

# ST. MARK PARISH



## 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

People who are concerned with their own advancement and agenda have little room for anyone else. With an almost addictive pursuit of esteem and acknowledgment from others, they become little more than entitled embodiments of the vice of pride. Public humiliation or embarrassment can hit them hard. While avoiding humiliation and embarrassment may be advantageous to obtaining worldly success, they are much less desirable motivations for entering the Kingdom of God. Avoiding embarrassment is a self-serving motivation. Pride and all of its manifestations have no place on God's agenda, neither do worldly success and fulfillment. In fact, we have been clearly told that if we love our lives, we will lose them. Therefore, if you really want to find your true station in life, learn to give yourself away.

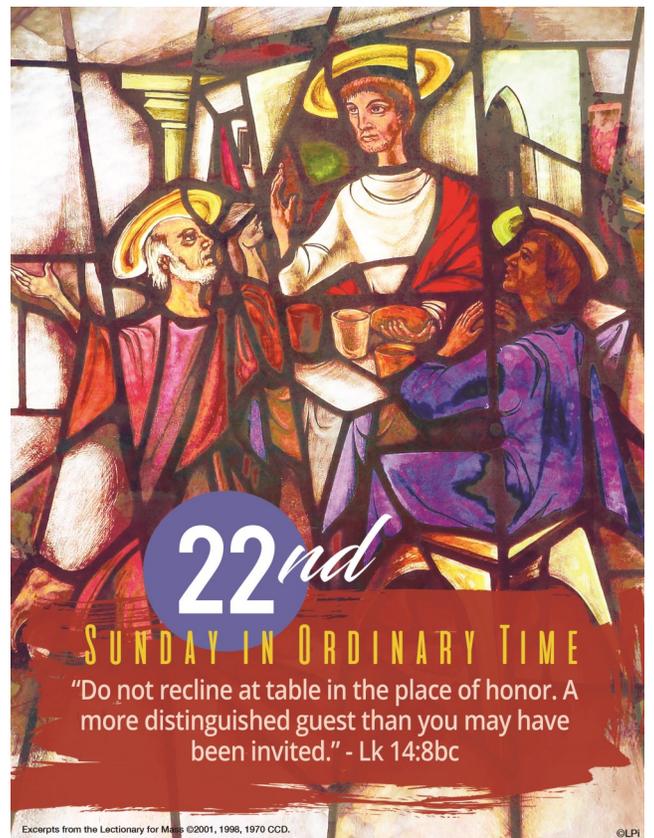
While this may sound foolish to secular ears, it actually makes perfect sense. God, who is love, makes each of us in His image. Love, and therefore God, is in our DNA. That being the case, love is never love if it is kept to oneself or hoarded. Love needs to be shared and given away. Therefore, it is the only proper motivation for entering the Kingdom of God. The door to happiness is only opened when we realize that all we are and all we have is due only to God's grace. Without God we are nothing.

Love is the remedy for pride and protects us from ourselves. God asks us to be humble. Only when we are free from the traps of pride and arrogance that we can begin to follow the path to true humility. Only one who is humble can rightly love and be of service to God. "God makes use only of the humble as his instruments (Jean-Pierre de Caussade)." The humble one does not need others to give them worth and value. Their self-esteem comes from the much more secure foundation of God. Only those who are entirely free can give themselves freely to others. Love must always be our motivation for doing all things. Be content that God has invited you to the banquet of life. Concern yourself with accepting the invitation, and don't worry about where you will sit.

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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)



AUGUST 28, 2022

Christian Formation Families,

Registration for St. Mark Christian Formation is now open. Registration information was mailed to all families who were enrolled last year.

We are optimistic that we can meet fully in person this year. We will again meet on Sunday morning from 9:40 - 10:50 am and will be using Our Sunday Visitor's, Alive in Christ books.

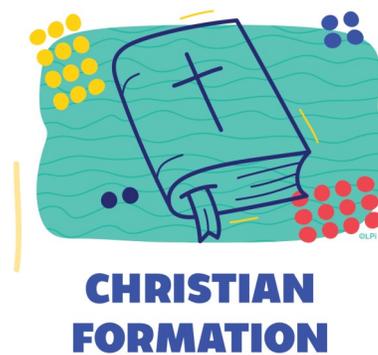
In addition to our Sunday morning classes we will have monthly family activities. We will meet on once a month on Wednesday evenings as families to learn and grow in faith. Each month we will have a different topic, presenter and activity.

