Monday, March 18-Friday, March 22

Spring Break

Wednesday, March 20

Fr. Paul's Ordination Anniversary, he was ordained in 1993
Fr. Adrian's birthday
6:30 p.m. Penance Service @ Church

Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 24

Palm Sunday

Tuesday, March 26

1:30 p.m. First Safe House for 2nd grade

Wednesday, March 27

8:30 a.m. Student Body Mass presented by Ms. Murray's 3rd grade
Shroud of Turin presentation by Deacon Pete Lauder

- K-2 - 1:00-1:20
- 3-5 - 1:30-2:00
- 6-8 - 2:10-2:50

Thursday, March 28

Holy Thursday

Friday, March 29

Good Friday - No School

Saturday, March 30

Holy Saturday

Sunday, March 31

Easter Sunday

Monday, April 1

Easter Monday - No School

Home & School

Thank you to all our families who attended our Community Night at Cafe Zupas. We made \$223 for the school.

Announcing! Mother-Son event, April 28th @ Top Golf (tentative)! Help make it a fun, healthy competition, creating cherished memories. Parents/Grandparents of sons/daughters, attending or not, your involvement is crucial to success. Our biggest need currently is cash donations (every \$20 = 1 volunteer hour) and sponsorships to bring attendee costs down. Also, seeking help with various tasks (big & small), most easily done from home/office. A great way to meet new families! Please review the opportunities and sign up here to help strengthen school spirit and foster lifelong connections among St. Mark's families. Thank you for your support! **Shannon Wayne (408-221-9507 or Shannon.r.wayne@gmail.com)**



Registration for the Daddy-Daughter Dance is now open! Click here to sign up: <https://forms.gle/MX1znfdhNCTyBshe8>

Click here if you would like to volunteer for this event or bring items to help the night sparkle: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F044BAEA92AABFC1->

DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE- BEJEWELLED

WHEN: SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2024

TIME: 6:30- 8:30PM

LOCATION: ST. MARK'S SCHOOL
GYMNASIUM

COST: \$20 (DAD + DAUGHTER)
\$5 ADDITIONAL DAUGHTER

*INCLUDES A BRACELET AND
PHOTO OF DAD/DAUGHTER

*ADDITIONAL PHOTOS
AVAILABLE FOR \$5



Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers are needed at the Idaho Catholic School Invitational basketball tournament this weekend. Hours volunteered count towards your Volunteer



Hours. [Click here](#) to sign up to volunteer.

Lunch Room Volunteers

NEXT WEEK'S LUNCH HELPERS

Monday (25)—Garcia

Tuesday (26)—Bauer, McLeod

Wednesday (27)—LaMott, Gorney, Binns, Bermensolo

Thursday (28)—Anderson, Storli, Larrinaga, Wise

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



Dear Friends, Colleagues, Parents and Students,

It is with immense gratitude that I write to you today. The outpouring of love and support that me and my family have received during this extremely difficult time, has been immeasurable. All of the generous donations, flowers, cards, dinners and hugs has been an overwhelming magnanimity of kindness and generosity. I am extremely grateful for everything I have received. Thank you all for making a huge difference in my life.

PARKING LOT NEWS

- When dropping off in the morning and picking up after school, please do not stop or park in the crosswalks, as these are the safety zones for our students to pass through the parking lot.
 - When dropping off in the morning, please pull up to the curb at the first spot available and let your students out of the car. You do not need to wait until you are the first car in line before letting your children out of the car.
 - With the time change and it being dark in the mornings, our parking lot attendant is having a hard time communicating with cars using hand signals. It may be helpful to roll down your driver's window to communicate verbally.
 - Thank you for putting your phone down and paying attention to crossing guards and students at all times.
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REGISTRATION is open for current families with Full Priced Registration Fee

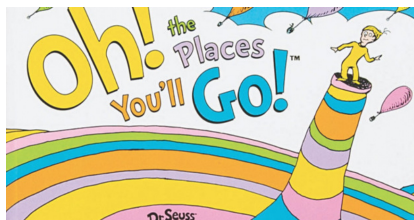
Log into your FamilyPortal or **CLICK HERE**

- Click on Family on left panel
 - Click on Apply/Enrollment
 - Click on Enrollment/Reenrollment
 - Click on "Click Here to Open Enrollment"
 - For Active St. Mark's Parish families, after you complete registration, you will be emailed the new Active In-Parish Tuition Benefit Application, which shares new rules on ministry involvement
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Thank you to our 1st grade families for providing the delicious soup, sandwich and salad bar for this month's Home & School Staff Lunch.

Updated March Lunch Menu

March 28 - Pizza, Salad, Ice Cream



If you have an "Oh the Places You'll Go" book that you would like to be signed by your child's teacher, the books must arrive at school the week after Spring Break and must be picked back up by May 1. Please work directly with your child(ren)'s teachers and not through the school office.

Reminder: Lenten Rice Bowls due to the Office by Tuesday, March 26th. Each Lent, Catholic families across the country unite to put their faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Through **CRS Rice Bowl**, families learn about how our sisters and brothers across the globe overcome

hardships like hunger and climate change, and how through Lenten alms, we have the power to make the world a better place for all.



