

# ST. MARK PARISH



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

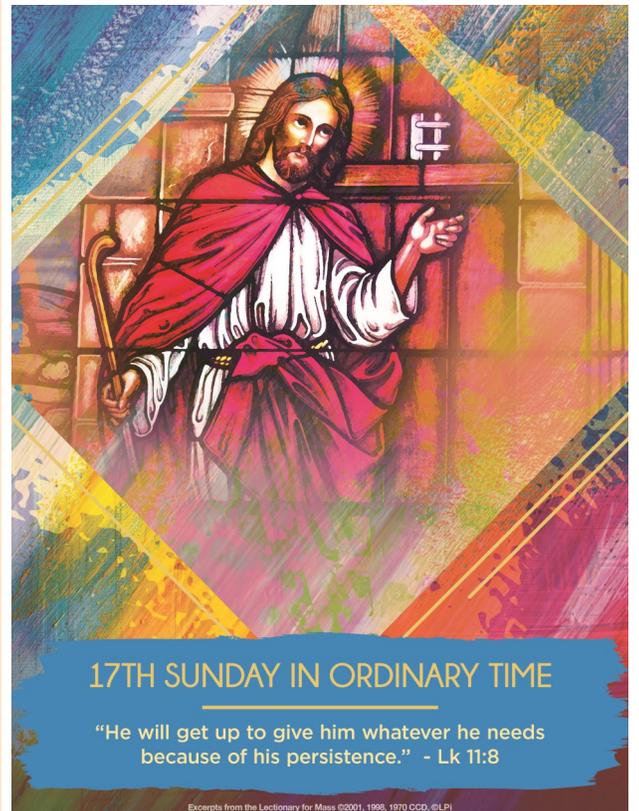
Several weeks ago, I joined some friends to attend a beautiful musical by Brother Al Mascia, OFM, inspired by the life of Blessed Solanus Casey, OFM Cap. The musical is called "More Love than Skill: A Saint and His Fiddle." Brother Al is well known in our local community and beyond, for his great musical talents, deep spirituality, and generous service to our brothers and sisters in need. We are planning to have Brother Al at St. Mark in December. The "Franciscans" trace their spiritual ancestry to St. Francis of Assisi. Over the centuries, three major groups of Franciscans came into being with their distinctive charisms: the Friars Minor (OFM), the Conventuals (OFM Conv), and the Capuchins (OFM Cap). The official Latin name is Ordo Fratrum Minorum. St. Francis referred to those in his community as "Fratricelli," meaning "Little Brothers." St. Mark has been blessed for many years with the gracious assistance of two Franciscan priests, Fr. Dennet and Fr. Michael.

Blessed Solanus, a humble "doorkeeper" and beloved Capuchin priest is on the journey to officially being declared a "saint." He will be remembered at the Solanus Casey Center with a nine-day novena (from Latin: novem, nine), beginning on July 22, and culminating with the Feast of Solanus Casey on July 30, 2022. The theme of this year novena is: "Blessed be God in all His designs." The Feast Day brings joyful memories of the Beatification Mass for Fr. Solanus in 2017, and the spiritually enriching veneration of Blessed Solanus relic which we had at St. Mark in 2019. We read on the Solanus Center website: "He spoke in a soft and quiet voice, and he prayed. Some say his prayers cured illness. All say his serenity and counsel gave them peace. He believed every prayer is answered in God's own way, and encouraged everyone to thank God ahead of time. Like Jesus himself, Solanus' heart also went out to those who had given up the practice of their faith or had no affiliation with any church community. He saw each person as loved by God and called to share in God's life."

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)



17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"He will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence." - Lk 11:8

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**JULY 24, 2022**

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Meister Eckhart asks, "Who is the man whose prayers God always hears?" He answers, "God hears the man who appeals to God as God. When, however, man appeals to God, hoping for some worldly good, he is not appealing to God at all, but to what he is asking of God. He is trying to make God his servant. On this point, St. Augustine says: 'You pray to what you love, for true whole prayer is nothing but love!' Thus, we pray to what we love, and no one rightly prays to God but he who prays for God and has nothing on his mind but God." We struggle with what we want God to do and how we want our prayer validated. Meister Eckhart is correct. We often want God to be our servant. We further struggle with trusting that God knows what we need and that His will is best.

God's will is not some predetermined outcome of events that we must simply suggest. "Thy will be done" is not an invocation beckoning us to accept a particular state of affairs passively. Rather, it is the humble and confident placement of ourselves in the presence of the God we seek, whom we call "Father." We must remember that God is the God of life and light. It is from nothing that God brings something and from the darkness that God brings life. Prayer allows us to seek the One we love with the assurance that all will be well regardless of what course the events of our lives take. God is not about passive submission but the humble trust of love.

That's what makes the Lord's Prayer the perfect prayer. It provides us with proper disposition and focus, putting in line all of the essential relationships of our lives. It celebrates and fosters the ever-deepening relationship of trust we have with our Creator. It also calls us to keep open the doors of love between our brothers and sisters with the power that comes with forgiveness. If in one's darkest hour they can find the resolve to fervently pray this perfect prayer of Jesus' conviction, then there is no doubt that God will hear their plea, reach out in love, and bring them ever closer to His heart. What more does one need to weather the storms of life besides faith, hope, and love? These are God's most perfect gifts and all we really need.

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## LIVE THE LITURGY

Ultimately, what does God promise to give us when we pray? The short answer to that question is God. God promises to give Himself to us in prayer. Prayer is about union with God, not receiving favors. When God comes to us in prayer, His presence comes with faith, hope, and love. When we find these virtues enhanced and nurtured, we know that our prayer has been heard and answered. When we seek out, listen to, and live by these virtues we find ourselves led back to God and more united with the Divine Presence. We struggle with what we want God to do and how we want our prayer validated. That's what makes Jesus' prayer, the Our Father, so perfect. It celebrates a deepening intimate relationship of trust between our Creator and us. When we persistently cry out for God in love, how can that prayer go unanswered?

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# LITURGICAL MUSIC

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## 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

### Opening song-----Sing to the Mountains

**Refrain** Sing to the mountains, sing to the sea, raise your voices lift your hearts.  
This is the day the Lord has made. Let all the earth rejoice.

1. I will give thanks to you, my Lord, You have answered my plea.  
You have saved my soul from death. You are my strength and my song. **Refrain**

2. Holy, Holy, Holy Lord. Heaven and Earth are full of your glory. **Refrain**

**Psalm Response** Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

### Presentation Song-----We Remember

**Refrain** We Remember how you loved us to your death, and still we celebrate  
for you are with us here, and we believe that we will see you  
when you come in your glory, Lord, we remember, we celebrate  
we believe.

1. Here a million wounded souls are yearning just to touch you and be healed.  
Gather all your people and hold them to your heart. **Refrain**

2. Now we recreate your love, we bring the bread and wine to share a meal.  
Sign of grace and mercy, the presence of the Lord. **Refrain**

### Communion Song-----Bread of Life

**Refrain** Bread of life, hope of the world, Jesus Christ, our brother  
feed us now, give us life, lead us to on another.

1. As we proclaim your death, as we recall your life, we remember your promise  
to return again. **Refrain**

2. The bread we break and share was scattered once as grain; just as now  
it is gathered, make your people one. **Refrain**

### Sending Forth Song-----We are the Light of the World

**Refrain** We are the light of the world, may your light shine before all,  
That they may see the good that we do and give glory to God.

1. Blessed are they who are poor in spirit, theirs is the kingdom of God.  
Bless us, O Lord make us poor in spirit; Bless us, O Lord, our God. **Refrain**

2. Blessed are they who are meek in spirit, they will inherit the earth,  
Bless us, O Lord, make us meek and humble: Bless us, O Lord our God **Refrain**

# 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 24, 2022

- Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13
- Monday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28
- Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Mt 13:36-43
- Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17-18/Mt 13:44-46
- Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Mt 13:47-53
- Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14/Jn 11:19-27
- Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 14:1-12
- Next Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

## ST. MARK OUTREACH

# DONATE

## TO THE FOOD DRIVE



### Pantry needs:

- Corn
- Peas
- Lentils
- Northern Beans
- Small Paper Bags

Thank you so much  
for your donations.



# MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, July 23

- 4:00 pm Mary Lockwood  
Frances Szpont  
Brook Badgero

### Wednesday, July 27

- 9:30 am The People of St. Mark

### Saturday, July 30

- 4:00 pm Edward Pelc  
Constantine & Alice Tauras  
Agnes & Raymond Grimski  
Michael Mutane  
Frances Szpont  
Elliott Family

### Sunday, July 24

- 8:30 am Carmela Palamara  
Smith Family  
Chris Mixen
- 11:00 am Dorothy Schwartz  
Earl & Marilyn Parrish  
Domen Family  
Ed Hernandez

### Sunday, July 31

- 8:30 am Carmela Palamara  
Sanders Family
- 11:00 am Will Ricklefs  
Earl & Marilyn Parrish  
Beverly Zernick

## QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

### First Reading:

In his dialogue with the Lord, Abraham questions the idea of justice and divine retribution. What questions do you have for the Lord?

### Second Reading:

Paul encouraged the Gentile believers in the city of Colossae to understand that all who have faith in Jesus (Jews and Gentiles alike) share in the death and resurrection of Jesus. How do you help fellow Christians who feel disenfranchised?

### Gospel:

Jesus teaches his disciples to be persistent and bold in their prayers to the Father. How would you characterize your prayer life?

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## PRAYER INTENTIONS



Anne Carroll  
Cathy Gambrell  
Terry Lawrence  
Blanche Sobieralski  
Steve Sternicki  
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

"We must return to the essence of Christianity: the love of God, the driving force of our joy that send us out to trod the pathways of the world, and welcoming our neighbor. This is the simplest and most beautiful witness we can give the world."

- Pope Francis  
@Pontifex Twitter (July 19, 2022)



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Cynthia Filipovich

Diane Hamilton

Tom Harm

Phyllis Wisniewski (Christian Formation)

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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