



**ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

WHERE FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE MEET

**WEEKLY SCHOOL BULLETIN February 28, 2020**



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**BOOTS**

*and*

*Ballgowns*

**February 29, 2020**

**Southfork Ranch  
Oil Barron's Ballroom  
6pm-Midnight**

**BUY TICKETS NOW**

<https://one.bidpal.net/stmarkauction2020>

*Let's dine and  
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Large Casino,  
Booth and n  
more!*

**The Auction is tomorrow - Saturday, February 29!**

**\*Doors open at 6:00 PM.**

**\*Dinner begins at 7:00 PM.**

**\*Live Auction begins before dessert is served.**

**\*Band, casino and other entertainment from 8:00-11:00 PM.**

**\*Silent Auction will end at 10:30 PM.**

Not attending but still want to participate?  
[Click here to take part in the Silent Auction.](#)

For those who bought mobile bidding access tickets:  
You will be sent a link to start bidding shortly after the event starts.

We look forward to seeing everyone for a night of fun, fellowship and fundraising!



WE PRAY THAT THE  
CHURCH IN CHINA MAY  
PERSEVERE IN ITS  
FAITHFULNESS TO THE  
GOSPEL AND GROW IN  
UNITY. -POPE FRANCIS'  
INTENTION FOR THE  
MONTH OF MARCH



## WEEKLY PRAYER & SAINTLY QUOTE

"Let us open wide our  
hearts. It is joy which invites us.  
Press forward and fear  
nothing." -St. Katharine Drexel

Lord, help us to come together as a community to support one another, encourage one another and show each other kindness. Amen.

Every day we treat others as we would treat Jesus Christ, with all our heart, mind and soul.

## REMINDERS

### **Today, Friday, February 28:**

-6th grade received the Vocations Chalice at All School Mass today and will be praying for vocations during the upcoming weeks.

### **Saturday, February 29:**

-33rd Annual Auction (details above)

### **Monday, March 2:**

-St. Mark Spirit Day! See guidelines on page 27 of the [Parent Student Handbook](#).

-Dr. Seuss' Birthday - ECE

### **Wednesday, March 4:**

-7:00 AM: Catholic Math League Test (details below)

-7:10 AM: Student Council Meeting

-Progress Reports (grades 1-8)

### **Thursday, March 5:**

-6:30 PM, Cafetorium: 4th Grade Play

### **Friday, March 6:**

-"Laps for Leukemia" Dress Down Day for all students - no charge (details below; see guidelines on page 27 of the [Parent Student Handbook](#))

-7:55 AM, Cross by Narthex: Community Prayer Walk (details below)

-8:30 AM, Church: All School Mass presented by 6th grade. All are welcome.



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## FAITH IN ACTION



**HOPE**



**SERVICE FROM THE HEART:**

-2020-21 Admission Decision Letters Mailed

**Monday, March 9-Friday, March 13:**

-NO SCHOOL: Spring Break

**Monday, March 16:**

-School Resumes

**Thursday, March 19:**

-Pirate Day - Preschool

**Friday, March 20:**

-8:30 AM, Church: All School Mass presented by 5th grade. All are welcome.

-3rd Quarter Ends

**Description:** Diaper donations and baptism cards. Each grade level will collect diapers for mothers in need, and create baptism cards at school.

**Catholic Social Teaching:**

Rights and responsibilities

**Who Benefits?** White Rose and Birth Choice Pregnancy Centers

**Deadline:** Please send diaper donations to your child's teacher by Monday, March 30.

## PARENT SURVEY

If you haven't done so already, please take a moment to complete the [Dallas Catholic Schools 2020 Survey](#). We need **everyone to respond by the March 6 deadline** so your input can be used in future planning efforts. Thank you.



## SCHOOL NURSE OPENING

It is with both sadness and joy that we announce we'll be saying goodbye to both Nurse Caroline and Nurse Amy at the end of this year. They are going to stay home with their children. Both of them have been integral to our school community and are beloved by students and staff. We will miss them terribly, but are happy that they will be able to spend these important years with their little ones.

If you know of anyone interested in being a school nurse, please have them send a resume to Mrs. Opon at [patricia.opon@stmcs.net](mailto:patricia.opon@stmcs.net).

## WORK OF HEART



Congratulations to 7th/8th grade Literature teacher, **Mr. Greg Michniak**, who was presented with a Work of Heart Award at today's All School Mass. Mr. Michniak brings his faith and joy to school every day and it shines through in the way that his students respond. He has such a big heart and he couldn't be more deserving of this award. Mr. Michniak was presented with a

## SPRING BREAK



If you will be leaving early for, or returning late from Spring Break, please be sure to let your child's teacher and [Mrs. O'Connor](#) know ahead of time.

## SPRING CREEK BBQ SPIRIT NIGHT



**Save the date!** On Tuesday, March 24 from 5:00-9:00 PM, we will host a Spirit Night fundraiser at Spring Creek BBQ in Richardson. Proceeds

go towards special events and student activities. Plan to grab dinner and visit with teachers as they serve bread to diners. Students who attend will receive a certificate for a complimentary child's plate on their next visit, and all homerooms will compete for additional prizes. To-go orders will count as long as the child accompanies the parent when the order is picked-up.

## CATHOLIC MATH LEAGUE

**Attention Catholic Math League Participants:** The last testing date is Wednesday, March 4. On the test date, qualified participants will enter through the Cafetorium between 6:45 and 6:55 AM. Testing starts at 7:00 AM. No students will be admitted after 7:00 AM. Only students taking the test will be admitted. Thank you for your support.

## AUTHOR VISIT

check and a special certificate of recognition.

If you'd like to nominate a faculty or staff member who you feel has gone "above and beyond" for Catholic education, [please click here for details](#). It's quick and easy, and it's a wonderful way to recognize the special people in our community.

## WATCH D.O.G.S.



Calling all "Dads of Great Students!" [Click here](#) to learn more about our Watch D.O.G.S. volunteer program for Dads, grandpas, uncles, etc., and to reserve your spot during the month of April. Sign-ups are due March 15. Half days and full days are available. Please remember, you must be [Safe Environment trained](#) to serve.

## COMMUNITY PRAYER TEAM



**Bringing the St. Mark community closer to Christ and each other.** There will be many opportunities





Author, Dan Gemeinhart, will visit 3rd-8th grades on April 1 and will sign his books for any interested students. Books will not be for sale on the day of his visit. ***Students wanting a signed book will need to buy one in advance.*** We have

worked out a special price with our local Barnes & Noble store. Students who wish to buy a book must return the [order form](#) with payment by Wednesday, March 4 to Mrs. Hughes. Please make checks payable to "St. Mark Catholic School."

## PYTHON PROGRAMMING CLASS

### Middle School

**Parents:** School parent, Mr. Cantu, will be offering a class in Python programming on Fridays from 3:30-4:30 PM in Mr. Sedge's computer lab beginning March 20. If your middle school student is interested, please send an email to [Mrs. Benavides](#) or [Mr. Cantu](#).



## ASP WORKER NEEDED



The After School Program is hiring for the 3rd/4th grade class. The hours are Monday-Friday, 3:00-6:00 PM. The pay is \$15 per hour. Responsibilities include clocking students in

via an iPad and supervision of students during snack, homework, and free play. Must be [Safe Environment trained](#). If interested, contact Sarah Peralta at [sarah.peralta@stmcs.net](mailto:sarah.peralta@stmcs.net).

for you to get involved this school year. Even if you are unable to participate in person, please pray from wherever you are.

**\*Prayer Walks:** Join us on the first Friday of each month. **The next one will take place March 6.** Meet at 7:55 AM at the cross outside the Narthex.

**\*Prayer Requests:** Everyone is welcome to place prayer requests in the box on the prayer table located in the hallway between the Admin. offices and the Cafetorium. The intentions will be taken to Mass on Fridays as part of the offering.

## AROUND THE PARISH



5th grader, Dominic Broome, is hosting a golf tournament at TopGolf in Allen on March 18 to benefit the Alzheimer's Association and all are invited to join/donate! Tickets are \$40 to play and \$20 to join us for lunch. ALL donations are accepted and are tax-deductible! So get a team together and let's help to find a cure. For more details and to donate, please point your iPhone

## REFERRAL REWARDS

The 2020-21 admission season is in full swing! Do you know someone interested in a St. Mark education for their Preschool-8th grade child?



Invite them to [pre-register](#) for a school tour or an upcoming Open House. If they attend, you'll receive a \$10 gift certificate to the Lion's Den Spirit Store, and if they enroll, you could receive a [\\$500 tuition credit!](#)

### 2020 Open Houses:

March 24 - 8:00 AM

April 7 - 9:00 AM (PK/Kindergarten)

April 21 - 5:30 PM (PK/Kindergarten)

## ST. MARK SUMMER PROGRAM



### Join Kidventure for Summer Camp!

\*Registration is now available.

