



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 School

A common aspect of human nature, and sadly can cause difficulties in our lives, is the problem of Pride. Not the PRIDE acronym we successfully use here at St. Mark's School to highlight the character traits that we want to develop and evidence in our work together.



P Perseverance
R Respect
I Integrity
D Discipleship
E Excellence

Instead, it is the human character trait of being overly confident in themselves, and, likely critical and dismissive of others. Pride can get us into trouble. We run the risk of assuming that we know more or know better about a situation than others. That our ways of "seeing things" are superior to others.

As we reflect upon the Lord's teaching this week from the Gospel of Luke, let us remember to end each day in self reflection, ever vigilant to examine those situations where we may have acted pridefully, puffed up in our own self consideration.

Humility is the key to success.....not arrogance and pride.

Together We Rise

Fr. John

Dear St. Mark's Families,



On behalf of all our teachers, thank you so much for attending Parent-Teacher Conferences. This truly embodies our theme of Rising Together. When we build trusting partnerships, honor you as your child's first educators, and collaborate to meet each child's unique needs, we are living out our mission to foster excellence in spirit, mind, and body.

If you were unable to attend conferences, your child's teacher will be sending home their report card and assessment data. Should you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher(s).

Next week, we will have another short week as our teachers attend the John Newman Catholic Educators' Conference on Thursday and Friday. Thursday's professional development will feature **Brett Salkeld**, author of *Educating for Eternity*, followed by a variety of afternoon workshops. On Friday, our faculty will join the Diocese's Office of Catholic Schools for a retreat focused on collaboration and spiritual renewal.

Meanwhile, Student Council will lead us in Red Ribbon Week dress-up days as we are reminded to practice healthy habits and say "no" to drugs. Please check the flyer in this week's Friday Facts for details on each day's theme.

Last week, we celebrated our students who exemplified this quarter's Cardinal Virtue—Justice. This week, we continue to rise together as we recognize 59 middle school students who achieved Honor Roll distinction for the first quarter! Students who earned a GPA of 3.5 or higher made the Honor Roll, while those who achieved a 4.0 GPA earned High Honor Roll recognition.

We are so proud of our students' hard work, perseverance, and commitment to excellence. Way to go, Lions—keep rising to new heights!

As we begin the second quarter, our focus turns to the Cardinal Virtue of Temperance—the practice of balance and self-control in our thoughts, words, and actions. Together, may we continue to grow in virtue and faith each day.

May you have a safe, memory-making, blessed weekend.

Peace,

Donna Gordon

**No School on Thursday, October 30 and Friday, October 31
so teachers may attend the St. John Henry Conference**



Policy Highlight

Together, We Rise on Time!

We've had 287 tardies this quarter — and we know our Lions can do better! Arriving on time helps everyone start the day calm, connected, and ready to learn. Let's rise together by making punctual mornings our goal and cutting tardies in half for the second quarter!

As mentioned at Back-to-School Night, one way we can live out our theme "**Together We Rise**" is through open communication. To support this, we've introduced the Rise & Share Google Form.

Together We Rise



SAINT MARK'S
—CATHOLIC SCHOOL—

Rise & Share Google Form

Here's how it works:

- If you have a question or concern and prefer to share it through the form, Mrs. Gordon will check responses every morning.
- If you'd like a reply, you can include your contact information, and Mrs. Gordon will respond as soon as possible.

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.

Spirituality Spotlight

Upcoming Dates

10/29- Wednesday: Student Body Mass @ 8:30am hosted by Miss Murray's 3rd grade

10/29- Wednesday: Dress like a saint day (not what they're the saint of)

11/1- Saturday: All Saints Day

11/2- Sunday: All Souls Day

11/5- Wednesday: 4th Grade Teaching Mass with Fr. John (Grandparents welcome!)

Fr. John led our 5th graders in a Teaching Mass this past Wednesday. The students asked a lot of great questions and learned so much from this experience.



Monday Morning Rosary

Monday mornings in October
8am on the blacktop

Join us on the playground every Monday in October as we pray a decade of the Rosary as our morning prayer.

Parents are welcome year-round to join for Monday morning prayer and announcements.



Parent Prayer Group

October 29th
8:10-8:25am
Resurrection Room

St. Mark's parents warmly invite you to join them in prayer prior to our Student Body Mass.
All are welcome!

