Rich in what matters to God
Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to share the inheritance with me." He replied to him, "Friend, who appointed me as your judge and arbitrator?" Then he said to the crowd, "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." Then he told them a parable. "There was a rich man whose land produced a bountiful harvest. He asked himself, 'What shall I do, for I do not have space to store my harvest?' And he said, 'This is what I shall do: I shall tear down my barns and build larger ones. There I shall store all my grain and other goods and I shall say to myself, "Now as for you, you have so many good things stored up for many years, rest, eat, drink, be merry!' But God said to him, 'You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?' Thus will it be for the one who stores up treasure for himself but is not rich in what matters to God." (Luke 12:13-21)

There is a deep desire for fulfillment (paradise) in our hearts. We experience a profound necessity to impose control on our surroundings and to ensure personal security. This was the attitude of the rich person in the Gospel, and it's also the tendency of our hearts today.
The idea of fulfillment (paradise) for Jesus is rather different from ours. The only time that Jesus mentioned the word paradise was when He was hanging on the cross, and He referred then to the kingdom of God, His Father. Jesus mentioned that word only once to the thief before dying on the cross, as the summary of His sacrifice for all the helpless, the least of people and the needy of society. His vision of paradise is much more complete than ours. In His plan there is room for all.
If there is room only for us and our own benefit, one day when we are in need, hungry for help and real love, facing difficult situations, there will be no hand to help us; it will be impossible for others, with their wrong idea of paradise, to have room for us in their hearts.
I invite you, my brothers and sisters in Christ, to enlarge our hearts to the point that more people will be able to fit into our lives. This, again, could be one of many contributions to the world (God's world), from our Church community. Let's together make the dream of God come true, becoming a Strong Family United in Christ, Amen.
Today’s Readings: #877—Is 58:7-10; Ps 112; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16.
Psalms # 112— “The just man is a light in the darkness to the upright.”
Next Sunday: Sir 15:15-20; ; Ps 119; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37.

PARISH LIFE
QUESTION AND ANSWER

Q. Can you name at least 5 things you will find on our Parish Website: saintmark-mn.org?
A. Father Humberto’s blog, St. Mark’s history, mass and adoration schedule times, pdf’s of our weekly Sunday bulletin, parish calendar, contact information and so much more. Check it out today.

If there is a snow emergency declared for St. Paul, please feel free to park in the parking lot, even on school days. The police are quick to tag or tow.

WELCOMING MINISTRY (Greeters & Ushers)
A welcoming ministry will be starting at St. Mark’s. Be part of creating a welcoming atmosphere at St. Mark’s to all who come for Mass. For more information or to sign up contact Cindy at 651-592-8980 or clm1940@aol.com. You can also sign up at www.saintmark-mn.org or after Sunday Masses.

The Respect Life Committee, and anyone wishing to join us, is meeting TODAY Sunday February 6 at 10:10 a.m. (after the 9am Mass) in the Parish Center Convent Room for a short meeting to discuss future events and calendar items. If you can’t make it and want to be involved or have great ideas for us, email Barb at barb2@visi.com.

NEW PARISHIONER SPOTLIGHT

It was the homilies of Father Humberto that first attracted new parishioners David Bielejeski and Apryl Wolney to Saint Mark’s. They joined the parish last summer and are planning to get married in the church this coming summer. David and Apryl both appreciate the sanctity of the mass at Saint Mark's and the beauty of the church building. "The music, too, is really, really good," David said. They generally attend either the 9:00 am or 11:00 a.m. service on Sundays, and have enjoyed the fullness of the sanctuary since the parish adopted the new mass times earlier this year. When you spot David and Apryl at mass, coffee and donuts, or any parish function, please take a minute to introduce yourself and welcome them to the community.

SAINT STORY OF THE WEEK

St. Apollonia, who died in the year 249, was martyred for not renouncing her faith during the reign of Emperor Philip. The account of the life was written by St. Dionysius to Fabian, Bishop of Antioch. Apollonia had all her teeth knocked out after being hit in the face by a Christian persecutor under the reign of Emperor Philip. After she was threatened with fire unless she renounced her faith, Apollonia jumped into the flames voluntarily. She is considered the patron of dental diseases and is often invoked by those with toothaches. Ancient art depicts her with a gold tooth at the end of her necklace. Also in art, she is seen with pincers holding a tooth.

Mass Intentions for the Week

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MUSIC MINISTRY AT ST. MARK’S
You can make a difference!
Have you been blessed with musical talent? Do you know someone who needs a little nudge to get involved? Now is a good time to explore music opportunities in our parish; just in time to be included in preparations for the rich liturgical season ahead (Lent and Easter). Beginners to experts, ages 9-80 serve our parish through this gratifying ministry. What are the options? Play or sing in the ensemble at 9:00 Mass. Sing with our grand pipe organ in the St. Mark’s Choir for 11:00 Mass. Join Brother Adam’s group for the Saturday evening mass, or be a member of children’s choir or Festival Choir. All groups always welcome new members! To discuss how you can be a part of Music Ministry at St. Mark’s, contact Cindy Holupchinski, your parish Music Director.

