

# ST. MARK PARISH



14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Freedom properly defined is freedom properly understood. The Cambridge Dictionary tells us that it is, "the condition or right of being able or allowed to do, say, think, etc., whatever you want to, without being controlled or limited." That same dictionary defines liberty as, "the freedom to live, work, and travel as you want to." Both definitions sound very similar. Is there a difference between freedom and liberty? Many are accustomed to believing that freedom and liberty are interchangeable and simply involve possessing rights and privileges. For the Christian, however, there is a big difference between the two.

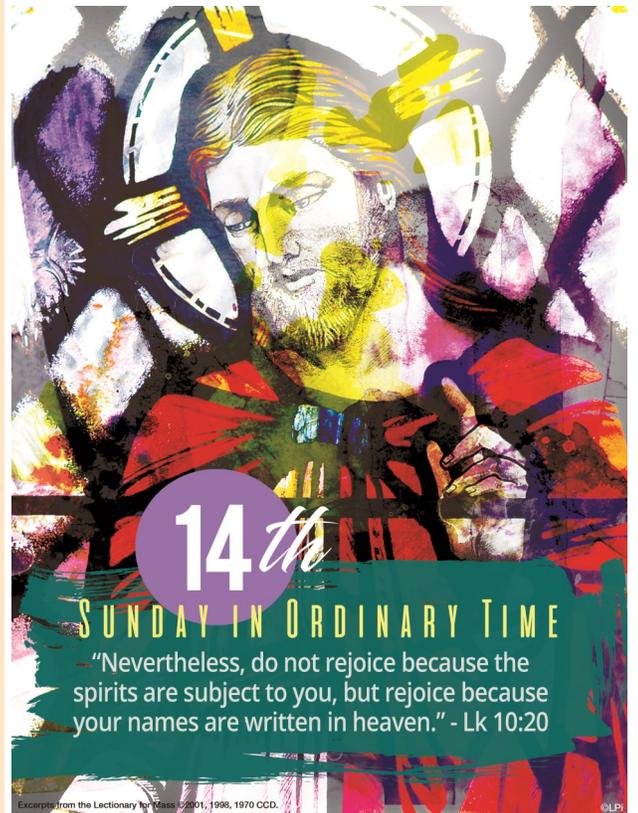
St. John Chrysostom directs that "the only person who is free is the one who lives for Christ." There are many other inspirational people throughout history who see freedom as something far greater than liberty. True and properly understood freedom has little to do with entitlement or self-promotion. For the believer, it is a matter of the heart and soul. Freedom (and liberty, for that matter), seen only in terms of the world, can quickly be taken away. The freedom spoken of by St. John Chrysostom can only be lost by personal choice. When one lives for Christ, they live in pursuit of virtues that enlighten one's soul (faith, hope, and love) and strengthen one's character (justice, fortitude, temperance, and prudence). Rather than having the ability to acquire or do more things, true freedom asks us to be detached. Privileges, rights, and responsibilities are important, but they do not define us.

The world is not always open to listening to the truth. "I am sending you like lambs among wolves," Jesus tells his disciples. The secular definitions of freedom and liberty are very attractive. They promise us a great deal. It is no wonder Jesus asks his disciples to travel with very little. The Gospel is not dependent upon things or anything those with worldly power or investment can say or do. When one chooses to live for Christ, they choose to live with peace. That's what true freedom will give us. If we do not want what Christ offers, we can close the door, and the messenger will walk away. Distracted by the lure of personal liberties, we risk losing our freedom. We will not have anything truly life-giving to share with others.

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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)



JULY 3, 2022

Dear Parish Family,

As the Fourth of July approaches, do we think of this as a long weekend, fireworks, hot dogs & apple pie or the date of our independence from Great Britain? What does independence mean and how does it impact our lives years later? Freedom often comes with a price. Freedom is not from control, support or aid, and should not be influenced by the thoughts and actions of others. Fredrick Douglas said, "The life of a nation is secured only while the nation is honest, truthful and virtuous." Is this who we are today? There is wisdom when we reject division and subscribe to "one liberty for all people."

Great leaders around the world have lead nations to independence. Their teachings should be examples of good and righteous virtues which should be followed by our leaders today.

