



ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

WHERE FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE MEET

Weekly Bulletin

SAVE THE DATE

HSA GENERAL MEETING - November 18th

The next HSA meeting is on Tuesday, November 18th at 8:30 PM on Zoom. Be sure to get this on your calendar so you can get updates on the school year!

Click [HERE](#) to join.

PARENTS AS PARTNERS - November 19th

Join us for a special presentation from our school counselor, Ms. Kimbriel. She will share practical strategies to help students manage stress and stay grounded to finish the year strong.

Click [HERE](#) to join.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 17th

TEFA Parent Information Meeting
8:15 a.m.

November 18th

HSA Virtual Meeting 8:30 p.m. - zoom

November 19th

Parents as Partners 6:00 p.m. - zoom

November 21

Used Uniform Sale
1st Grade Giving Tree Performance
during Mass

November 24-28

Thanksgiving Break

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!



TEFA

St. Mark Catholic School is dedicated to helping make Catholic education accessible and affordable for families who seek it for their children. The Texas Education Freedom Accounts, or TEFA, is a new state program that may provide families with \$10,000 to \$30,000 per child, per year to support private Catholic school education.

Please read the attached information about the Texas Education Freedom Account. The TEFA application will open in 2026. To learn more, we encourage you to attend the Information Session that will be held in the school cafeteria on November 17th and December 2nd at 8:15 a.m.

Pre-registration form for November 17th – [TEFA Info. Session 11/17 @ 8:15](#)

Pre-registration form for December 2nd – [TEFA Info. Session 12/2 @ 8:15](#)



TEXAS EDUCATION FREEDOM ACCOUNT (TEFA) INFO SESSION

Multiply the Possibilities with Catholic Education!

Discover how TEFA can
provide **\$10,000–\$30,000**
per student to support your
child's education.



WHEN: Nov. 17 & Dec. 2 8:15 AM

**WHERE: St. Mark Catholic School
Cafeteria**

1201 Alma Drive, Plano TX 75075

Scan QR code to
receive TEFA
alerts



SAVE THE DATE

We're excited to share something new this year! The St. Mark Business Club has organized a Christmas Store for our students.

From December 2–4, St. Mark Catholic School students will have the opportunity to shop for simple, affordable Christmas gifts for family and friends during the school day. This special event helps children experience the joy of giving, practice thoughtfulness, and share Christmas love in a fun and age-appropriate way.

Students will shop during their PE class time, as well as before and after school. Shopping hours are December 2 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., December 3 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and December 4 from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Please note that this is a cash-only event, and bills must be under \$20.

Save the date and join us in making this a memorable experience for our students. Please click [HERE](#) to sign up to volunteer. Volunteers must be safe environment cleared.



CHRISTMAS STORE

STUDENT SHOPPERS WITH BIG HEARTS



DEC 2ND-4TH **7:30 AM - 4:30 PM**

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Parent Volunteers	Please Note
<ul style="list-style-type: none">We are looking for parent volunteers to help. Please use the link in the body of the email to sign up for a time to volunteer.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Bill must be \$20 or less to be accepted.Children must bring cash to shop.

Thank you to the St. Mark Business Club for organizing the Christmas Store!



PARENT SURVEY

As part of our ongoing efforts to grow and improve, we're asking all families to take a few minutes to complete our anonymous parent survey.

Your feedback helps us understand what brought you to St. Mark, what you value most, and how we can continue to serve our students and families even better.

Whether it's your first year with us or you've been part of the St. Mark community for years, your voice matters.

Click [HERE](#) to complete the survey!

PARISH NEWS



ST. MARK BINGO KNIGHT

Presented by the Knights of Columbus

Saturday, November 22, 2025

6:00 PM Social Hour and Registration
7:00 PM First Game St. Mark Cafetorium

GRAND PRIZE \$600 GIFT CARD

\$30 Pre-Register online
kc6065.square.site
\$35 at the Door

YOU CAN ALSO

Become a Sponsor or Make a Donation
Contact Carlos Meneses carlosmeneses0618@gmail.com or (214-918-7540)
for details

Benefiting Military and Veteran Organizations
and numerous other
Knights of Columbus Projects



Must Be 21 Years Old

ST. MARKS CATHOLIC CHURCH | PILGRIMS OF HOPE

JUBILEE 2025 PILGRIMAGE PLENARY INDULGENCE

SUNDAY NOV 16 04:00 AM THE DEPARTING TIME IS AT 4 AM. PLEASE ARRIVE BEFORE

MEETING POINT: ST. MARKS CATHOLIC CHURCH 1201 ALMA DR PLANO, TX 75075
ARRIVING TO THE HOLY DOOR: NATIONAL SHRINE CATHEDRAL OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

FOR MORE INFORMATION - JAZMIN VALENCIA (214-466-9586)
LUPE MORENO (469-831-1729)

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATION:
2:00PM IN SPANISH

**Water Will Be Provided. Feel Free To Bring Your Own Snack & Lunch!
Anyone is welcome to JOIN!**



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A NOTE FROM FATHER JASON

Serving Together as a Family

At St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church, we deeply value service—both within the Church and out in the community. Through our school, your children already take part in various service opportunities: raising funds for organizations like Make-A-Wish, St. Vincent de Paul, White Rose, our Baby Store, and many other ministries. These experiences help form them into generous, self-giving people who are ready to serve their neighbor.