Hearing Assistance System in the Church
Hearing Assisted Devices are available for use in the church. Each unit consists of a small receiver connected to an over-the-ear speaker, amplifying the sound system directly into the user’s ear. The units are available for mass and other events in the church, and must be returned immediately following use. Please seek assistance in the Sacristy before mass. Regular users may wish to consider the option of purchasing a unit for personal use. Contact Cindy Holupchinski for more information.
PARISH MINISTRIES

Confirmation Candidates will meet TODAY, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6 FROM 3:30 TO 5:00 P.M. IN Carolyn Hall.

Common Read and Discussion of The Lord of the Rings
Join our next discussion group on February 13 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Parish Library, located in the basement of the Parish Center. We will be discussing Part Two: The Two Towers.

High School Mission Trip
St. Mark’s will be joining with other youth from the Archdiocese on a mission trip to the Red Lake Indian Reservation on July 17-22. Cost for the trip will be $313, not including transportation ($15 to $75 additional.) Contact Keely Wojda for more information.

Our St. Mark’s Community Theatre Presents
The Wild, Wild, Wildest West Or...How the West Was Dun
Performances March 4 and March 5
7:30 p.m.
Table Seating $9 - General Seating $7
Adults $5/child/student
Watch for more information

WANTED: COUNTRY/FOLK MUSICIANS FOR COMMUNITY THEATER PRODUCTION
St. Mark’s latest theater production has some fun music in the country style. We’re looking for pretty good banjo, fiddle, harmonica, mandolin and slide guitar players to form the "pit" band for the show in March. Please contact Cindy Holupchinski if interested.

Justice and Peace Committee
Instead of our February meeting at St. Mark’s, the Justice and Peace Committee will attend a presentation at Mary, Mother of the Church in Burnsville: Baptized for Action with Fr. Mike Byron, A Call to Lay Responsibility in a Vatican II Church, Monday, February 7, 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Mary Center, 3333 Cliff Road. If interested in carpooling, contact Ginny Steinhagen at 698-6257 or Rosemarie Assad at 489-3044.

Tuesday, February 15—Understanding Poverty
This workshop presented by the OSJ, explores the facts of poverty, the causes and solutions. This multimedia program includes eye-opening information, video clips and group discussion. Participants will discuss specific steps they can take to become effective agents for change in the struggle against poverty. The workshop will be held at Lumen Christi from 7-9 p.m. For more information see the Office of Social Justice at www.osjspm.org.

Schedule of Celebrations

Saturday Evening Mass:
Upper Church, 5:00 p.m.
(Sign Language Interpretation at this mass)

Sunday Masses:
Upper Church 9:00 a.m.
Upper Church 11:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses*
Monday through Friday Side Chapel 10:00 a.m.
Saturday Side Chapel 8:00 a.m.
*(Side Chapel is located at N.E. Corner of church)

Holy Hour, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions on Fridays, 7:30—8:30 p.m. in the Daily Mass Chapel

Saturday Confessions:
3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

For Baptisms:
Call the Parish Center to arrange.

For Weddings:
The bride or groom, or their parents must be a registered Parishioner of St. Mark’s. Wedding arrangements must be made at least 6 months in advance with Fr. Palomino.

Rosary:
6:45 p.m. Monday, May through October except Holidays) and daily after 10:00 a.m. Mass (except School and Funeral Masses)

Prayer Chain: For prayer requests, call the Parish Center at 645-5717

Mark Your Calendar For Upcoming Events

Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast February 6
Respect Life Meeting February 6
Bible Study February 8
Gala February 12
Coffee & Donuts February 13
Bible Study February 15
Wedding Workshop February 16
Deanery Meeting February 17
Presidents’ Day (PC closed 2/20 & 2/21) February 21
Bible Study February 22
Blue & Gold Dinner February 27

3rd Quarterly CCW Deanery Meeting will be held at St. Mark’s on Thursday, February 17. Registration and Coffee: 8:15-8:45 a.m. Business meeting at 9:00 a.m. followed by speaker. We are fortunate to have as our speaker, Fr. Paul Fruth: “Parishes Closing, Merging, Clustering...How to Cope.” Mass at Noon, followed by lunch. All women of the parish are invited to attend and St. Mark’s CCW will cover the $10 cost. However, phone reservations must be made by Noon on Monday, February 14th to Nancy Schons at 651-644-2260. Please let her know if you must cancel your reservation as we must pay for “No-Shows.” We need help at 7 p.m. the evening before (Wed., 16) to set up, gather dishes, etc. and also on the 17th. Please call Nancy at 644-2260 if you can help.

St. Mark’s Prayer Shawl Knitting Ministry “Wrapped in Love”
We are meeting Wednesday at the Parish Center at 1 p.m. on February 16. For information, call Judy at the Parish Center at 645-5717.
Parish Staff:
Father Humberto Palomino, P.E.S.  Pastor
E-Mail: frhumberto@saintmark-mn.org
Judy Miske  Pastoral Care Coordinator
Patricia Hartshorn  Liturgy Coordinator
Keely Wojda  Director of Religious Education
Cindy Holupchinski  Director of Music
Sharon Suess  Parish Administrator
Molly Whinnery  School Principal

Parish Center  651-645-5717
Fax No.  651-644-0011
Katie Pennig, Secretary
LuAnn Hanrahan, Secretary

Parish Center Hours:
Monday, Wednesday, Friday  8:00a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday  8:00a.m.-7:30 p.m.
Saturday  CLOSED
Sunday  8:45a.m.-12:30p.m.

Parish Pastoral Council:
Steve Magnuson  776-8195
JoAnn Mason  642-1520
John Mayhew  649-1505
Glenn Norstrom  647-0285
Manny Palomo  646-3564
Faith Pawl  952-681-0556
John Shrake  646-2247
Tom Swords  641-0290
Robert Tibesar  403-0240

St. Mark’s School  651-644-3380
Barb Sonntag, Secretary
Cherry Lundgren, Secretary

Child Care Center  651-644-5030
Janis Ideson, Director  (Notary Public)

School Advisory Committee:
Marybeth Casement, Chairperson  645-0297

St. Mark’s 7th Grade Chore Group
St. Mark’s 7th Grade Chore Group workers are anxious for opportunities to start earning money for their trip to Washington, DC in the Fall of 2011. Get one of those 7th graders to do light housework/cleaning, shovel, babysit, walk the dog, etc.

Please contact Monica Magnuson (parent coordinator) at 651-776-8195 or by email at monicarun68@gmail.com to get a student lined up for the work you need done. The minimum hourly wage is $7/hr.

William Watson
Monique and Ryan Bergan and their children, Alemu and Caroline
Stephanie Johnson
Matt Stommes and Molly O’Hare
Max Haben
Emiliano Dall’Anese

2 Part Series—Upcoming Changes of the Mass
You can prepare yourself for the upcoming changes in the Mass which will be implemented in the United States in Advent of 2011. “The New Changes in the Mass” will be taught by Fr. John Paul Erickson, Director of the Office of Worship for the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. Fr. Erickson will talk about the changes and the theology and history behind them on Fridays, February 11 and 18, at 7:30 p.m. in Rowan Hall, Church of St. Helena, 3204 E. 43rd St., Mpls. No charge but a free will offering will be taken.
IT’S THAT TIME AGAIN
GIRL SCOUT COOKIES!

Girl Scouts will start cookie sales on February 5th and go through mid-March. Cookies will be sold by St. Mark’s troops after all masses every week during the cookie season. You may have heard the news that there is a change this year. We’ve eliminated the pre-order process so you can now have the cookies right away, rather than order and wait to get them delivered. Cookie sales are our only fundraiser. The proceeds help fund many of the activities the girls do throughout the year, including their service projects.

WE NEED YOUR HELP WITH ITEMS FOR OUR SILENT AUCTION AND LIVE AUCTIONS.
1. For information on how to donate, contact Renee Gallaher at saintmarksgala@yahoo.com.
2. Volunteer at the event by contacting Barb in the School Office.
3. Bring Your Friends!! Our Gala is loads of fun and the more the merrier.

St. Mark’s Gala 2011
Saturday, February 12, 2011
6:00 to 11:00 p.m.
St. Mark’s Gym
Arrive between 6:00-6:45 and your name will be entered for a chance to win $100!

SILENT AUCTION
6:00—8:00 p.m.
Live Auction and Sock Hop to follow
Drive-in Goodies and Cash Bar available
$25.00 per person
Return this reply card asap.

REPLY CARD

Coolsville! Name (s):_______________________________
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Admission is $25 per person. First time attending the Gala?
☐ Check this box and take $5 off your ticket price!
Aw, shucks, can't swing it. But I would like to donate $______ to this important fundraiser.
Please make your check payable to: St. Mark’s School—Return to the School asap!
No tickets will be sent via mail.
Your paid admission will be on record at the door.

Auction booklets will be available at the Parish Center & School Office before the event. $15 of each ticket purchased is tax-deductible.
Questions? Call Molly Whinnery at 651-644-3380.