Gandhi or Great Soul (Mahatma) is known as the father of India. He left a legacy of compassion, courage and tolerance. He advocated "Non-violence is not a weapon of the weak. It is a weapon of the strongest and bravest."

Abraham Lincoln most often ranked as the number one president of all, developed a reputation of pragmatism and integrity. His perseverance through the great trials of the civil war often included humor. He used this even with his advisories as a mechanism of release. He felt it was his sacred duty to preserve the Union at all costs.

"For to be free is not merely to cast off one's chains, but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others." Nelson Mandela

From St Francis de Sales – "We have freedom to do good or evil; yet to make the choice of evil is not to use, but to abuse our freedom."

While watching the fireworks light up the sky, I thank God once again for my many freedoms.

Have a safe and blessed holiday weekend.  
Mary Jo

## LIVE THE LITURGY

The celebration of our country's independence gives us cause to reflect on the gift of freedom. We treasure the liberties our country provides, but are they the real source of freedom? True freedom is a gift given to us by God, not by the world. In fact, the world robs us of freedom by tethering us to a need for money, power, possessions, and prestige as vehicles to success and measures of self-worth. Even though we possess certain liberties, we are held captive by a system that sees no value in the Cross of Christ. It is no wonder Jesus sent his seventy-two disciples into the world with only what they were wearing. The freedom given to us by God is a matter of the heart and requires detachment from the very things we think we cannot do without. A heart secure in God's peace is something no one can take away and something really worth dying for. ©LPi

The 2022 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) is in progress. As a parish community of St. Mark, along with our "families of parishes," we continue to "fuel the mission of evangelization." Any amount is greatly appreciated and it brings us closer to our target of \$25,885. We hope that each household will be willing and able to assist our parish family with this worthy and important appeal – as we support a multitude of Archdiocesan services and ministries.

Our registered parishioners should have received "CSA packets" directly from the accounting company. If you have not received any materials, please call our parish office. You can also learn more information at [www.givecsa.org](http://www.givecsa.org).



## 14th Sunday of Ordinary Time

### Opening song-----Lift Up Your Hearts

**Refrain** Lift up your hearts to the Lord, praise God's gracious mercy!  
Sing out your joy to the Lord, whose love is enduring.

1. Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth! Praise the name above all names!  
Say to God, "How wondrous your works, how glorious your name!" **Refrain**
2. Let the earth worship, singing your praise. Praise the glory of your name!  
Come and see the deeds of the Lord; bless God's holy name **Refrain**

**Psalm Response** Let all the earth cry out to God with Joy

### Presentation Song-----Here I Am Lord

**Refrain** Here I am Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go Lord, if you lead me, I will hold your people in my heart.

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright  
who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send? **Refrain**
2. I the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain, I have wept for love of them  
they turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for Love alone  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? **Refrain**

### Communion Song-----Be Not Afraid

**Refrain** Be not afraid, I go before you always, come follow me and I will give you rest.

1. You shall cross the barren desert, but you will not die of thirst. You shall wander far in safety  
though you do not know the way. You shall speak your words in foreign lands and all will understand  
you shall see the face of God and live. **Refrain**
2. If you pass through raging waters in the sea, you shall not drown. If you walk amid the burning flames,  
you shall not be harmed. If you stand before the fires of hell and death is at your side  
know that I am with you through it all. **Refrain**

### Sending Forth Song-----America

1. O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain. For purple mountain majesties  
above the fruited plain! America! America! God shed his grace on thee,  
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!
2. O beautiful for pilgrim feet, whose stern impassioned stress, a thorough fare for freedom beat  
across the wilderness! America! America! God mend thine every flaw  
confirm thy soul in self- control, they liberty in law!

# TIMBERWOOD GOLF CLUB



Timberwood Golf Club  
23700 31 Mile Road  
Ray Township, MI 48096

1/4 mile east of North Ave.  
North Ave is Groesbeck Hwy  
north of M-59 (20 Mile Rd)

## St Mark Parish 18th Annual Golf Outing *Deacon George Posavetz Memorial*

**Place:** Timberwood Golf Club    **Date:** Friday, August 26, 2022  
**Time:** **Registration at 11:15 am; Shotgun tee off at 12:00 pm**  
**Price:** \$90 PP / \$360 per foursome (4 Person Scramble)

### Package Includes

- 18 holes of golf with cart
- Lunch: Hot dog, chips & Beverage
- Door prizes, golf contests including closest to pin, longest drive, and a \$10,000 cash prize for a Hole-In-One on the #17 Hole (for both men and women)
- Dinner: Steak, baked potato, tossed salad, meatless mostaccioli, dinner rolls, assorted desserts, and coffee/soft drinks

### **Sponsorship Opportunities:**

- Tee Sponsor \$100 –Includes sign with name placed at tee and program acknowledgment
- Cash Donation –Includes program acknowledgment
- Prize donation –Includes program acknowledgment.

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: ST. MARK**

**Mail form and check to: Donna Phenev, 24517 Audrey, Warren, 48091**

**For more information contact: Andrea Kolton 586.822.7104 Donna Phenev 586.758.1698**

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### **Sponsorship: All sponsorship information is due by August 12, 2022**

\_\_\_\_\_ I will be a tee sponsor (Includes sign)    \_\_\_\_\_ I will sponsor outing with a cash or prize donation

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name for program acknowledgement \_\_\_\_\_

Item or cash amount \_\_\_\_\_

### **Golfer Information: All participant information is due by August 12, 2022**

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_, MI Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Place me into a foursome \_\_\_\_\_

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

## THE WORD

### Readings for the week of July 3, 2022

- Sunday: Is 66:10-14c/Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20/Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20
- Monday: Hos 2:16, 17c-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
- Next Sunday: Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37/Col 1:15-20/  
Lk 10:25-37

## ST. MARK OUTREACH

# DONATE

## TO THE FOOD DRIVE



**Pantry needs:**  
**Spaghetti**  
**Pasta Sauce**

Thank you for your continued  
food and monetary  
support.



God bless.

# MASS INTENTIONS

### *Saturday, July 2*

4:00 pm Joan Ozimek  
Josh Sobeck  
Frances Szpont  
Linda Harbaugh

### *Sunday, July 3*

8:30 am Carmela Palamara  
Jackie Loch  
Harold Wiard

11:00 am Imelda Donlon  
Jim Wawrzyniak  
Karol Lipinski

Angeline Lipinski  
Donald Krysinski  
Stephen H. Martin  
Earl & Marilyn Parrish

### *Wednesday, July 6*

9:30 am The People of St. Mark

### *Saturday, July 9*

4:00 pm Christopher Gendron  
PJ Curtis

Frances Szpont  
Karol Lipinski  
Angeline Lipinski  
Donald Krysinski  
Richard Lipinski  
Irene Lipinski

### *Sunday, July 10*

8:30 am Carmela Palamara  
Mario Ferrini

11:00 am Mary Dreffs  
Steve & Lynn Duffy  
Earl & Marilyn Parrish

## QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

### First Reading:

Upon their return from exile in Babylon, the prophet Isaiah speaks of God's restoration of Jerusalem, characterizing Jerusalem as a nurturing mother feeding and loving her child. Why do you think Isaiah uses such sensuous and bold imagery?

### Second Reading:

In his closing remarks to the Galatians, Paul comments that he "bears the marks of Jesus on his body," a clear reference to his own physical sufferings. Paul's scarred body gave him credibility as an apostle. How would you demonstrate your credibility as a believer in Jesus?

### Gospel:

During his public ministry, we hear how Jesus sent out his followers to begin evangelizing (preaching, healing, and exorcising) in his name. How best can we evangelize non-believers today?

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## PRAYER INTENTIONS



Anne Carroll  
Cathy Gambrell  
Marilyn Parrish  
Dale Parrish  
Blanche Sobieralski  
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:

Master 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

"The Christian #faith is fundamentally an encounter with Jesus Christ. If we truly believe in Jesus, we must try to act like Jesus did: encounter others, encounter our neighbors, so as to share the saving truth of the Gospel with them."

- Pope Francis

@Pontifex Twitter (June 28, 2022)



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Karen Kowalski (Stewardship)

Michael Powell (Worship)

### Fellow Parishioners!

Join us every Thursday at  
6:30 to pray the Rosary.

We meet outside in the  
meditation garden.

Please join us and  
bring a chair for  
your comfort as we pray!



## 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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