

# St. Mark Shoreline

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**September 10, 2023**

## Weekly schedule

**Sunday** - *Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30 am - Sunday Mass (*Pro populo*)

10:30 am - Sunday Mass (*Archbishop Etienne & all clergy*)

## Monday

9:30 am - Daily Mass (*Bill Eidsmoe, RIP*)

2:00 pm - Parish Prayer Team, church

6:30 pm - Family Rosary, church

7:00 pm - Boy Scouts troop meeting, cafeteria

## Tuesday

*No daily Mass* (Father's day off)

7:00 pm - Women's Group book study, hall

## Wednesday

9:30 am - Daily Mass (*Saint Catherine parish*)

5:00 pm - Confessions

## Thursday

9:30 am - Daily Mass (*Saint Matthew parish*)

6:30 pm - Welcome to St. Mark Parent Meeting, gym

## Friday

9:30 am - Daily Mass (*Saint Mark parish*)

2:00 pm - *parish office closed for the rest of the day*

## Saturday

7:30 am - Lion's Den meeting, hall

9:30 am - Daily Mass (*Special intention*)

3:00 pm - Confessions

5:00 pm - Vigil Mass (*St. Mark parish & school staff*)

6:00 pm - Bake Sale fundraiser, entrance to gym

## Mass times

**Mon, Wed-Sat:** 9:30 am

**Saturday:** 5:00 pm

**Sunday:** 8:30 am & 10:30 am

## Confession times

**Wednesdays:** 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

**Saturdays:** 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm

(appointments welcome - call Father)

**For emergencies involving danger of death please dial (206)-364-7900 x9**

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# PARISH EVENTS & NEWS



## September 3, weekly stewardship report (fiscal year July 2023 - June 2024) St. Mark parish

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Online	# In Person	# Online	Givers
<b>Income</b>							
Last Week	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Year to Date	N/A	N/A	N/A				



**St. Mark Catholic Classical School is looking for a Catholic sixth/seventh grade teacher for the 2023-2024 school year.**

At St. Mark Catholic Classical School, our educational approach is centered around enabling our students to pursue and achieve academic excellence through a classical model, while immersing them in an authentically Catholic environment in which they will be exposed to the goodness, the truth, and the beauty of God. Successful educators at our school will not only be those who can employ the classical approach well and encourage each child to achieve their full God-given potential, but who are themselves living witnesses of their Catholic faith who desire to hand down to our students the faith which they have received.

Interested candidates should learn more about our unique school by visiting [www.stmss.org](http://www.stmss.org)

Please complete an application with the Archdiocese of Seattle and send resume to Kathryn Palmquist-Keck, [principal@stmss.org](mailto:principal@stmss.org)

### SAVE THE DATE!

#### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for the Homebound

Please plan to attend the annual meeting. Current ministers and others interested in joining the team are invited.

**Wednesday, October 18 at 6:30 PM  
in Sullivan Hall.**

Questions? Call Linn Bartram: 206 715-2664

September 27 - November 5  
**40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

Our local **40 Days for Life Kick Off Rally** will be **Saturday, September 16, 6:30 - 8 pm** at Calvary Fellowship in Mountlake Terrace, 23302 56th Ave W. Look for the 40 Days for Life signs.

**The fall campaign is Sept. 27- Nov. 5.**

Please pray for

Joanne Weller

Mary Jo Sisley

# DIVINE MERCY

*In the Second Greatest Story Ever Told*

By Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC  
St. Augustine Institute

Thursday nights, September 21<sup>st</sup> through November 30th  
Sullivan Hall, 6:30 - 8:00 PM

## Format:

Ten (10) stand-alone sessions with a 30-minute video, then break and discuss highlights, application questions, and personal reflections. Workbook and book are not necessary. Create fellowship through discussion and community and see how this amazing and prophetic time in contemporary history unfolds before our eyes.