Student Council is selling Lollipop Easter Bunnies for \$2 starting Tuesday, March 26. Bunnies will be sold before school in front of Preschool classroom and after school outside during pickup.

ST. MARK'S STUDENT COUNCIL
INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR AN
AUTISM
AWARENESS
ONE MILE WALK OR RUN
SUNDAY, APRIL 7TH
2:00 PM
KLEINER PARK
WEAR BLUE OR YOUR ST. MARK'S SPIRIT SHIRT TO
CELEBRATE AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH!

It's T-Ball registration time for our students and siblings, ages 4-7. [Click here](#) to open Registration Form. Please print the form, complete it and send it to our school office.





Holy Week Presentation on the Shroud of Turin

On Wednesday, March 27th, Deacon Pete Lauder and his wife will present to our students in Kinder-8th grades about the **Shroud of Turin**. We wish you and your family a most blessed Holy Week.

GOLF TOURNAMENT SAINT MARK'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL FOUNDATION

Friday, May 10, 2024 · 8AM Registration · 9AM Start
Eagle Hills Golf Course · 605 N. Edgewood Ln. Eagle, ID 83616

Play golf and support a great cause!

Sponsorship opportunities are available!

Click the QR code to sign up!

For questions or more information call Aaron at (208) 949-6080

Did you bring in the 2 reams of copy paper for each child that was requested in the yearly Supply List? If you didn't bring paper at the beginning of the school year, please send the reams to school next week.

We are very short of paper this year.

If you would like to donate a CASE OF PAPER, you are able to take 1 Volunteer Hour. Please bring your donations to the School Office.



Congratulations to this week's Knights of the Week!

Caleb Klover, St. Mark's Graduate and BK Freshman – Safe and Caring Place – Caleb is exemplary of someone who is looking around and noticing what he should do and deciding to do it. He considers others, connects with others and calls upon himself to step up to share his thinking.



KELLY GOLD

COMPETITIVE DANCE TEAM TRYOUTS

WHEN

**April 23rd, 24th, 25th
6:15 – 7:15 am**

WHERE

BK Carley Center

Behind the Main School

**Bring Dance Shoes
Sneakers
Black Dance Attire
Hair pulled back**

**USE QR CODE TO
SIGN UP FOR
TRYOUTS!!!!**



DANCE EXPERIENCE REQUIRED

WHY JOIN?

- Learn lots of routines and dance drill technique.
- Show off your dance skills.
- Compete at local dance competition.
- Perform at school sporting events, assemblies, and parades.
- Make friends.
- Great for College Applications.
- If you love to dance you will love being a part of this team!

What to Expect?

Kelly Gold is an advanced dance Program representing Bishop Kelly. We compete in solos and all 4 team divisions against local teams in the state. Before school practices and all performances are required by each team member.

Commitment.

Reference to the Events list for an idea of time commitment dedicated to the team.

[TVCS Events/Sports](#)



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



March 14th - March 17th

Come support our 3rd - 6th grade athletes!

Follow the action on the
Sports Engine Tourney App .



Individual Passes:

- Adults: \$5.00 per day or \$13.00 for the entire weekend.
- 7th grade--12th grade and Senior Citizens (65+) \$3.00 a day or \$7.00 for the entire weekend
- 6th grade and Under--free

**Weekend passes are only sold on Friday and they must wear the wristband.

Quick Look of St. Mark's teams schedules



SAINT MARK'S LIONS



2024 ICSI TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE



**MERIDIAN
HOMECOURT**

**BISHOP KELLY
HIGH SCHOOL**

5/6 BOYS STEINER

5PM

5/6 BOYS TURNER

4 & 5/6 GIRLS

6PM

3 & 4 BOYS

5/6 BOYS STEINER

7PM

5/6 BOYS TURNER

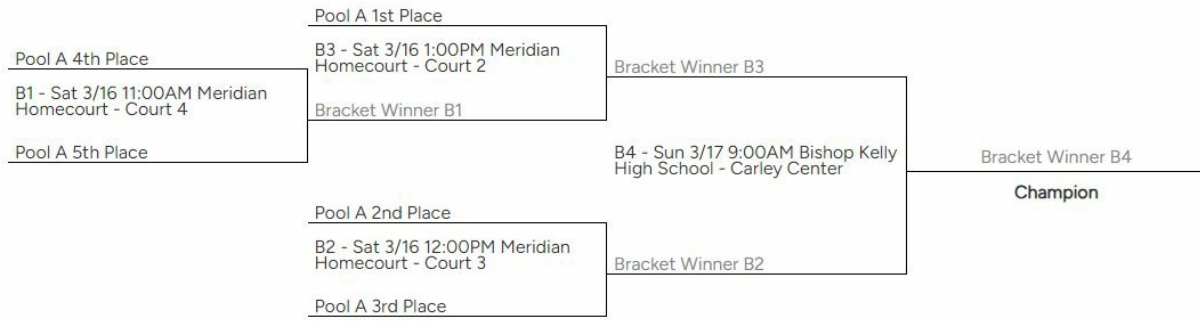
3 & 4 GIRLS

8PM

3 & 4 BOYS

FRIDAY, MARCH 15TH

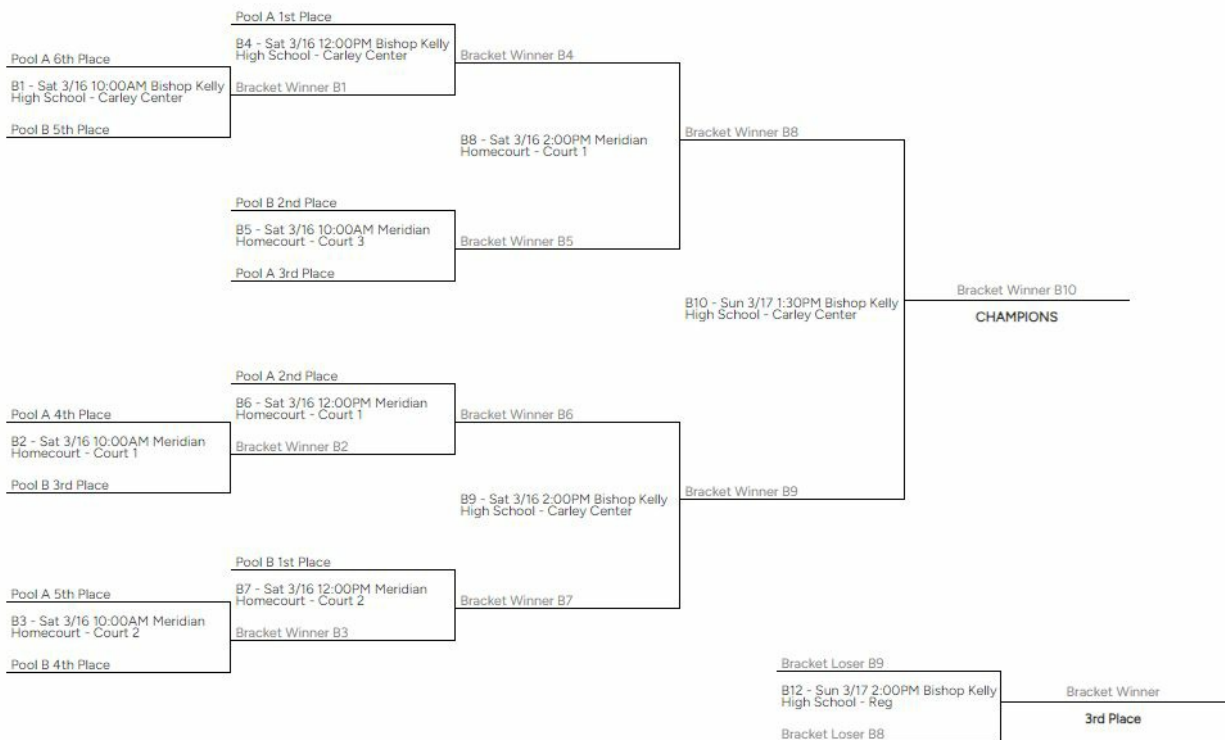
Junior Girls Bracket



Consolation Game



Senior Boys Bracket



Junior Boys Bracket



Preschool Happenings



Happy St. Patrick's Day from all of our little leprechauns
 St. Patrick, pray for us!



Church Connection

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



Communal Penance Service
Wednesday, March 20th at 6:30PM
#LentConfessions



Please join us for
Palm stripping
In the narthex on Saturday,
March 23rd at 9 am.
Families welcome!



Holy Week Schedule

March 28th-31st

Holy Thursday

No morning Mass
Mass of the Lord's Supper- 6:30pm

Good Friday

No morning Mass
Stations- Noon
Divine Mercy- 3 pm,
Veneration of the Cross- 6:30 pm

Holy Saturday

No morning Mass or confessions
Easter Basket Blessing- Noon
Easter Vigil Mass-8pm

Easter Sunday

Masses - 7am, 8:30am & 11am
Easter Egg Hunt for kids 0-9 after 8:30 and 11am Masses

Notes from the Nurse



Through the St. Alphonsus 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

Next week is Spring Break. Here are some tips you can use when your children are home on break from the Love and Logic Files:

The parent's real job

I believe my job as a parent is to help a totally dependent little baby gradually develop into a totally independent adult. I'm usually given 18 years to get the job done. I am on target if I allow more and more independence so that the child makes most of his or her own decisions during the last three years in the home during high school.

The best way to do this is by running your home like the real world. You provide your child with opportunities to practice decision making and then live with the consequence of those decisions both good and bad. Wise parents start this process early by giving choices that have fairly minor consequences. They gradually move on to choices with more severe or complex consequences. These parents teach their children that they have personal power over their destiny.

This approach also builds strength by allowing the child to struggle. Research shows that children who are denied the right to struggle in the early years are at high risk for suicide or other self-destructive behaviors. Children who are allowed to struggle and overcome adversity learn that they are much more in control of the quality of their lives.

What would you like to pick as one thing to let your child struggle figuring out over spring break?
Remember a small and consistent task is better to practice on.

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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