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Monday thru Saturday
8:00 AM

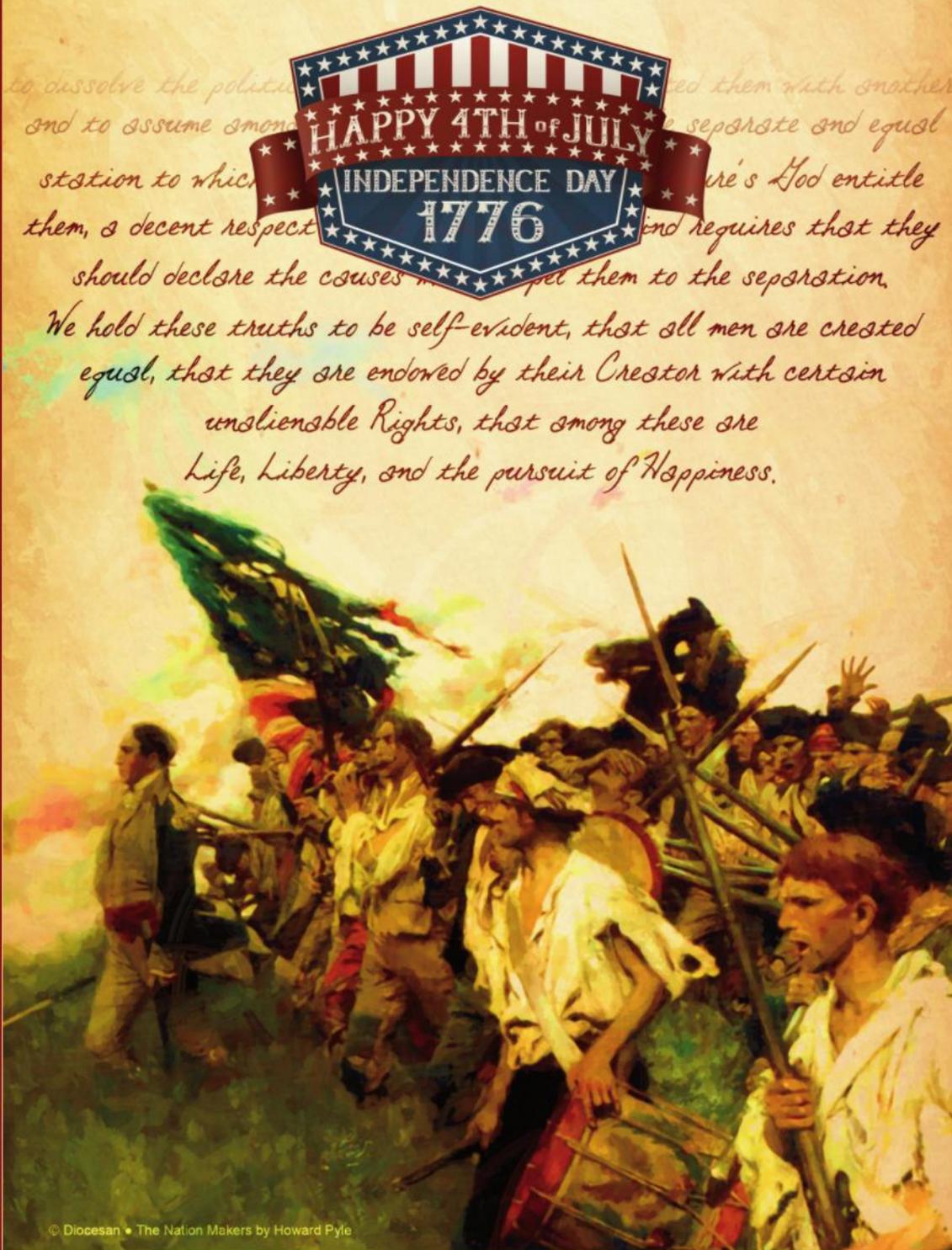
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Daily at 8:00 AM and
Sunday at 10:00 AM
on Facebook

[https://www.facebook.com/
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Confessions

By appointment only.





Monday, July 6

8:00 AM † Henry Colby
† Edmund and Marta Kloske

Tuesday, July 7

8:00 AM † Manuel Monteiro
† Judy Devaney

Wednesday, July 8

8:00 AM † John L. Doyle
† Don Siegle

Thursday, July 9

8:00 AM † Daniel Dugan
† Andrzej Puchacz

Friday, July 10

8:00 AM † Deceased Members
of the Daellenbach Family
† Mary Rose Mullane

Saturday, July 11

8:00 AM † Alberto Barretto
4:00 PM Paul Bikowski

Sunday, July 12

8:00 AM St. Mark Parishioners
10:00 AM † Erva Lynch
12:00 PM † Patricia C. Sullivan

† Indicates Deceased

Steve and Evelyn Janson,
50th Wedding Anniversary

and

Ken and Linda Kayser,
50th Wedding Anniversary

July 11 - 12

4:00 PM Fr. Dominik
8:00 AM Fr. Dominik
10:00 AM Fr. Rafal
12:00 Noon Fr. Lou
(Note: This schedule is always subject to change.)

Offertory Donations

June 28\$16,840
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*Blessed is the nation
whose God
is the Lord.
Psalm 33:12*

Pray for America

Last weekend the bulletin included an article about praying for America. As a reminder, if you would like to participate, every evening at 9:00 PM EST stop whatever you are doing and spend one minute praying for the United States and the unrest we are experiencing, and for its return to a Godly nation. Please forward this to your friends for more prayers lifted to God.

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Parish office hours are 8:00 AM - 12:00 noon
Monday through Friday.

Bulletin announcements should be sent to the parish office for approval 3 WEEKS in advance of publication date.

Submit articles via email to Pam White at bulletin@stmarkrcc.com

Reflections on the Sunday Scripture



Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Zechariah 9:9-10 | Romans 8:9, 11-13 | Matthew 11:25-30

Gospel

At that time Jesus exclaimed: "I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from

the wise and the learned you have revealed them to little ones. Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him."

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

1. Jesus talks about the "little ones" as a model for us who truly desire to understand the mystery of the kingdom of God. During your journey of faith, who have been the "little

ones" along the way - the ones who have taught you the way of the kingdom?

2. Do you believe the "Cross" and the "Yoke" are bad things or are they something good? Can you describe why you feel this way??
3. You, as a Christian (Catholic) must tie your yoke to Christ. If you are fully connected to Christ, is your life easier? Are your burdens lighter? Have you accepted (fully) Christ's yoke for yourself?
4. If you represent the oxen attached to a yoke, how should you act? How meek and humble should you be? What have you done to make your yoke heavy or light?
5. Reflect on your own yolk's burdens, then consider the life of another person and try to distinguish their burdens, their yoke.
6. Do you see a difference between taking up Christ's "Cross" and his "Yoke?"

Read more about the "Cross" and the "Yoke" in the article below.

The "Cross" and the "Yoke"

Taking up the "Cross"

When Jesus said, "Take up your cross and follow Me," He did not mean that the cross was a burden that everyone must carry in their life: a strained relationship, a thankless job, a physical illness, etc. With self-pitying pride, you might say, "That's my cross and I have to carry it." When Jesus carried His cross to the crucifixion, no one was thinking of the cross as a symbol of a burden. To a person in the first century, the cross meant one thing and one thing only: death by the most painful and humiliating means that humans had developed.

Two thousand years later, Christians view the cross as a cherished symbol of atonement, forgiveness, grace, and love. Therefore, "Take up your cross and follow Me" means being willing to die in order to follow Jesus. This is called "dying to self." It's a call to absolute surrender.

First, it means self-denial. We simply deny ourselves things that are temporarily pleasurable but eternally painful. We deny the desires of our flesh and the temptation of sin. We refuse to

settle for anything less than the best, which is God's good, pleasing, and perfect will.

Second, taking up your cross means torture. And even though we wince at the thought, we stop and think about it. Any great achievement requires torture. Athletes torture their bodies. Thinkers torture their minds. We understand this on the physical and intellectual plane, but wish there was another way on the spiritual plane. There isn't. Just like the physical realm: no pain, no gain. Are you willing to suffer temporal pain for eternal gain? That's what it comes down to.

Finally, it means death. You have to die to self everyday. How? By allowing your circumstances to help you become more like Christ—especially the circumstances you don't like. Anytime you feel the pain of an insult, disappointment, suffering, physical challenge, failure, injustice, or trial—it's an opportunity to die to pride, die to ego, die to sin, die to self. And if you keep dying to self, you'll come alive in ways you've never imagined. In fact, you will live for ever.

