

29<sup>th</sup>

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“For the Son of Man did not come to be served  
but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for  
many.” - Mk 10:45

# ST. MARK PARISH



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Every month we join the universal Church in celebrating the lives of the saints during Mass or in our private prayers. While we all may have our "favorite" saints, we can learn spiritual wisdom from all of them. I want to share with you several inspiring quotations from some of the holy men and women whom we honor in the month of October.

"Let nothing disturb you. Let nothing frighten you. Though all things pass, God does not change. Patience wins all things. God alone suffices" (St. Teresa of Avila).

"Where there is love and wisdom, there is neither fear nor ignorance. Where there is patience and humility, there is neither anger nor annoyance. Where there is mercy and prudence, there is neither excess nor harshness" (St. Francis of Assisi).

"I understood that every flower created by God is beautiful, that the brilliance of the rose and the whiteness of the lily do not lessen the perfume of the violet or the sweet simplicity of the daisy. I understood that if all the lowly flowers wished to be roses, nature would no longer be enameled with lovely hues. And so it is in the world of souls, our Lord's living garden" (St. Therese of Lisieux).

"We are facing a dramatic clash between good and evil, between the culture of death and the culture of life. We are called to be unconditionally pro-life!" (Pope, St. John Paul II).

"Consult not your fears but your hopes and your dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but with what it is still possible for you to do" (Pope, St. John XXIII).

In Christ's abundant Life,  
Fr. Stanley

## 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 17, 2021

# PARISH NEWS

Dear Parish Family,

St. Padre Pio said "Prayer is the oxygen of the soul." Think about this – what a powerful statement! If you are not familiar with St. Padre Pio, he was born in Pietralcina, Italy in 1887 and decided at the age of five to dedicate his life to God. Francesco Forgione entered the Capuchin order of Franciscan Friars at 15. This is an order that follow extreme poverty, strictness and simplicity. St. Padre Pio was ill throughout most of his life and for over fifty years he suffered with a painful stigmata. This did not go away until shortly before his death. Throughout his life a pleasant aroma exuded from him. He felt this was a gift from God, not as a benefit to himself, but as a way to draw souls to God. Even today people often feel his presence through this captivating scent. Saint John Paul II called the aroma of St. Padre Pio "the aroma of sanctity. When you smell – you know he is with you."

He is known for the adoration of charity and love of the people around him. In one of his more well know quotes he states "I will wait outside of the gates of Heaven, until all of my spiritual children are inside."

St Padre Pio is a saint we pray to for the relief of stress. With everything that we are experiencing at this time, prayers filled with oxygen must be recited even more. He reminded us that "worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear our prayer".

Let us pray -

Loving God, I pray that you will comfort me in my suffering and lend skill to the hands of my healers, and the means used for my cure. Give me such confidence in the power of your grace, that even when I am afraid, I may put my whole trust in you.

Mary Jo

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

Where: St. Mark Meditation Garden

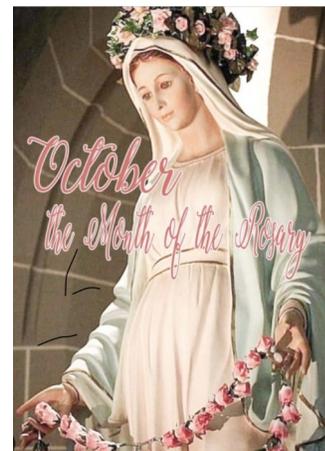
When:

October 21st

October 28th

Time: 6:30 PM

Please bring a chair for your comfort as we pray!



## LIVE THE LITURGY

It's the positions of power and great authority that people often admire. We equate success with six figure incomes, high positions, management, and influence. We even go above and beyond to find favor with our bosses so that we can get a little extra recognition and maybe the next promotion when it comes up. This is the way of the world. Those who have their values set on earthly things are going to work by earthly rules. We forget that it doesn't work that way in the Kingdom of God. Success is measured not from the place of status, influence, or prestige but from the place of humility, service, and sacrifice. The authority that one hopes to achieve is not an authority over others but an authority that comes from wisdom and developing one's relationship with God. Jesus flips the tables on our priorities. Even the first disciples had a tough time understanding this. They really thought that they would somehow receive a privilege or bonus from being faithful. We often operate under that same illusion.

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION

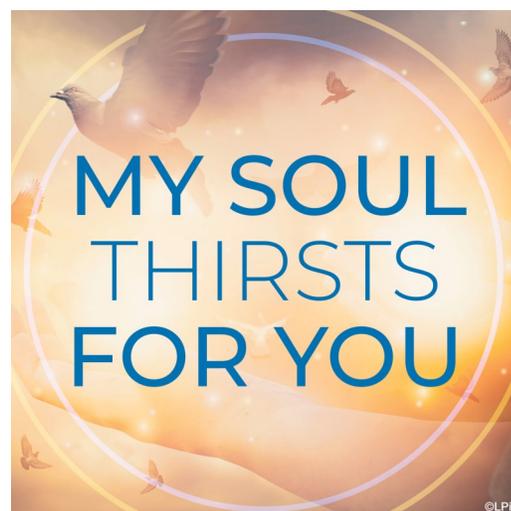
## 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"What do you wish me to do for you?" Whether we realize it, this is a question God is always asking. It's an important question because the answer we provide will reveal a great deal about where our hearts lie. Our requests of God can often appear very noble and altruistic. They consist of requests for healing for someone in need of prayers, successful resolution of a personal conflict, assistance in overcoming a disease and myriad other desires for both ourselves and others. We are especially concerned about those we love and can easily find ourselves bringing their struggles to God for a hearing in our prayer.

Is that really all that prayer is about? The woman in today's Gospel, having been put in her place by Jesus, was only looking out for the wellbeing of her sons. She was doing what mothers do, protecting and securing the livelihood of her children. But she was sadly mistaken, her request was not granted. We all make this same misguided mistake from time to time. The goal of prayer is not to convince God of the worthiness of our agenda or to gain a hearing. Sometimes we believe that the more we multiply our prayers or discover the right combination of supplications that we will receive more of God's attention. That's not how it works. Even though God desires to hear, know, and be an intimate part of what is on our minds, it goes much deeper.

What we need from God is a relationship. It's a relationship that guides and immerses us in the very stuff of life and in the direction of the Gospel. This relationship sees God's kingdom and agenda, not our own, as what is most important. It builds the strength of character necessary to bring God's Gospel into a world that may not receive it with open arms. It may cause us discomfort and suffering. We are asked to heroically journey with God through suffering, hardship, ridicule, and even death! Ultimately, our desire from God must become our desire for God. It is only when this happens that the powerful words "thy will be done" will be found with sincerity and humility on our lips. Whatever God wishes becomes what we wish as we see this glorious union of wills. Our humble lives will then become powerful witnesses, and what happens to us in God's eternal kingdom the result of his mercy. We become true servants and find ourselves discovering God's definition of success. That definition has nothing at all to do with status, income, or privilege.

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## 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 17, 2021

- Sunday: Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45
- Monday: 2 Tm 4:10-17/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Lk 10:1-9
- Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15, 17-19, 20-21/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 17/Lk 12:35-38
- Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1-3, 4-6, 7-8/Lk 12:39-48
- Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 12:49-53
- Friday: Rom 7:18-25/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94/Lk 12:54-59
- Saturday: Rom 8:1-11/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 13:1-9
- Next Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52



### *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

### *Wednesday, October 20*

9:30 am People of St. Mark

### *Saturday, October 23*

4:00 pm Dorothy Schwartz  
Agnes & Raymond Grimski  
Karol Lipinski  
Angeline Lipinski  
Richard Lipinski  
Donald Krysinski  
Mary Brelin  
Frances Szpont

### *Sunday, October 24*

8:30 am Henry Root

11:00 am Dennis Cavanaugh  
Linda Galindo  
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:**

Isaiah speaks of our redemption through the suffering of the Lord's servant. When have you experienced God's presence in your suffering?

### **Second Reading:**

Hebrews tells us that Jesus is able to sympathize with our weaknesses because he, too, "has been tested in every way." What are some ways that you are tested in life?

### **Gospel:**

Jesus uses the request of James and John as a teachable moment for his disciples on the importance of humility and service to others. What other qualities do you think are necessary for true discipleship?

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## PRAYER INTENTIONS



Sharon Deller

Imelda Donlon

Debbie Duva

Dale Parrish

Marilyn Parrish

Tim Reiter

Delphene Tessmar

Grace Witt

Only **immediate** family members may request a 'prayers for the sick' listing.

### 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

"We are about to begin a synodal process "toward a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission". This process was conceived as an exercise in mutual listening involving the entire People of God."

- Pope Francis

@Pontifex Twitter (October 8, 2021)

**WE LOVE  
BECAUSE  
HE FIRST  
LOVED US.**

1 JOHN 4:19

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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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