*Bring a snack and beverage to enjoy!*

## Facilitators:

Greg Insley

- St. Mark parishioner since 2010
- Sacristan / Lector since 2012
- Chair, Respect Life Committee, 2017-2020
- Grand Knight, 2020-2022
- *Bible and the Virgin Mary*, 2022-2023

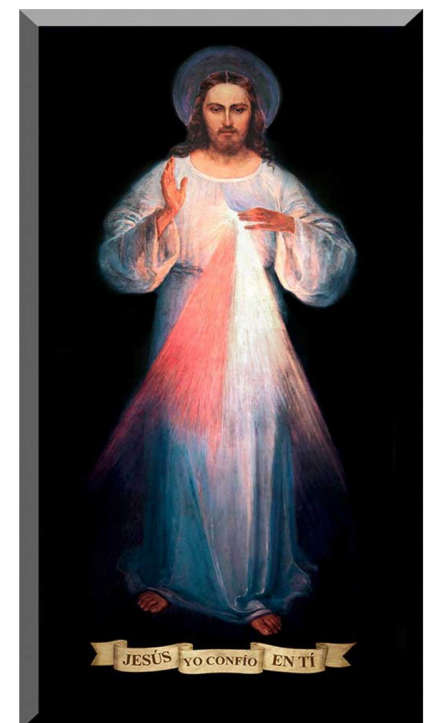
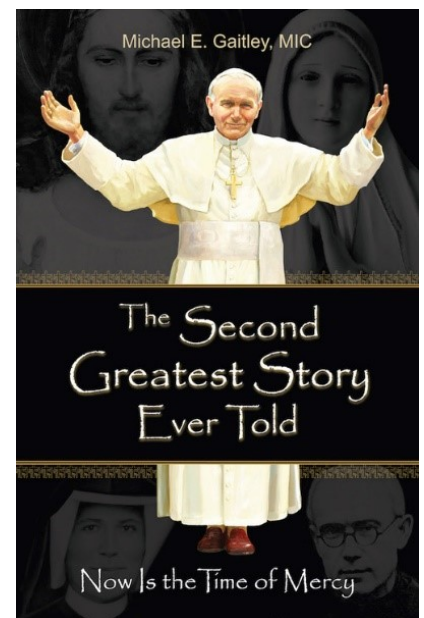
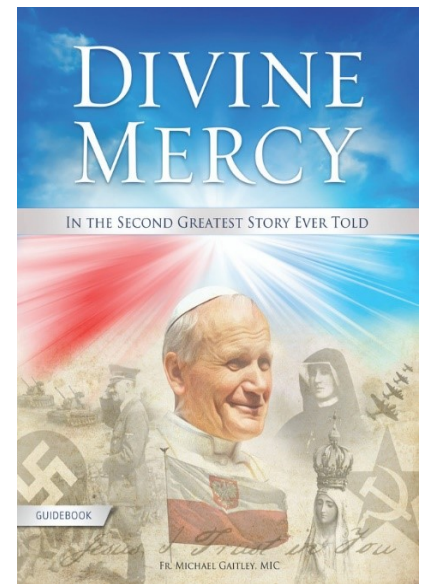
Paul Sundberg

- Parishioner since 2009
- Parish Council, since 2021
- Faith sharing facilitator since 2017
- Lion's Den fellowship member since 2019

Questions?

[cristero2012@gmail.com](mailto:cristero2012@gmail.com) or [pmsundberg@comcast.net](mailto:pmsundberg@comcast.net)

**FREE! EVERYONE WELCOME!**



# PARISH EVENTS & NEWS



**K of C Breakfast**  
Sponsored by Knights of  
Columbus Council 11217  
Sunday, September 17th,  
2023 after both Masses

Great food: Pancakes, French toast, scrambled eggs, sausage, roasted potatoes, biscuits and gravy, coffee, tea, orange juice, apple juice.

The Knights will also have information on the Knights of Columbus for Catholic men who are interested in becoming a Knight of Columbus.

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**Rachel's Corner** *Hope & Healing After Abortion*  
*"It is in the dark that God is passing by. The bridge and our lives shake not because God has abandoned, but the exact opposite: God is passing by. God is in the tremors... Though it is black, and we can't see, and our world seems to be free-falling and we feel utterly alone, Christ is most present to us..."* — Ann Voskamp

Has it seemed very dark since the day of the abortion? Perhaps no one knows just how dark it truly is for you. God knows. He was there that day, and He is here now. Join us on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat and allow Him to fill your life with light and warmth again as He touches your heart with His merciful love.  
Spanish Retreat – Fri., Oct. 27- Sun., Oct. 29 2023  
English Retreat – Fri., Mar. 8-Sun., Mar. 10, 2024

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**Bake Sale**  
**FUNDRAISER**  
to purchase outdoor school tables and benches  
**SEPTEMBER 16 & 17**

Bakers wanted!! For more information, contact  
Vicky at [STMSSEvents@gmail.com](mailto:STMSSEvents@gmail.com)  
[signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4AAFAE2DA3F4CE9-bake](https://signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4AAFAE2DA3F4CE9-bake)

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## SAVE THE DATE

The **Season of Creation**, a global ecumenical celebration from September 1 to October 4, is upon us. This is a time to pray and act for the Care of God's Creation – our Common Home. The theme for 2023 is *Let Justice and Peace Flow*.

