



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,

Happy Easter to you all! Alleluia!



The wonder of this day is that it isn't *one* day at all—the celebration of Easter is prolonged throughout the Easter Season—the 50 days from today, from Easter Sunday to Pentecost. From now on, all Sundays are celebrated as one continuous feast day, ***“the great Sunday.”*** For every Sunday commemorates this day of the Lord's Resurrection. *Mary Magdalen* ***“saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb.”*** She, of course, is Mary of Magdala, who, along with the holy women had laid Jesus' lifeless body in the tomb. It was early morning, and she didn't expect the dawn of hope, but rather, the beginning of endless sorrow. Her *biggest worry*—indeed, the only thing her grief would allow her to concentrate on was—who would roll the stone away so she could anoint the body. ***“And behold she saw the stone removed from the tomb.”*** That stone, situated at the entrance of Our Lord's tomb was a silent witness not only to the death of the Son of Man *but through endless ages—to the death of all men.* For it is behind *the stone*, in the tomb, that the process of death takes place—that is, of human beings being formed of dust returning to the dust. The stone testifies to this terrible reality but also to the truth that only God can remove it. It is a piece of hard evidence that can neither be ignored, nor explained away.

Mary runs to the disciples and says, ***“They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him...”*** Peter and John run to the tomb and see the linens without a body. They saw and realized that death itself had not been able to conquer Jesus, the Resurrection, and the Life. The builders of this world had conspired and killed Him—but ***“The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.”*** *The stone of death has been removed. “This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.”* The Church joyfully repeats today the words of the angels spoken on that bright new morning. He who died on the Cross is alive and now reveals the fullness of Life to us. As St. John Paul II said: ***“Christ rose again so that man could find the true meaning of existence, so that man could live his***

own life fully, so that man, who comes from God, could live in God.” Henceforth, let us all now live as new creations with Christ as the Cornerstone of our lives!

Alleluia! He is Risen!

With prayers and friendship,

Fr. Paul

Letter from our Principal



Dear St. Mark's Families,

As we close the Lenten season, I reflect on the many ways we celebrated and drew closer to our Lord through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. In addition to our weekly Masses, we spent time in our chapel in adoration, celebrated the sacrament of reconciliation, participated in our annual Lenten retreat, donated over 250 compassion bags to those most in need in our community, learned about the Shroud of Turin from Deacon Peter and his wife, prayed the Stations of the Cross with our eighth graders, and worked hard to keep our Lenten promises. God is good!

Third-quarter report cards are now posted in your FACTS family portals and have been emailed to you. Please don't hesitate to contact your child's teachers should you have any questions or concerns.

Tardy Issue

Our daily tardies are reaching record highs! Some days, we record over 30 tardies. These tardies affect all our students' learning when teachers have to stop instruction to catch up with late students. Please, let's make this quarter the record low.

Spring Uniform

Now that we are able to wear shorts to school and skirts without leggings, please remember the length must be **ONLY** three inches above the knee. Everyone grew over the winter, and we are seeing super-short skirts and shorts. Your child may call you to bring in pants if asked to change. Thank you so much for your attention to this matter.

Next Week

I am excited to attend the National Catholic Educators' Conference for a few days next week. The highlight will be when Tim LaMott receives his **Msgr. John F. Meyers** President's award on Monday evening.

Students in 2nd - 8th grade will take the **Assessment of Religious Knowledge (ARK) tests**. The data collected will help guide curricular decisions and instruction.

Please review the April Calendar. It is going to be a very busy month and we want you to take advantage of all opportunities to participate in the life of the school.

Have a blessed Easter weekend. May God shower you with blessings, love, and peace this Easter and may we be the light of Christ to all those we encounter.

