



28th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus looked at them and said, “For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God.” - Mk 10:27

ST. MARK PARISH



If we are truly in love with God, then the basics are not going to be enough. That love is going to want to be expressed in going above and beyond, in leaving the comfortable and familiar, in stretching and growing, and in following a voice other than our own. St. Teresa of Calcutta rightly instructs us that for "love to be real, it must cost, it must hurt, it must empty us of self." Being in love with God requires more than just checking the boxes of the commandments. It requires a sincere and unconditional self-investment. Desiring God with our whole heart, mind, and soul means that I must also desire a relationship with my neighbor with that same degree of fervor.

Biases and prejudices usually occur when people are kept at a distance and treated as objects. We cannot truly know our neighbors, especially if they are different than us, if we keep them in boxes and do not listen to their stories. When we open ourselves to listen to another person's story, we begin to realize more how similar we are than dissimilar. Being overly attached to our possessions, ideologies, agendas, lifestyles, and personal needs are absolute barriers to achieving the type of personal investment love demands. This is why following Christ can be difficult. It is less a matter of intellect and more a matter of heart and soul. It requires that we transfer our treasure from an investment in tangible secular things and move it into the Kingdom of God. It is only the gift of wisdom and discernment that can help us decide what to do and how to do it.

Contemporaries of Jesus would know that a camel could not enter through the portal of a city weighed down with the baggage it was carrying. In order to enter, the baggage must be removed so that the animal could fit through the entry way. The same is true for us. We carry a lot of excessive baggage around with us that keeps us tethered to our past histories, wounds, myopic world views, prejudices, fears, and suspicions. To invest ourselves in the Kingdom of God, do God's work and live out our love relationship with God, we need to shed the extra weight. While it may seem that a lot of that stuff is necessary, it really is not. We are much more than the things that we think define us and more secure than we think. The more there is to hold on to and the more that we carry with us, the harder it will be to leave it all behind. Many choose not to and walk away sad because they are not ready to trust.

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MISSION STATEMENT

As the Eucharistic family of St. Mark Parish, we are called to welcome, love and serve. We continue the mission of Jesus Christ: "to transform our lives and believe in the Good News."
(Mark 1:15)



OCTOBER 10, 2021

FR. SOLANUS GUILD 2021 FALL DAY OF REFLECTION

Established by the Guild in 1976 for all men and women

Thursday, October 14, 2021

9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. (check-in at 8:30 a.m.)

\$25.00 per person for Guild members, \$30.00 for non-Guild members includes continental breakfast and lunch, two sessions with our speakers,

Fr. Tom Zelinski, OFM Cap and Sally McCuen

Held at the Solanus Casey Center, 1780 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207
(313) 579-2100 x1140

Registration is in advance only. **Space is limited**, so please respond by September 23rd.

If you are paying for a guest, please supply their name, indicating he/she is your guest.

Please make checks payable to *Solanus Casey Center* or pay with a credit card by completing the form below and return **using the enclosed return envelope to submit.**



Fr. Solanus Guild 2021 Fall Day of Reflection

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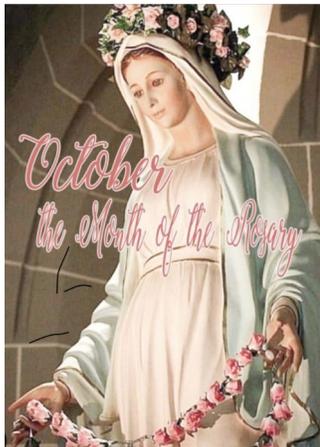
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We invite you to join us in the recitation of the most holy Rosary!



Where: St. Mark Meditation Garden

When: October 14th
October 21st
October 28th

Time: 6:30 PM

Please bring a chair for your comfort as we pray!

LIVE THE LITURGY

Presumption can be a great sin. We can easily convince ourselves that as long as we do the bare minimum or master the basics, it is sufficient. Love doesn't operate this way. If we are truly in love with God, then the basics are not going to be enough. That love is going to want to get expressed in going above and beyond, in leaving the comfortable and familiar, in stretching and growing and in following a voice other than our own. This is what those who are truly in pursuit of wisdom come to realize. Just like any human relationship worth achieving reveals, we never reach a plateau in following the Gospel or growing in wisdom and holiness. Wisdom is the rudder that guides us through all of life's attractions and options. It alone determines what is worth pursuing and what must be left behind. That is why those who are only concerned about checking the boxes and doing the least amount possible often walk away sad when offered God's gift of life eternal. They are not truly in love.

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Dear Parish Family,

I am calling this note to all of you **This & That!**

The loss of a child, no matter what the age, is traumatic to any family. As parents, we believe the natural thing is for us to go before our children, and yet that often is not the case. The Archdiocese of Detroit Family Support Ministries will hold a Grief workshop at St. Anastasia Parish in Troy, Saturday, November 6th from 8:30 to 4:00pm. This is for couples and individuals who have experienced the loss of a child at any age or stage of life. This understandable trauma of child loss affects family dynamics and how to love each other through this experience.

REMINDERS

As a welcoming community, it has been great to see some new faces here at St Mark. Please take time to say "hello" and extend that warmth.

Families with children enrolled in our Christian Formation program are asked to attend one of the weekend Masses on a regular basis. This is an ongoing extension of learning and practicing their developing faith.

