



ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

WHERE FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE MEET

Weekly Bulletin

Happy
Thanks
Giving

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 24-28

Thanksgiving Break

December 3

Middle School Performance

December 5

2nd - 8th grade Reconciliation

December 7

HSA Cookies with Santa 12:30-2:00

ST. MARK ALUMNI

At St. Mark Catholic School, our alumni continue to make us proud long after Graduation.

We know our Lions are out in the world making a difference—whether through their careers, families, or community service. We'd love to feature their stories in our newsletter! If you know of a St. Mark Catholic School alum who is doing great things today, please share their accomplishments with us.

Send alumni info to abbie.white@stmcs.net and help us celebrate the lasting impact of our Lions.

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 December 2nd at 8:15 a.m.

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!



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

Southern Sparkle Soirée
FRIED CHICKEN
& CHAMPAGNE
LADIES NIGHT FOR 8

SOUTHERN SPARKLE SOIREE PACKAGE

Gather your favorite girls for a one-of-a-kind evening that's equal parts fabulous and finger-lickin' good! This exclusive Fried Chicken & Champagne Soirée for 8 includes a full spread of perfectly crispy fried chicken, sides (think Pringles and caviar!), and desserts — all paired with endless bubbly!

It's a night of laughter, luxury, bubbles, and a touch of Southern sass — the kind of girls' night you'll be talking about long after the corks stop popping.

LIONS ROAR THANK YOU TO HOSEA FAMILY & LOCKWOOD DISTILLERY



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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.



Lions Coffee Club
ALL PARENTS
INVITED TO JOIN US
THURSDAY,
DEC 11th
AT 8AM
Great things are BREWING at St Mark Catholic School



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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

The holiday season is almost here, and we're excited to invite you to our annual Cookies with Santa event on Sunday, December 7 from 12:30-2:00! Bring your little ones for a magical morning filled with sweet treats, a festive craft, holiday music, and a unique opportunity to meet Santa himself! This is the perfect opportunity to capture a cherished family photo and make memories that will last all year long.

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

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! The last day to complete the survey is Sunday, November 23rd.

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

Celebration in Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe



*The entire family is invited to join this novena and special feast. Each evening, we will begin with the Rosary, followed by Holy Mass. Afterward, we will have the Danza Huitzilin and a reception in the cafeteria. *After December 3rd all events are in Spanish.*

Wednesday, Dec. 3

6:30 pm Rosary • 7:00 pm Mass (Bilingual)

Tuesday, Dec. 9

6:30 pm Rosary • 7:00 pm Mass

Thursday, Dec. 4

6:30 pm Rosary • 7:00 pm Mass
Hot chocolate & bread to go

Wednesday, Dec. 10

6:30 pm Rosary • 7:00 pm Mass

Friday, Dec. 5

6:30 pm Rosary • 7:00 pm Mass

Thursday, Dec. 11

10:30 pm Rosary • 11:00 pm Mass
12:00-1:00 am — Serenate
Hot chocolate & bread to go

Saturday, Dec. 6

6:30 pm Rosary • 7:00 pm Mass

Friday, Dec. 12 – Feast of Our
Lady of Guadalupe

6:30 pm Rosary • 7:00 pm Mass
Hot chocolate & bread to go

Sunday, Dec. 7

6:30 pm Rosary • 7:00 pm Mass
Hot chocolate & bread to go

Monday, Dec. 8

7:30 pm Rosary • 8:00 pm Mass
Hot chocolate & bread to go

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of
the Blessed Virgin Mary



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WEEK IN THE LIFE:

