



ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

WHERE FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE MEET

Weekly Bulletin

COME CHEER ON YOUR LIONS THIS WEEKEND!

Varsity Tackle Football:

11/1 - 3:00pm Knights vs. St. Rita @ Bishop Lynch

JV Gold Flag Football:

11/2 - 12:00pm vs. STA @ STA

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 4th - 7th
5th Grade Pines

November 7th
2nd Grade Reconciliation - parents invited

November 11th DDD \$2 Red, White, Blue
Veteran's Day Assembly 2:40 p.m.
Open House - 6:00 p.m.

BUY A BRICK



Make your mark—literally! For just \$100, you can purchase a personalized Legacy Brick and become a permanent part of St. Mark's story.

Whether it's a Christmas gift, Graduation tribute, or a proud celebration of being a Lion, your brick will be a lasting symbol of love and support. Installed this spring at the school entrance and courtyard, it's a beautiful way to honor our vibrant St. Mark Catholic Community.

Order by December 19 to ensure your brick is placed this spring!

Click [HERE](#) for more information!

HSA

Save the Date:

Cookies with Santa will be held on December 7 from 12:30-2:00 PM! New this year will be the addition of vendors from our St. Mark School Community! You can get some Christmas shopping done while having a lot of fun!



SAC



DAVID COWEN



PARISHIONER SINCE: 2008 FIRST SCHOOL YEAR: 2013
 SPOUSE: Mireya Cowen CHILDREN: Vivian, Bear
 EDUCATION: B.S. in Computer Science, University of Texas at Dallas
 COMPANY: CRA
 WHY I SERVE SAC: To provide technical resources to the school, enabling a state-of-the-art and safe network environment.
 WHAT I LOVE MOST ABOUT ST. MARK: A parent's ability to make a direct impact on the school and the greater community.
 FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE: Jeremiah 29:11 - For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.

DIANA LIESE



PARISHIONER SINCE: 1990 FIRST SCHOOL YEAR: 1999
 SPOUSE: Steve Liese CHILDREN: Thomas, Elizabeth
 EDUCATION: B.S. in Admin-Accounting, Trinity University
 COMPANY: June Shelton School TITLE: Controller
 WHY I SERVE SAC: I would like to use my skills and knowledge to help others. St. Mark was such an important part of our lives.
 WHAT I LOVE MOST ABOUT ST. MARK: Most definitely the community. Some of my best friends are the parents of my children's classmates.
 FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE: Ephesians 4:32- Be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

TOM NOWAK



PARISHIONER SINCE: 2015 FIRST SCHOOL YEAR: 2015
 SPOUSE: Christine Nowak CHILDREN: Ali, Aleks
 EDUCATION: J.D., Baylor University, B.S. in Political Science/history, Texas A&M University
 COMPANY: Colin County TITLE: Judge of the 366th District Court
 WHY I SERVE SAC: To be involved in my children's daily lives.
 WHAT I LOVE MOST ABOUT ST. MARK: The friendships with other parents and their children.
 FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE: Wisdom 8 - And if riches be desired in life, what is richer than wisdom, who produces all things?

JEANNE RICKERT



PARISHIONER SINCE: 1989 FIRST SCHOOL YEAR: 1992
 SPOUSE: Peter Rickert CHILDREN: Juliette, Theresa, Bradley
 EDUCATION: B.S. in Electrical and Computer Engineering, University of Cincinnati
 COMPANY: Texas Instruments TITLE: Retired
 WHY I SERVE SAC: Serving on the SAC enables me to help with the emphasis on St. Mark's STEM curriculum.
 WHAT I LOVE MOST ABOUT ST. MARK: I love the parish community involvement and the quality teachers.
 FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE: Peter 1:8-9 - Although you have not seen Him you love Him; even though you do not see Him now yet believe in Him, you rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy.