This is a clarification of names for Mass Intentions being published in the bulletin. Every effort is made to have the correct name and spelling of each person's name. Needless to say there may be slipups. If you have requested a Mass Intention after Tuesday, and it is for that upcoming weekend, it will not be published. The bulletin has gone to press. Please use this as a reminder to get your intentions in earlier.

If you or families you know of are in need of food, please contact our outreach ministry for help. This is where your generous donations of food, funds, and Our *Simply Give* from Meijer's serves our brothers and sisters suffering from Food insecurity/ better known as hunger!

Please do not put items in the recycle bin other than newspapers and magazines. This is for paper only! Yes, we do get a few dollars every three months from the company and we all know – "every penny, helps!"

We know that our parishioners would not be bringing an attic or basement full of "stuff" and putting it on the ground next to the St Vincent de Paul Receptacle. If it is full, please wait a couple of days for it to be emptied. Recently, Fr. Stanley was speaking to the driver from SVDP. He expressed his concern for items being left out in the rain. The driver responded that "all of those items must be disposed of for obvious reasons". Can you imagine the time and effort it takes Steve to remove items on the ground and discard them? Picture this Having to cut a mattress and springs with a saw to fit in the dumpster – not to mention, full of bed bugs.

May you all have a very blessed day!

Mary Jo



Sock It To Us

Won't you "Sock It To Us" and help keep people in need warm this winter?

Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan has been sponsoring this sock collection for 28 years. Socks, while necessary, are rarely collected and distributed. Socks collected will be distributed to veterans and their families and human services agencies throughout Wayne County.

NEW SOCKS of all sizes, colors and patterns for men, women and children are needed. Patterned and colorful socks are especially appreciated for pre-school age children.

This collection will run from now till October 31st. Baskets will be placed in the gathering space to collect your donations. This project is NOT our annual Christmas outreach project. This is an additional outreach project we can do as we Unleash the Gospel in our daily lives. Our Christmas project will be presented to you within the next few weeks.

Any help you can give us with this project will be greatly appreciated. Won't you help us make a difference by "Socking It To Us"!!!

Thank you,
Christian Service Team

THE WORD

Readings for the week of October 10, 2021

- Sunday: Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30
- Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 11:29-32
- Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 11:37-41
- Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11/Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9/Lk 11:42-46
- Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 11:47-54
- Friday: Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11/Lk 12:1-7
- Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43/Lk 12:8-12
- Next Sunday: Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45



Saturday, October 9

4:00 pm Herbert Dempz
Isabelle McLaughlin
Patricia & Ray Kusza
Nola & Patrick Wernette
Tony & Jenny Benicek
Porter Riedl

Sunday, October 10

8:30 am Anna Gavin
Giuseppe Mediati

11:00 am Jim Wawrzyniak
Linda Galindo
Paul Baker
Mark Banach
Earl Parrish
Tom Taylor

Wednesday, October 13

9:30 am People of St. Mark

Saturday, October 16

4:00 pm Leonard & Sophia
Misiak
Concordio Café
Jim Brandy
Henry & Loretta Szyndlar

Sunday, October 17

8:30 am Irene Janiszewski

11:00 am Danuta Pustelnik
Jason Pustelnik
Earl Parrish

ST. MARK OUTREACH



The Pantry Needs:

Chili
Instant Mashed Potatoes

Thank you so much for
food and monetary
donations.



QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:

Today's reading presents wisdom and prudence as life's most precious gifts. Why do you think these virtues were held in such high regard by ancient Israel?

Second Reading:

Hebrews connects the power of the word of God with divine judgement — one day we must all "render an account" of our lives before the Lord. How often do you think about your own judgement day?

Gospel:

Jesus teaches the rich man and the disciples that while wealth can often hinder one from entering the kingdom of God, self-sacrifice and discipleship can earn eternal life. How well do you balance these realities in your life?

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PRAYER INTENTIONS



Eleanor Dehring
Sharon Deller
Dale Parrish
Marilyn Parrish
Tim Reiter
Grace Witt

Only **immediate** family members may request a 'prayers for the sick' listing. Call the Parish Center: 586-759-3020. Names remain on the list for 4 weeks.

PRAYERS FOR THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVE IN OUR ARMED FORCES.



WE PRAY FOR ALL OF OUR MILITARY, & PARTICULARLY:

Sr. CPO Michael Brightman
Lt. Commander Adam Craig
LCPL Sarah J Page
Sgt. Steven Parisi
Major Michael F. Weigle

Family members who wish to have their loved ones prayed for may do so by submitting names to the parish office.

Prayer Resources

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, we fly unto thee O Virgin of virgins, our Mother. To thee do we come. Before thee we stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer us. Amen.

POPE TWEETS

"Care for our common home is also a call to respect: respect for creation, respect for our neighbor, respect for ourselves and for the Creator. #SeasonOfCreation"

- Pope Francis

@Pontifex Twitter (October 4, 2021)



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STEWARDSHIP 

OUR FINANCIAL SACRIFICE TO ST. MARK PARISH

We thank you for your generosity.

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS

Parents are asked to contact the Parish Center Office to arrange for Baptism instruction and a date for the Baptism.

MARRIAGES

Couples wishing to celebrate the sacrament of matrimony at St. Mark Parish are asked to allow at least six months to complete arrangements.

RECONCILIATION

Private Confessions: Saturday 3:00 PM.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

LAST Sunday of every month after all Masses.

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