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



Our 5th/6th grade girls team took the championship in the ICSI basketball tournament



Our 4th grade girls took 2nd place in the ICSI basketball tournament

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
DISCIPLESHIP <i>Following Jesus' Example</i>	Support Others Cooperate with Others Be Honest Share Christ's Love	Help Others in Need Say Thank You to Our Custodians	Sit by Those Sitting Alone Engage in Appropriate Conversations	Encourage Others to be Kind Be Inclusive Lead by Example Help Others When Needed	Use Only as Needed Report Supply Shortages Clean Up After Yourself	Be Reverent Actively Participate Be Involved Show Appreciation
EXCELLENCE <i>Strive for Success</i>	Do Your Very Best Work Challenge Yourself Learn Beyond the Classroom Ask Questions	Set a Good Example Greet People Politely	Follow Cafeteria Rules Use an Inside Voice	Solve Issues in a Peaceful Manner Line Up on Time Stay in Assigned Areas	Use During Non-Instructional Times Report Problems to an Adult	Be the Best Version of Yourself Follow Dress Code for Mass

SAINT MARK'S
-CATHOLIC SCHOOL-

Student Recognition Program

Cardinal Virtues

As part of our accreditation action plan, we want to increase our understanding of Catholic virtues and recognize students who exemplify them. Our Lion P.R.I.D.E. emphasizes the virtues of perseverance, respect, integrity, discipleship, and excellence.

We are now introducing the cardinal virtues of Prudence, Justice, Fortitude, and Temperance. At the end of each quarter, teachers select one of their students who exemplifies the cardinal virtue of the quarter. The student will be recognized at Mass with a certificate and announced in our Friday Facts.

While P.R.I.D.E. tickets are given immediately when staff witness a student showing a virtue in action, the recognition for students exemplifying a cardinal virtue, will be awarded to students who consistently practice it throughout the quarter.

During the third quarter, teachers looked for students who exemplified prudence. Prudence is the virtue by which we discern what would be the correct action in any given situation. To prevent an impulsive decision, a prudent person will take the time to consider all possible options and their outcomes.

Students who were selected during the third quarter will be announced after Mass on April 8th, and their pictures will be posted on Friday Facts.

During the fourth-quarter, teachers will be choosing students who show Fortitude.

Congratulations to this week's winners:

Gabriel F, Keaton A, Finn F (2), Emma B, Jennica C, Diana C, Parker A, TJ D, Bri S, Gigi M, Cailyn J, Samson A, Tristan K, John B, Cosette W, Sophia U, Amaya P, Sawyer H, Alexa B, Caroline S, Layla R, Caleb R, Maddie B, Audrey P, Malakai P, Olivia L, Lexi D, Alexa C, Peter B

Weekly Calendar

Friday, March 29

Good Friday - No School

Saturday, March 30

Holy Saturday

Sunday, March 31

Easter Sunday

Monday, April 1

Easter Monday - No School

Tuesday, April 2

6:30 p.m. Quarterly Education Foundation Meeting

Wednesday, April 3

8:30 a.m. Student Body Mass presented by Mrs. Paz's 7th grade Adoration at end of Mass

Friday, April 5

FULL DAY OF SCHOOL - NO Teacher Inservice

7:00-9:00 p.m. 7th & 8th grade TVCS Dance at St. Joe's

Saturday, April 6

6:30-8:30 p.m. Father Daughter Dance

Upcoming Events

Saturday, April 6

6:30-8:30 p.m. Father Daughter Dance

Sunday, April 7

2:00 p.m. Autism Walk @ Kleiner Park

Monday, April 8

National Library Week

5:30 p.m. School Board Meeting

7:00 p.m. Home & School Meeting

Tuesday, April 9

1:00 p.m. 5th grade Field Trip to Capital Bldg

Wednesday, April 10

8:30 a.m. Student Body Mass presented by Mrs. Brady's 1st grade

10:00 a.m. 8th grade Graduation Photos at Church

Thursday, April 11

7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Kindergarten Screenings @ Donoghue Hall

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



Hello Parents and Happy Holy Thursday. The Mother-Son committee will be making a Go / No Go decision about TopGolf on Tuesday morning. We are still short on funds if we want to keep registration under \$20 per person and we need a better estimate for RSVP's. We need your help! Here's how you can help:

[Click here to buy raffle tix](#) and forward to your friends and



family in the Boise metro area.

Click here to RSVP on the Mother Son Event on the St. Mark's facebook page. If you are not yet a follower on the school page, **please follow it here**. If you're not a facebook fan, please email Shannon for RSVP: **shannon.r.wayne@gmail.com** or text at 408-221-9507

Sign up to help here. Your time and/or donations are greatly appreciated.

If there any questions or ideas, please reach out to Shannon or a

Mother-Son team member.

