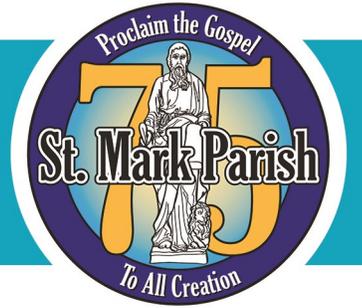


# ST. MARK PARISH



## 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

What makes us feel secure? Many people look to tangible forms of security that will safeguard their livelihood and prepare for their future. We tend to associate security with things: the accumulation of goods and possessions, retirement funds, savings accounts, and substantial incomes. While acquiring these promises a life with less anxiety and worry, we actually find ourselves more preoccupied and consumed with their growth and preservation. We worry more! We can easily become quasi-hoarders, consumed with obtaining more tangible crutches. Our minds and hearts are always restless, and we never seem to be at peace.

Why do we so easily give our self-worth, value, and sense of security over to things? God certainly does not deny us the pursuit of a productive and enjoyable life but where do we draw the line? A sense of well-being and happiness can easily get deferred to sometime "in the future" while we continue to wrestle with the toils of today. There is no guarantee that there will be an earthly tomorrow and all of the frenzy we bring to securing our state in life will be for naught. When we are called from this world, will we even know where to begin to look for the tranquility and repose our souls so desperately need?

We cannot be hoarders, pursuers of vanity, or greedy. They just don't work as they are too dependent on things that can fall apart. Rather than always feeling the need for more, we need to learn how to be grateful for what we have. By learning to look inward we can learn how to live lives of faithful service to others. "Happiness can only be achieved by looking inward and learning to enjoy whatever life has, and this requires transforming greed into gratitude (St. John Chrysostom)." We all need to be good stewards of what has been entrusted to our care. Grateful hearts recognize the true source of what we have and realize that our true treasure lies not in what matters to us but to God.

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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)



18<sup>th</sup> Sunday

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

[Jesus] said to the crowd, "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." - Lk 12:15

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JULY 31, 2022

Dear Parish Family,

Within all of us we hold secrets, either ours or those of others! The Latin word for secrets is *secernere* meaning “to set apart”, commonly known as a duty to conceal. Secrets are held in many forms.

There are secrets of harm - where someone is abusing themselves or others, are unfaithful, or contemplating or acting on situations. There are secrets which are entrusted, or confidential—such as the seal of Confession or of national security. There are secrets of a promise - only to be revealed for the most serious reason. The most joyous of secrets is often concealed by the holder, such as a reunion, a wedding or birth. Through our human frailty, it is often difficult to not want to share a secret which has been entrusted to us. St Alphonsus of Ligori often spoke of the “secret of trust.” Revelation of someone else’s secrets can cause hurt or sorrow. We have an obligation to keep the promise entrusted to us.

Saint Raymond Non Natus of Spain followed Christian slaves to Algeria. It is said “when he ran out of his entire inheritance ransoming slaves, he substituted himself for a slave’s freedom.” He was imprisoned for his religious proselytizing while converting many of the jailers. The Moors bored holes through his lips and sealed his mouth shut to keep him from preaching. He is often depicted in the company of angels. Although this is the extreme, it may be a reminder that we should not betray a confidence or share a secret. I wonder if this is where the phrase “putting holes in our tongue”, came from?

Is it our own ego that often prompts us to share a secret which has been confided to us? Sharing of this, does not amplify our self-worth, but diminishes it. Isn’t it better to be thankful that someone feels comfortable enough to share their secret with us? We are reminded by Thomas Kempis, “Blessed are the ears that catch the secret whisperings of Jesus, and pay no heed to the murmurings of the world.”

Have a blessed day!

Mary Jo

## LIVE THE LITURGY

Greed is more present and powerful in our lives than we care to admit. We like our “stuff” and are hesitant to part with it. What we convince ourselves that we really need, we really do not. If everything we own is taken away from us tomorrow, life will continue. We will find happiness again. How many relationships are ruined because of inheritance issues? Our possessions cannot come with us when we die. Why do we foolishly think that we cannot live without them here? Wealth and happiness do not have physical origins. True wealth and happiness are gifts of God’s kingdom and matters of heart and soul. We are much more than what we possess, and greed is more real and operative than we think. Let us begin our journey to detachment with an honest admission. We often place more importance on things than on people and God. Ask God to accept our conflicted hearts and give us the courage to do things differently.