Please contact me if you have any questions or would like a registration packet mailed to you.

We are looking forward to the year ahead,

Amanda Brewer

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## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

### Humility and Stewardship

Some people have “the rich relation” in their family tree. Aunt Cindy, who is always traveling somewhere new and exciting. Cousin Richard and his lake house. Your sister and brother-in-law who buy a new car every year.

Oftentimes these relatives take great happiness in sharing their wealth. You can usually count on an exotic gift from Aunt Cindy’s latest adventure or an invitation to go out on Richard’s pontoon boat at the end of the summer.

Yet sometimes, that person wants something in return. Not money, of course, but something else. Attention. Flattery. Gratitude. Cindy wants you to ask her where she got the priceless artifact in Istanbul, so she can talk about the many antiquities dealers she visited. Richard wants you to ask about his new boat, so he can talk about how well business has been this year. Maybe the person just wants to know you like the gift or that the experience offered is pleasing to you.

This is a natural inclination that we all possess. There is nothing wrong with wanting to be the person people count on. There is nothing wrong with wanting to offer worthy gifts. There is nothing wrong with hoping that maybe, just a little, we might be appreciated.

What matters is the spirit we carry within our hearts when we do it. What matters is our destination as we approach that proverbial table. Are we headed for the place of honor, expecting it to be waiting for us? Or are we making our way to the lowest place, simply thankful to be invited to the meal?

– Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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### Opening Song -----Table of Plenty

**Refrain**        Come to the feast of heaven and earth! Come to the table of plenty!  
                    God will provide for all that we need, here at the table of plenty.

1. O come and sit at my table where saints and sinners are friends. I wait to welcome the lost and lonely to share the cup of my love        **Refrain**
2. O come and eat without money; come to drink without price. My feast of gladness will feed your spirit with faith and fullness of life. **Refrain**

**Psalm Response**    God in your goodness you have made a home, a home for the poor

### Presentation Song-----God of the Hungry

1. God of all the hungry millions, God who suffers with the poor, still our greed keeps us from sharing with the hungry at our door. All who thirst will thirst no longer when we do as you would do. May we care for all your people; Help us know that they are you.
2. God who travels with the stranger, greeted by our apathy, teach us to embrace all people; all can live with dignity. You have bid us clothe the naked, bringing hope in all we do, may we welcome all your people; Help us know that they are you.

### Communion Song-----The Cry of the Poor

**Refrain**        The Lord hears the cry of the poor. Blessed be the Lord

1. I will bless the Lord at all time, with praise ever in my mouth. Let my soul glory in the Lord, who will hear the cry of the poor.    **Refrain**
2. Let the lowly hear and be glad the Lord listens to their pleas; and to hearts broken, God is near, who will hear the cry of the poor.    **Refrain**
3. Every spirit crushed, God will save; will be ransom for their lives; will be safe shelter for their fears, and will hear the cry of the poor.    **Refrain**

### Sending Forth Song-----Sing a New Church

**Refrain**    Let us bring the gifts that differ and, in splendid varied ways,  
                    sing a new church into being, one in faith and love and praise.

1. Summoned by the God who made us rich in our diversity, gathered in the name of Jesus, richer still in unity.    **Refrain**
2. Radiant risen from the water, robed in holiness and light, male and female in God's image, male and female, God's delight.    **Refrain**

Dear Parish Family,

Many of you have read those brief quizzes on “**Have you ever?**”

Isn't life about what have you done with this precious gift God has given us? Most of us are such creatures of routine. When you wake up in the morning, do you thank God for bringing you to this day and ask for his guidance? For some, it is grab that coffee and think “oh well another day” instead of how can I make the most out of this time. Could the glass half full, versus the glass half empty theory play into your life? Let's take the plunge into something new and create a new chapter in our life. St Junipere Sera, a Franciscan, left his native home of Mallorca, Spain and lived out Jesus words “Follow Me!” (Mathew 8:22) His motto was “Keep Moving Forward.” He traveled to the unknown territory, which is now known as California to convert native people of the “new world.” He founded many missions including San Juan Capistrano.