Student Spotlight



Banks' and Sutton's Flag Football team took 3rd place in the league! They lost a heartbreaker in OT in the semifinals but rallied in back-to-back games to finish with a victory. Banks scored a TD and Sutton had 3 and a Pick 6!! These boys worked so hard all season and had so much fun together. Go Packers!!



1st graders went on a field trip this week to Jeker Planetarium



Congratulations to our Quarter 1 Honor Roll Students

High Honor Roll & Honor Roll

6 th Grade	7 th Grade	8 th Grade
Vincent A	Genevieve A	Brynlee B
Mary C	Tate B	Pilar M
Amelia M	Diana C	Pepper S
Josef P	Alexa C	Greta W
Tyus R	Shaelen C	Olivia A
Eleanor A	Hayden H	Holden B
Katherine B	Russ M	Marshall B
Joseph F	Quan P	Aspen C
Cailyn J	Kolbe S	Faith H
Lucas L	Paul T	Eliana H
Noah M	Victoria B	Clara J
Vivian P	Bryce B	Leilah N
Kinsley P	Peter B	Athena N
Aven R	Quinten B	Wes R
Lincoln R-P	Jett C	Terra R
Chloe S	Lola C	CC S
Jensen S	Jennica C	Jasper T
Amaia W	Emma J	Thomas U
	Collin K	
	Declan L	
	Otto S	
	Hannah T	
	Sophia U	
	Tobias W	

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
DISCIPLINE <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:

Sutton H (2), Jonny F, Hunter S, Patrick J, George W, Maddie B (2), Christopher U, Marshall B, Brynlee B, Zach H, Mary B, Audrey P, Alex B, Bennett L, Joey T, John B, Catalina C, Gaby P, Aurora V, Maika P, Saoirse C, Blake P, Harper C, Tatyana B

Weekly Calendar

Monday, October 27

Red Ribbon Week

Wednesday, October 29

8:30 a.m. Student Body Mass presented by Ms. Murray's 3rd grade
Saints Dress Up Day for Halloween/All Saints Day (no Halloween costumes allowed)

Thursday, October 30

St. John Henry Newman Conference—No School

Friday, October 31

Happy Halloween
St. John Henry Newman Conference—No School

Saturday, November 1

All Saints Day
St. John Henry Newman Conference
11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., 1:30-3:30 p.m., 4:00-6:00 p.m. Ceramica Community Event

Upcoming Events

Sunday, November 2

All Souls Day

Daylight Saving Time ends, turn your clocks back 1 hr

Tuesday, November 4

6:30 p.m. Foundation Meeting

Wednesday, November 5

8:30 a.m. Student Body Mass presented by Mrs. Westmark's 3rd grade
(Grandparents & Veterans Mass/Reception)

4th grade Teaching Mass in School Chapel

1:15 p.m. 1st grade visit from Boise Urban Garden School

Friday, November 7

Spirit Day

Saturday, November 8

BK Winner's Choice Dinner

Home & School



Paint a soup bowl for the IDAHO FOODBANK

The foodbank collects hand-painted bowls from professional and amateur artists (like us!) and sells the bowls online after Thanksgiving. The foodbank estimates they can feed 60 people with funds raised from each bowl! What an impact!

SAINT MARKS HOME AND SCHOOL PRESENTS

EMPTY BOWLS

Cost:
\$17.99
per bowl

WITH *Ceramica*

1002 S Vista Ave, Boise, ID 83705

November 1st 11am - 1pm and 1:30pm-3:30pm and 4pm-6pm

Studio spots are limited! You must sign up each person attending.

The 2 hrs your student spends painting counts toward school service hours. If parents paint, it will not count toward parent service hours. **Please note that this is not a drop off event.**

Ceramica staff will help with supplies and painting only, they are not supervising children.

[Click here](#) to sign up for this Community Event

Howdy, St. Mark's families!

Our biggest event of the year — the St. Mark's Catholic School Auction: Buffalo, Boots & Blessings 2026 — is right around the corner, and we need your help to make it a huge success!

There are many ways to get involved — from leading class projects and gathering donations to helping with setup, check-in, or clean-up on the big day. Whether you can give a few hours or take on a lead role, every bit of help makes a difference!

Volunteer Sign-Up Link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0544ABA828A3FDC07-59741604-buffalo>

Each role includes details about time commitment and volunteer hour credits — so you can find the perfect fit for your schedule and interests. More roles will be added and updated as we continue to progress in the event planning.

Let's make this year's auction unforgettable — filled with community spirit, laughter, and blessings galore. Thank you for sharing your time and talents to support St. Mark's!

With gratitude,
Catherine Paczocha
Auction Chair, Buffalo, Boots & Blessings 2026

Volunteer Opportunities

**TO VOLUNTEER IN ANY CAPACITY AT ST. MARK'S SCHOOL,
YOU MUST TAKE A LIVE SEW CLASS AND PASS A BACKGROUND CHECK.**

THE LUNCHROOM NEEDS VOLUNTEERS! Parents, grandparents...are all welcome to volunteer weekly, monthly, occasionally (must be SEW trained). Contact **schooloffice@stmarksschoolboise.com** with the dates you can volunteer to get signed up. Time volunteered counts toward your Volunteer Hours.

Library Helpers (Parent Volunteers) are needed during the following times:

Tuesdays @ 1:30-3:00 p.m.

Wednesdays @ 11:15 am.-1:15 p.m. and 1:15-2:45 p.m.

Thursdays @ 9:00-11:15 a.m.

Contact Mrs. Rosania at **brovania@stmarksschoolboise.com**.



On Wednesdays walking to and from Student Body Mass, we can always use volunteers to walk with our classes. Please stop by the School Office on any Wednesday morning that you can help and you will be given instructions.

Lunch Room Volunteers

NEXT WEEK'S LUNCH HELPERS

Monday (27)—Corcoran, Carroll, Glasgow, Kretschmer

Tuesday (28)—Kretschmer, Antonoplos

Wednesday (29)—LaMott, Antonoplos, Chavier

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 come into the School Office and sign up in the black "lunch" binder, call (208) 375-6654 or **email** to volunteer.

Daily Lunch Schedule: 11:15 a.m. (PS-2); 11:35 a.m. (3-5); 12:05 p.m. (6-8)

News

ST. MARK'S RED RIBBON WEEK 2025

**MON.
10/27**

RALLY AGAINST DRUGS AND WEAR RED!

WEAR RED SHIRTS, RED SWEATSHIRTS, RED PANTS, RED SHORTS AND RED SWEATS.
JEANS ALSO ALLOWED. ATTIRE MUST BE SCHOOL APPROPRIATE.
LEGGINGS ARE NOT ALLOWED.



**TUES.
10/28**

TEAM UP AGAINST DRUGS!

REPRESENT HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE OR PROFESSIONAL SPORTS TEAMS.
JEANS AND SWEATS ALLOWED. ATTIRE MUST BE SCHOOL APPROPRIATE.
LEGGINGS ARE NOT ALLOWED.



**WED.
10/29**

STRIVING FOR SAINTHOOD!

DRESS AS YOUR FAVORITE SAINT OR MASS DRESS.
DRESS LIKE A SAINT - NOT WHAT YOUR PATRON SAINT REPRESENTS.





Please join us for the
**Grandparents'
Fall Reception**

Wednesday, November 5th, 2025

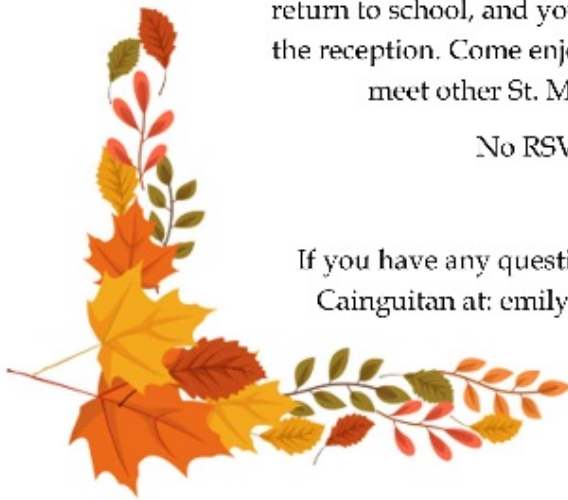
Immediately following the 8:30 A.M. School Mass

St. Mark's Catholic Church
7960 W. Northview St.
Boise, Idaho 83704

You are invited to sit with your grandchild at the 8:30 A.M. School Mass. After Mass, students will return to school, and you are welcome to join us for the reception. Come enjoy coffee, baked goods, and meet other St. Mark's grandparents!

No RSVP required

If you have any questions, please contact Emily Cainguitan at: emily.cainguitan@gmail.com.



The **November Monthly calendar** is available to download.

Click here to view the November lunch calendar.

We are in search of a Part-Time Middle School Spanish Teacher beginning 2nd semester (January).

Job Requirements:

- Bachelor's Degree in Education and/or Spanish

- Current Idaho teaching certificate (or the ability to obtain one) with appropriate endorsements (preferred)

How to Apply:

Please submit to Donna Gordon – dgordon@stmarksschoolboise.com:

- Resume
 - Completed **Diocesan Application**
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Thanksgiving Feast

On Wednesday, November 12th, we will celebrate our traditional Thanksgiving Feast at school. We would like to invite the parents of Preschool through 2nd grade. Lunch will start at 11 for the preschool, 11:15 for the kindergarten, and 11:30 for the 1st and second grade families. The cost is \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for students. Student's

lunch will be deducted from their lunch account, please send your payment for adult lunches to the School Office by November 7th.

The meal includes:

- turkey breast
- mashed potatoes with gravy
- stuffing
- green beans
- salad
- roll
- pumpkin pie

Please **click on this link** to RSVP. Kindly RSVP by Friday, November 7th, if you would like to have lunch with your child.

ART CLUB 2025–2026*

QUARTER 2

What is Art Club?

Art club is for students who wish to spend additional time on art through independent studies, team projects, new projects, or increased time to complete art class work. Possible projects include making an art journal and portfolio, making t-shirts, working with new techniques, and CERAMICS!!! A wide range of talents and abilities are welcome in art club. However, it is important for potential art club members to have a strong interest in art. They must also be able to work well with other members, follow instructions, and behave in a mature and appropriate manner. Students will have the opportunity to grow in their art skills and participate in a variety of projects using new skills and mediums.

Who: Students 5th grade and up

When: Thursdays during the school year unless otherwise noted (quarter 3&4 dates are subject to change)

Where: Ms. Hatfield's classroom

Time: 3:05-4:15 pm

Cost: \$110/quarter OR \$320 for rest of year (nonrefundable)

We never want the cost to discourage students to participate. Scholarships are available if needed - Please contact the office for further information

Pickup Policy: Pickup is at 4:15 outside the middle school and students will be sent to homework club after 5 minutes



ART CLUB DATES*

Quarter 2

Monday, November 3
November 6
November 13
November 20
December 4
December 11
December 18

Quarter 3

January 15
January 22
January 29
February 5
February 12
February 19
February 26
March 5

Quarter 4

March 26
April 2
April 9
April 16
April 23
April 30
May 7
May 14 (subject to change depending on end of year schedule)

**Should a class need to be cancelled, a makeup class will be offered on a Monday or Friday.*

*Application on back of page.



Click here to download the Art Club application. Applications are due by **Wednesday, October 29!**