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

### Opening song-----For the Beauty of the Earth

**Refrain:** Lord of all, to you we raise, this our gift of grateful praise.

1. For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies. **Refrain**
2. For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light. **Refrain**

**Psalm Response:** If today you hear his voice, harden not your heart

### Presentation Song-----Behold the Lamb

**Refrain:** Behold, behold the Lamb of God, all who eat, all who drink shall live; and all, all who dwell in God shall come to know his glory.

1. Those who were in the dark are thankful for the sunlight; we who live, we who die are grateful for his gift thankful for his love. **Refrain**
2. Peaceful now, those whose hearts are blessed with understanding of the wheat of the wine united with his word, and the love we share. **Refrain**

### Communion Song-----Gift of Finest Wheat

**Refrain:** You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat, come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.

1. As when the shepherd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice, so when you call your family Lord, we follow and rejoice. **Refrain**
2. With joyful we sing to you our praise and gratitude, that you should count us worthy, Lord to share this heavenly food. **Refrain**

### Sending Forth Song-----There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

1. There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea; there's a kindness in God's justice which is more than liberty. There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed; there is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the head.
2. For the love of God is broader, then the measures of our mind, and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind. If our love were but more simple, we should take him at his word, and our lives would be thanksgiving for the goodness of our Lord

# 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**

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: ST. MARK** Mail form and check to: Donna Phenev, 24517 Audrey, Warren, 48091

### **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 31, 2022

- Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21
- Monday: Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102/Mt 14:13-21
- Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-21, 29 and 22-23/Mt 14:22-36
- Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 15:21-28
- Thursday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 16:13-23
- Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41/Mt 16:24-28
- Saturday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36
- Next Sunday: Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 12:32-48

## ST. MARK OUTREACH

# DONATE

TO THE FOOD DRIVE



**Pantry needs:**

**Pasta and Rice Sides**

**Pinto Beans**

**Kidney Bean**

**Small Paper Bags**

**Large Paper bags**

Thank you so much  
for your donations.



## QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

### First Reading:

Ecclesiastes speaks of "vanity" in the sense of emptiness or futility, such as those who seek to build their legacy or those who suffer with a restless heart. How are you able to remain focused on the important things in your life?

### Second Reading:

Paul teaches the Colossians that the key to focusing on "what is above, not on what is on earth" is to live a moral and upright life, grounded in your faith in Christ. Who do you know who does this well?

### Gospel:

Jesus tells the parable of the rich fool in response to a question about inheritance, warning the crowd about over dependence on possessions. How do you balance your material needs with "what matters to God?"

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## MASS INTENTIONS



*Saturday, July 30*

4:00 pm Edward Pelc

Constantine & Alice Tauras

Agnes & Raymond Grimski

Michael Mutane

Frances Szpont

Elliott Family

Candy Quintero

Diego Vega

*Sunday, July 31*

8:30 am Carmela Palamara

Sanders Family

11:00 am Will Riclefs

Earl & Marilyn Parrish

Beverly Zernick

*Wednesday, August 3*

9:30 am The People of St. Mark

*Saturday, August 6*

4:00 pm Jorge Café

Nemesia Café Uy

Frances Szpont

Barbara Podgorny

*Sunday, August 7*

8:30 am Carmela Palamara

11:00 am Joseph Puszcz Jr.

## PRAYER INTENTIONS



Anne Carroll  
Cathy Gambrell  
Terry Lawrence  
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.

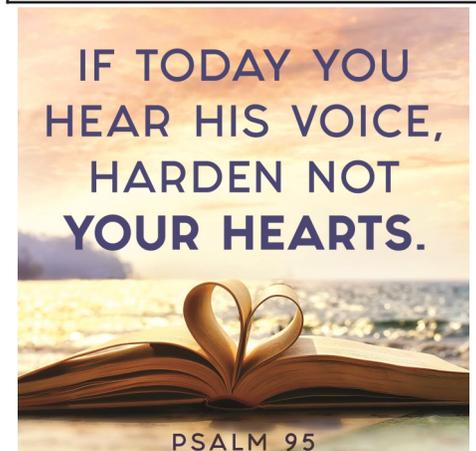
##### Memorare

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 have received so much from those who have gone before us. What do we want to bequeath to those who come after us? "Rose water" or a living faith? A society founded on personal profit or on fraternity? A world at war or peace? A devastated creation or a welcoming home?"

- Pope Francis  
@Pontifex Twitter (July 26, 2022)



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Cynthia Filipovich

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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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