\*Families may pick and choose camp

weeks.

\*Hours are Monday - Friday, 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM.

\*Pre & post camp options available (7:00AM - 6:00PM).

#### **KIDVENTURE: Camp St. Mark (St. Mark Campus)**

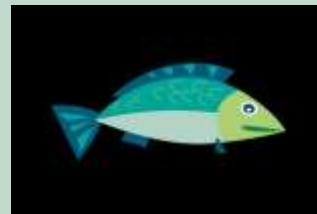
Ages 3 years–rising 5th grade, June 1-July 31, 2020,

\$240 per week

#### **LEADS TEEN SUMMER CAMP: Camp Frisco (Frisco Athletic Center)**

Rising 6th-9th grade, June 1-August 7, 2020, \$275 per week

camera at the QR code and follow the link that pops up!



### Service Opportunity for Students in Grades 6-8

WHAT: Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry  
(help serve food, beverages, and clean tables)

WHEN: Friday, 2/28/20; Friday, 3/13/20; or Friday 3/27/20

TIME: 5:00-7:00 PM

WHERE: St. Mark Cafetorium

INFO. & SIGN UP: [Click here.](#)

## SEEN & HEARD AROUND ST. MARK

A few scenes from this week. To learn the stories behind these photos, visit our [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) pages!

### ECE Mardi Gras Parade:

For more, check out the Kidventure digital brochure, visit [www.kidventure.com/dallas-summer-camp](http://www.kidventure.com/dallas-summer-camp), or call (214) 303-9789.

## NEWS FROM ATHLETICS



The 20th Annual Dallas Parochial League Golf Classic student tournament will be held June 8 at Brookhaven Country Club in Dallas. Registration begins March 1. [Please click here for complete details.](#) The registration deadline is April 30.

Shop the Lion's Den Spirit Store for all of your



spirit wear needs! It is open every Friday morning that school is in session from 7:30-8:15 AM in the Cafetorium. Can't make it in person? Shop online at [www.stmcs.net/spirit-gear](http://www.stmcs.net/spirit-gear). Once an order has been submitted it will be bundled and ready for pick up on Friday. Note: Not all items available are offered online.

## HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION



If you are experiencing issues with accessing the Birds & Bees video that was shown at the recent HSA Meetings, please follow these instructions:

1. [Click here.](#)
2. Enter BBCUSTOMER as the Coupon Code.
3. Enjoy the video! You will have access until Thursday, April 23.



Ash Wednesday:



SVDP Food Drive:



7th Grade Books:



Ash Wednesday Project:



The office of HSA President is up for election for the 2020-21 school year. If you are interested in running, please contact [Angela Coulter](#) by March 6.



## HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION



### Preschool-2nd Grade Classroom Helpers

**Needed:** Please sign-up to help our teachers in the classroom with reading, paper pulling, and craft prep. All teachers have Sign-Up Geniuses with specific classroom needs. [Click here](#) for the Sign-Up Geniuses for each teacher on the school website. Questions? Contact [Liz Delaney](#) or [Brandy Pazora](#).



### Helping Hands Committee

If you know any St. Mark families in need of help due to a birth, sickness, death, or any life event, please contact the [Helping Hands Committee](#).

## HIGH SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES



Attention 8th graders: John Paul II High School will hold a parent and student Cheerleading information meeting on Tuesday, March 17 from 6:30-7:30 PM. Tryout clinics are March 30-April 1 and tryouts are April 2. Questions? Email [cheerleading@johnpaulihs.org](mailto:cheerleading@johnpaulihs.org).

## PAW PRIDE



### Preschool Sport-A-Thon:



We did it!! We raised a total of \$25,012.68 for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society making St. Mark the first school in North Texas ever to do so, and earning an LLS grant in our name! As a thank you, **all students may enjoy a "dress down day" at no charge on Friday, March 6, and LLS is providing a complimentary Olive Garden lunch to all students and staff on March 26!** (See "dress down day" guidelines on page 27 of the [Parent Student Handbook](#).)



The Quiz Bowl Team B (**Donte T., Kevin M., Nathan P., and Justin M.**) participated in the Novice tournament at Greenhill School. They won all six of their preliminary

games and then made it to the Semi-Finals. Team A did a great job as well in the Championship tournament, where they advanced to the Play-Offs.

Alumnus, **Aenghus D. '17**, a junior at The Highlands School, works as a moderator for all middle school and high school Quiz Bowl tournaments.

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