St. Mark Catholic Church

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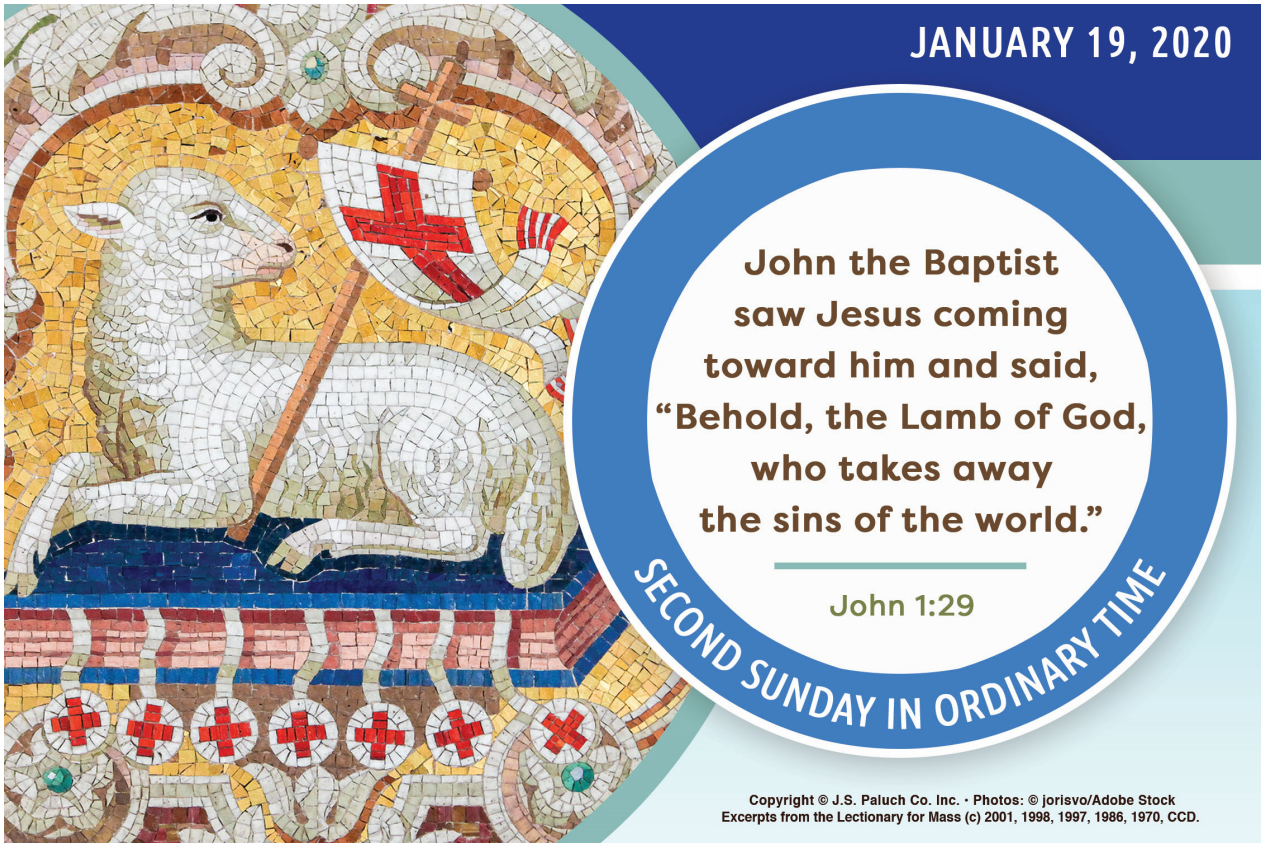

Mass Schedule
Sunday: 7:00, 9:00, & 11:00 am
Monday - Friday: 6:30 am & 8:00 am
Saturdays: 8:00 am & 5:00 pm
Holy Day: please consult the bulletin

Confessions
Saturday: 3:30 to 4:30 pm
Tuesday: 8:00 to 9:00 pm

Sacraments
Call 314.743.8620 or 314.743.8609
to make an appointment with one of the Priests.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Tuesday: after 8:00 am Mass to 9:00 pm

Prayer Hotline
Dolores Bollwerk - 314.631.5108

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)
Interested in becoming Catholic, speak with Fr. Brian Hecktor
314.743.8609 - parish office or 314.743.8620 - rectory

Bulletin Announcements
Submissions must be received by 12 Noon on the Monday prior to publication. Submit to Parish Office or secretary@stmarkstl.com.