Art Website

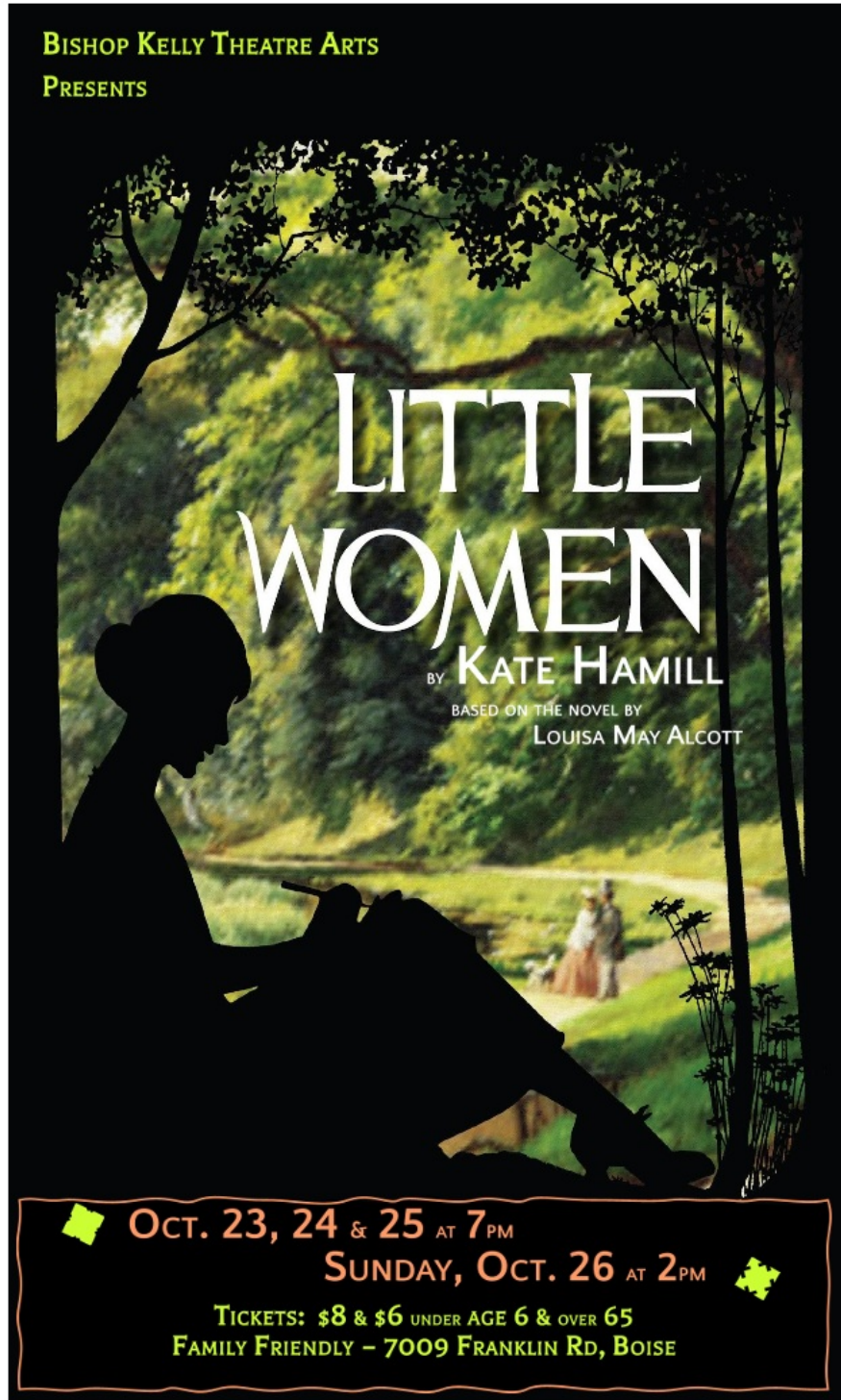
featuring art from Mrs. Arentz's and Ms. Hatfield's art classes
Click on this link weekly to view student works of art

<https://sites.google.com/stmarksschoolboise.com/smk8thart/saint-marks-school-art>

Are you looking for a chance to be a part of the St. Mark's community? Do you like playing basketball in a low stress environment? Do you want to give back to St. Mark's



school? We have a great opportunity. Our next adult recreational "pick up" basketball game is open to anyone affiliated with St. Mark's school or the parish. For a \$5 drop in fee, you can come play "pick up" basketball, get some exercise and meet others in our community. 100% of proceeds will go back to St. Mark's school. Come join us on Sundays from 12:30-2:30pm after mass. For more information, please reach out to jamescjower@yahoo.com.



Looking for something to do this week/weekend? Come see a couple of St. Mark's alums in the Bishop Kelly fall play - Little Women. Emma Torkelson and Spencer Lysne will be performing.

Thursday, Friday, Saturday evening at 7pm and Sunday at 2pm. \$8 or \$6 for under 6 or over 65. Please share with anyone else you might think would be interested.

Who?

Any student currently enrolled in St. Mark's, St. Paul's, St. Joe's and Holy Spirit Catholic Elementary Schools (Grades K-8)

What?

Catholic Charities of Idaho (CCI) will feature a Catholic School student's original artwork on the cover of our 2025 annual Christmas Card sent to CCI donors, supporters and partners.

When?

We will accept card entries until 12:00pm on Friday, November 14, 2025.

How to Create:

- Artwork must be an original creation of the student.
- Art may be done using colored pencils, crayons, ink, or markers.
- Artwork must be done on 5 x 7 card stock which will be provided by CCI and can be obtained from your school office.
- Please limit the words in the drawing. CCI will add a Christmas message to the interior of the card.
- Artwork should express the Christian meaning of Christmas.