**Please join the Friends of St. Francis for a special evening Mass here at Saint Mark on the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, October 4th at 6:30pm – followed by a reception in Sullivan Hall.**

Check our webpage for area happenings that highlight God's loving creations:  
[saintmarkshoreline.org/friends-of-saint-francis](https://saintmarkshoreline.org/friends-of-saint-francis).  
More info at [Seasonofcreation.org](https://Seasonofcreation.org).

# PARENTS

# NIGHT

**SEPT  
23  
SIGN UP TODAY!**

# OUT

**WHO:** ANYONE WITH SCHOOL KIDS  
**WHAT:** BABYSITTING/CHILDCARE  
**WHEN:** SEPTEMBER 23 (6PM-9PM)  
**WHERE:** SCHOOL GYM/CAFETERIA  
**COST:** \$25 FIRST CHILD | \$8 ADD'L CHILD  
INCLUDES PIZZA, DRINKS AND SNACKS  
**CONTACT:** STMSSEVENTS@GMAIL.COM

[signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4AAFAE2DA3F4CE9-parents](https://signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4AAFAE2DA3F4CE9-parents)



## A Big THANK YOU From St. Vincent de Paul Conference

Your St. Vincent de Paul conference wants to thank you for your financial support. Earlier in the summer we told you that we were forced to stop supporting our neighbors requests for rent and utility support due to lack of funds. In August we received significant support that will take care of our needs through September. For this we are truly appreciative. As a result we are able to help 70-80 people to stay in their homes or not have their utilities turned off.

We also want to recognize a business in Shoreline that helped a neighbor in need. A request for assistance was made from a woman living in her truck that was not able to start. The vehicle was able to get to Shoreline Family Auto where they fixed it by donating their labor and selling us the part at a discount. We are appreciative of their generosity and would recommend them to anyone needing a mechanic.

With your generous assistance, we were able to help a mother of 5 with beds and household goods. The demand for assistance remains high so your generous donations of money, food and cleaning supplies is critical. Thank you for all you do for our neighbors.



After last week's appeal for prayerful discernment on how (not if, but *how*) each parishioner might assist with the ordinary liturgical & catechetical needs of our parish, someone suggested creating a list of those basic ministries with descriptions of each. I hope that the list below offers a help in discerning your own participation in the life & work of the community.

- Father Maurer

## **Current ministry needs at Saint Mark parish**

### **Lectors**

Lectors serve at weekend and daily Masses to read the first & second readings (typically one Old Testament reading and one New Testament reading) and the prayers of the faithful.

*Training:* Typically .5 hours - *Time commitment:* typically once a month - *Have:* 12 - *Need:* 10-15

### **Ushers**

Ushers serve at weekend Masses and holy days, greeting & assisting parishioners before and after Mass, coordinating the offertory collection, and securing the collection monies after Mass.

*Training:* Typically ~1.5 hours, background check - *Time commitment:* typically once a month - *Have:* 10 - *Need:* 30-40

### **Sacristans**

Sacristans serve at weekend Masses, holy days, weddings, and funerals unlocking the church (~45 minutes before Mass), setting up Mass materials, checking basic church material needs (candles, holy water, etc), and locking up the church after Mass (~30 minutes afterwards)

*Training:* Typically ~2.5 hours, background check - *Time commitment:* typically once a month - *Have:* 4 - *Need:* 8-10

### **Choir members**

Members serve at weekend Masses, holy days, weddings, and funerals to lead in the sung prayer of the church - particularly antiphons, the responsorial psalm, hymns, and choral pieces.

*Training:* Weekly choir rehearsal - *Time commitment:* ~ 2.5 hours a week - *Have:* 15 - *Need:* 15-20

### **Confirmation teachers/leaders**

Teachers & leaders serve to share the faith with youth (typically 12-14 years old) in preparation for receiving the sacrament of Confirmation. Classes are held weekly on a mutually determined night

*Training:* Curriculum provided, **Safe Environment** - *Time commitment:* ~ 2.5 hours a week - *Have:* 1 - *Need:* 3-4

### **RCIA (adult convert) teachers/leaders**

Teachers & leaders serve to share the faith with adults in preparation for receiving the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation. Classes are held weekly on a mutually determined night

*Training:* Curriculum provided - *Time commitment:* ~ 2.5 hours a week *Have:* 1 *Need:* 3-4

### **First Holy Communion teachers/leaders**

Teachers & leaders serve to share the faith with 2nd grade children in preparation for receiving the sacrament First Holy Communion. Classes are held weekly on Thursday afternoon

*Training:* Curriculum provided, **Safe Environment** - *Time commitment:* ~ 2.5 hours a week - *Have:* 1 - *Need:* 3-4



# WHY DO CATHOLICS DO THAT?

- Father Jacob Maurer

Dear friends,

As you know, the archbishop's pastoral program *Partners in the Gospel* continues to unfold across the archdiocese. You may have watched [the archdiocesan Current Reality Report video](#), [read the recent update from the archbishop](#), or seen [his recent invitation for parishioners to take part in the local input sessions](#). Those are linked in this letter if you would like to revisit them.

This weekend is when I have been directed to share with you the current draft configuration of the parish family that will include Saint Mark. There are a total of 61 parish families across the archdiocese - we are part of parish family 13. **The current draft of parish family 13** includes three parishes: Saint Mark parish, Saint Matthew parish, and Saint Catherine parish. If approved by Archbishop Etienne in December, we would begin working with them as a parish family under a newly appointed pastor and parochial vicar effective July 1, 2024.

The coming together of three different parish communities and their schools as one parish is a major undertaking. There are a great number of elements to consider, concerns to be addressed, and plans to be made. Even this far into the *Partners in the Gospel* process, there are questions to which we do not yet have answers; we are still in the discernment phase of *how* this will unfold and not yet ready to answer the many *what* questions that this draft configuration elicits.

As we enter this phase of discernment and feedback, **I encourage you to root yourself in the Lord, in the community, and in your various support networks.** Now is the time to (re) commit to regular participation in the sacraments (especially Sunday Mass and confession), to pray daily, to be active in the fraternal life of the parish, and to offer support to & ask support from those who love you. And we must be sure to invite Jesus into the midst of this all.

We will be having **a parish townhall-style Q&A** gathering on Saturday, September 23, from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm in the school gymnasium. Our **formal parishioner input session** will be on Thursday, September 28, from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm in the school gymnasium. I encourage you to participate in both, but **especially the input session, as this is our opportunity to offer feedback** to the archbishop and the committees helping to advise him in his discernment.

Above all, let us turn to the Lord. The Body of Christ has endured uncertainty, persecution, and even great suffering from the very beginning. We can be sure not only of our share in the cross, but of Christ's loving presence and care for us throughout.

yours in Christ,

Father Maurer



## Frequently Asked Questions

With the launch of the public input phase of *Partners in the Gospel*, this bulletin feature will seek to address commonly asked questions & concerns. To submit your own question for consideration, use the form at our parish website: [www.saintmarkshoreline.org/partners](http://www.saintmarkshoreline.org/partners)



# PARTNERS IN THE GOSPEL

### What is the timeline for *Partners in the Gospel*?

The archdiocese has given key milestones for *Partners in the Gospel*:

January 2023:	Public launch
Fall 2023:	Invitation to provide input on parish families
Early 2024:	Final parish family structures announced
July 2024:	Parish families go into effect with one pastor
2024-2027:	Parish families journey together
2027:	Parish families become one canonical parish

### What will happen to Saint Mark parish?

Though the future of each parish is perhaps foremost on the minds of its parishioners, the only honest answer at this point is 'we don't know'. The purpose of *Partners in the Gospel* is to bring together the communities of the parishes in each parish family and, under the guidance of their pastor, to discern together the best path forward towards being one canonical parish.

### Who will lead our parish family starting in July 2024?

The choice of the pastor and parochial vicar of each parish family has not yet been made. Before he announces appointments in early/mid 2024, the archbishop will be consulting with the Priest Personnel Board (PPB) to discern which priests are placed at which parish families.

### What will happen with our parish staff?

Over the course of the three years of the parish family's discernment (2024-2027), there will inevitably be staff changes. How this will happen will depend on the needs & makeup of the new parish family. A team at the archdiocesan Human Resources department is exploring ways to help support people who may be displaced through this process.

### What will happen with our school?

During this same period of the parish family's discernment, the new parish family leadership will evaluate how to best approach the bringing together of multiple schools.

[For more information - including the archdiocesan Q&A documents - see our parish website](#)