Jesus gives us the call to serve when He says, “Whatever you did for the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it for me.” When we feed the hungry, comfort the sorrowful, or teach the uninformed, we aren’t just doing good deeds—we’re lifting up the Body of Christ.

As Christians, we don’t serve simply to help others be better people. We serve because our faith compels us to act. Service is our faith in motion.

St. James challenges us with powerful words:

What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and no food for the day, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, keep warm and eat well,” but you do not give them the necessities of the body, what good is it?

So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. ... “You have faith and I have works.” Demonstrate your faith to me without works, and I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works. You believe that God is one. You do well. Even the demons believe that and tremble. ... See how a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. ... For just as a body without a spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead. (James 2:14–19, 24, 26)

Because of this truth, I believe every parishioner should be involved in some form of service in the Church. Whether it’s Evangelization, Catechesis, Worship, Administration, Community Life, or Social Outreach—there’s a place for you.

Parents, your most important mission is to teach your children the faith and help them grow as servant leaders. And one of the most effective ways to do that is by letting them see you serve.

Consider taking on a ministry or service project as a family. When you serve together, you grow closer to one another and deeper in your faith. Maybe you can serve weekly. If not, then monthly or quarterly—just find something and commit to it.

When you serve with your family, your faith becomes something real—something visible and alive. And through this, you grow as true disciples of Jesus Christ.

SCHOOL GALA

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 "This Is The Greatest School"!

BUY TICKETS HERE: <https://muradbid.com/stmcs26/tix>

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

ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL
A SNEAK PEEK UNDER THE BIG TOP

William Chris
VINEYARDS

HILL COUNTRY PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Winemaker's Tasting Experience for 4 Guests from William Chris Vineyards
- \$100 Airbnb Giftcard
- 4 Bottles of Wine by William Chris Vineyards valued at \$240

LIONS ROAR THANK YOU TO WILLIAM CHRIS VINEYARDS
& THE DUNAVANT FAMILY



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HSA

VOLUNTEER FOR JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT AT ST. MARK!

We're looking for parent volunteers to bring **Junior Achievement (JA)** to our K-5th grade classrooms this spring! JA is a fun, hands-on program that helps students learn about money, business, and their role in the community.

Each volunteer teaches **five short lessons** (45–60 minutes each) using step-by-step kits provided by JA—no teaching experience required! A **training session will be held in January** to help parents prepare and understand their role.

🛡️ **Volunteers must be Safe Environment certified** prior to participating.

👉 **Sign up here:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B4CACAD23A4FC1-60438035-stmark>

Questions? Contact **Cheri Carnavon**, JA School Lead, at cherid05@gmail.com.

Save the date for the Mother-Son Kickball Game: Grab your sneakers and your best game face — it's time for the first ever **Mother & Son Kickball Game on May 2nd!** This isn't your average school event — it's bragging rights, epic plays, and a whole lot of laughs.

Moms, bring your A-game. Sons, show off those kicks. We'll have music, snacks, and tons of energy on the field. Whether you're out there making the big plays or cheering from the sidelines, this is one event you don't wanna miss.



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COOKIES WITH SANTA

Cookies with
SANTA CLAUS

FEATURING SAINT MARK FAMILY VENDORS

The Home and School Association is excited to present our Annual Cookies with Santa event. This is a private event and is only available to 75 families on a first come, first served basis.

Each family will be able to chat and take pictures with Santa. A professional background for photos will be available. Please bring your cameras and we will have a volunteer available to take pictures using your camera.

DATE: Sunday, December 7, 2025
TIME: 12:30 - 2:00 p.m.
LOCATION: School Cafetorium
PRICE: \$25 per Family (No limit on number of people in your family)
ATTIRE: Your choice - it can range from pajamas to casual or dressy

Note: This is a come-and-go event with no formal program.
Net proceeds from this event benefit
St. Mark Catholic School.

VENDORS INCLUDE: MARIAN'S PARKLANE JEWELRY
GINNY'S CRAFT CREATIONS
PAWS CORNER
PAPAL THREADS

VENDORS ARE OPEN TO ALL FAMILIES - EVEN IF YOU DON'T HAVE A TICKET TO VISIT SANTA

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Please click [HERE](#) to sign up!

WEEK IN THE LIFE:

