

# SAINT MARK'S CATHEDRAL

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# MONTHLY CONNECTOR

## Happy New Year, St. Mark's!

**Gina Christ, Senior Warden**

I hope this message finds you well as we begin a new year full of hope and opportunity. I am delighted to invite you to our Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 25, 2026. We will gather for one combined worship service at 10:00 AM, with the Annual Meeting immediately following in the nave. This meeting is a chance to celebrate all that God has done among us in 2025 and to look forward to the year ahead. We will update the community on the work of the Vestry, the budget, and how the transition to our next Dean is coming along.

### **A Vital Invitation: Join the Vestry in 2026**

A major part of the Annual Meeting will be our elections.

Last year we had a slate ballot with no open Vestry positions — this year is very different. We will be electing a new Executive Team, and several Vestry seats are open. These leadership roles are essential to the life and mission of St. Mark's, and your gifts, insights, and participation are needed! If you feel called to serve on the Vestry — or simply want to learn more about what that involves — please complete an Expression of Interest form: <https://ourcathedral.org/vestry-interest-form/>  
Paper forms are also available at the information desk.

Not ready for Vestry?

You can also serve by joining one of our important committees: Finance, Property, Stewardship, or Governance. This is a great way to engage in meaningful work that strengthens our community, get to know new people, and give the gift of your talent.

### **Looking Back & Looking Forward**

Over the past two years, we have accomplished so much together, even as material resources tightened. Through it all, enthusiasm, faithfulness, and dedication have grown. I am deeply grateful to have walked alongside such committed leaders; our clergy, staff, Search Committee, Vestry, and you, the people of St. Mark's.

I am also especially thankful for the steady guidance and support from ECMN during our time of transition.

It will be difficult to fully express the depth of my admiration and gratitude at the Annual Meeting, but I will certainly try!

See You in January!

I look forward to worshipping with you at 10:00 AM, gathering for the Annual Meeting, and celebrating all that God has done in 2025 — and all that lies before us in 2026. Your presence and participation truly make a difference.

# UPCOMING HIGHLIGHTS

These are in addition to our Sunday Worship services at 8:00am, 10:30am and 5:00pm and Wednesday at 12:15pm

**Jan 1 – 31,** A Festival of Banners: A Celebration of Liturgical Textile Art; Art Gallery

**Jan 4, Sunday** - Joining the Church series, 9:15 am, Library

**Jan 6, Tuesday** – A celebration of the Feast of the Epiphany, 7:30 pm, Nave

**Jan 11, Sunday** – Forum, 9:30 am, Banquet room

**Jan 11, Sunday** – Newcomer's Gathering, 11:45 pm, Heritage Room

**Jan 11, Sunday** – Wells Foundation hosts Caritas Vocal Ensemble, 2:00 pm

**Jan 11, Sunday** – Second Sunday Supper, 4 pm for volunteers, 5 pm for meal, at Plymouth Congregational Church

**Jan 14, Wednesday** – Voices of Reconciliation, 7 pm, with guest former Minneapolis Police Chief Medaria Arradondo

**Jan 18, Sunday** – Forum in preparation for Annual Meeting, 9:30 am, Banquet room

**Jan 18, Sunday** – Music Series offering – Lady Slipper Ensemble, 2:30 pm

**Jan 19, Monday** – Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, Cathedral closed

**Jan 22, Thursday** – Sound Journey, 6:00 pm, Whipple Chapel

**Jan 24, Saturday** – Threshold Ministry team, 10:30 am, Nave

**Jan 25, Sunday** – Annual Meeting Sunday: 10:00 am worship, 11:15 am meeting, followed by lunch in support of Second Sunday Supper

**Jan 27, Tuesday** – Fresh Start at Great River Landing, 12:00 pm

## Gathering Groups

As a way to connect and to grow as disciples of Jesus, Saint Mark's has a variety of groups based on interest, affinity, or time.

**Women's group:** Second Thursday of the month, 6:00 pm, in the Library.

**Men's Ministry:** Fourth Saturday of the month, 9:00 am, in the Library.

**Knitting Ministry,** First and third Tuesday of the month from 10:30am in the library

**Gospel-Based Discipleship,** Fridays, 12:15pm, online via Zoom

# JANUARY 25, 2026

## SAINT MARK'S CATHEDRAL ANNUAL MEETING

10AM WORSHIP | 11:15AM MEETING  
LUNCH TO FOLLOW  
TO SUPPORT SUNDAY NIGHT SUPPER

THERE WILL BE A **SINGLE SERVICE**  
ONLY WITH THE MEETING FOLLOWING  
IMMEDIATELY AFTER IN THE NAVE.



## Epiphany Service

### Tuesday, January 6th

### 7:30pm



Public Profile

#### **Saturday**

5:30 p.m. Santa Misa en Español (Worship Service in Spanish)

#### **Sunday**

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I (Traditional Language)

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II (Contemporary Language)

5:00 p.m. Choral Evensong (September through May)

#### **Wednesday**

12:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist

#### **Thursday**

9 a.m. Contemplative Prayer

**WORSHIP  
SCHEDULE**

# On a Sunday at Saint Mark's

## Connect with Us

If you are new, please fill out our Connect cards that are in the pews. Or scan this QR Code to fill it out electronically. The email you provide will add you to the e-news list to help you connect in this community.



## Every Sunday

**Nursery.** Available from 10 am – 12 pm, the nursery is located next to the library on the second floor of the building. This space is best suited for children between 6 months and 6 years.

**Family Space.** In the front of the Nave, near the Lectern which is on the left side as you face the altar, is a soft and accessible area for families with children. There are soft toys available, and it is a great place for children to be able to observe the actions of the service.

**Docent Tours.** Every Sunday, there is a docent-led tour of the Nave after the 10:30 service. To learn about the history and art of this cathedral, meet the leader under the Pulpit, which is where the Homily/sermon is offered.

**Fellowship.** Every Sunday, after both morning services, coffee and treats are offered in the Community Room, on the first floor. Lively conversation is always included with fellowship.

**Restrooms.** In the Art Gallery hallway is an accessible space available for everyone. Additional restrooms are in the library hallway, as well as down the stairs in the Parlor area.

**Hearing Assist.** Our sound system is compatible with T-coil hearing aids. Hearing assist devices are at each door; ask an usher for assistance. Users of hearing aids need only touch the "telephone" setting on their hearing aid to clearly hear the spoken word.

**Ways to Give.** As an expression of gratitude for God's generosity, please consider a financial gift today and place it in the offering plate. We are greatly appreciative of your generosity.

Sunday: 7:30 am - 6:00 pm  
Monday: By appointment  
Tuesday: By appointment  
Wednesday: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Thursday: By appointment  
Friday: Closed  
Saturday: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

BUILDING  
SCHEDULE