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From the Desk of Fr. Brian Hecktor …

Dear Parishioners,

Registration for the '20-'21 school year will be opening soon! A reminder to school parents that the Archdiocese has scholarship applications available starting January 27. The website is http://ttef-stl.org/. I encourage everyone to apply, as any scholarships attained not only help you, but are a big help to the school and parish as well. These are first come first serve for those who are eligible, so don't procrastinate. Call Mrs. Bingham or Mrs. Althage in the school office before January 27 if you have questions or would like to be walked through the application.

School Open House is next Sunday starting at 10 am. Everyone in the parish is welcome to come by for a student-guided tour of our amazing school!

This week is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The evil one seeks to divide us, but Christ wills for us to be one Body. We must search for common ground with all our Christian brothers and sisters and always work and pray to be more closely united.

Wednesday, January 22, is the anniversary of the 1973 Supreme Court decision Roe vs. Wade, which set a legal precedent that allowed for abortion. On Wednesday, all dioceses in the United States will observe a day of prayer for the legal protection of unborn children. We want to pray that the value and dignity of all human life, from conception to natural death, may be preserved, no matter how inconvenient or expensive. We pray for the victims of abortion, including their mothers and fathers. We pray for all victims of violence, natural disaster, abuse, racism, prejudice, and any other injustice.

And pray for the St. Mark Group of 8th Graders, High Schoolers, their parents and chaperones as we travel to Washington DC this week to attend the Annual March for Life. Reminder that we will not have 8 am Mass on Thursday and Saturday of this week.

We ask St. Mark and Our Lady of Guadalupe to pray for us! God bless you.

Fr. Hecktor

A BINGO THANKS TO EVERYONE

This weekend after all Masses!

Join us for donuts and coffee on Sunday and some sweet treats Saturday as we **celebrate 20 years of a SUCCESSFUL BINGO**.

Find out more about our bingo and consider helping us to continue this very profitable fundraiser. Questions or to volunteer call Loretta 314.922.6838.

Each week the **St. Louis Review** delivers important news about the Archdiocese of St. Louis and universal Church and provides the Catholic perspective about news in our communities.

All parishioners who have contributed at least $100 are to receive the St. Louis Review. **Please consider helping the parish with the cost of subscriptions ($35 per year per household) with a special collection *this weekend* (January 18 and 19) by using your envelope or online giving.**

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

***This* Sunday, January 19**

immediately following 11 am Mass

Experience Healing Grace, Anointing Oil, Forgiveness, and Peace

Prayer Shawls are available by calling Marion at 314.487.2207.
Prayer Shawls are blessed and meant to give comfort and support to those in need.

2019 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

If you would like a copy of your 2019 contribution statement to St. Mark Catholic Church, please drop this form in the Sunday collection basket or mail it to the Parish Office (4200 Ripa Ave. | St. Louis, MO 63125) or contact Alice Wilcox (bookkeeper) at 314.743.8603.

