



# ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

WHERE FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE MEET

## Weekly Bulletin

### EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION

This week at St. Mark Catholic School, we experienced a truly special moment as students participated in a Eucharistic Procession. The procession began in the church and made its way throughout the school. Students lined the hallways and knelt in reverence as the Blessed Sacrament passed by. It was a beautiful reminder that Jesus is truly present in our school.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

October 10  
1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Ends

October 13  
Virtus Lesson Week

October 16  
Fall Pep Rally at 2:30 p.m. (Parents are welcome to attend)

October 17  
Living Rosary 2:30 p.m.



# NOTE FROM FATHER JASON

## Meeting Place with Jesus: The Mass

If we truly understood what happens at every single Mass, we'd need crash helmets—because we'd be blown away by the power, glory, and grace of God.

We all know we should go to Mass every Sunday. I've said before—and I'll say it again—it is my expectation as your pastor that every parishioner of St. Mark the Evangelist attends Sunday Mass. It's not just a good idea. It's our Christian obligation. Freely choosing not to go is a mortal sin.

But beyond the obligation—why go? What's in it for us?

At every single Mass, we meet the living Jesus Christ. He comes to us—body, blood, soul, and divinity—not to condemn us, but to sanctify us, to strengthen us, and to draw us into his divine life. He enters our minds, our souls, and even our bodies.

Remember these verses when Jesus was teaching about the Eucharist.

Jesus said, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." (John 6:51)

"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." (John 6:56)

With every Holy Communion, we become one with God. We are in union with him. This is enough to compel us out of love to meet Christ

But there is much more than that! The very saving action of Christ—his death on the Cross and his Resurrection from the dead—is made present again at every Mass. When you are at Mass, you are at the foot of the Cross. You are at the empty tomb.

Jesus is offering you the fruits of his victory over sin and death right here and now.

But we all face temptations. Sunday rolls around, and we're tired. We want to rest. Or maybe there's a tournament, a game, or an event we think we can't miss. In those moments, the devil whispers, "It's okay. Skip this time." But when we miss Mass, we deprive ourselves—and our families—of the grace we desperately need. Life becomes harder, because we try to live on our own strength instead of Christ's.

Sometimes, we don't realize how special something is until it's gone. I'll never forget five years ago when the churches were shut down during the pandemic. When we reopened, I celebrated Mass with the people for the first time in months. Many were weeping as they came forward—overcome with joy at being able to receive Jesus in the Eucharist again. I'll never forget their tears. They knew what we can sometimes forget: Jesus is truly present at Mass. And we need him.

So I want to challenge you: if you've fallen out of the habit of Sunday Mass, come back. Make the commitment. From now until the end of the year, come to Mass every Sunday—and bring your family. See what happens. You'll have more peace. More joy.

More strength. Because you'll be living in union with Jesus Christ.



# SMART FAMILIES

## Navigating Tech Through the Lens of Faith



### An Online Event:

How to Keep Faith Strong  
in an Online World

**October 21st:**  
9am & 7pm (CDT)



Join us for a conversation on how faith can guide our digital lives. We'll explore the impact of social media and devices on families, relationships, and spirituality, and learn how to use technology with intention, balance, and dignity for faithful, meaningful living.

# GO LIONS

**COME CHEER ON YOUR LIONS THIS WEEKEND!**

<b>5<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Volleyball:</b> 10/11 - 9:00am vs All Saints @ All Saints & 11:00am vs CKS @ All Saints	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Volleyball:</b> 10/11 - 11:00am vs. St. Mary Carmel @ St. Patrick & 12:00pm vs Collins @ St. Patrick
<b>7<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Gold Volleyball:</b> 10/11 - 12:00pm vs All Saints @ St. Mary Sherman & 1:00pm vs POP @ St. Mary Sherman	<b>7<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Green Volleyball:</b> 10/11 - 9:00am vs St. Joseph @ St. Mark & 12:00pm vs SPX @ St. Mark
<b>8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Green Volleyball:</b> 10/11 - 4:00pm vs Santa Clara @ St. Mary & 5:00pm vs STA @ St. Mary	<b>JV Green Flag Football:</b> 10/12 - 2:00pm vs STA @ St. Mark
<b>JV Gold Flag Football:</b> 10/12 - 1:00pm vs IC @ STA	<b>Varsity Flag Football:</b> 10/12 - 3:00pm vs. All Saints @ St. Mark & 4:00pm vs MIS @ St. Mark
<b>Varsity Tackle Football:</b> 10/12 - 1:00pm Knights vs POP @ JP11	

