



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

We joyfully continue our progress through this season of Lent...making small and incremental changes in our lives that serve to draw us closer to Christ. We intentionally increase our focus on being generous to others, we make an effort to spend a little bit more time in prayer, and we demonstrate our ability to manage our natural passions and appetites through various forms of fasting or abstinence.



Our Mass readings for this coming Sunday (the 2nd Sunday of Lent) inspire us by reminding us who we are in the family of God, and the significant impact our individual lives can have on those around us.

In the First Reading from Genesis, we hear again of God's call of Abraham, and His promise to Abraham that his descendents will be numerous. A more complete understanding of this call from God is that Abraham and his descendents are to be a people called into the special mission of serving as the template or example for all peoples and all cultures to emulate. The call of Abraham finds its fulfillment in the person of Jesus Christ, who is the fulfillment of all the Law and the Prophets.



The Gospel reading brings us to the Transfiguration. Peter, James and John are invited aside by Jesus, and are present with Him on Mt. Tabor when our Lord is glorified before them. They also encounter the appearance of Moses and Elijah, each representing the Law and the Prophets respectively. Jesus, at the center, is the fulfillment of both.

We are likewise called to be transformed in our Faith. We are not called to follow the world's foolishness and logic. We are called to follow the truth of Christ. To be his example for the world. St. Catherine of Sienna (who lived in the 1300s) famously said.....

"Be who God meant you to be, and you will set the world on fire"

"Proclaim the truth, and do not be silent through fear"

St. Catherine offers us a perfect model of being transformed in the Faith so that our lives can likewise inspire others to do the same. Let us continue to use the season of Lent to be incrementally transformed in our Faith. To adopt practices and small changes that help us draw closer to Jesus....the fulfillment of all truth.



Together we Rise,

Fr. John

Letter from our Principal

Dear St. Mark's Families,

What a great week to be a St. Mark's Lion!



Our Lenten Retreat on Wednesday was truly beautiful. We began by celebrating Mass seated together in our Saint Families, grounding our day in prayer. From there, we lived out the three tenets of Lent—**prayer, almsgiving, and fasting**—in meaningful ways. Students formed a giant food chain from our chapel to Donahue Hall, passing more than **500 cans of food** to support our parish food bank! They shared a simple meal of soup and bread and spent the afternoon praying the Stations of the Cross, participating in adoration, and creating symbolic crowns of thorns. Watching our older students lovingly guide their younger Saint Family members was incredibly heartwarming.

Today begins the Hallissey Basketball Tournament—such a fun and exciting weekend for our school community! Please come out and support our athletes; the bracket is posted below. Please keep our 7th and 8th grade players in your prayers as they compete with excellence and demonstrate outstanding sportsmanship. Go Lions!

Enrollment for 2026–2027 remains strong. The **Early Bird deadline is March 2nd**, after which enrollment opens to new families. Thank you to those who have already registered. You truly are our best ambassadors—please invite friends and family to schedule a tour or shadow day. We would love to welcome more lions to the den.

Together We Rise,

Donna Gordon



**Hallissey Tournament is this weekend
Friday-Sunday, February 28-March 2
(click the links before for the brackets)**

Hallissey Girls Bracket LINK - *Good Luck Lady Lions!*

Hallissey Boys Bracket LINK - *Roar Lions Roar!*



An email containing the Re-Enrollment link for the 26-27 school year was sent from FACTS to Primary Parents on Tuesday, February 17.

You can also re-enroll through your FamilyPortal. Go to Family (on the left

Open Enrollment for non-current families will begin after the **Early Bird offer ends on March 2**. This means you have 3 days to Reenroll.

Contact **Marie Anderson** for assistance with Reenrollment.

Together We Rise



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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.

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

3/3- Tuesday: Lenten Student Reconciliation Service

3/4- Wednesday: Student Body Mass @ 8:30am hosted by Mrs. Maltby's 5th grade

2/28- Saturday: Hallissey Mass @ 7:00pm

This week, our students shared in a beautiful Lenten retreat. In family groups, they formed a chain from the chapel to the church to pass cans for the food bank, shared a simple meal in the spirit of fasting, and gathered in prayer through Adoration and the Stations of the Cross. It was a special time of faith, service, and community together.



Student Spotlight



Thank you to Dr. Michelle Hitch and Dr. Tom Gudmestad, local dentists whose boys graduated from St. Mark's and BK, who came to teach our Kindergarteners about dental health.