Thank you, and have a blessed Easter!
Sincerely,
Shannon

Volunteer Opportunities

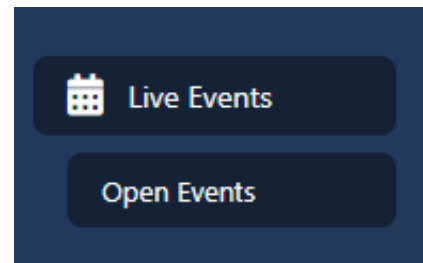
The Last SEW (Child Safe Environment Class) of the school year will be held on **Wednesday, April 10 @ 6:00** in the school conference room. **IF YOU ARE PLANNING ON VOLUNTEERING AT THE CARNIVAL, FIELD DAY OR FOR ANY END OF YEAR ACTIVITIES, you must have taken an in person SEW class.**

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 and sign up for the class.



Once you have created an account, click on this icon then click "START". This will take you to a page showing 7 documents you must click on, read and take a quiz.

You will then have the option to choose a "Live Event", then click on "Open Events".



Event	Location	Address	City	State	Start Date	Event Time	Contact Name	Contact No.
Safe Environment	St. Mark's Elementary School	8200 N. D.	7501 Northrup St	BOISE	05/04/2021	12:00 PM	Karen Goffley	208775401

You will be taken to a page where you can find the date of the class and location that you want to take and enroll in that class.

We are beginning plans for our Spring Carnival set for Saturday, April 27. In the past we've had several fun booths on our playground, live music and food venues. If you would like to be part of the Planning



**Committee (and get Volunteer Hours),
please contact
schooloffice@stmarksschoolboise.com.**

Lunch Room Volunteers

NEXT WEEK'S LUNCH HELPERS

Tuesday (2)—McLeod, Bauer

Wednesday (3)—LaMott

Thursday (4)—Wise, Bermensolo, Storli

Friday (5)—Antonoplos, Paz

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

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

ST. MARK'S STUDENT COUNCIL PRESENTS

TALENT SHOW

GRADES
PRE-K - 8

Get ready
to unleash
your talent!

Try-Outs will be held
Tuesday, April 16th and
Wednesday April 17th
Donoghue Hall 3:00 - 4:00

Don't miss the chance to be
part of this dazzling showcase
of creativity and skill!
Sign Up with Mrs. Lynch.

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April is a very busy month, [click here](#) to view the monthly calendar.

[Click here](#) to view the April Lunch Menu.



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!



Parents, do you have any photos from school events this year that we can use in the yearbook? Field trips, sporting events, classroom parties, etc. Please send to schooloffice@stmarksschoolboise.com.

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.



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



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



Happy
Easter

[TVCS Events/Sports](#)



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

Preschool Happenings



Our Lenten promise has been to pray for all of our families. The children love having their family prayed for.



Church Connection

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

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



**Children ages 0-9 are invited to join in
the Easter Egg Hunt on
Sunday, March 31st after the
8:30am & 11am Masses**

Please Bring your Easter Basket





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

Today is Good Friday and we are in the Easter Triduum. This weekend is Easter, it is time to remember

all the things we can be thankful for. Did you know that research supports that Gratitude is as effective as Pharmaceuticals to treat depression? **Gratitude is a good heart and soul medication.**

Here is an example of how the Saints treat depression. You start your day with a reflection on God creating the universe and wanting you to be here at this time in this family in this country. Then look at all the things that exist in the world. They are being held in existence by God for you to be able to have today. Now from this point of view you have God loving and wanting you here so that you can choose to go to heaven and be with him there forever. Today when you face choices and struggles during your day recall that God is right beside you watching and helping. Start talking to him as a good friend who is willing to go through everything by your side. It may help to ask yourself 3 questions: 1 Is God aware of everything that is going on in my life at this moment? 2 Is God able to have a plan for how to get through this moment safely? 3 Is God able to handle this problem in my life? The answer of course is” yes” to all three questions. Taking the time to reflect on those answers and the perspective of God being with you as a loving partner is a good way to reduce your worry, your depression, and your frustration. Take some time to ponder this over this Easter weekend and notice what a difference it makes in your life. As with all tools this takes practice and repetition. Happy Easter.

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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