

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

Hello St. Mark's Parents and Students,

I am excited to announce that we are offering informational talks beginning Monday night, September 11th at 6:30 pm in Donoghue Hall which will dive deeper into different aspects of the Eucharist.

Join us for any or all of these topics to learn more about our faith. No need to RSVP, Just add them to your calendar and show up to the ones that interest you!



The schedule is as follows:

- September 11th- Deacon Chris Privon will present “ **The Jewish Roots of the Eucharist.**”
- September 18th- He will follow up with “ **The Eucharist in the New Testament**”. If you have ever heard him preach or participated in his bible classes, you know he is excellent, thorough, and engaging.
- September 25th- Fr. Paul will delve into the “ **Theology of the Eucharist,**” that is the dogmas or what the Church has officially taught from the earliest times. For example, the real presence and transubstantiation will be examined among other important points.
- October 2nd- Hitting a very practical note, Fr. Paul will do his best to lead us on “ **A Walk Through the Mass**” in the church sanctuary itself. This is something that could be very helpful for all of us!
- October 9th- By Fr. Johannes of Verbum Spei's exposition on the practice of “ **Adoration: How to Make a Holy Hour**” (to be held in the church as well.) As you may or may not know, his religious community could be considered “expert” in this area.
- October 16th- We will examine some amazing “ **Eucharistic Miracles—Past & Present**”. In

- preparation for this talk, Salt & Light Radio's banners on the subject will grace our narthex.
- October 23rd- As a faithful son of Poland, Fr. Adrian, will speak on “ **St John Paul II's Teaching on the Eucharist**”, a subject near and dear to his heart.
 - October 30th- Juliet Jones, along with some parishioners will convey their RCIA experience as a “**Journey to the Eucharist.**” Their testimonies are indeed powerful.
 - November 6th- Ginger, Angela, and Rose from our Faith Formation Program will give us a wonderful perspective (especially important to parents!) entitled, “**Let the Little Children Come Unto Me.**” In other words, how to present the Eucharist to children and youth, from the first years to teenagerdom. I am especially looking forward to this one.
 - November 13th- Deacon Ed Herrera, our newly ordained permanent deacon, will present “ **The Eucharist: Service and Evangelization.**” After all, we are meant to leave Mass, ready to share the Good News, in service of one another.
 - November 20th- Deacon Pete Lauder and his wife Jan will be presenting their well-researched and fascinating talk on “**The Shroud of Turin**” and how it relates specifically to the Eucharist.

Please join us for at least one of these talks this Fall.

God Bless,

Fr. Paul

Letter from our Principal

Dear St. Mark's Families,

Happy Labor Day weekend. I pray you have fun activities planned for the long weekend. I am looking forward to camping at Deadwood Reservoir. Thank you to everyone who could attend our Back to School Night on Tuesday. It was great to connect with new and returning families and discuss what a fantastic school year we will all have.



If you could not attend, please be sure to **watch the Back to School video** that was emailed (if you still need to) and contact me if you have any questions. Your child's teacher may also email you information that was covered during their sessions. Communication is essential for a successful school year, and we strive to work in partnership with you.

Upon our return on Tuesday, 1st - 8th grade students will be taking the fall Map of Academic Progress (MAP) assessments in Reading, Language Usage, and Math. The data from these tests will provide teachers with data to guide instruction, meet classroom and individual student needs, and set goals for student growth and achievement. A good night of sleep and a healthy breakfast are keys to successful testing.

Please be sure to read Friday Facts each week for critical news, upcoming events, volunteer opportunities, and to see pictures of the amazing things happening at St. Mark's (like our famous author visit on Monday)!

God bless, and have a safe, happy weekend.

Blessings,
Donna Gordon

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

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

Student Spotlight



Frances C, 2nd grade, got to go ocean fishing for the first time this summer. Frances loves the outdoors and especially loves to fish with her dad. On the 8-hour fishing excursion off the coast of Oregon, Frances and crew caught 52 crab, three salmon, and about a dozen rock fish! This girl loves to fish!