In order to reduce postage costs, we are only mailing out a statement if it is requested. *Thank you.*

Contributor's Name: _____

Contributor's Address: _____

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Mass Intentions

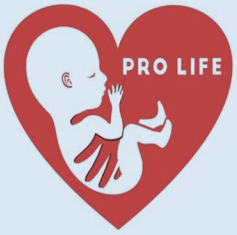
January 19 - 26 (Saints & Observations)

Week of Christian Unity

Sunday (2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)
7:00 Charles Battaglia
9:00 Daniel Stout
11:00 Philip, Mary, & Donna Fischer

Monday (St. Fabian; St. Sebastian; Martin Luther King Jr. Day)
6:30 Carol Stuckenberg
8:00 Ed Deters

Tuesday (St. Agnes)
6:30 Marie Taylor
8:00 Butch Unwin



Wednesday (Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children)
6:30 Peggy Vonder Haar
8:00 *March for Life* Pilgrims traveling to/from DC

Thursday (St. Vincent; St. Marianne Cope)
6:30 Sarah Dalba
NO 8:00 Mass

Friday (St. Francis de Sales)
6:30 Mark Haberberger
8:00 Bob Dooley

Saturday (The Conversion of St. Paul; Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends; Lunar New Year)
NO 8:00 Mass
5:00 Patsy Lee Boyer

Sunday (3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)
7:00 Living & Deceased Members of Joseph M. & Dolores (Meyer) Sanders Families
9:00 People of the Parish
11:00 Mary Wissler

Readings for the Week

Monday:	1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday:	1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday:	1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6, *or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn*
Thursday:	1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-13; Mk 3:7-12
Friday:	1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19
Saturday:	Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18
Sunday:	Is 8:23 — 9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 [12-17]

NOTE: Effective immediately, St. Mark Parish is no longer able to offer a recycling bin for parishioners to use. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

Ministry Schedule

January 25 & 26

5:00	**Lectors:**	K. Cafferata, R. Velasco
	Ministers:	K. Goersch, J. Preisack, B. & M. Schmidt, E. Schneider
	Hospitality:	M. Paur, R. Chinnici, R. Flynn, C. Hamilton
7:00	**Lectors:**	M. Griffin
	Ministers:	C. Fleming, J. Johnson, C. Oberbeck, D. Stanger, L. Wells
	Hospitality:	D. Tullman, R. Leiber, M. Masidonski, L. Weber
9:00	**Lectors:**	K. Kraus, T. Ade
	Ministers:	K. Vaughn, C. Cashel, J. Eveker, M. Wobbe, M. Mallette
	Hospitality:	B. Laury, M. Fischer, K. Griebenow, L. Gutting
11:00	**Lectors:**	J. Williams
	Ministers:	S. Hentz, L. Schneider, G. & M. Snodderley, F. Steinmeyer
	Hospitality:	J. Hanak, J. Heaman, M. Holdman, T. Schneider

Those parishioners who are sick, especially **Jane McCormack** and **Joan Suzor**.

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For All Aborted Babies
Brenda Himmelberg
(sister-in-law of Sr. Anna Marie Himmelberg, CPPS)

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them O Lord,
and Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them.
Amen.

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE
January 20 - 26

Monday
6:30 Server needed

Tuesday
6:30 G. Shoger

Wednesday
6:30 Server needed

Thursday
6:30 Server needed

Friday
6:30 Server needed.

Saturday
8:00 Server needed
5:00 Servers needed

Sunday
7:00 Servers needed
9:00 H. Lotspeich, K. Maloney
11:00 J. Smedra Server needed

Servers: Please schedule your Mass times by going to SignUp.com. Thank you.
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This Week in our Parish ...

January 20 - 26

Monday	10:00 am	Pinochle, Parish Office
	7:00 pm	Athletic Association, Cafeteria
	8:00 pm	Basketball, Parish Center
Tuesday	**9:00 am - 9:00 pm**	**Eucharistic Adoration, Church**
	9:00 am	Crafters / Prayer Shawl, Parish Office
	5:30 pm	Basketball, Parish Center
	6:30 pm	**BINGO, Bandwagon Hall**
Wednesday	9:00 am	Bible Study, Parish Office
	5:30 pm	Basketball, Parish Center
	6:00 pm	Cub Scouts, Cafeteria
Thursday	5:30 pm	Basketball, Parish Center
Friday	5:15 pm	Basketball, Parish Center
Saturday	8:00 am	Basketball, Parish Center & Cafeteria
	6:00 pm	Private Event, Parish Center
Sunday	**10:00 am - 12:30 pm**	**Open House, School**
	4:00 pm	Cub Scout Pack Meeting, Cafeteria
	4:00 pm	Girl Scout Meetings, Parish Center

Eucharistic Adoration
Tuesdays from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm

"If we spend an hour a week in Eucharistic Adoration, we'll have a touchstone for measuring our affections."