GABY SALIDO



PARISHIONER SINCE: 2022 FIRST SCHOOL YEAR: 2022
 SPOUSE: Eduardo Salido CHILDREN: Paulina, Eduardo
 EDUCATION: Market Research, University of Hermosillo Mexico and General Lines Insurance, TDI
 COMPANY: Gabriela Salido LLC TITLE: Insurance Agency & Salido Investments (Real Estate)
 WHY I SERVE SAC: I feel honored to have the opportunity to contribute and give back in any way I can. Being involved in my children's school life is very important to me, and serving on the SAC allows me to support the community and be present where it matters.
 WHAT I LOVE MOST ABOUT ST. MARK: I love the strong sense of community and how the school feels like a safe, welcoming place where families are truly cared for.
 FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE: Philippians 4:13 - I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

CHRISTINA STRAUGHAN



PARISHIONER SINCE: 2014 FIRST SCHOOL YEAR: 2015
 CHILDREN: Sean Michael, Luke
 EDUCATION: B.A. Business Administration/Marketing
 COMPANY: NMDA TITLE: Associate Principal/Creative Director
 WHY I SERVE SAC: Being involved with the direction and growth of the school.
 WHAT I LOVE MOST ABOUT ST. MARK: The faculty truly cares about the kids. In my personal experience with my children, I feel everyone involved with them has gone above and beyond for their growth and learning. I feel very blessed that they are in such an environment during this crucial time in their lives.
 FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE: Joshua 1:9 - Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

KATHY WARD



PARISHIONER SINCE: 1991 FIRST SCHOOL YEAR: 2005
 SPOUSE: Michael Wiseman CHILDREN: Emily, C.J.
 EDUCATION: B.S. in Education, University of North Texas
 COMPANY: Texas State Commission TITLE: Consultant and Commissioner on Judicial Conduct
 WHY I SERVE SAC: I serve to help build community relationships and create more awareness of such an outstanding school.
 WHAT I LOVE MOST ABOUT ST. MARK: I love the sense of community and the support that comes with that as well as the focus on faith while delivering an excellent education.
 FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE: Philippians 4:13 - I can do everything through Christ who strengthens me.

KEVIN YU



PARISHIONER SINCE: 2019 FIRST SCHOOL YEAR: 2019
 SPOUSE: Rivann Yu CHILDREN: Emilia, Sebastian
 EDUCATION: M.B.A., University of Texas at Dallas; B.S. in Civil Engineering, University of Texas at Austin
 COMPANY: Austin Commercial TITLE: Senior Project Manager
 WHY I SERVE SAC: St. Mark has warmly welcomed our family and provides our children with a solid, rigorous academic foundation. Serving on the SAC is an amazing opportunity to serve the school and the community.
 WHAT I LOVE MOST ABOUT ST. MARK: The strong sense of community, outstanding faculty and staff, emphasis on kindness, high level of parent involvement, and exemplary education.
 FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE: Luke 6:31 - Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

We're excited to introduce this year's School Advisory Council—a dedicated group of alumni parents, current parents, and staff members who work together to help our school grow and thrive. Serving in an advisory role to the Pastor and Principal, the Council provides guidance in areas such as school policy, finance, strategic planning, operational effectiveness, and the promotion of Catholic education. Their commitment plays a vital role in shaping a strong future for our school community. Thank you for your support and service to St. Mark Catholic School.

SAVE THE DATE
PARENTS AS PARTNERS

Presenting:
School Counselor,
Ms. Kimbriel

 November 19th

 6:00 p.m.

 Zoom - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85675855265>

Join us on Zoom for a special presentation with our school counselor, Ms. Kimbriel! As the year winds down, stress levels can rise—whether it's finals, deadlines, or personal challenges. Ms. Kimbriel will share practical strategies to help students manage stress, stay grounded, and finish the year strong. Don't miss this empowering session!



MESSAGE FROM MS.KIMBRIEL

October is National Bullying Prevention Month!

Throughout October, I've had the privilege of meeting with students across all grade levels to discuss what bullying is, why it happens, and—most importantly—what we can do to stop it. During Parent-Teacher Conferences, I hope you had a chance to see some of the kindness activities students have been working on this month—whether it was the Kindness Chain in 2nd grade, the Kindness Quilt in Early Childhood, or the Kindness Posters displayed outside the Cafeteria. Our students have shown such creativity and heart in thinking about how we can all be kinder to others!

As you talk with your child this weekend, please take a moment to remind them that God calls us to treat all people with love and respect. Together, we can build a community where kindness grows, and every student feels valued.

PARISH NEWS

Live Christ, Share Christ

Saturday, November 8, 9am in Smyth Building Rm. 101

We are an evangelization group. Come and see, pray and sing and listen to part-2 of a 2-part series on: "The World, the Flesh and the Devil." Or just come to enjoy breakfast and fellowship.

Annual Bilingual Mass of Remembrance for Child Loss

Wednesday, October 29, 7pm

All families are invited to bring a picture of their child (of any age) to be placed near the altar. There will be a light reception in the Narthex following Mass along with various grief related resources.

Pints with the Priest Feedback Night

Wednesday, October 29

All are invited to join us for our final Pints with the Priest night of the year. Rather than hearing a special guest speaker, this month we want to hear from you--what did you like and not like about these evenings. We would love your feedback to help us bring Pints with the Priest back in the spring stronger than ever!

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Due to the Diocesan database switch regarding safe environment, there was confusion about how to renew and enroll. Therefore, we are opening the reenrollment for an extra week on November 3rd- 7th . THIS IS THE ONLY EXTENSION WEEK FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO VOLUNTEER FOR THE 25-26 SCHOOL YEAR. Follow the link below to complete the safe environment training.

Training - <https://stmcs.net/volunteers>

If you have not completed an interview, contact Alison Hughes at alison.hughes@stmcs.net to schedule.

SCHOOL GALA

To make this year's gala a success we need YOUR help! Here are 3 ways:

1. **Holiday Cocktail Mixology & Shopping Party:** Get ready to elevate your holidays with a fun and festive experience! Join us, Saturday, November 15th for a special cocktail making session led by our expert mixologist, where you'll learn how to craft beautiful, delicious drinks that will impress at any gathering. Then, enjoy some well-deserved retail therapy at Vivi's Boutique in Richardson. Cheers to making this holiday season your best one yet! BUY TICKETS HERE:
<https://secure.etransfer.com/STMCS/ChristmasCocktail.cfm>
2. **Under The Big Top:** Step right up to buy tickets and sponsorships for our biggest fundraiser and parent community event at SouthFork Ranch on January 31st. Grab your Greatest Showman and Songbird and prepare to be dazzled and entertained as we tip our hats to celebrate why we believe "This Is The Greatest School"! BUY TICKETS HERE: <https://muradbid.com/stmcs26/tix>
3. **Donations!** From gift cards to event tickets to basket items...we need it all! Please consider donating items by filling out this **ONLINE DONATION FORM**, purchasing an item from our curated **AMAZON LIST** or dropping off any donations to the front desk at school! We appreciate your support!

If you have any questions or concerns, please email stmcs.gala@gmail.com. We can't wait to see you on January 31st!



VETERANS DAY ASSEMBLY 11/11

Veterans Day is approaching, and we are excited to honor the brave individuals who have served our country. On Tuesday, November 11, students may participate in a red, white, and blue dress down day for a \$2 donation or by using a Fast Pass. Each student will receive a flag sticker to wear in recognition of the day.

We warmly invite any Veteran family members to join us for a special lunch and then come back for our school-wide assembly at 2:40 PM. To help us prepare, please RSVP [HERE](#) by October 31. All guests must bring a driver's license or photo ID to sign into the school.

Lunch Schedule for Veterans:

- 10:45–11:30 – Preschool, Transitional Kindergarten, Kindergarten
- 11:30–12:00 – Grades 1 and 2
- 12:00–12:30 – Grades 3, 4, and 5
- 12:30–1:00 – Grades 6, 7, and 8

Veterans with multiple children are welcome to stay and eat with each child during their respective lunch periods.

All parents and family members who are veterans are also invited to attend our PK4–8th grade assembly at 2:40 PM, which will feature a special guest speaker. Please click [HERE](#) to register for the assembly. While pre-registration is not required, it is encouraged to help us streamline the check-in process.

We would love to include your Veteran in a slideshow that will run throughout the school day. Please send one photo along with the Veteran's name, branch of the military, rank, number of years served, and the conflict or mission they served in to Mariel.bongiovanni@stmcs.net by Friday, November 7.

Students are also invited to decorate the attached medal at home and wear it on Veterans Day to honor their Veteran heroes. Throughout the week, our morning prayers will focus on service members, and STUCO will share a different military fact each day.

Thank you for helping us make this a meaningful celebration. We look forward to honoring our Veterans together.

WEEK IN THE LIFE:

