

St. Mark Catholic Church

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PARISH / SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION VISIT WEBSITE: www.saintmarkcc.org

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00AM - 4:00PM, Friday 9:00AM - Noon



Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 23, 2026

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Anticipated Mass: 5PM

Sunday 7:30, 9:00 & 11:30AM

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE:

Monday - Friday 8:30AM

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday 3:30PM - 4:30PM

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Fr. Jim or any visiting Priest will never request funds or gift cards via email or text. This is a SCAM!!

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STEWARDSHIP FOR THE WEEK OF 08/16/26

Offertory	08/16/2026	\$ 17,789.84
Deferred Maintenance	08/16/2026	\$ 40.28
Building Loan Reduction	08/16/2026	\$ 1,024.33
Retired Priest	08/16/2026	\$ 5,503.00
MTD Offertory		\$ 54,395.00
MTD Deferred Maintenance		\$ 1,103.32
MTD Building Loan Reduction		\$ 4,537.54
Total amount owed on building loan as of 07/31/2026		\$ 481,826.23
Monthly Building Loan Payment		\$ 17,200.00

**PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN
SAFE ENVIRONMENT CLASS**

Thursday, AUGUST 27th, Parish Hall: 6:00pm – 8:00pm

For all new catechists and any adults that are working with children in the parish. You MUST register with Nancy at the parish office 303-466-8720. Ext 116 by August 24th.



Mass Intentions

+ indicates deceased
All others are intentions

August 24th – 30th

Monday, August 24th

+ Billy Proksch

Tuesday, August 25th

Anna Florinda Nazare Tavora

Wednesday, August 26th

+ Joachim Ben Nguyen

Thursday, August 27th

+ Joachim Ben Nguyen

Friday, August 28th

+ Mary Martinez

+ Raymond Jarmillo

Saturday, August 29th

+ Beau Runksmeier

Sunday, August 30th

+ Joachim Ben Nguyen

St. Mark Parishioners

+ Kathy Aguilar

The Story and You



Sacred Conversations

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

It's a good thing Jesus didn't give me the keys to the kingdom. Lord knows where they would show up.

Anyway, although he wasn't speaking literally when he handed the keys to Peter, Jesus was using the language of the household, the family. *Here's the keys to the house*, he said to Peter. *Keep it safe from thieves and marauders. Keep it open for all who seek me. Keep it clean, and let plenty of fresh air and sunshine circulate. And keep the lights on, please. Don't ever let my Church be a place of darkness.*

We live in a time when the lights are, literally, going out in churches all over the world. In places of persecution, like Iraq and Syria, Christians have fled in historic numbers. In 1999, I was with a group of pilgrims who visited a Christian family in Bethlehem whose stone mason business had been operating since—imagine this—the time of Jesus. They had lived in the same neighborhood since the time of Christ. Five years later we returned to visit them. They were gone.

On the other hand, in the prosperous communities of the west, the gospel seems to be losing its power to draw people into church buildings. But here's the thing: the buildings are not the church. The Church is the living stones. And oh, how we need to be with each other—this experience of quarantine has really brought that out into the light. It's scary to think that, when this is all over, it may have become too convenient to just stay home on Sunday. On the contrary, we pray that this experience may draw more and more people back. It is, after all, the Eucharist that builds the kingdom whose keys will never be lost.

In what ways are you helping to "keep the lights on" in your parish?

Kathy McGovern ©2026 www.thestoryandyou.com

OUR PARISH FAMILY

Anniversaries:

Sam & Renee Hartman 42 Years!

Family Faith Formation News

Important Information

August 23rd

Open House at the Parish Hall

8:00am – 1:00pm

Stop by to pick-up upcoming calendars, meet your teachers and check out the classrooms.

Coffee and donuts provided.



Faith Hope Love Faith Hope Love

August 30th

First Class: 10:15am – 11:20am (children in classroom)

Parent Meeting, in the center during class time (at least one parent must attend.)

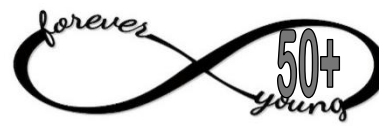
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August 30th

Backpack Sunday at all Masses

It is the Blessing of school backpacks at all Masses.

Please have the kids bring their backpacks to Mass and the priest will Bless them. They will also receive a special "tag" to put on their backpack for the year.



President:
Lois 303-619-4253
Dues: \$10 (single)
\$15 (couple)

WELCOME BACK!

- **Potluck Tuesday, September 1st, 11:30am** in the Center. Please bring food to share (enough to serve 10-12 people) according to your last name:

A-G Dessert, H-M Main, N-Z Side

Entertainment: Gina Luse from HCA Health One will be speaking to us on Senior Health and Balance

- **First Friday Coffee & Donuts** Friday, September 4th, after 8:30 mass
- **Board Meeting** Tuesday, September 8th, 10:00am St. Rose Room / Church.
- **Parish Game Day** Wednesday, September 16th, 1:00pm St. Rose Room/Church. Please bring your own drink and a snack to share. Come join the fun.
- **Lunch/Bocce Mickey's Restaurant**, Thursday, September 24th, 11:00am, 6950 N Broadway
- **Book Club** Tuesday, September 29th, 10:00am St. Rose Room/Church.

Book: *Have You Seen Louis Velez* By: Catherine Ryan Hyde

***Please note: FYI we will not be collecting dues until January.**

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS IS OCIA FOR YOU?

NOT SURE? JOIN US FOR PIZZA AND Q&A ON
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH, 6PM,
RSVP TO OFFICE BY SEPTEMBER 7TH.

Are you missing out on receiving the Eucharist during Mass? Is it because you aren't Catholic, or maybe you are Catholic but haven't completed your Sacraments of Initiation; Holy Eucharist and/or Confirmation? Have you thought about becoming Catholic to be in full communion with the Church? We have just the class for you, **OCIA!**

**Classes are held on Tuesday evenings,
beginning September 15th, 6:00PM -7:30PM**

If you have questions on the process or would like to be a church sponsor, please feel free to contact Tricia in the office or email Tom at tom.palko@saintmarkcc.org

Registration is available online or in the Gathering Space!

WEEKLY PLANNER FOR AUGUST 23RD – 30TH

Sunday 23rd	8:00am-1:00pm RE Open House / Center Coffee & Donuts after 7:30am & 9am Mass
Monday 24th	9:00am Scripture Class with Fr. Ron / Church
Tuesday 25th	
Wednesday 26th	6:30pm K of C Officer Meeting / Center 6:45pm Choir Practice / Church
Thursday 27th	6:00pm Safe Environment Training / Center 7:00pm Catholic in Recovery / Church
Friday 28th	6:15am That Man is You / Church 9:30am Scripture Class with Fr. Jim / Church
Saturday 29th	
Sunday 30th	Backpack Blessing at all Masses 10:00am RE Classes / Center

2026-2027 Bible Sponsorship Program

A \$25 donation to the Bible Sponsorship Program will help equip Students and Adults in OCIA, Children in the RE and Sacramental Prep, for the work of God, by putting a Bible in the hands of a St. Mark sacramental candidate!

Your generosity strengthens our parish, encourages faith, and helps others grow closer to Christ!

You can sponsor by dropping an envelope in the Sunday offertory Basket, or by the parish during office hours.

You may also sponsor online at www.saintmarkcc.org or for easy access scan QR code and be directed to website.

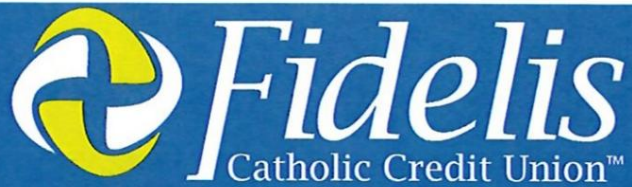


Name: _____
Address: _____
City/Zip: _____

Amount Sponsored: \$ _____

This sponsorship is a tax-deductible donation, and any amount is appreciated!

Thank you to everyone who helped plan, set up, and run the parish picnic. The food, games, and wonderful company made it a truly special day for our whole church family.



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