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Readings for the Week

Sunday

Zec 9:9-10;
 Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14;
 Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30

Monday

Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22;
 Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7,
 8-9; Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday

Hos 8:4-7, 11-13;
 Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10;
 Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday

Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12;
 Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7;
 Mt 10:1-7

Thursday

Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9;
 Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16;
 Mt 10:7-15

Friday

Hos 14:2-10;
 Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14
 and 17;
 Mt 10:16-23

Saturday

Is 6:1-8;
 Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5;
 Mt 10:24-33

Sunday

Is 55:10-11;
 Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14;
 Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23
 or Mt 13:1-9

Sunday

Zec 9:9-10;
 Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14;
 Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30

Livestreaming Mass

We use Facebook to livestream daily Mass Monday -Saturday at 8 AM and Sunday Mass at 10 AM. Visit us at <https://www.facebook.com/StMarkRCC/>.

A link is also on our website at www.stmarkrcc.com. Updates are added to both pages in an effort to communicate with you at this time. Recordings are available on Facebook and YouTube if you miss the livestream.



Prayers For the Sick

Joseph Hajducko
Nona Moore
Edward Stansfield
Natalia, daughter of Fr.
Dominik's friend
Frances Lopez
The Heffernan Family
Victoria Mathers
Edward Lehman
Judy Nelson
Connie O'Shoghnesy
Penelope (Penny)
Lagergren
Michele Rumpasch
Tom Doherty
Carmen Guerette

Judy Bradley
Diane Hayden
Vivian Lindenmuth
Dina Laser
Bob Fitzpatrick
Gary Matthews
Ronald Betker
O'Toole Family
Marksberry Family
Sam Stuckrath
Eileen Mantele-Graniela
Baby Maclin Jones
The Carol Joy Family
Kathy Kloiber
Deacon Charlie Cimmino
Sandy Stockinger

Sam Bucolo
Vinnie Errico
Fred and Jackie O'Neil
Gayle Klusken
Cynthia (from the
Charismatic group)
Connie Schmidt
Charles and Betty Clenenon
Doug Hoover
Ellen Jacobs
Susan de Sanctis
Kathleen Feenaghty
Roger Paul
Kathleen Sharp
Fr. Peter Uqbamariam
Mary Grace Martin

SPAM Alert

SPAM is still circulating. Our priests will never ask for money or assistance via email.

Stay safe – just delete!

Since the obligation to attend Mass has been lifted until further notice, if you cannot attend Mass on Sunday, do not worry...

Christ suffers with those who cannot come to Mass due to the pandemic. He understands.

Fr. Dominik's online video call for International Mass volunteers

This year Fr. Dominik is reaching into cyberspace asking for volunteers, inside or outside of Florida, to play a key role in our Second Annual International Mass.

He's asking for liturgical translations into any language and to contact Francine Di Scala for more information. Whether you are here in Summerfield, or across the world, if you are interested in this joyous task of enriching our International Mass, contact Francine by phone at 352/571-9034 or email at fdiscala@stmarkcc.com.

Watch his video by following a link from our website at www.stmarkcc.com.

Reminder, all meetings and Ministry gatherings remain suspended or cancelled until further notice.



Welcome to Our Family

Leo and Rosalie Locke
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Leona Santilli
Michele Yuskiewicz
Thomas Mitrakos
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Allen Hanzel
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Don Nogay
Theodore Berube
Brian Hughes,
brother of Martin Hughes
Sylvia Menconi,

Prayer Shawls

Prayer Shawls are available and can be requested by contacting the front office. If you, or someone you know, would like a shawl, please contact the front office.

Hold the Date

A Right to Life Ministry bus trip to St. Augustine for the

March for Life

will be on January 18, 2021

(The “Cross” and the “Yoke” continued from Page 3)

Taking up the “Yoke.”

A yoke as described in the Gospel is a wooden harness. It was used to harness two oxen together, and could prevent chafing while each ox performed its hard work.

To be yoked in the human sense, means to surrender your will to the Father and to follow and trust Christ as He is “The Way.” Christ stated that He is meek and humble of heart. Therefore, we can also become meek and humble of heart as we walk and work with Him. As He stays with us, our yoke (our bonding with Christ) will give us hope, joy and love. He will truly lighten the burden of the yoke, give us rest, and make life a lot easier.

The words “my yoke is easy and my burden is light” is when Jesus says to all who are weary and burdened as He invites them to come to Him for rest. He isn’t referring to the physical burdens of life. Jesus was offering to relieve people from the work that the Pharisees had forced upon them.