The background of the 'GO LIONS' section is green with black wavy patterns. On the left, there is an illustration of a brown football with white laces. On the right, there is an illustration of a blue and yellow volleyball.

# HSA

**Lions Share Uniform Store:** The Uniform Store will be open on Saturday, October 11 from 1:30-3:00 PM.

**Little Rome Spirit Night** - October 14 Join us for a St. Mark Spirit Night at Little Rome on Tuesday, October 14 - ALL DAY (11 a.m. - 10 p.m.) Remember to mention St. Mark when ordering. Little Rome is located at 2707 West 15th Street in Plano.



**SM Lions Coffee Club** is open to all parents! Come get a cup of coffee after morning drop off. Check in at the front desk and join us at 8am!



**Save the Date:** Raising Cane's Spirit Day on October 23rd. Help us raise some money by heading over to Cane's on the half day! Fundraising flyer coming soon!



**Vendor Booth:** Your HSA is considering if there are enough St. Mark families who would have an interest in setting up a vendor booth to sell their goods during our annual Cookies with Santa event on December 7 from 12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Please express interest using the following link: [Vendor Link](#)

# FAMILY FUN DAY



HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Join us for St. Mark's Annual

## FAMILY FUN DAY

October 18 6-9:15 pm

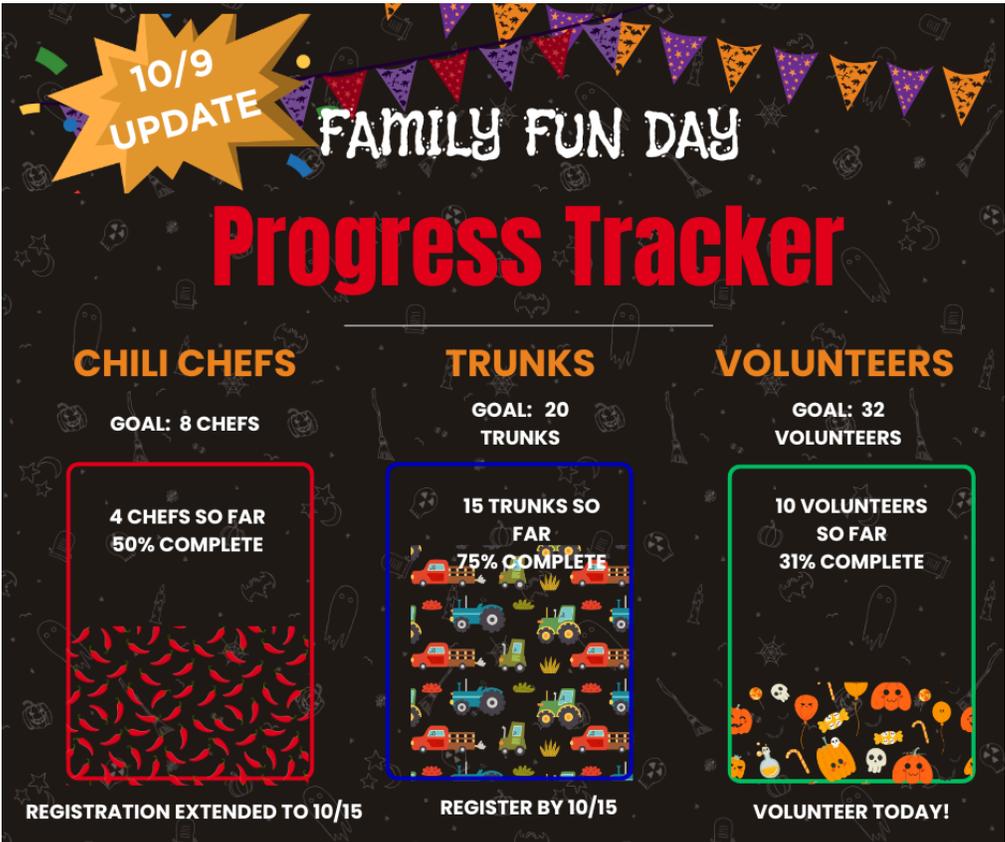
Chili Cookoff - Trunk or Treat - Music Concessions - Movie