While reading those “*Have You Ever*” quizzes, be it “have you been to”, or “have you done these”, I realize the boat may have sailed for my bungee jumping off a bridge in Australia, but - there is certainly a need to add more things to my bucket list. We are never too old to experience new things.

What about our own challenge here at St Mark? What is the moment that brought you the most joy so far in your life? What is on your bucket list that you hope to do? What is something you hope to do for others? God wants us to be joyful! Let's bring some joy to others. Even a warm smile or friendly hello can make someone else's day! Recently, during the reading of the Prayers of the Faithful, the lector brought great joy to one of our parishioners, when she read the name of his recently deceased wife. It was a true - “*Have You Ever* Moment!”

Have a blessed day!

Mary Jo

## LIVE THE LITURGY

“Humble yourself the more, the greater you are.” These words from Sirach are packed with wisdom. Who we become, and the success we achieve, is due not only to our own merits but also to God's grace. Without God, we cease to be. This is a simple fact. If we ever feel entitled to honor, superior treatment, or privileges, then we are deluding ourselves. The person who truly understands and is responsible for their well-being and success will quickly become a servant of others. We tend to forget how important service is. Being generous and kind, especially to those who cannot repay us, is the hallmark of the Christian life. Are we willing to put ourselves last? An easy way to seek an answer is to determine how much value you place on sitting in the seat you occupy today or the space you choose to park your car. Would you offer these to someone else?

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THE WORD

Readings for the week of August 28, 2022

- Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/  
Lk 14:1, 7-14
- Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102/Mk 6:17-29
- Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14/Lk 4:31-37
- Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21/Lk 4:38-44
- Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11
- Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40/Lk 5:33-39
- Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21/Lk 6:1-5
- Next Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/  
Lk 14:25-33

ST. MARK OUTREACH



**Pantry needs:**  
**Small Paper Bags**  
**Large Paper bags**

Thank you so much for your donations.



**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, August 27**

4:00 pm Edward Pelc  
 Agnes & Raymond Grimski  
 Frances Szpont

**Sunday, August 28**

8:30 am Carmela Palamara  
 11:00 am Earl & Marilyn Parrish  
 Beverly Zernick  
 Chris Mixen  
 Bob Stelman

**Wednesday, August 31**

9:30 am The People of St. Mark

**Saturday, September 3**

4:00 pm Imelda Donlon  
 Frances Szpont  
 Ron De Gallo  
 Karol & Angeline Lipinski  
 Donald Krysinski  
 Richard Lipinski  
 Irene Lipinski

**Sunday, September 4**

8:30 am Carmela Palamara  
 Herbert Holcomb  
 11:00 am Greg Drozdowski  
 Chris Mixen

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

**First Reading:**

Sirach speaks of humility as a virtue to embrace. Why do you think Jewish wisdom tradition often saw humility as an admirable human trait?

**Second Reading:**

Hebrews speaks of the sacrificial blood of Jesus providing us with unprecedented direct access to God. How do you share this good news with others?

**Gospel:**

Jesus spoke to the "leading Pharisees" about the importance of humility and to freely give to those on the margins with no expectation of repayment. When have you done so in your life?

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## PRAYER INTENTIONS



Theresa Lawrence  
Barbara Pachnik  
Marilyn Parrish  
Earl Parrish  
Blanche Sobieralski  
Patricia Thiry

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

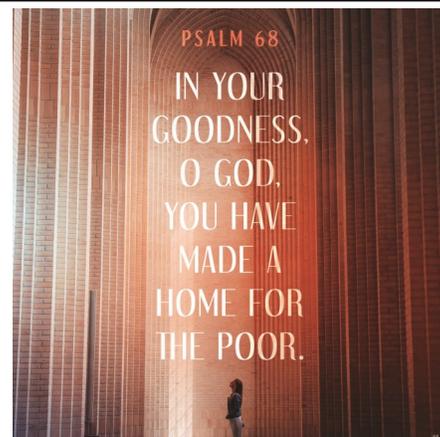
Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, we fly unto thee O Virgin of virgins, our Mother. To thee do we come. Before thee we stand, sinful and sorrowful.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

#### POPE TWEETS

"#Peace is primarily an attitude of the heart. It is born of justice, grows in fraternity, flourishes on gratuitousness. It inspires us to serve the truth."

- Pope Francis

@Pontifex Twitter (August 23, 2022)



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### Fellow Parishioners!

Join us every Thursday at  
6:30 pm 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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