



ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

WHERE FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE MEET

WEEKLY SCHOOL BULLETIN: April 8, 2020

Prayer for the 2019-20 School Year

Lord, help us to come together as a community to support one another, encourage one another and show each other kindness. Amen.

St. Mark Mantra

Every day we treat others as we would treat Jesus Christ, with all our heart, mind and soul.



Hallelujah! All glory, praise and honor to you most glorious Lord Jesus! You have risen from the grave, you have conquered sin and death, you have opened the gates to heaven! Hallelujah! All praise and honor to you most glorious Lord Jesus!

*Prayer & Saintly Quote
Week of April 13, 2020*



"DO NOT ABANDON YOURSELF TO DESPAIR.
WE ARE EASTER PEOPLE AND ALLELUIA IS OUR SONG."
-ST. JOHN PAUL II

FRIDAY MESSAGE FROM ADMINISTRATION



1. We are aware that Zoom security has been in the news. The Diocese, as well as our own tech folks, have provided new security settings to improve the situation.
2. What grading system(s) will be acceptable to TEA is still in discussion. Texas Catholic Conference of Bishops Education Department (TCCBED) is also discussing the same topic.
3. Bishop Burns continues to have daily conversations with Judge Clay Jenkins about community health and school closures. Though we all feel he will eventually close us for the remainder of the year, he is not going to rush a decision. We will let you know as soon as we hear anything.

Let's all sing the Our Father prayer together.



LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE HAVING ISSUES WITH DISTANCE LEARNING

The St. Mark Catholic School building is closed through at least May 1. Distance learning is in effect. Please continue to check the "Lesson Plans" tab in [FACTS Family Portal](#) for student assignments. The grades from these lessons are entered into the grade book



Parents: If you are having any issues accessing the distance learning lessons or any technical difficulties, please notify the teacher immediately. We do not want students receiving "zeros" because teachers are unaware of these issues. Thank you for your continued feedback and support.

In addition, we are required by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) to take attendance during distance learning. As long as your child is turning in his/her assignments by the posted due dates, he/she will be counted present for each school day that week. Should your child become ill and/or unable to meet assignment due dates, please contact your child's teacher, and include the school nurse if ill (caroline.townsend@stmcs.net).

REMINDERS

Today, Wednesday, April 8:

-School Building Closed; Distance Learning in Effect (details above)

Thursday, April 9:

-NO SCHOOL: Holy Thursday (unused bad weather day)

Friday, April 10:

-NO SCHOOL: Good Friday



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Sunday, April 12:
-Easter Sunday

Monday, April 13:
-NO SCHOOL: Easter Monday (unused bad weather day)

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL LETTER



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Last week, the School Advisory Council sent a letter to the St. Mark community about the ongoing success of the

distance learning program. They also appealed to anyone who can help school families meet their tuition payments this semester, to donate to the St. Mark [Financial Assistance Fund](#). If you missed it, [please click here](#) to read the letter in its entirety.

Please allow us to express our sincere gratitude to the families who have generously contributed to this fund.

EXTENDED EASTER BREAK



We have not used our bad weather days, therefore **Thursday, April 9 and Monday, April 13 will be school holidays**. Enjoy your long Easter Break!

HOLY WEEK ONLINE MASSES & NEW GUIDELINES

Attend daily and Holy Week masses online at St. Mark Catholic Church by visiting the parish [YouTube channel](#) or the [parish Facebook page](#). Holy Week times are shown below.

Named **1** of the top 3 Catholic schools in the nation for technology integration

WATCH D.O.G.S.



Calling all "Dads of Great Students!" [Click here to learn more](#) about our Watch D.O.G.S. volunteer program for Dads, grandpas, uncles, etc., and to reserve your spot during the month of May. Sign-ups are due April 15. Half days and full days are available. Please remember, you must be [Safe Environment](#) trained to serve.

HIGH SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES



[Bishop Lynch Summer Camps](#)



[Jesuit Dallas Summer Camps](#)



HOLY WEEK SERVICES LIVE STREAM SCHEDULE



DAILY MASS
HOLY MONDAY-HOLY WEDNESDAY ENGLISH 12:00 PM
HOLY WEDNESDAY ONLY 12:30 PM SPANISH

HOLY THURSDAY
BILINGUAL LORD'S SUPPER 7:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY
STATIONS OF THE CROSS
12:00 PM ENGLISH 1:00 PM SPANISH
VENERATION OF THE CROSS
ENGLISH 3:00 PM SPANISH 7:00 PM
TENEbrae PRAYER SERVICE 9:00 PM

EASTER VIGIL
BILINGUAL 8:00 PM

EASTER SUNDAY
ENGLISH MASS 9:00 AM,
SPANISH MASS 11:00 AM

[John Paul II Summer Camps](#)



[Ursuline Dallas
Summer Camps](#)

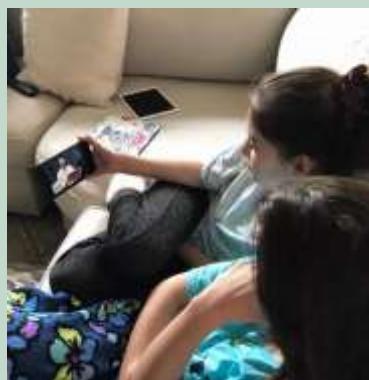
SEEN & HEARD AROUND ST. MARK

A few scenes from recent weeks.
To learn the stories behind these
photos, visit our [Facebook](#),
[Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) pages!

Virtual Spirit Day:



Praying with Pope Francis:



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE BUSINESS OFFICE

Financial Aid: The Diocese of Dallas has extended the deadline for this round of financial aid until April 8. We will continue to accept and review applications after that date as well. Please visit the [school website](#) for complete information.

Please note that, effective immediately, the school will cover the \$35 financial aid application fee for the next few months.

Required documents:

-2018 tax return & 2019 W2
-OR 2019 tax return

If you think you may have a need for financial aid next year, we strongly encourage you to apply for it now.

FACTS Tuition Payments: We need all families to read their emails from FACTS about upcoming transactions and to email [Annette Vela](#) if adjustments are needed. Please pay special attention to payment dates, and remember that there is a cut-off period of 2 business days.

If you have any questions, please contact [Annette Vela](#).

CANCELED/POSTPONED EVENTS & COVID 19 UPDATES



As of this date, all school-related activities and events through May 1 have been canceled or postponed. Please continue to check the school's [COVID 19 web page](#). It is updated regularly with cancellations and postponements, as well as pertinent communications and useful resources.

8TH GRADE HIGH SCHOOL ACCEPTANCES & SCHOLARSHIPS

Attention 8th grade parents: As your students are hearing from high schools regarding admission and scholarships, St. Mark will be updating student application records and tracking scholarships received by the Class of 2020.

Please send an email to debbie.reed@stmcs.net by April 12 and include the following information:

*High school(s) where your child has been accepted (if more than one, please list them all)

*High school your child has chosen to attend

Family Field Trip:



STEM:



Library Time:



Reading:

*Scholarship(s) your child has been offered at each high school and the amount(s), if applicable. Please do not include any financial aid packages offered.

*If attending a public high school, please advise St. Mark of any special programs your child has qualified for (i.e. Honors, Health/Sciences Academy, IB program, etc.).

We appreciate your efforts in helping us collect this information.

REFERRAL REWARDS

Do you know someone interested in a St. Mark education for their Preschool-8th grade child?

Invite them to [pre-register](#) for a school tour. We'll reach out now to answer any questions, and put interested families on a contact list for tours once the school reopens. If they attend, you'll receive a \$10 gift certificate to the Lion's Den Spirit Store, and if they enroll, you could receive a [\\$500 tuition credit!](#)



ST. MARK SUMMER PROGRAM



Join Kidventure for Summer Camp! *

We continue to pray for an end to the coronavirus. Should we be blessed enough to return to our normal routines in the coming months, we

anticipate that parents may need an extra hand as they begin the rebuilding process. We hope that offering the Kidventure program can go a long way towards helping ease the burden on parents over the summer.

Kidventure continues to actively monitor the coronavirus situation in conjunction with local and federal health authorities. As always, the safety of campers, staff, and families remains the top priority. Kidventure will act out of an abundance of caution to protect everyone's health and well being. A web page has been set up with updates, key messages, frequently asked questions, and other important resources: <https://kidventure.com/coronavirus-health->



Chores:



Art Class:



PK3 Lesson:

alerts. Should you have specific questions about COVID-19 and Kidventure, please contact them directly.

*Registration is now available for Summer 2020.

*Families may pick and choose camp weeks.

*Hours are Monday - Friday, 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM.

*Pre & post camp options are available (7:00AM - 6:00PM).

KIDVENTURE: Camp St. Mark (St. Mark Campus)

Ages 3 years–rising 5th grade, June 1-July 31, 2020, \$240 per week

LEADS TEEN SUMMER CAMP: Camp Frisco (Frisco Athletic Center)

Rising 6th-9th grade, June 1-August 7, 2020, \$275 per week

For more, check out the **Kidventure digital brochure**, visit www.kidventure.com/dallas-summer-camp, or call (214) 303-9789.

HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Helping Hands Committee



If you know any St. Mark families in need of help due to a birth, sickness, death, or any life event, please contact the [Helping Hands Committee](#).

SHARE YOUR PHOTOS WITH US



We'd love to hear about the fun and unique activities your families are engaged in during this time. Did your child create an amazing piece of artwork or engage in an interesting STEM project? Did your family make a meal together, or find something unusual on a nature walk? Send

your photos to [Debbie Reed](#) and we'll post them. It'll be a fun way to keep in touch and to share activity ideas with the community! Check them out below and on our [Facebook page](#).



PK3 Outdoor Fun:



PK4 Zoom:



Gardening:



* This activity is organized and operated by a third party and is not sponsored by, endorsed by, or affiliated with St. Mark Catholic School or Church in any way. Participation in the activity is completely voluntary, and information regarding the activity is provided only as a convenience to parents. Parents should conduct their own research regarding any activity before allowing students to participate. Neither St. Mark Catholic School or Church receive any consideration or compensation as a result of student or parent participation in this activity.

QUICK LINKS

[Calendar](#)
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[Lion's Den Spirit Store](#)
[Work of Heart Nomination](#)

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