



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

The greatest evangelist!

Many of us who have watched the historical drama television mini-series "**The Chosen**" may have seen one of the most often referenced scenes in the multi-season series. Jesus, played by actor Jonathan Roumie, encounters the Samaritan woman at the well in Season 1, Episode 8, titled, "I am He". This popular and very emotionally engaging episode is based on the Gospel for this coming weekend.

John 4: 1 - 42



In the gospel narrative, Jesus asks the woman for a drink. There were cultural and societal reasons why this disturbed the woman (Jesus was a male Jew asking a Samaritan woman for water). But Jesus persists in his pursuit. The woman, uncertain as to Jesus' motives, and not sure who he is....tries to hastily grab her water skins and head away from the well. Jesus calls after her, and begins naming particular facts about her life that she can't imagine other people would know. This shocks her, and brings her into a conversation with our Lord. The result of the conversation is her encounter with His absolute and complete love for her. She experiences true kindness and mercy. She is overwhelmed with the positivity of hope Jesus brings into her life.....offering the true life giving water that when enjoyed will eliminate all thirst. Full of joy, she runs back into town, leaping and shouting about what Jesus had done for her. Many are influenced by her testimony; thus she becomes perhaps the greatest evangelist in the Apostolic era.

Just like the woman at the well, Jesus knows everything about us. He wants to engage us too. He wants us to know Him, to know His true self. He wants us to throw off the shackles and restraints of society's expectations, and instead embrace Him. Jesus knows each of our stories. He knows our hopes, our dreams, our disappointments, our struggles. He knows every possible thing about us....because we were created through Him by God the Father's love and will.

As we celebrate this Third Sunday of Lent, let us return to the well. Let us each drink from the pure and true water of Christ, and help each other to do the same.

Together We Rise,

Letter from our Principal

Dear St. Mark's Families,

Today our faculty and staff participated in an in-service where we completed a Franciscan at Home course titled Family Systems in a Catholic School. It was a meaningful workshop focused on how we can rise together as faculty, staff, students, and families. We spent time discussing ways we can better honor and support parents in their role as the first educators of their children and the heart of the domestic church.



It is hard to believe that the third quarter ends next week. We will have a half day on Friday, March 13, and that evening the **5th Annual Idaho Catholic Schools Invitational** will begin. The brackets will be posted soon. We need dozens of **volunteers** to make this weekend a success. It is such a fabulous way to earn volunteer hours. [Sign up here!](#)

The fourth quarter is always our busiest time of the year. Many special events are coming up, including our first Jog-a-Thon in April, the Father–Daughter Dance, Talent Show, Spring Concert, Grandparents' Mass, First Communion, and 8th grade graduation. Please be sure to check Friday Facts and our website so you don't miss any important dates.

We are also excited to roll out a new St. Mark's Catholic School website. We hope it will be a more user-friendly and secure resource for our families. The new site is scheduled to launch on Friday, March 13.

The Current Family Tab will now be password protected. Families will receive the password by email to access that page next week.

A special thank you to school board member and parent Christopher Lutzow for the design and the many hours he dedicated to creating the new site, and to Trina Hauck for her tireless effort to generate and edit content. Please don't hesitate to provide feedback.

Please join me in congratulating our Virtue of the Quarter nominees. A total of 24 students were recognized for demonstrating the virtue of prudence — making thoughtful choices, using good judgment, and striving to do what is right.

Peace,

Donna Gordon



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

Thank you for the great question regarding registration fees. Here is a breakdown down of where these fees are spent:

- St. Al's Nursing Program
- Student Information System Fees
- MAP testing fees
- IXL Fees
- Technology Fees

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

3/11- Wednesday: Student Body Mass @ 8:30am hosted by Mrs. Dressler's 4th Grade

3/11- Wednesday: 2nd Grade Teaching Mass with Fr. John @ 8:15am

3/13- Friday: No Adoration

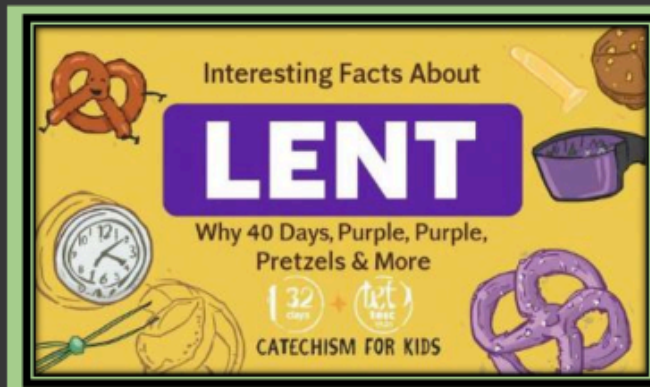
2nd grade parents, please join us for a Teaching Mass with Fr. John

Where: St. Mark's School Chapel

When: Wednesday, March 11th at 8:15am

Who: Both 2nd grade classes and their families

Fr. John will walk through the Holy Mass step by step explaining the history and meaning of the gestures and symbols we see. Students are encouraged to ask questions while participating in the



Parents! Does your kiddo have questions about Lent? Check out this video that answers common questions kids have.