How to Submit:

- Students may submit only one piece of artwork.
- Attach the entry/consent form with a paperclip to the artwork submission.
- Submit the artwork entry and consent form to your school office.
- Rules of Entry: Submissions will become the property of Catholic Charities of Idaho.

Judging and Selection of Winner: All entries will be judged by a panel of judges based on the following criteria:

- Artistic merit
- Creativity
- Message communication and theme
- Expression of the Christian meaning of Christmas.
- Adherence to the rules

Contest Prizes:

1st Place:

- Artwork featured on front cover of 2024 Catholic Charities of Idaho Christmas Card
- \$75 cash prize
- 20 award-winning Christmas cards featuring his/her artwork.
- Featured on CCI Website and posted on CCI social media pages.
- Featured on article in the Idaho Catholic Register

2nd Place:

- Artwork featured on back cover of 2024 CCI Christmas Card
- \$50 cash prize
- Featured on CCI website and posted on CCI social media pages.

3rd Place:

- Artwork featured on back cover of 2024 CCI Christmas Card
- \$25 cash prize
- Featured on CCI Website and posted on CCI social media pages.

Click on link for consent form - **Parent/Legal Guardian Written Consent to participate in the 2025 CCI Christmas Card Contest**

TVCS Events/Sports



Click here for the TVCS athletic schedule.

Preschool Happenings

Thank you for coming to Parent/Teacher Conferences



Church Connection

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



St. Mark's

Giving Tree

Hello St. Mark's Parish!
Each year we reach out to
those in our community
who need help purchasing
Christmas gifts for their
families

Our priority is our own parishioners!
Could your family use help OR do you
know someone here at St. Mark's
who could benefit?

Forms may be picked up in the office or
filled out via the link on our website.

stmarksboise.org

We need the information back
by October 31st

Feast of St. Nicholas

December 6, 2025



Join us for:
5pm-Mass
6pm-Dinner
7pm-Advent
concert

Advent Concert

St. Mark's
Catholic Church
7960 W.
Northview St.



Mercy Night

**Thursday,
December 11th**

6pm-8pm

- Adoration
- Prayer
- Anointing of the Sick
- Confession

Mercy Night is a candlelit evening of quiet prayer and reflection. Come seek calm and solace in the presence of the Lord.



CHRISTMAS

MASSES

12/24-4pm

12/24-7pm

12/24-11pm

A.K.A. MIDNIGHT MASS

12/25-10am

***All four Masses fulfill the
Holy Day of Obligation**

Notes from the Nurse

In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, I'm forwarding some resources:



Saint Alphonsus
SCHOOL HEALTH PROGRAM

Saint Alphonsus High Risk Breast Care
Schedule a Mammogram
St. Luke's Breast Care

See you Friday at the BK Pink Out game!



Saint Alphonsus School Health Program

Through the St. Alphonsus School Health Program, Mrs. Lewchenko-Colin, our school nurse, is at St. Mark's on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and Mrs. Placido, CNA, SASHP Assistant is here on Thursdays.

Notes from the Counselor

CONFIDENCE BUILDING

TIPS FOR KIDS

SETTING A CULTURE OF CONFIDENCE

- Give your child opportunities to learn and try new things.
- Help your child set goals and work with them to accomplish their goals.
- Give your child age-appropriate responsibilities
- Model positive self-esteem.
- Avoid comparing your child to peers and/or siblings
- Encourage your child to pursue their interests.

ADDRESSING FAILURE AND STRUGGLES

- Let your child know that you are there if they need help, but encourage them to do as much as possible on their own.
- Praise your child for their effort - not the outcome.
- Talk to your child about how they can learn from their mistakes and failures.
- Remind your child that their mistakes and failures do not define them.
- Talk with your child about challenges they have overcome in the past.

DAILY PRACTICES

- Share one reason that you are thankful for your child
- Encourage your child to begin each day with a positive affirmation
- Ask your child to share one thing from the day that he/she is proud of.

©Counselor Chelsey

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

Dr. Joe Lipetzky, our school psychologist, is at St. Mark's on Monday and Friday morning.

Sarah Lynch, our school counselor, is at St. Mark's on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

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