~~ Archbishop Robert J. Carlson
(*Catholic St. Louis,* October/November 2019 p, 4)

LOST & FOUND: A pair of black leather gloves, eyeglasses, baby hat, and other items are located in the small vestibule in the lost/found box under the table. Are any of these items yours?

Bingo is played every Tuesday at Bandwagon Hall
(Reavis Barracks & Lemay Ferry Rd.)

Doors open at 3:30 pm.
Games begin at 6:30 pm.

Team 1 will work Tuesday, January 21, 2020

Joanne Schneider
Zaida Rivas
Dorothy Schmerbauch
J/P Soderquist
Maureen Missimore
Karen Chinnici
J/L Gaddy
Ken Griebenow
Joan Terry
Jane Johnson
Kevin Bradshaw
Annie Beckerle
Denise Plumley

If you cannot work when scheduled or have questions, call:
Laura @ 314.229.7200 or Terri @ 314.413.0882.

From the Principal ...

Dear Parishioners,

This upcoming week our teachers and students will be preparing for Catholic Schools Week. They will be decorating the hallways and classrooms so that our visitors during open house can see the many wonderful things we do at St. Mark. Please stop by on Sunday, January 26, 2020 from 10:00 am - 12:30 pm. Take a student-guided tour or walk the halls yourself. We would love to show you all of the good we do! Please tell your family, friends, coworkers, and neighbors to come see us and check our vibrant school community. If finances are a concern, the Archdiocesan Today and Tomorrow Scholarship application opens on Monday, January 27, 2020. We will be happy to walk you through the process. Thank you for spreading the word about our wonderful parish and school community. We really mean it when we say, "Welcome Home!"

In a special way, please keep our 8th grade students in your prayers. They will be heading to Washington D.C. for the Pro-Life March. They will leave on Wednesday and return on Sunday. We will be praying a Rosary for Life on Friday, January 24th at 2:05 pm if you would like to join us.

I also want to thank our many parishioners and friends who contributed supplies to our Day of Service. We were able to make 75 Blessing Bags of personal care items for the homeless, 128 goodie bags for the Seminarians, 75 treat bags for First Responders, 72 blankets for Camp Rainbow, 90 soup mixes, 100 placemats for area nursing homes, and 70 busy bags for Children's Hospital.

Finally, our PTO is sponsoring our annual Trivia Night on Saturday, February 1, 2020. Trivia night benefits St. Mark School. We hope you will gather a group of friends and join us for a fun night.

St. Mark, Pray for Us.
Julie Bingham

In observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, PSR will not be in session on Monday, January 20. In the meantime, ask your child to teach you this month's prayer ("Angel of God"), or if this already is a favorite prayer of yours, suggest the family pray it together after supper! (There is no age limit on asking for the help of your Guardian Angel!).

Angel of God, my guardian dear,
to whom God's love commits me here,
ever this day be at my side
to light, to guard, to rule, to guide.
Amen.

Semi-Annual
Ladies' Guild
BAKE SALE

Saturday & Sunday
February 1 & 2

Please stop by for some tasty treats!

After all Masses in the cafeteria

Tithing, your gift to God.

Sunday, January 12, 2020 Offering

Envelopes	$ 8,427.00
Online Giving	1008.00
Loose	386.71
School Support	255.00
Total	10,076.11
- Avg. Weekly Expenses	15,000.00
Final Total	$ 4,923.29

Thank you for your ongoing support of St. Mark's Catholic Church!

Ladies' Guild News ...

Thanks to all for your generous contributions to the School's STREAM LAB. We are sure the children will appreciate all of the new materials to experiment with and enhance their learning curve.

Now it is time for us to ramp up our baking expertise and put together another one of our fabulous bake sales on February 1 and 2. On Saturday, the 1st, after 3 pm or before Mass bring your favorite goodies to the cafeteria. There will be a table marked Ladies' Guild Bake Sale. You can contact Donna Kemper at 314.487.3151 to answer any questions you may have regarding bringing your baked goods to church.

Start sharpening your minds and pencils for the "2020 WINTER TABLE GAMES" at the February 19 Ladies' Guild Meeting in the cafeteria!

Save the Dates!!
Ash Wednesday, February 26
Fridays, March 6, & 20 & April 3 & 10 (Good Friday)

Fish Fry Committee Meeting on Wednesday, January 29, 7 pm, Cafeteria. *Anyone interested in joining the Committee is welcome to attend this meeting.* For more information contact: Steve Vaughn @ 314.517.3763 or Kathy Vaughn @ 314.749.2066.

For January, our student spotlight is on Lily Winkelmann. Lily has been at St. Mark since preschool and is currently in fifth grade.

Last March Lily participated in a fundraising event for the St. Baldrick's Foundation. This Foundation raises funds and awareness for childhood cancer. Not only does the Foundation fund research for treatment and cures, but also for research on the effects the harsh treatments have on children and the repercussions of those treatments in their adult lives.

One of the ways St. Baldrick's raises money is through their head-shaving events held around the U.S. And that is what Lily decided to do.

In March of 2018, Lily was one of about 15 children and adults - and only one of two girls! - to have her head shaved! She said she was a little scared but she was determined to do her part.

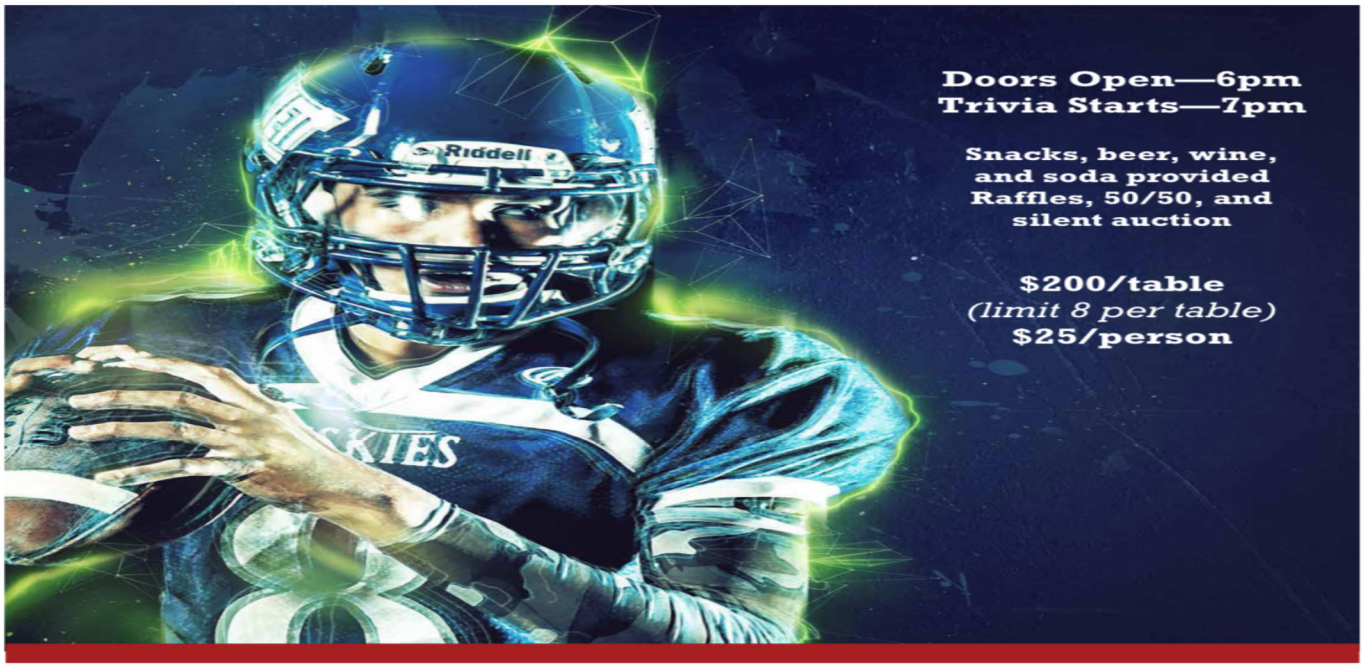
Lily participated with the Team Brett group which consisted of friends and family members of Brett Haubrich. She said she remembered when she was in second grade and Brett was their class aide. She explained how it felt good to be there with a group of people that knew him and were doing something in his memory that would also help other kids.

Not only did Lily raise over $500, she donated her cut hair to Pantene Beautiful Lengths - an organization that makes wigs for cancer patients. This is Lily's THIRD time donating to Pantene. She donated for the first time when she was in preschool. AND - she said she would consider doing it all again!

We are very proud of Lily and her efforts to support research and awareness for kids' cancer.

St. Mark Trivia Night

February 1, 2020

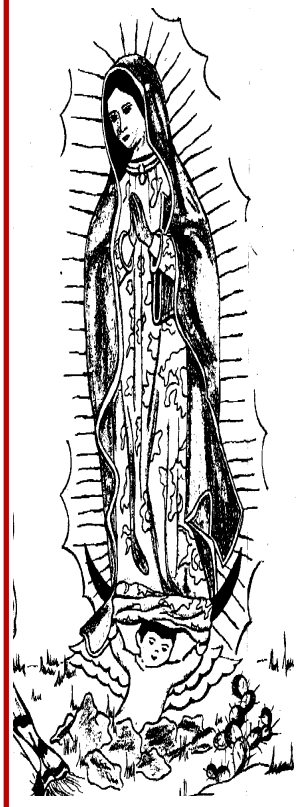


NAME:_____

_____Tables x $200 or _____People x $25 TOTAL ENCLOSED:_____

Send reservation form via school to Tara Bilger or call 314-520-1974
Make checks payable to St. Mark

Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe



Please say this prayer for all Marching for Life, especially the 35 8th - 10th grade teens and their 16 of adult chaperones representing St. Mark Catholic Church under the leadership of Fr. Brian Hecktor.

The *March for Life 2020* takes place beginning at 1:00 pm (eastern / DC time) *this Friday*, January 24th.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, we turn to you who are the protectress of unborn children and ask that you intercede for us, so that we may more firmly resolve to join you in protecting all human life. Let our prayers be united to your perpetual motherly intercession on behalf of those whose lives are threatened, be they in the womb of their mother, on the bed of infirmity, or in the latter years of their life.

May our prayers also be coupled with peaceful action which witnesses to the goodness and dignity of all human life, so that our firmness of purpose may give courage to those who are fearful and bring light to those who are blinded by sin. Encourage those who will be involved in the March for Life; help them to walk closely with God and to give voice to the cry of the oppressed, in order to remind our nation of its commitment to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for all people.

O Virgin Mother of God, present our petitions to your Son and ask Him to bless us with abundant life.

Amen.

SUNDAY by SUNDAY

Sunday by Sunday is a four-page weekly publication that invites adults to reflect on the Gospel and Old Testament readings proclaimed at Sunday Masses.

Beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 26, join fellow St. Mark parishioners as they use this publication to deepen their response to the Gospels of the Church's liturgical year, especially during the Season of Lenten.

For more information and/or to register (cost $5) for this Bible Study, contact Christina Sanders at 314.743.8602.

Open House

ST. MARK
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Please Join Us

- Tour our school
- Meet our faculty and staff
- Discover our classrooms

Sunday, January, 26, 2020
10:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Educating children PK3 - 8th Grade

Come visit us and offer St. Mark the opportunity to say, "Welcome Home!"

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