Student Spotlight

Please join us in congratulating our ***Virtue of the Quarter*** winners. A total of 24 students were recognized for demonstrating the virtue of prudence — making thoughtful choices, using good judgment, and striving to do what is right.

Ava, Beauden, Barrett, Junior, Patrick, Jayden Ly, Liam, Lillian, Henry, Austin, Connor, Alexa C., Chloe, Jensen, Emma B., Kolbe, Brynlee, Athena, Caiden, Kinsley, Alexa Ch., Greta, and Johria



Congratulations to our winners of the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest Winners - Audrey, Terra, Tate and Jensen



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:

Reid M, Alexei B, Connor L, Athena N (3), Charlotte F, Connor D, Thomas U, Luke G, Willie G, Kalena J, Bennett L, Henry C, Maika P, Maddie B, George P, Blair K, Logan L, Marley N, Blaise C

Weekly Calendar

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

Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 15

Idaho Catholic Schools Invitational Basketball Tournament

Monday, March 16-Friday, March 20

Spring Break

Tuesday, March 17

St. Patrick's Day

Friday, March 20

Fr. Paul's Ordination Anniversary 1993

Home & School

Here's our raffle update as of today (3/4). We're starting the second week of sales.

SALES SUMMARY

- Total Sales: \$2,628
- Students Sold: 18 of 354 (5.1%)
- Students Sold \$100+: 10

TOP 3 STUDENTS

1. Vivian Wiley (PK3-Johnson) — \$820

2. (T) Evelyn Christy (PK4-Martin) — \$200
2. (T) Presley Bauscher (K-Lee) — \$200
2. (T) Noelle Glasgow (3-Murray) — \$200
2. (T) Mya McCashland (5-Maltby) — \$200

TOP 3 CLASSES (ranked by avg \$/student per raffle rules)

1. PK3-Johnson — \$39.05/student
2. K-Lee — \$30.50/student
3. PK4-Martin — \$18.62/student

SCHOOLWIDE PRIZE PROGRESS

- 50% Sold → Jeans Day: Need 159 more students to sell
- 75% Sold → Free Dress Day: Need 248 more students to sell
- 100% Sold → Candy Bars: Need 336 more students to sell

We have through Friday, March 13th.

Thanks,
Peter

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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.

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!

Volunteer Opportunities

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



**MANY VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE ICSI
BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT** - Friday, March 13-Sunday, March
15. Sign up on the link below! **A great way to finish up those
Volunteer Hours!!!!!!**

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/18SH4hGxWbWIPFWq4JbnF0-mLlvC3N9jjK40xmVGLS0c/edit?usp=sharing>

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

Lunch Room Volunteers

NEXT WEEK'S LUNCH HELPERS

Monday (9)—

Tuesday (10)—

Wednesday (11)—LaMott

Thursday (12)—Martin

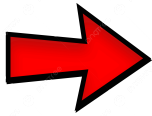
St. Mark's offers a healthy, delicious hot lunch to students and staff EVERY FULL DAY OF SCHOOL!

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



An email containing the Re-Enrollment link for the 26-27 school year was sent from FACTS to Primary Parents on Tuesday, February 17. Enrollment links have now been sent out to new students coming into St. Mark's School for next year. **IF YOU WANT TO REENROLL, time is of the essence to get your paperwork in before the classes fill up. If you have special circumstances, please contact the School Office.**

You can also re-enroll through your FamilyPortal. Go to Family (on the left side of your screen) > Apply/Enroll > Enrollment/Reenrollment > Start Enrollment Packet

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



The next LIVE SEW class will be held on Wednesday, April 8 @ 6:30 p.m. at St. Mark's School. THIS LIVE CLASS IS REQUIRED 1 TIME. You are also required to view the video "Protecting God's Children Online Awareness Session 4.0", which will be available after you register. Go to **virtusonline.org**, create an account, click on register for training, find the class at St. Mark's on April 8 and sign up.

Thank
you



Young Disciples for
bringing food to the
St. Mark's foodbank!
You brought in
1,000 lbs of food!
(The 40 cans for Lent drive
is now up to 3,933 lbs)





Dani Aravich, St. Mark's School and BK graduate, will be competing in her 3rd Paralympics in Milan this Saturday, Sunday, Tuesday, Friday and next Saturday and Sunday. She competes in:

- Para Cross-Country Skiing
 - 10 km Interval Start Classic - Standing
 - 20km Interval Start Free - Standing
 - Sprint Classic - Standing
- Para Biathlon
 - Individual - Standing
 - Sprint - Standing
 - Sprint Pursuit - Standing



**SPRING
BREAK**

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



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.



Parents of students who are attending Mathnasium on Wednesdays students will be dismissed at 5:00 p.m. and may be picked up at the MS. Students not picked up at 5:00 p.m. will be escorted to Homework Club.

We are still accepting students into this program, students can join any time.

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

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

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☎ Call or text (208) 888-0020

MATHNASIUM
The Math Learning Center

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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>



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

[TVCS Events/Sports](#)



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



Our 8th grade boys are Hallissey Champions



7th grade girls



8th grade girls



7th grade boys



Dear TVCS Families,

Spring sports begin Monday, March 9. 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 planned for:

Track and Field - Bishop Kelly at 4:45 -6:15 Monday through Friday

Tennis - Owyhee Park at 4:00-5:30 Monday through Friday (except March 13)

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

If you have already registered, the coaches sent emails yesterday.

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

Congratulations to TVCS Boys Basketball

Our 7th and 8th grade TVCS Boys finished a very successful season last night.

Congratulations to the 7th grade boys on their 3rd place finish in the district tournament

Congratulations to the 8th grade boys on winning the District championship and being awarded the Sportsmanship trophy and the conclusion of the tournament

Go Knights!

Kevan Grant

Go Spartans!

St. Mary's Catholic School - Principal

TVCS Athletic Director

Preschool Happenings



We love celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday! Our special "Cat in the Hat" reader, a long time St. Mark's Church parishioner has been coming to share the special day with our preschool for many years. The children were enamored with her visit.

"A person's a person, no matter how small." Dr. Seuss



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

March is Brain Injury Awareness Month

CONCUSSION

SIGNS AND TIPS FOR PARENTS AND COACHES

In advance, learn to recognize the symptoms of a concussion:

- VISIBLE CLUES**
 - Trouble with balance
 - Clutching head
 - Dazed, blank or vacant look
- IF YOU SUSPECT A CONCUSSION**
 - Remove the child from physical or cognitive activity immediately
 - If a medical professional isn't onsite, consider transporting by ambulance
 - Assess the child for symptoms related to concussion
 - Watch for possible symptoms to evolve and take a child who shows symptoms to a health care professional
 - Do not return a child to a sport the same day
- SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS**
 - General confusion
 - Seeing stars, flashing or dark spots
 - Blurred or double vision
 - Slurred speech
 - Headache, dizziness and nausea
- SEEK ADDITIONAL CARE IF:**
 - Excessive sleepiness, hard to stay awake
 - Vomiting, especially if more than once
 - Severe headache that doesn't go away with rest or medication
 - Loss of consciousness for more than one minute
 - Confusion lasting more than 15 minutes
 - Any seizure activity

Children's MINNESOTA
childrensMN.org/concussion

Seek emergency care at a facility that has imaging capabilities, such as a CT scan. An urgent care may not have those capabilities.

Did you know having a consistent Primary Care Provider can improve your long-term health outcomes? Your PCP is your partner in prevention, managing screenings, coordinating care, and addressing new concerns. Start your search today!

<https://saintalphonsushealthalliance.org/providers>

Saint Alphonsus School Health Program

Notes from the Counselor

The Strategic Training Session

Have you ever noticed that children have an uncanny knack for knowing when their parents are vulnerable to a kid attack? As one mother put it, “Little Susie behaves just great when we are going somewhere she wants to go, but just let it be a shopping trip for me and she goes wild. It always happens in a public place where I just can't seem to get control. Everyone stares at us and I'm always so embarrassed I could just die.”

The bad news is that this seems to happen to all of us. Children turn on their little radar sets to find ways to get the upper hand when we have the least amount of tactical support. They usually sense that we are busy and want to avoid embarrassment in public. Because of this, they often repeat the same misbehavior over and over again.

The good news is that once they have played their hand a few times, waging war in public, we can counter with our own war game. It's called the strategic training session. This maneuver has brought warmth to the hearts of many a parent while helping develop happier more responsible kids.

Our friend who told us about little Susie recently employed the strategic training session with the outstanding results. The first step was to call her best friend, “I've been having trouble with Susie at the store, and I need your help. Would you station yourself in the parking lot outside the store tomorrow at 10:30? I have a feeling you're going to get a call. They visited on the phone and set up a strategic training session.

Mother and Susie went shopping the next day, sure enough Susie was her usual obnoxious self. Using a quiet voice mom asked, “Would you rather behave or go sit in your room?” Susie called mom's bluff and continued to act up.

Susie then found mom was dialing her phone and saying, “Shopping is not fun today, please come.” Then she hung up.

Figuring this to be a ploy, Susie continued her whining and begging. Thirty seconds later her eyes grew very large as she saw mom's best friend come up to her and say, “Let's go to your room. You can wait for your mom there.” Susie was taken home and sent to her room. Susie's mother enjoyed a quiet shopping experience. Mother's best friend watched television. Susie was allowed to come out of her room as soon as her mother came home. She appeared most happy to see her mom again. **Mom was pleasant and friendly because she had enjoyed shopping alone.**

Our victorious mother reports that she and her friends set up another strategic training session the next day. Susie started her usual behavior with squinty eyes and whining mouth. However, when asked about whether she would rather shape up or go to her room her eyes suddenly became very large and her mouth became very shut.

Enjoy putting fun back in parenting again with your own strategic training session. Have a good weekend. (This idea is from Love and Logic Parenting Journal v3.4)

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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