Join us for an evening of fun competition, trunk or treat, and movie under the stars. To register for the various events or volunteer at the Family Fun Day, please click on the following links:

[Volunteer Sign-ups](#)

[Pumpkin Decorating and Trunk or Treat Registration](#)

[Chili Cook-off Registration](#)



10/9 UPDATE

## FAMILY FUN DAY

# Progress Tracker

CHILI CHEFS	TRUNKS	VOLUNTEERS
GOAL: 8 CHEFS	GOAL: 20 TRUNKS	GOAL: 32 VOLUNTEERS
4 CHEFS SO FAR 50% COMPLETE	15 TRUNKS SO FAR 75% COMPLETE	10 VOLUNTEERS SO FAR 31% COMPLETE
REGISTRATION EXTENDED TO 10/15	REGISTER BY 10/15	VOLUNTEER TODAY!

## PARISH NEWS

### Annual Bilingual Respect Life Mass

Together in Christ, Together for Life



Join Bishop Edward J. Burns as we celebrate the Culture of Life and pro-life apostolates committed to value and serve women, children and families.

**Saturday, October 11, 2025**

5:00pm (fulfills Sunday obligation)

**St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church**

1201 Alma Dr, Plano, TX 75075

Bishop Burns will offer a special blessing for all those present who work or volunteer for pro-life apostolates. Ministry fair with light refreshments to follow.



## VETERANS DAY ASSEMBLY 11/11

- Veterans Lunch – As a thank you for your service, we would like to treat any Veteran family members to lunch and then invite you back to our assembly later on in the day at 2:40pm. Please RSVP for lunch using the following link  
<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=UgpglKzcokSClKrSt3QgalW8k26-a41IpQN8ta9IW3BUNTJCRTZZNjBHNINDV1ZOWkFDREhYNVlENC4u> by October 31<sup>st</sup>.
  - All guests must bring a driver's license or form of photo identification to sign into the school.
  - If you have multiple students, you are welcome to stay and eat with them if they have different lunch periods which are as follows:
    - 10:45 - 11:30 Preschool, Transitional Kindergarten, and 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
- All parents, in addition to any other family members who are veterans, are invited to our assembly for grades PK4-8<sup>th</sup> at 2:40pm which will have a special Veteran guest speaker.

# SCHOOL GALA

The gala team is happily and gratefully accepting items for Live & Silent Auction! We are looking for gift cards, timeshares, rental homes, curated experiences, sporting event tickets, musical performance tickets, cosmetics, home goods, toys...no item is too big or too small! Thank you in advance for your generosity!

[Click Here to Donate!](#)

Click the link for moms to buy tickets for the Holiday Cocktail Mixology & Shopping Party:

<https://secure.etransfer.com/STMCS/ChristmasCocktail.cfm>



please join us for a

## Cocktail Mixology & Shopping Party

**NOVEMBER 15, 2025**

**6-9 PM**

ATTEND A MASTER MIXOLOGY CLASS FEATURING  
3 CHRISTMAS COCKTAILS & DO SOME CHRISTMAS  
SHOPPING! 15% OF ALL SALES AT VIVI'S DURING  
PARTY WILL BE DONATED TO THE AUCTION.

VIVI'S BOUTIQUE  
635 WEST CAMPBELL ROAD, SUITE 236,  
RICHARDSON, TX 75080

\$75 PER TICKET, LIMIT 30 ATTENDEES  
NET PROFIT FROM TICKET SALES GO TO AUCTION

ATTIRE IS CHRISTMAS SPARKLE



# WEEK IN THE LIFE:

