



# Saint Mark Catholic School

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## Prospective Family Packet





## Letter from the Principal

Prospective Parents,

We appreciate your interest in St. Mark Catholic School. With the many choices that you have in education for your children, we are happy to be a part of your consideration process. As you go through the process I encourage you to visit several schools and ask strong questions that relate to your children and their Christ-centered education.



We are proud of the fact that we are a small school that has been serving the Southside of Indianapolis for 74 years. Our strengths include a diverse population with over 66% student minority population, a low teacher to student ratio (15:1), teaching staff that partners with parents, our full-time special needs program, 4 ESL teachers, the teaching of Catholic principles with prayer, religion classes, attending Mass and service projects. As we continue to function in an ever-changing society, we keep our focus on the teachings of Jesus Christ and help to develop students that are prepared academically, spiritually and socially for today's world.

Along with our spiritual and academic strengths, we are proud of the many service-oriented activities that our school conducts. Our students volunteer at the Cathedral Soup Kitchen, collect items for Holy Family Shelter, have a canned food drive for Hunger Inc, conduct a giving tree to purchase gifts for needy families at Christmas time, write letters to veterans and soldiers at war, sing for senior citizens and many other activities that build character and help others.

Our school functions with strong academics in a Christ-centered environment. Our school has one to one Chromebooks in grades K-8. We are using several web-based programs such as ALEKS, IXL and First in Math for our students to gain additional academic enrichment. Our students learn the Google format from 1st grade. We will begin construction of two new Pre-kindergarten classrooms, a new Gymnasium, and a new school cafeteria!

One of the most important decisions that you make in your child's development is the choice of school. We are a perfect fit for families that are looking for a school that centers on Jesus Christ, teaches life lessons, and provides opportunities for students of all backgrounds to excel. We thank you for considering St. Mark Catholic School as a part of your family's future. Come grow in faith!

Thanks and God Bless,

Rusty Albertson  
Principal  
St. Mark Catholic School



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## 2022-2023 Calendar

Wednesday	August 3	First Day of School
Friday	September 2	1:00pm Dismissal - Teacher Professional Development
Monday	September 5	No School – Labor Day
Friday	October 7	1:00pm Dismissal- Parent/Teacher Conferences
Monday-Friday	October 10-14	No School - Fall Break
Wednesday	November 24	1:00pm Dismissal - Teacher Professional Development
Thursday & Friday	November 24-25	No School - Thanksgiving Break
Friday	December 16	Christmas Break begins at 1:00pm
Monday	January 2	School Resumes after Christmas Break
Friday	January 13	1:00pm Dismissal - Teacher Professional Development
Monday	January 16	No School – Martin Luther King Day
Friday	February 17	1:00pm Dismissal - Teacher Professional Development
Monday	February 20	No School – Presidents’ Day
Thursday	March 23	Spring Break begins at 1:00pm
Friday - Friday	March 24 - April 2	No School - Spring Break
Monday	April 3	School Resumes after Spring Break
Friday	April 7	1:00pm Dismissal - Good Friday
Monday	April 10	No School- Easter Monday
Friday	May 5	1:00pm Dismissal - Teacher Professional Development
Thursday	May 18	Last Day of School



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## CYO Athletics

Sports Offered	
Girls	Boys
Basketball (4-8)	Basketball (4-8)
Cheerleading (4-8)	Cross Country (4-8)
Cross Country (4-8)	Flag Football (K-2)
Flag Football (K-2)	Tackle Football (4-8)
Kickball (3-8)	Soccer (5-8)
Soccer (5-8)	Track (4-8)
Volleyball (4-8)	Volleyball (5-8)
Track (4-8)	Wrestling (K-8)
Jr. Track (Pre-K-3)	Jr. Track (Pre-K-3)



The goal of CYO Athletics is to provide as many young people as possible the opportunity to experience spiritual, physical, mental, and emotional growth through participation in a variety of sports.

The St. Mark Athletic Committee (SMAC) was formed by the authority of the Pastor as the primary leadership, and planning body for St. Mark Parish's Catholic Youth Organization athletic program. CYO sports are under the jurisdiction of the SMAC and not St. Mark Catholic School.

SMAC is responsible to the parish community and accountable to the Youth and Young Adult Commission. The committee establishes and periodically reviews the philosophy, and goals/objectives of the CYO program at St. Mark Catholic Church. It determines the sports/wellness programs to be offered under parish sponsorship and defines the rules for participation in them. The Program is managed by the Parish Athletic Director with guidance from SMAC. For more information on athletics at St. Mark contact Frank Litz at: [flitz@stmarkindy.org](mailto:flitz@stmarkindy.org)





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## Before and After Care

As a convenience to parents, St. Mark offers both before and aftercare programs to working parents. These programs provide a safe, nurturing environment for our students before and after our regular school day, beginning at 7:00am and ending at 6:00pm. These rates have remained the same for the last five years. All Before and Aftercare charges must be paid as you use them. There is no financial assistance for Before and Aftercare. If you have specific Before Care questions email Mrs. Koesters at: [kkoesters@stmarkindy.org](mailto:kkoesters@stmarkindy.org)

**Before Care** begins at 7:00am and runs until classroom supervision begins at 7:35am.

- Students are given the opportunity to work on homework, play games or enjoy quiet reading time. Before care is held in the media center. The phone number is (317) 786-4013 ext 214

2022-2023 Before Care Rates		
Number of Children	Daily Rate	Weekly Rate
1 Child	\$3.00	\$12.00
2 Children	\$4.00	\$17.00
3 Children	\$5.00	\$22.00
4 children	\$6.00	\$27.00

**After Care** begins after regular school dismissal at 3:00. Students are to check into aftercare with the adult supervisor. Aftercare is held in the cafeteria below the gym. If you have specific aftercare questions email Mr. Koesters at [skoesters@stmarkindy.org](mailto:skoesters@stmarkindy.org).

- All students who are not picked up by 3:05pm will be checked into aftercare
- Students picked up by 3:15pm will not be charged for aftercare, but must be signed out. Students picked up after 3:15pm will be charged a minimum of \$5 for an individual child.
- Students will receive a snack each day as well as have a free period of play. Other activities will consist of silent reading for enjoyment and homework time. On occasion, students may enjoy movie time.
- All students must be signed out in the cafeteria below the gym. Pickup of students must be made no later than 6:00 p.m. Any students picked up after 6:00pm will be assessed a \$15 charge. Persons who continually pick up after 6:00pm may lose their privilege to use aftercare. Persons picking up children may be asked for ID for verification purposes.

2022-2023 Aftercare Rates			
Number of Children	60 minutes (until 4:00pm)	Per Day	Per Week
1 Child	\$4.00	\$8.00	\$40.00
2 Children	\$5.00	\$10.00	\$50.00
3 Children	\$6.00	\$12.00	\$60.00
4 children	\$7.00	\$14.00	\$70.00





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## Tuition

The following is the tuition schedule for the 2022-2023 school year approved by the St. Mark Finance Council and Fr. Tim. This tuition rate is assuming the \$100.00 family registration fee has been paid. To receive the Active Parishioner rate, you must be registered as a member of the St. Mark parish at the time of registration, attend Mass at St. Mark Catholic Church on weekends with your children on a consistent basis and be appropriately tithing to St. Mark Catholic Church. All others will be considered at the Non-Parishioner Rate. There is only one rate for Pre-Kindergarten (\$4,500)

2022-2023 Tuition Rates				
	Tuition Rate 22-23	Monthly FACTS Amount (x12 Months)	Monthly FACTS Amount (x10 Months)	2% Discount on full tuition amount if paid in full by May 27, 2022
<b>Active Parishioner - K-8 Tuition Rate</b>				
1 child family	\$5,200.00	\$433.00	\$520	\$5,096.00
2 child family	\$7,800.00	\$650.00	\$780	\$7,644.00
3 child family	\$11,700.00	\$975.00	\$1,170	\$11,466.00
4+ child family	\$15,600.00	\$1,300.00	\$1,560	\$15,288.00
<b>Non-Parishioner- K-8 Tuition Rate</b>				
1 child family	\$5,950.00	\$495.83	\$595.00	\$5,831.00
2 child family	\$11,900.00	\$991.67	\$1,190.00	\$11,662.00
3 child family	\$17,850.00	\$1,487.50	\$1,785.00	\$17,493.00
4+ child family	\$23,800.00	\$1,983.33	\$2,380.00	\$23,324.00
<b>Pre-Kindergarten</b>				
Full Day (after \$200 registration is paid)	\$4,300 (after the \$200 registration fee is paid)	\$358.33	\$430.00	No Discount for paying in full

## FACTS Tuition Management Program

The FACTS program allows families to spread their tuition cost out evenly over the year, without having to pay the entire tuition upfront. FACTS will debit the checking or savings account of your choice, or use a credit card, on the specified day of the month in the amount of your monthly tuition. (Additional fee for using a credit card)

- St. Mark Catholic School will input the correct tuition amount to your FACTS account
- For families choosing to go on the FACTS tuition management program, there will be a one-time annual charge from FACTS of \$43. This amount will be withdrawn from the checking or savings account that you specify on the *Automatic Tuition Payment Agreement* a few days after completing the online registration.
  - If you already have a FACTS tuition management account, you will use the same account
  - All new families using FACTS for the first time must register online at: <https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/3GKGK>
  - All FACTS online applications must contain the correct bank account information
- Families who do not choose to utilize the FACTS program need to prepay for the entire school year according to the chart above prior to Friday, May 27, 2022. Full payments can be made in the school office.
- If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Leszcynski at the school office at (317) 786-4013 or email at [bleszcynski@stmarkindy.org](mailto:bleszcynski@stmarkindy.org)



Indiana Department of Education

Dr. Katie Jenner, Secretary of Education

## Choice Scholarship Program Income Guidelines 2021-2022 School Year

*Does not take effect until July 1, 2021*

Choice Scholarship Program Income Limits by Household Size	
Household Size	300% of Reduced Lunch Eligibility
	Annual Household Income Limit <sup>1</sup>
1	\$71,484.00
2	\$96,681.00
3	\$121,878.00
4	\$147,075.00
5	\$172,272.00
6	\$197,469.00
7	\$222,666.00
8	\$247,863.00
9	\$273,060.00
10	\$298,257.00

Note: Income levels are determined in accordance with the Income Verification Rules document available at [www.doe.in.gov/choice](http://www.doe.in.gov/choice).

<sup>1</sup>Add \$25,197 for each additional family member.



## Clubs & Extracurricular

### Extra-Curricular Activities:

- Numerous Service Opportunities (Pre-K-8)
- Altar Servers (5-8)
- Academic Olympics (7-8)
- Middle School Solar Car Club (7-8)
- Quest for Excellence (7-8)
- Christmas Musical (Pre-K-5)
- Service Club (6-8)
- CYO Sports (see additional page)
- Scouting
  - Daisy Scouts For Girls in Grades K-1
  - Cub Scouts For boys in Grade 1-5
  - Girl Scouts
  - Boy Scouts

### Middle School Clubs & Enrichment

Chess	Spanish Culture
Extra! Extra!	Spring Musical
Brain Teasers	Newspaper
Card Games	Google Drive
Museum Creators	Sports Around the World
Letter writing	Band (Grades 5-8)
Study Hall	
Knitting	
Spring Musical	
Movie Club	







## St. Mark Catholic School Admission Policy for Kindergarten Class

The following guidelines will be used to determine admission to Kindergarten class if there are more students enrolled than there are spots available. Priority will be based on the following:

1. Student that attended Pre-Kindergarten class the previous year at SMCS, whose family is considered registered active parishioners at St. Mark Parish\*, and that have siblings currently at, or have graduated from, St. Mark Catholic School
2. Student that attended Pre-Kindergarten class the previous year at SMCS, and whose family is registered active parishioners at St. Mark Parish
3. Student whose family is a registered active parishioners at St. Mark Parish and that have siblings currently at, or have graduated from, St. Mark Catholic School
4. Student whose family is registered active parishioners at St. Mark Parish
5. Student that attended Pre-Kindergarten class the previous year at SMCS whose family is not currently registered at St. Mark Parish and has siblings attending SMCS.
6. Student that attended Pre-Kindergarten class the previous year at SMCS whose family is not currently registered at St. Mark Parish
7. All other students.

\*Registered Active Parishioner at St. Mark Parish is defined as:

1. A family that is registered in the parish office.
2. A family that attends weekend Masses at St. Mark with their family.
3. A family that participates in tithing to the St. Mark Church in weekly collections.

## St. Mark Catholic School Admission Policy for Pre-Kindergarten Class

The following guidelines will be used for Pre-Kindergarten enrollment:

1. Student that attended Pre-Kindergarten class the previous year at SMCS
2. Student who is registered once Early Bird Pre-K Registration begins.