

SAINT MARK'S CATHEDRAL

MONTHLY CONNECTOR

A Message from the Provost

The Reverend Timothy Kingsley

Dear Cathedral Community,

Grace and peace to you in this holy season of Lent.

As we enter the month of March, our Lenten journey deepens. These forty days invite us to step back from our hurried routines and listen more attentively for the quiet movement of God in our lives. Lent is not meant to burden us but to free us—free us from the noise, the clutter, and the habits that keep us from fully receiving God's love.

This year, I invite each of us to embrace three simple practices: **pause, reflect, and return.**

Pause—Make room in your days for stillness. Even a moment of silence can open a doorway for grace.

Reflect—Consider where God is calling you into healing, reconciliation, or renewed purpose.

Return—Return to God, to one another, and to the grounding truths of our faith.

This Lent, our Cathedral walks together in a particularly meaningful season of discernment as we seek the next Dean who will guide, shepherd, and serve this sacred community. The Search Committee has been entrusted with important and prayerful work, and a candidate is now listening deeply for God's call. Let us surround them all with prayer as we continue our own Lenten reflection.

*Holy and gracious God,
Source of all wisdom, guidance, and peace,*

*We lift before you this Cathedral community
and all entrusted with discerning the next Dean.
Bless the Search Committee with clarity, patience,
and deep attentiveness to your Spirit's leading.
Strengthen them with humility, courage,
and the grace to listen well.*

*We pray especially for the candidate discerning your call.
Surround them with calm and confidence
as they listen for the truth of their vocation.
Assure them of your presence
in every moment of uncertainty and hope.*

*By your Holy Spirit, weave together
the needs of this Cathedral
and the gifts of the one you are calling.
May your Church be strengthened,
your mission deepened,
and your people guided with compassion,
imagination, and faith.*

In Christ's holy name we pray.

Amen.

As a Cathedral community, we are blessed to walk this path together. Through our worship, learning, acts of compassion, and our shared prayers, we bear witness to the transforming love of Christ. My prayer is that this season will draw us closer to God and one another, strengthening the bonds of faith and fellowship that sustain us.

May this Lent be a time of renewal for our souls, clarity for our spirits, and courage for our journey.

In Christ's peace and blessing,

Tim+



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**

UPCOMING HIGHLIGHTS

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

March 1 - 31, Christ Faust, Photography, "Work Makes You Free", Art Gallery

March 3, Tuesday – Knitting Group, 10:30 am, Library; 1st & 3rd Tuesday

March 6, Friday – Gospel-based Discipleship, 12:15 – 12:45, every Friday, via zoom

March 7, Saturday – Music Series presents: Lake Wobegon Brass Band, 7:30 pm, Nave

March 8, Sunday – Newcomers Gathering, 11:45 am, Heritage Room

March 8, Sunday - Second Sunday Supper, 4:15 pm for volunteers, 5 pm for meal, at Plymouth Congregational Church

March 12, Thursday – Women's Ministry, 6 – 7:30, Library. Bring a simple food to share.

March 14, Saturday – Cathedral Choir fundraiser *to be rescheduled*

March 15, Sunday – SAAGES Lunch, 12:00 pm, Banquet Room

March 22, Sunday – Forum: Vestry-led, 9:30 am, Banquet Room

March 23, Monday – Mixed Blood Theater presents "Racial Equity", 6:00 pm Community Room; register at <https://mixedblood.com/equitable-dinners/>

March 24, Tuesday – Fresh Start at Great River Landing, 12:00 pm

March 25, Wednesday - Voices of Reconciliation, 7:00 pm; hear life-stories from the Rev. Dr. Dwayne Davis with Dr. Andy Stewart as facilitator

March 26, Thursday – Sound Journey, 6:00 pm, Nave

March 28, Saturday – Men's Ministry, 9:00 am, Library

March 29 – Palm Sunday and first day of Holy Week

March 29, Sunday – Forum: "A Journey through Holy Week", Dr. Andy Stewart, 9:30 am, Banquet Room

April 2, Thursday – Maundy Thursday meal beginning at 6 pm; Community Room; register at <https://bit.ly/4qYwVV8>

April 2, Thursday – Maundy Thursday worship, 7:30 pm, Nave

A Message from the Senior Warden

Mike Shepherd

Fellow Saint Markans,

Happy March! There's still an undeniable chill in the late winter air, but spring isn't far around the corner. As we look ahead to warmer days, it's great to see needed repairs underway to the Cathedral's roof. While it means some short-term inconvenience with limited parking and access to some entrances, we should be back to normal when the warmer months arrive. In the meantime, thanks for your patience while our roofers work to complete this important project.

Vestry Update

I also want to share that your newly elected Vestry is already working together, identifying priorities for the next several months. We're hitting the ground running in the areas of governance, property, finance and more. Next, we'll be assigning leadership roles among Vestry members for the oversight of Saint Mark's Gather, Transform and Send commissions. This is particularly important spiritual, mission-focused work, and we're excited to partner with newly-appointed lay leaders (Kimberley Johnson & Emmanuel Wilson [Gather], Joan Olson [Transform] and Michaela Johnson [Send]) to strengthen and expand the work of each of these commissions over the next several months.

Later this month, the Vestry will sponsor a forum between services, to talk about our focus as we look ahead and to answer questions you may have. I hope you'll join us between services on Sunday morning, March 22nd, for the discussion.

I'd Love to Hear from You!

Your Vestry is here to serve you and we value your input. If you'd like to get in touch, to offer a suggestion, ask a question, or just say hello), please email me at seniorwarden@ourcathedral.org. I'd love to connect with you.

Thanks again for putting your trust in me and the all of our 2026 Vestry members. We're looking forward to our work this year and to keeping you up to date on our progress as the next few months unfold.

Faithfully,

Mike

A Message from the Dean Search Committee

We are so pleased to report that the hard work in creating and posting the webpage as well as networking to reach out to qualified candidates resulted in an unexpectedly large group of very qualified candidates for our new Dean position. The Bishop's office reviewed these candidates and narrowed the search to six highly capable prospects. Your Search Committee begins the two-week process of interviewing these six, and the process moving forward may include a second-round of remote interviews before in-person visits and interviews. On Sunday, February 22, the Search Committee presented an update at the Forum, **which will be available on the Dean Search page, here:** <https://ourcathedral.org/dean-search/>

If you have not done so, **please** visit the profile page which the Search Committee created at <https://saintmarksmplsdeansearch.org/>. In this page you should see the results of congregational surveys reflected in our Call as well as informative information about the Cathedral.

Generally, the Search Committee will complete its review until a single candidate is selected which will be submitted for approval to the Vestry and a call from the Wardens. Thank you for your continuing support!

In the Art Gallery

Chris Faust PHOTOGRAPHY

February 15 – March 31



WORK MAKES YOU FREE - is a collection of photographs taken at the Auschwitz concentration camps while touring the Eastern Bloc (roughly 1945-1990) countries in 1994. This collection is on display in the Art Gallery, through March.

ABOUT THE ARTIST

My photographs represent a collection of landscapes made over the last eleven years. Part of this work has always dealt with a fascination I have for what has been called cultural landscape. The way that people use private and public landscapes reflects differences in local cultures and marks history.

Landscapes are constantly changing which has given an urgency to my need to document this change and record the decisive moment. Common subjects that anyone can see on any given day revealed in an uncommon way will remain my aspiration.

Christopher Faust, St. Paul MN, chrisfaust@studio210.com

Send Ministry and Outreach with our Neighbors

The Reverend Clara Sanders

"I am often struck by the dangerous narcissism fostered by spiritual rhetoric that pays so much attention to individual self-improvement and so little to the practice of love within the context of community." – bell hooks

This quote from bell hooks makes me think of an infinity symbol, with individual and corporate spirituality and wellbeing continually interconnected and feeding each other. The same symbiosis is reflected in grounding in prayer and worship and our actions in the community beyond the liturgy. Lent gives us an opportunity to strengthen our practice of devotion to God and to God's work in the world.

In our work as part of the Send ministries at Saint Mark's, lay minister Michaela Johnson and I are energized about strengthening the part of the infinity loop that emerges from our prayer and worship into the broader community.

To stay up-to-date with the latest Faith in Action opportunities, make sure you sign up for the monthly Faith in Action e-newsletter. You will also find information on our website using this link: [faith in action](#)

With the intensity and mode of ICE activity shifting, donations to aid groups have dropped off quickly, despite an increasing need as another month of rent comes due. Casa Maria, the food shelf out of Saint Nicholas Episcopal Church in Richfield, still needs both donations and drivers to maintain its vital food distribution work.

You can drop off regular-sized masa flour, laundry detergent, and Aldi or Cub gift cards in \$25 increments at the Welcome Center at Saint Mark's, and we will get them to Casa Maria! You can sign up to volunteer at this link: [act](#)

This Lent is a season of major transition both here at Saint Mark's and in our broader community. Let's ground ourselves in both the practices of prayer and of community care as we live into the transformation promised by the Resurrection.



CASA MARIA
COMIDA & ROPA CLOTHES & FOOD

Open Donation

WE NEED MORE DONATIONS!

While donations have slowed down, the need has only grown. Help us continue showing up for 300+ families every week by making a donation.

Donation Schedule :

- TUESDAYS**
10:00AM - 3:00PM
- FRIDAY**
10:00AM - 8:00PM
- SATURDAY**
10:00AM - 4:00PM

Drop off Information
7227 Penn Ave S, Richfield,
MN 55423

Contact Us
763-285-3063 / CASAMARIA@SAINT-NICKS>ORG

VOICES OF RECONCILIATION SPEAKER SERIES

Join us for our next Voices of Reconciliation conversation on Wednesday March 25th, at 7:00 pm, with the Rev. Dr. DeWayne Davis.

Rev. Davis has spent much of his career building consensus around national issues like healthcare, housing, and transportation infrastructure and as well as working to move our communities into meaningful action around homelessness, poverty, and injustice.

Come and hear him share his experiences in the political as well as the religious arenas, from growing up in Mississippi to many years working in Washington, D.C, to more recent time in Minneapolis.



**MARCH 25, 2026
7PM**

**FEATURING
REV. DR. DEWAYNE DAVIS**

SAAGES – Spiritually Active Adults, Growing, Exploring, Serving Sunday, March 15, 12 noon

SAAGES will meet for lunch in the Banquet Room following the 10:30 service on Sunday, March 15. Join us to learn about the work of Dr. Andrew (Andy) Stewart, Theologian in Residence at Saint Mark's, to help communities around the world preserve their manuscript heritage. As executive director of Hill Museum & Manuscript Library (HMML) since 2003, Andy and his team have partnered with libraries and organizations across Europe, the Middle East, Africa, and South Asia, to digitize their precious handwritten heritage. His presentation will help us understand the imperative of preserving the voices of our ancestors before they are lost for all time.

Lunch will be a "planned" shared meal. Sloppy Joes will be provided. If your last name begins with A-H please bring a dessert, I-R please bring a salad, and S-Z please bring chips. If you have questions, or would like to help, please contact Lois at jlsatterberg@gmail.com.

Saint Mark's Men's Ministry

Do you know what you'll be doing at 9 a.m. on Saturday, March 28 from 9 to 10 a.m.? If not, mark your calendar to join the St. Mark's Men's Ministry in the Library for our monthly meeting. The highlights of each meeting are:

- The Conversations
- Sharing the snacks that participants often bring
- Getting to know some other men at St. Mark's
- A simple closing Eucharist

Please join us — we think you'll be glad you did.

Pastoral Care: Eucharistic Visitor

Joan Olson, Lay Minister in Transform, with focus on Pastoral Care and Formation

Before I retired, I worked as a hospice and hospital chaplain. I'd grown up in the Episcopal church but joined the Catholic church when I got married. So essentially, all of my adult life was spent within the Catholic fold. As a Catholic chaplain, I would often bring the Eucharist to my Catholic patients in what was a pretty informal way. We would say the 'Our Father' together and I would give them the host. That was it – short and sweet. But after I left the Catholic church and joined St. Mark's, Helen Hansen asked me to be a Eucharistic Visitor. I agreed and was trained in how to set up the elements, say the prayers and distribute the sacrament in both forms – bread and wine. My first experience as a lay Eucharistic Visitor was memorable. I volunteered to visit Art and Lois Becker, who lived close by. Unbeknownst to me, Art was a retired Episcopal priest. When he told me that during my first visit, I was surprised and suddenly very self-conscious as I laid out the elements. I admitted that this was my first time doing this and of course, he and Lois were both very gracious. I got through it without any embarrassing missteps, thank goodness, and we went on to have a lovely relationship for quite a few years. After Art died, I continued to visit Lois regularly and we became great friends until her death. I still miss her lovely smile but I am grateful for the time I had with both her and Art.

Serving as a Eucharistic Visitor has brought a number of people into my life that I wouldn't have known otherwise. I've been able to support both Lois and another parishioner through the deaths of their spouses, and the relationships we developed are deep and intimate. But there are also other ways that pastoral care serves our community. We also welcome people to our card ministry, our knitting ministry and to provide 1:1 prayer at the prayer station. If you are interested in learning more about how pastoral care might be a way you could serve our community, please contact Helen Hansen at helenh@ourcathedral.org or me at joano@ourcathedral.org.



Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 2, 2026

6p.m. Fellowship & Shared Meal | \$20 - register online

7:30 p.m. Liturgy with Foot Washing



©2026 Maundy Thursday



Join Us

Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter

March 29-April 5

Worship Schedule

Sunday, March 29, 8:00 am Spoken Eucharist, 10:30 am Choral Eucharist, 5:00 pm Choral Evensong

Wednesday, April 1, 12:15 pm Spoken Eucharist | In-person

Wednesday, April 1, 7:30 pm, Tennebrae | In-person

Thursday, April 2, 7:30 pm, Maundy Thursday Liturgy including Foot Washing | In-person and live stream (register for the 6pm meal at [register at https://bit.ly/4qYwVV8](https://bit.ly/4qYwVV8))

Friday, April 3, 12:00 pm, Liturgy for Good Friday | in-person

Friday, April 3, 7:30 pm, Music for Good Friday: The Crucifixion – John Stainer | in person and live stream

Saturday, April 4, 8:30 pm, Easter Vigil | In-person and live stream

Sunday, April 5, 8:00 am Rite I, 10:30 am Choral Eucharist, 5:00 pm Choral Evensong

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

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

From the Saint Mark's Community Library

As we make our way through Lent, we turn to the theme of the Lenten book display in the Parlor. We walk with Jesus through his ministry and final weeks and also walk with our immigrant and refugee neighbors, whose voices have much to teach us.

A few recommended readings are:

After the Last Border: Two Families and the Story of Refuge in America, by Jessica Gudeau
An intimate look at the lives of two women—Mu Naw, a Christian from Myanmar, and Hasna, a Muslim from Syria—as they struggle to adapt to new lives as refugees in Austin, Texas. This is a dramatic story set in the larger context of the history of refugee resettlement in America.

Solito: A Memoir, by Javier Zamora

Little and alone. A young poet recalls his journey traveling alone for 3,000 miles from El Salvador to 'La USA', where he reunited with his family as an undocumented youth. A harrowing, beautiful, important work.

We Are Not From Here, by Jenny Torres Sanchez

A fierce and tender story of three teens, Pulga, Chico, and Pequena, who were forced to run from their homes in Guatemala, through Mexico, to the U.S. border. They had only each other on their long journey. A poignant account of hope and survival. A young adult classic in the making.

We have another new project. We know St. Mark's has many published authors, and we are developing a special book collection to honor their work and to help us know each other better. If you would like your books included, please let us know who you are and what you've written. If you are able to share a copy or copies it would greatly help our limited budget. Send your information to longfellowsandy@gmail.com or jllong55343@yahoo.com. And watch for news about this special collection!

*You may have noticed that we have added 'community' to our name. This reflects our mission to serve all St. Markans, members, newcomers, and visitors alike. Stop by and spend time in our beautiful space and check out a book (and please remember to return it!)

More about 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**

The Most Reverend Sean Rowe Presiding Bishop and Primate of The Episcopal Church
The Right Reverend Craig Loya Bishop of the Episcopal Church in Minnesota

Cathedral Ministry Team

The Reverend Tim Kingsley Priest - Cathedral Provost
The Reverend Neptali Rodriguez Priest - Part-time Associate for Misionero Hispano
Raymond Johnston Canon Musician
Mary Lusk Canon Community Developer
Tina Kraby Campus Services & Welcome Center Supervisor
The Reverend Terry M. Erickson Deacon

Non Stipendiary Ministry Team Members

Dr. Helen E. Hansen Pastoral Care Minister - Shared Ministry
The Reverend Lowell B. Johnson Shared Ministry, Spiritual Director
The Reverend Mary Beth Farrell Priest - Shared Ministry Team, Vestry Chaplain
The Reverend Bryan Bliss Priest - Shared Ministry Team
The Reverend Kent Rahm Priest - Staff Chaplain
The Reverend Morris Goodwin Jr. Part-time Deacon
The Reverend Clara Sanders – Priest/Curate
Dr. Reverend Jay Phelan – Theologian in Residence
Dr. Andrew Stewart – Theologian in Residence
Caitlin Childe-Archuleta – Children’s Worship Coordinator
Brian Myers – Middle School Children’s Coordinator

Saint Mark's Executive Team

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Saint Mark's Vestry

Brandon Lorge – At Large
Jacob Buchen – At Large
Joe Ward – At Large
Paul Anton – At Large
Vivien Smith – At Large

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