Lion Pride Recognition



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	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

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Congratulations to this week's winners:

Connor D, Jaxon S, Kylar S, Parker A, Cailyn J, Malakai P, Thomas U, Marshall B, Christina B, Jack M, Jett B, Juliet G, Eleanor A, Laura B, Emery Y, Greta W

Weekly Calendar

Saturday, February 28

Hallsissey Basketball Tournament
 7:00 p.m. Hallsissey Mass (no dance after Mass)
 Mr. Rossi's birthday

Sunday, March 1

Hallissey Basketball Tournament

Monday, March 2

9:00-9:45 a.m. Author Pamela Thompson visits K-2 at Donoghue Hall
Read Across America

Tuesday, March 3

9:00-9:45 a.m. Author Celesta Rimington visits Grades 3-5 at Donoghue Hall
9:30 a.m. Lenten Student Reconciliation Service at School
6:30 p.m. Foundation Meeting

Wednesday, March 4

8:30 a.m. Student Body Mass presented by Mrs. Maltby's 5th grade

Friday, March 6

Teacher Inservice - No School
Mrs. Anita Martin's birthday

Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 8

Spring Forward, turn your clocks ahead 1 hr

Monday, March 9

5:30 p.m. School Board Meeting
7:00 p.m. Home & School Meeting

Tuesday, March 10

Mrs. Dressler's birthday

Wednesday, March 11

8:30 a.m. Student Body Mass presented by Mrs. Dressler's 4th grade
2nd grade Teaching Mass in School Chapel
First Reconciliation for 2nd graders
Mrs. Hauck's birthday

Friday, March 13

End of Third Quarter - Noon Dismissal
Spirit Day
School Adoration
Idaho Catholic Schools Invitational Basketball Tournament

Saturday, March 14

Idaho Catholic Schools Invitational Basketball Tournament

Home & School

Dinner Auction Raffle Update

Here's our raffle update through today (2/27). We're at the end of the first week of sales (launched Monday 2/23).

Sales Summary

Total Sales: \$1,280
Students Sold: 9 of 354 (2.5%)
Students Sold \$100+: 4

Top 3 Students

1. Vivian Wiley (PK3-Johnson) — \$624
2. Presley Bauscher (K-Lee) — \$200
2. Mya McCashland (5-Maltby) — \$200

Top 3 Classes (ranked by avg \$/student per raffle rules).

1. PK3-Johnson — \$29.71/student
2. 5-Maltby — \$13.00/student
3. K-Lee — \$12.50/student

Schoolwide Prize Progress

50% Sold → Jeans Day: Need 169 more students to sell

75% Sold → Free Dress Day: Need 257 more students to sell

100% Sold → Candy Bars: Need 346 more students to sell

Still very early — we have through Friday, March 13th.

St. Mark's Annual Mom & Son Hangout!

Mark your Calendars for a great day out
celebrating Moms & Sons!



Save the Date:

Sun May 17th

More information to follow!



Daddy Daughter dance volunteers:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F044BAEA92AABFC1-55156122-daddydaughter#/>

Please Join Us

St. Mark's Catholic School

Grandparent Spring Reception

We would like to welcome and celebrate our grandparents at the School Mass with a reception to follow at the school.

Wednesday, May 6th at 8:30 AM

St. Mark's Catholic Church

7960 W. Northview St. Boise, Idaho 83704

Reception to follow

9:45 AM in the St. Mark's Catholic School gym

You are invited to sit with your grandchildren during Mass. Immediately after Mass, students will walk back to the school with their class. You are invited to join them in the school gym for light refreshments and drinks. Bring a camera to take a photo with our spring-themed backdrop.

We kindly request your RSVP by May 1st – emily.cainguitan@gmail.com.

Volunteer Opportunities

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



Hallissey Basketball Tournament Volunteers Needed

Click here to volunteer at the Hallissey Tournament

Please send this to anyone that you think would be interested in getting involved and needing some service hours. We appreciate all of the help!

Get your Volunteer Hours by helping in the lunchroom. We need help to be able to serve HOT LUNCH every day to our students. Come into the office and sign up on the hot lunch calendar.

Lunch Room Volunteers

NEXT WEEK'S LUNCH HELPERS

Monday (2)—

Tuesday (3)—

Wednesday (4)—LaMott

Thursday (5)—

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

Lenten Retreat

Our donated food made a chain from the school to the St. Mark's Food Bank on Wednesday



Preschool started the food chain inside the school building



Our school families lined up along Northview Street and passed food from student to student



Our chain ran from the school building to St. Mark's Church



First food item to arrive at St. Mark's Foodbank



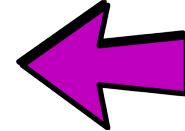
Last food item to arrive at St. Mark's Food

**SPRING
BREAK**

begins on Friday, March 13 with a Noon Dismissal. Break continues Monday, March 16- Friday, March 20

Applications are now being accepted for Office positions for the 2026–2027 school year. Deadline to submit your application is Friday, March 6. [Click here](#) to view the job

description, and [click here](#) to complete the Diocesan application. Please submit a cover letter, resume with references and application to dgordon@stmarkschoolboise.com.



ART CLUB 2025–2026*

QUARTER 4

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 our own paper, 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

Where: Ms. Hatfield's classroom

Time: 3:05-4:15 pm

Cost: \$110/quarter

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 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](#) for Registration Form.

After School Math Program

Provided by Mathnasium at
St. Mark's Catholic School

What is Mathnasium?

Mathnasium is a fun, dynamic, reward-based approach that is proven to accelerate math learning and improve math confidence!



**Special Discounted Rate for St Mark's Families.
Beginning February 18th!**

**\$300/Month for 2 Weekly - One Hour Sessions
4:00pm - 5:00pm Monday and Wednesday**

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Price includes after care from 3:00-4:00pm
Sessions take place after school at St. Mark's




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Questions? Contact Us

 meridian@mathnasium.com

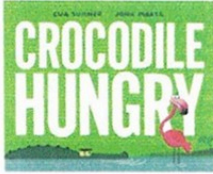
 Call or text (208) 888-0020

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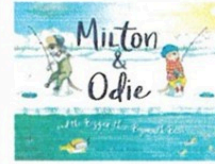
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Exciting news for all our young readers--we have authors coming to speak next Monday and Tuesday! On Monday (3/2) from 9-9:45 at Donahue Hall grades K-2 will meet picture book author Pamela Thompson and hear all about her book, **The Horse Who Wanted to Fly**. On Tuesday (3/3) 9 from 9-9:45 at Donahue Hall grades 3-5 students will be treated to a visit from Celesta Rimington and learn about her books **Tips for Magicians**, **The Elephant's Girl**, and **Reach**.

In addition, these authors and more--including *James Dashner of The Maze Runner fame*-- will be doing a book signing event on March 4th from 5:45-8PM at Valley View Elementary School (3555 N Milwaukee St.).



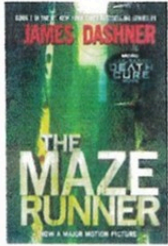
BOISE BOOK CELEBRATION
A MULTI-AUTHOR EVENT



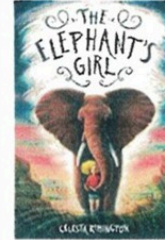
March 4, 2026

5:45-8 PM

Valley View Elementary School 3555 N
Milwaukee St. Boise, ID 83704



Come meet authors (children to adult), buy books and food to enjoy, listen to special story times, learn about the Boise Public Library's programs, color a bookmark and more at this fun-filled family event.



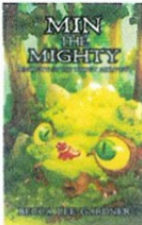
Authors attending:

James Dashner*, Celesta Rimington, Rebecca Bischoff, Mary Ann Fraser, Eija Sumner, Pamela Thompson, Kimberly Horch, Becca Lee Gardner

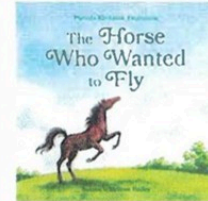


Storytime Schedules

- 5:45-6:00 pm - Ylonda Hays, Realtor
- 6:00-6:15 pm - Lisa Roberts, Superintendent of Boise Schools
- 6:15-6:30 pm - Stacey Roth, Capital Quad Director
- 6:30-6:45 pm - Marisa Howard, Olympian
- 6:45-7:00 pm - Colin Nash, Boise City Council
- 7:00-7:15 pm - Robin Butler, Valley View Principal
- 7:15-7:30 pm - Trevor McKenna, Riverglen Junior High Principal
- 7:30-7:45 pm - Lauren McLean, Boise Mayor



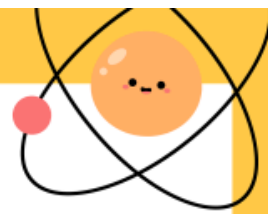
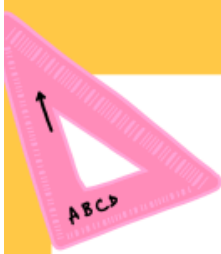
*Please pre-order books through Rediscovered Books ahead of time using the QR code. Deadline for pre-order is February 25th. Limit of two books brought to the book signing to be signed.



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>



Calling all K-8th graders (and parents)
passionate about learning STEM!

stem fair



March 7th | 10am - 2pm
Bishop Kelly High School Reg
(enter through front doors)



Come join us for STEM related
activities and learn about STEM careers
for all age groups

Hosted by Bishop Kelly's
Women in Stem Club





KELLY GOLD MINI DANCE CAMP



OPEN TO ALL PREK - 8TH
GRADE BOYS AND GIRLS

Date & Time:

MARCH 7TH

9:00 AM - 12 PM

Location:

**BISHOP KELLY
HIGH SCHOOL**

Carley Center



Questions?
Email: jhoch@bk.org

BK Music Dept. Spring Concert - Wednesday, March 11 @ 7:00pm (REG Gymnasium)

Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for HS students, \$2 for younger students and senior citizens, and kids age 5 or younger are free. The award-winning BK ensembles will be performing a wide variety of music, along with many students from our TVCS partner schools. Doors will open to the public at 6:30pm. The REG is the old gym located in the main building just past the fountain through the front entrance.

TVCS Events/Sports



Click here for the TVCS athletic schedule.



tickets



bracket



program



breakfast

FEB 27

FRIDAY

Opening rounds of games

FEB 28

SATURDAY

Games all day

Team Mass at St.
Mark's @ 7:00 pm

MARCH 1

SUNDAY

Breakfast @ 8-11 am
Co-ed @ 12:30
Girls @ 2:00
Boys @ 3:30

Dear TVCS Families,

Spring sports are rapidly approaching. TVCS proudly offers opportunities for 6th, 7th and 8th graders in Track & Field and Tennis.

You do not need to have any experience in tennis or track to participate. The program is designed for students from beginners to those with extensive experience.

Practices start Monday, March 9th - Practices are tentatively planned for:

Track and Field - Bishop Kelly at 5:30

Tennis - Ivywild (or Owyhee Park) ** We are still finalizing location and time

If your student is interested in participating, please complete the **registration** on the **TVCS Website**.

Please be sure to read the TVCS Handbook prior to starting practices.

Thank you and Go Knights!

Preschool Happenings



Sensory fun!

This week we studied the letter S. The students enjoyed playing with shaving cream.

As you know, our Lenten Almsgiving was to donate one can of food from each student for the St. Mark's Food Bank. We got to participate in the long line of students and staff from our school chapel all the way to the church to help pass the cans down one by one.



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

The Nurse's Office could use donations of little girl's underwear in sizes 6 and 8. Please send your donations to the School Office.

Saint Alphonius School Health Program



Through the St. Alphonius 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.

WHEN SOMEONE ACTS HURTFUL ITS USUALLY NOT ABOUT YOU

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EYEROLLS

SOMETIMES PEOPLE ROLL THEIR EYES WHEN THEY FEEL INSECURE OR EMBARRASSED. IT'S A WAY TO LOOK CONFIDENT WHEN THEY DON'T FEEL THAT WAY.

TEASING OR "JOKING AROUND"

HURTFUL JOKES CAN BE A COVER FOR JEALOUSY, STRESS, OR WANTING ATTENTION.

WHISPERING AROUND YOU

SOMETIMES PEOPLE WHISPER BECAUSE THEY ARE UNSURE WHAT TO SAY OUT LOUD, OR THEY'RE WORRIED ABOUT HOW OTHERS WILL REACT. WHISPERING CAN BE MORE ABOUT THEIR OWN NERVOUSNESS OR NEED FOR CONTROL THAN ABOUT YOU.



IGNORING

IGNORING SOMEONE CAN BE A FORM OF SELF-PROTECTION. PEOPLE WHO FEAR REJECTION OFTEN PULL AWAY FIRST.

SHOWING OFF

BRAGGING OR ACTING OVERLY CONFIDENT OFTEN HIDES FEELINGS OF NOT BEING ENOUGH.

ACTING HOT-AND-COLD

"ACTING FRIENDLY SOMETIMES AND DISTANT OTHER TIMES": WHEN SOMEONE CAN'T FIGURE OUT THEIR OWN EMOTIONS, THEIR BEHAVIOR FEELS CONFUSING TO OTHERS TOO.

**HURTFUL BEHAVIOR USUALLY TELLS YOU MORE ABOUT
THEIR FEELINGS THAN YOUR WORTH.**

Sarah Lynch, St. Mark's School Counselor

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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