



ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

WHERE FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE MEET

WEEKLY SCHOOL BULLETIN: April 3, 2020

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYERS FOR THE RELIEF OF THE CORONAVIRUS:

O MARY, YOU SHINE CONTINUOUSLY ON OUR JOURNEY AS A SIGN OF SALVATION AND HOPE. WE ENTRUST OURSELVES TO YOU, HEALTH OF THE SICK. AT THE FOOT OF THE CROSS YOU PARTICIPATED IN JESUS' PAIN, WITH STEADFAST FAITH. YOU, SALVATION OF THE ROMAN PEOPLE, KNOW WHAT WE NEED. WE ARE CERTAIN THAT YOU WILL PROVIDE, SO THAT, AS YOU DID AT CANA OF GALILEE, JOY AND FEASTING MIGHT RETURN AFTER THIS MOMENT OF TRIAL. HELP US, MOTHER OF DIVINE LOVE, TO CONFORM OURSELVES TO THE FATHER'S WILL AND TO DO WHAT JESUS TELLS US: HE WHO TOOK OUR SUFFERINGS UPON HIMSELF, AND BORE OUR SORROWS TO BRING US, THROUGH THE CROSS, TO THE JOY OF THE RESURRECTION. AMEN. WE SEEK REFUGE UNDER YOUR PROTECTION, O HOLY MOTHER OF GOD. DO NOT DESPISE OUR PLEASES – WE WHO ARE PUT TO THE TEST – AND DELIVER US FROM EVERY DANGER, O GLORIOUS AND BLESSED VIRGIN.



Weekly Prayer & Sainly Quote

Although by his death Christ sufficiently merited salvation for the whole human race, each of us must there seek his own cure.

-St. Thomas Aquinas

Prayer for the 2019-20 School Year

St. Mark Mantra

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.

FRIDAY MESSAGE FROM ADMINISTRATION



Our God is an awesome God and we miss singing this with our students!
Please enjoy this uplifting music video with your family.



LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE HAVING ISSUES WITH DISTANCE LEARNING

The St. Mark Catholic School building is closed through at least May 1. Distance learning is in effect. Please continue to check the "Lesson Plans" tab in [FACTS Family Portal](#) for student assignments. The grades from these lessons are entered into the grade book



Parents: If you are having any issues accessing the distance learning lessons or any technical difficulties, please notify the teacher immediately. We do not want students receiving "zeros" because teachers are unaware of these issues. Thank you for your continued feedback and support.

In addition, we are required by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) to take attendance during distance learning. As long as your child is turning in his/her assignments by the posted due dates, he/she will be counted present for each school day that week. Should your child become ill and unable to meet assignment due dates, please contact the school nurse (caroline.townsend@stmcs.net).

REMINDERS

Today, Friday, April 3:

-School Building Closed; Distance Learning in Effect (details above)

-New Student Application Paperwork & Registration Fees Due

Monday, April 6:

-St. Mark "Virtual" Spirit Day! Details below.

Thursday, April 9:

-NO SCHOOL: Holy Thursday (unused bad weather day)

Friday, April 10:

-NO SCHOOL: Good Friday

Sunday, April 12:

-Easter Sunday

Monday, April 13:

-NO SCHOOL: Easter Monday (unused bad weather day)



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SACRAMENT & MASS UPDATES FROM FATHER MARCO



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THE EVANGELIST
CATHOLIC CHURCH

We received the following information from Father Marco this week regarding Confirmation, First Communion, and daily and Easter masses.

Regarding the sacraments in general: "The only direction we have received from the diocese is that they are to be postponed until further notice. We are making decisions, at times day-to-day. Most things are up in the air, so we will let parents know as soon as we know more. In the meantime, we encourage students to keep praying and studying their faith formation lessons. Once we are able to provide firm dates, we will do so."

Confirmation: "Confirmations (since they were scheduled for April), will be postponed until there is a greater certainty that it is safe to congregate again in groups."

First Communion: "Regarding First Holy Communions scheduled for May, that is yet unclear, as the current guidelines only apply until April 30. However, even if the guidelines were lifted, I doubt we would go immediately into the previous normal working order. I imagine there will be a post-crisis transition back to regular things, which will likely mean no group gatherings still."

Daily & Easter Masses: "We are doing the best we can to provide a live-stream option for our parish. The parish now has a [YouTube channel](#). We also have a [parish Facebook page](#) and that is often where things appear live, and then afterwards are uploaded to YouTube. We are looking at other options as well."

Please refer to the [Additional Decree by Bishop Edward Burns and Holy Week Guidelines](#) for complete information.

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 May. Sign-ups are due April 15. Half days and full days are available. Please remember, you must be [Safe Environment](#) trained to serve.

EXTENDED EASTER BREAK



We have not used our bad weather days, therefore **Thursday, April 9 and Monday, April 13 will be school holidays**. Enjoy your long Easter Break!

DIVINE MERCY

PALM SUNDAY



During this time of the Shelter in Place order and to do all we can to stop the spread of the coronavirus, Bishop Edward Burns and

Auxiliary Bishop Greg Kelly will concelebrate Mass from the Cathedral Shrine of the Virgin of Guadalupe on Sunday, April 5 at 11:00 AM on KDFW FOX 4. It will also be broadcast at 12:00 PM on KDFI Channel 27.

Livestreams available:

facebook.com/dallascath

youtube.com/dallascath

www.cathdal.org



The church has placed an image of the Divine Mercy of our Lord inside the front window. Our entire community is invited to do the same. The image represents the Lord, the Lamb sacrificed for us, from whose Heart flows Blood and Water, the streams of God's mercy upon the whole world. The Lord said, "By means of this image I shall be granting many graces to souls; so, let every soul have access to it." May He bless and protect us as we seek His comfort and peace.

In lieu of receiving blessed palms this Palm Sunday, we invite you to place a branch, palm leaf, or some greenery on your front door giving witness to your domestic church.

En la recepción de bendiciones Domingo de Ramos invitamos a colocar una rama, una palmera o una planta verde en la puerta de su casa para dar testimonio de su iglesia.

HIGH SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES



[Bishop Lynch Summer Camps](#)



[Jesuit Dallas Summer Camps](#)



[John Paul II Summer Camps](#)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE BUSINESS OFFICE

Financial Aid: The Diocese of Dallas has extended the deadline for this round of financial aid until April 8. We will continue to accept and review applications after that date as well. Please visit the [school website](#) for complete information.

Please note that, effective immediately, the school will cover the \$35 financial aid application fee for the next few months.

Required documents:

- 2018 tax return & 2019 W2
- OR 2019 tax return

If you think you may have a need for financial aid next year, we strongly encourage you to apply for it now.

FACTS Tuition Payments: We need all families to read their emails from FACTS about upcoming transactions and to email [Annette Vela](#) if adjustments are needed. Please pay special attention to payment dates, and remember that there is a cut-off period of 2 business days.

If you have any questions, please contact [Annette Vela](#).

VIRTUAL SPIRIT DAY!



Show your school pride by wearing any St. Mark shirt on Monday, April 6! Send photos to [Debbie Reed](#) so we can share on social media.



[Ursuline Dallas](#)
[Summer Camps](#)

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!

6th Grade Google Hangout:



At-Home Science Experiment:



PK3 Visual Show & Share:

CANCELED/POSTPONED EVENTS & COVID 19 UPDATES



As of this date, all school-related activities and events through May 1 have been canceled or postponed. Please continue to check the

school's [COVID 19 web page](#). It is updated regularly with cancelations and postponements, as well as pertinent communications and useful resources.

8TH GRADE HIGH SCHOOL ACCEPTANCES & SCHOLARSHIPS

Attention 8th grade parents: As your students are hearing from high schools regarding admission and scholarships, St. Mark will be updating student application records and tracking scholarships received by the Class of 2020.

Please send an email to debbie.reed@stmcs.net by April 12 and include the following information:

*High school(s) where your child has been accepted (if more than one, please list them all)

*High school your child has chosen to attend

*Scholarship(s) your child has been offered at each high school and the amount(s), if applicable. Please do not include any financial aid packages offered.

*If attending a public high school, please advise St. Mark of any special programs your child has qualified for (i.e. Honors, Health/Sciences Academy, IB program, etc.).



4th Grade "Stone Fox" Project:



Middle School Prayer Partner Notes:



PK4 Letter G:

We appreciate your efforts in helping us collect this information.

REFERRAL REWARDS

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. We'll reach out now to answer any questions, and put interested families on a contact list for tours once the school reopens. 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](#)!

ST. MARK SUMMER PROGRAM



Join Kidventure for Summer Camp! *

We continue to pray for an end to the coronavirus. Should we be blessed enough to return to our normal routines in the coming months, we anticipate that parents may need an extra hand as they begin the rebuilding process. We hope that offering the Kidventure program can go a long way towards helping ease the burden on parents over the summer.

Kidventure continues to actively monitor the coronavirus situation in conjunction with local and federal health authorities. As always, the safety of campers, staff, and families remains the top priority. Kidventure will act out of an abundance of caution to protect everyone's health and well being. A web page has been set up with updates, key messages, frequently asked questions, and other important resources: <https://kidventure.com/coronavirus-health-alerts/>. Should you have specific questions



Cooking Skills:



4th Grade Online Tutoring:

about COVID-19 and Kidventure, please contact them directly.

*Registration is now available for Summer 2020.

*Families may pick and choose camp weeks.

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

*Pre & post camp options are 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

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

NEWS FROM ATHLETICS



The Dallas Parochial League has announced that all spring sports (golf, tennis, baseball, softball, track) have been canceled for the remainder of the semester including all practices and games. This is disappointing for all of us, especially our student-athletes, but necessary given the concern about the potential spread of COVID 19. Refunds will be issued to anyone who has paid for a spring sport. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Marlene Ehrling at marlene.ehrling@stmcs.net. In the meantime, we hope our students will continue to engage in physical fitness activities, enjoy the great outdoors, and together, we can all look forward to the 2020-21 sports seasons.



PK3 Prayer:



Rainy Day Classwork:



Shop Class:

The Lion's Den Spirit Store is closed until further notice.



HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION



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](#).

ST. MARK IN THE NEWS



The Texas Catholic featured a video on social media about our school supply pick-up on March 25. [Check it out here](#).

SHARE YOUR PHOTOS WITH US



We'd love to hear about the fun and unique activities your families are engaged in during this time. Did your child create an amazing piece of artwork or engage in an interesting STEM project? Did your family make a meal together, or find something unusual on a nature walk? Send your photos to [Debbie Reed](#) and we'll post them. It'll be a fun way to keep in touch and to share activity ideas with the community! Check them out below and on our [Facebook page](#).



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