The “yoke or works of the Pharisees” is the burdensome yoke of self-righteousness and law-keeping that pertains to the 600 plus laws enforced on all of the Jewish people.

Law-keeping is a burden and adds to a “heavy yoke” of oppression. Jesus will give rest to all who come to Him; rest from the heavy burden of trying to make our way into heaven and rest from the oppressive yoke of self-righteousness. Jesus encourages the people to take His yoke upon them and in so doing they will find rest for their souls. As the Apostle John says, “For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome”.

His (Jesus’) yoke is easy and His burden is light as He is the perfect fulfillment of the Law of God, for He carried the burden that we were intended to carry. Compared to the heavy and burdensome yoke of self-righteousness under which we continually strive to make ourselves acceptable to God through works, the life lived with faith is much lighter.

God Bless,

Deacon John



*“Come to me,
all you who
labor and are
burdened, and
I will give
you rest.”*



From the Ministry of the Sick and Homebound

At this very challenging time, many of our parishioners and loved ones are particularly isolated. The St. Mark Ministry to the Sick and Homebound cannot visit them due to regulations and many that are in hospitals and senior living facilities can't even be visited by their family. Please take a moment to say this short prayer for them.

Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need. Amid mental and physical suffering may they find consolation in your healing presence. Show your mercy as you close wounds, cure illness, make broken bodies whole and free downcast spirits.

May these special people find lasting health and deliverance, and so join us in thanking you for all your gifts.

We ask this through the Lord Jesus who healed all who believed.

Amen.

Thank you for remembering our sick and homebound.

Attention All Singles

Are you a single parishioner interested in meeting other single and active members of the parish? If so, call me, Nancy Enright, and place your name on the membership list for this exciting group. I can be reached by phone at 352/259-9235 or by email at SocialClubSMTE@gmail.com. Activities are in the planning stages so please submit the following information: your name, address, phone number, community where you live, and your birthday month. You will be notified as soon as we are allowed to assemble as a group. We look forward to meeting you, and hopefully, very soon!

Nancy Enright
St. Mark Social Club

Ken Lineman Memorial 20/20 Club Winners

*29th Session/Week 18, for the week of July 5
Congratulations to all.*

Checks will be mailed to the winners.

2438 Barbara Haus	4540 Gerald Griggs
5187 Neil Dufresne	2612 Mike Hughes

*(Thanks to Fr. Dominik
for drawing the winning numbers!)*

*Behind every phone is a
person called to be a disciple*





St. Mark the Evangelist

Summer Food Drive

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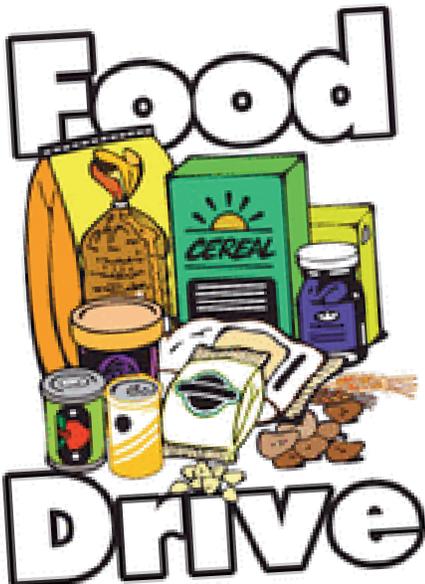
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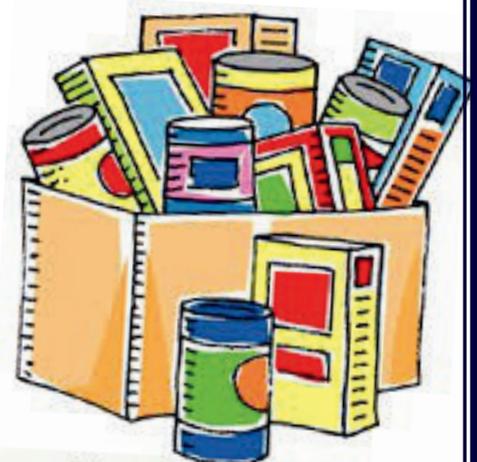
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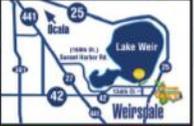
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