



ST MARK THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

Dear St. Mark Catholic School Families,

January 23, 2026

At St. Mark Catholic School, excellence is not only academic—it is rooted in faith and virtue. This mission is shared by our teachers, faculty, students, and most importantly by you, our parents.

Together, we have achieved the honor of being named a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence three times. Yet our work continues as our goal is to form your children into the next generation of Catholic servant leaders, ready to transform the world for Christ.

As faith-based partners, we have a shared mission of formation including:

- Our teachers and faculty inspire the **love of learning and curiosity**
- The priests and ministers of the Church **form servant leaders with actions**
- You, the parents and guardians — whose role is foundational **nurturing spiritual growth**
- Our students – **living virtuous, responsible, and compassionate relational lives**

You are the primary role models and most important educators.:

Living Our Parish Vision

At St. Mark, we take faith formation seriously and ask our school families to join us in living our parish vision:

“St. Mark Catholic Church forms missionary disciples to transform the world by creating welcoming communities and providing life-changing encounters with Jesus Christ.”

Parishioner Expectations:

To qualify as a **St. Mark parishioner**, a school family must:

- Have at least **one Catholic parent**
- Be **registered and active in St. Mark Parish**
- Be **regularly practicing the Catholic faith**

Active Parishioner Minimum Expectations

To clarify what it means to be an **active parishioner** at St. Mark, the following are the minimum expectations:

- **\$1,200 minimum annual financial offering** to the parish
- **Active participation in at least one parish ministry**
- **Attendance at a minimum of 30 Sunday Masses per year at St. Mark (Families who are highly engaged in another Catholic parish are encouraged to contact us regarding a Pastor's Exemption).**

While financial contributions are the primary item formally tracked for school families, **all three expectations remain important**. As disciples of Christ, we are not called to do the minimum, but to live with **generosity of heart and life**.

Looking Ahead

As we prepare for the **2026–2027 academic year**, I am excited for what lies ahead. I look forward to watching our students grow in **knowledge, virtue, and faith**, becoming the servant leaders God has created them to be.

Once again, welcome to our **parish and school family as we achieve** greatness at **St. Mark Catholic School**.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Mrs. Steinkirchner or me. Be assured of my prayers and blessings for your family.

In the Heart of Jesus Christ,
Fr. Jason Cargo
Pastor, St. Mark Catholic Church