Lion Pride Recognition



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| | CLASSROOM | HALLWAYS | LUNCH ROOM | PLAYGROUND | BATHROOMS | CHURCH |
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| 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-

Congratulations to this week's winners:

Adrean D, Emma J, Mary C, Kolbe S

Weekly Calendar

Friday, September 1

Teacher In-Service - No School

Monday, September 4

Labor Day - No School

Tuesday, September 5

MAP Testing

Wednesday, September 6

8:30 a.m. Student Body Mass presented by Mrs. Schuette's 8th Grade
MAP Testing

Thursday, September 7

MAP testing

Friday, September 8

Spirit Day
Progress Reports in FACTS FamilyPortal

Upcoming Events

Sunday, September 10

Grandparents Day

Monday, September 11

MAPS Testing

5:30 p.m. School Board Meeting

7:00 p.m. Home & School Meeting

Tuesday, September 12

MAPS Testing

6:30 p.m. Quarterly Education Foundation Meeting

Wednesday, September 13

8:30 a.m. Student Body Mass presented by Mr. Groninger's 7th Grade

MAPS Testing

6:30 p.m. SEW Class @ School

Thursday, September 14

MAPS Testing

Friday, September 15

7:00-9:00 p.m. 7th & 8th Grade TVCS Dance @ St. Mark's School

Saturday, September 16

8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Catholic Women's Conference

Home & School



If you would like to sign up early to volunteer, please follow the link below
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0449A8A62EA2FD0-dinner#/> or email Jenn Baxter
at Stmarksschoolauktion@gmail.com

Saint Mark's Home & School Meeting

Monday, September 11

6:30pm Social

7:00pm Meeting

Mrs. Schutte's Room (middle school)



Topics include:

Principal Report

Treasurer Report

Trunk or Treat

Community events

Dinner Auction

**Free dress passes will be raffled to
parents in attendance**

BABYSITTERS NEEDED!



Home & School is looking for 3 or more babysitters (5th grade and above) for each of the monthly meetings. Please sign up at the link below!

Click here to sign up to babysit during the Home & School meeting. Ask your teacher if this counts toward your Community Service Hours.

ST MARK'S DAY AT THE
Farmstead



2500 S EAGLE RD, KUNA, ID 83634

**OCTOBER 4, 2023
4:00-9:00PM**

DISCOUNTED COST IS: \$12 + TAX

(REGULAR PRICE IS \$17)

AT THE TICKET OFFICE, MENTION ST MARKS TO
RECEIVE THE DISCOUNT. \$1 FROM EVERY
ADMISSION GOES BACK TO OUR SCHOOL!

**MRS GORDON IS SCHEDULED
TO KISS THE PIG AT 7:30!**



INCLUDES: CORN MAZE, COW & GRAIN TRAIN RIDES, BEE
LINE ZIPLINES, FARM ANIMALS, HAYRIDES, AND IDAHO
POTATO SACK SLIDE, CORN POPPERS, AND MORE

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St. Mark's School Spirituality Committee Seeks Parent Involvement - The Spirituality Committee is made up of faculty and parents and helps the principal/pastor nurture and expand the Catholic identity of the school. We need parent volunteers to sit on the committee. If you would like to help us live and grow the spirituality of our school community, please email Angela Paz at apaz@stmarksschoolboise.com. Thank you!

Lunch Room Volunteers

NEXT WEEK'S LUNCH HELPERS

Tuesday (5)—Schaller, Garcia, Cavazos

Wednesday (6)—LaMott, Anderson

Thursday (7)—Garcia, Storli, Cavazos

Friday (8)—Antonoplos, Laubhan, Novosel, Duppong

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

No School on Monday, September 4



We still have almost 50% of our parents who haven't logged into their FamilyPortal and completed their Medical Forms. **[WE CANNOT TREAT YOUR CHILD](#)**, whether sick or injured, if you have not completed this information.

Steps to complete the medical, transportation and emergency contact forms:

1. Log into our family portal.
 2. Scroll down on the left menu bar to "Apply/Enroll", click the down arrow beside the "Apply/Enroll" link.
 3. Click "enrollment/re-enrollment" and then the blue link "Click here to Open Enrollment".
 4. As you fill out these forms, please update any other information that may have changed since initially completing the enrollment forms. Make sure to go through all the navy tabs on the left side of the screen and finish with the tab "Electronic Signature Page".
 5. To review your Packet, click on the last tab "Electronic Packet Review".
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Parents can download the FACTS Family app from the apple store or google play and pay \$4.99/year for this access or you can just use Facts Family Portal in a browser on a mobile device.

Volunteer Hour Log in FamilyPortal

- Log into your account
 - On the left side of page, click on Family
 - Click on Family Home
 - On the right side of page, is a box entitled Service Hours
 - Click on Add+ in the top right of box. Add date of service, time spent, an explanation of the volunteer activity and any additional information you can provide.
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To update your information in your FamilyPortal account, such as address, phone numbers, Emergency Contacts, Medical and Transportation, log into your FamilyPortal account. On the left side of the page, click on "Web Forms" then in the middle of the page click on "Family Demographic Form". From there you will see the tabs to click to update your information. Thank you for keeping this information up to date.

At Drop Off before 7:45 a.m., students are to report to the gym without parents entering the building. After 7:45 a.m., students are to go through the wrought iron Middle School gate directly to playground.



If parents arrive at school at 3:15 or later to pick up your student in K-8, you will pick them up from Homework Club. Go to the west end of the building and ring the doorbell.

Homework Club charges are as follows:

- 3:15-3:30 p.m. - \$2.00 per child per timeslot
- 3:31-4:30 p.m. - \$6.00 per child per timeslot
- 4:31-5:30 p.m. - \$6.00 per child per timeslot

We do not offer Homework Club for Preschool. Preschool after care was arranged during enrollment and is not a drop in service. Preschoolers need to be picked up no later than 3:15 from the classroom. If you would like to add after care for your preschooler, please contact the school office.

Orchestra and Choir for 5th-8th grade!



September 5th is our first day of returning to Orchestra and Choir!

Choir

Any 5th - 8th grade student is welcome to join choir! Rehearsals start on Tuesday but will normally be Mondays and Tuesdays after school from 3:00pm-3:45pm in the Music room. No audition needed and even if the student can go once a week to start due to sports, please just come!

Orchestra

Any 5th - 8th grade student that has at least one year of violin, viola, cello or string bass is welcome to join. Rehearsals will always be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:20am-8:00am in the music room. The front of the school will be unlocked at 7:15 am.

I look forward to seeing you on **September 5th!**

Mrs. Cooper

lcooper@stmarksschoolboise.com

208-703-0615

Our guest on Monday is best known as the bestselling author of the book series *A Dog's Purpose*. By the end of this year, Bruce will have published 31 books, most of them about dogs. The film adaptation of *A Dog's Purpose* has become the most successful international live-action Dog Movie of all time. The film adaptations of his other bestselling novels 'A Dog's Way Home' and 'A Dog's Journey,' were released in 2019, and the fourth book in the series, 'A Dog's Promise,' was also released at the end of that year. Bruce's novels for younger readers have won awards and are taught in classrooms everywhere. Fans of his 8-book series 'Lilly To The Rescue' will be happy to hear there are 4 more on the way. On August 30th his latest Puppy Tale, 'Lacey's Story' was released, and in January he's releasing 'Love Clancy, Diary Of A Good Dog'. We welcomed Mr. W. Bruce Cameron!



Mr. Cameron having lunch with the winners of the Summer Reading Program

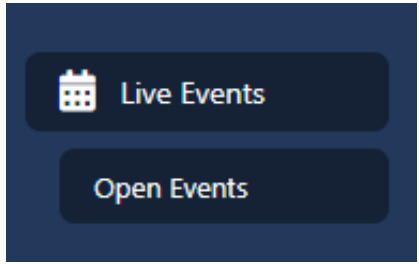


Mr. Cameron shares his writing story with our students in Grades 3-6

ALL VOLUNTEERS MUST HAVE COMPLETED THE SAFE ENVIRONMENT WORKSHOP (SEW) AND HAVE AN APPROVED BACKGROUND CHECK THROUGH THE DIOCESAN OFFICE.

The first SEW class (for St. Mark's families only) will be held on **Wednesday, September 13 @ 6:30 p.m. at the School**. 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".

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.

| Event | Location | Address | City | Start Date & Time | End Date & Time | Contact Name | Contact No. |
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| Safe Environment | St. Mark's Catholic School | 700 Hawthorne St | BOISE | 09/24/2023 | 10:00 AM | Kevin Guthrie | 2087744011 |



Greetings Parents and Young Musicians in Grades 3-8! I'm looking forward to directing our young singers again for St. Mark's school Mass choir! Our rehearsals will be on Wednesday mornings at 7:25 am in the music room, prior to Mass. It's important that students attend rehearsals if they would like to participate in the choir at Mass. Could you please let me know if your student would like to sing? I'll update our roster so that

we can communicate any changes or reminders. Thank you!

In Christ's Love,
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208.608.9769

Men, Ignite the Fire!

We are calling all men who are ready to step up, be leaders, and join a special ops unit in promoting the unforgettable Idaho Catholic Men's Conference. We need drivers, promoters, and real sales guys who are unafraid to approach their fellow men and ignite their faith with the passion and enthusiasm that only comes from experiencing this life-changing conference. Join us for this engaging 2 ½ hour event with Kevin O'Brien we are calling a "Charcoal Event" on Saturday, September 30 from 8am-10:30am at St. Mark's in Boise or over Zoom. You'll receive the tools, motivation, and fire-starting skills to gather men from all corners of your community for the February 2024 Idaho Catholic Men's Conference. Don't miss this incredible opportunity to make a lasting impact. Get fired up and answer the call today! Register at saltandlightradio.com/icmc-charcoal-event.

Pozole Fest

Sal y Luz Radio invites you to come taste-test a variety of styles of pozole, a typical Mexican dish. This free family friendly event is on September 23 on 10am-2pm at St. Joseph's School Gym. There will also be raffle items and beverages for sale. To be a pozole contestant register at: <https://sallyluzradio.com/pozole-fest>. Hope to see you there!

We're hiring!
Broadcast Assistant

This is an excellent opportunity for individuals interested in pursuing a future career in Radio Broadcast Engineering. As a Broadcast Assistant, you will receive on-the-job training, and Salt & Light Radio's partnership with the Department of Labor will provide you with further education. It's a specialized field with a high demand for qualified individuals, so this job could be an ideal chance for someone interested in developing skills in this area.

Podcast & Content Creator

The Podcast & Content Creator position involves producing engaging content across various digital platforms that align with Salt & Light Radio's mission. It's an exciting opportunity for someone creative, self-motivated and has knowledge of video and audio skills. This position averages 30 hours per week, and the hours can be flexible to accommodate college students.

How to Apply

If you or someone you know is interested in either of these positions, we encourage you to access the full job descriptions and application process at <https://saltandlightradio.com/job-openings>.

TVCS Events/Sports

Click here for the TVCS athletic schedule.



Boot, Scoot & Boogie on over to
St. Mark's for the

TVCS BARN DANCE

Entry Requires:
\$5 + 2 CANS OF FOOD
+ YOUR STUDENT ID

Friday, 15 September 2023

7:00 - 9:00

7503 W Northview St

Boise, ID 83704

(West end of the building)

WANTED

All currently
enrolled TVCS
7th & 8th
graders in their
best, dress code
approved
western wear

Click on the flyer to print and sign the Dance Guidelines that must be completed in order to attend the dance. TVCS dances are for 7th & 8th graders only.

Preschool Happenings

St. Mark's Preschool is "o-fishally" the best!



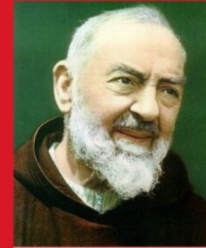
Church Connection

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



Save the Date for St. Mark's Parish Picnic

- Takes place on St. Padre Pio's Feast day; we will celebrate him with an Italian theme!
- Italian Food
- Wine/Beer Garden
- Bounce Houses for the kids!
- This will replace the Oktoberfest



Saturday, September 23, 2023

AFTER THE 5PM MASS

School Hosted Mass

Click to sign up to help with this event! It is a great opportunity for Community Service Hours!
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F044BAEA92AABFC1-parish>

Notes from the Nurse

Please make sure to complete your Medical forms by logging into your FamilyPortal account. Without your consent by completing these documents, we cannot treat your child for illness or injury.



Saint Alphonse
SCHOOL HEALTH PROGRAM

Through the St. Alphonse School Health Program, Mrs. Campbell, RN, SBN, is at St. Mark's on 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

Welcome to St. Mark's Catholic School new parents and families. And, welcome back to families who are returning to the school this fall. It is hard to believe we are already heading into September of the 2023-24 school year.

For the new parents let me introduce myself. I am Joe Lipetzky. I am a psychologist. I will be at school on Monday and Friday mornings from 8 to noon. I am able to help with children who are struggling to be successful in school. I provide testing and help with the Child First Team to establish accommodation plans for the students that need help.

I am also the Scoutmaster for St. Mark's Boy Scout Troop 94. We meet on Tuesday evenings in the gym, and we go on camp outs each month all year round. I love to go hiking, camping, kayaking, and playing in the great outdoors of Idaho. I have three grown children who live in the area and a grandson who is attending Bishop Kelly. I have a private practice in Boise where I work with individuals, couples, and families. I hope you have a relaxing Labor Day Weekend. If you have concerns about your child at St. Mark's feel free to contact me or Ms. Lynch and let us know what type of help you need. If you are interested in a Love and Logic Parenting Class, I am able to provide that if there is enough interest as well. I look forward to another great year with you at St. Mark's School.

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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