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March 17, 2019 – Second Sunday of Lent

Our mission: St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Community is a growing community of faith which strives to help its members follow Christ's commandment: "Love one another, as I have loved you." (John 15:12)



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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday – Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Friday 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Tuesday 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Welcome! Individuals who actively participate with us are asked to register by contacting the Parish Office.

BAPTISM, MATRIMONY, ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Please contact the Parish Office.

What's happening at St. Mark this week

MONDAY, March 18
7:00 p.m. —Alpha

TUESDAY, March 19
10:00 a.m.—Shawl Ministry—Parish Center
6:30 p.m. —Mass :(Fr. Bill) Living Birthday Harvey Yee/Ann Marie Yee
7:00 p.m. —Parish Commissions Meeting

WEDNESDAY, March 20
8:30 a.m. —Liturgy of the Hours
9:00 a.m. — St. Joseph Guild – Parish Center
10:00 a.m. – AA – Rooms 1 & 2
6:30 p.m. —Soup & Stations

THURSDAY, March 21
7:00 p.m. – Choir practice

FRIDAY, March 22
8:30 a.m. —Mass :(Fr. Joe) +John Vantol/Harvey & Ann Marie Yee
6:00 p.m. —CCW Spring Crop

SATURDAY, March 23—
7:00 a.m. —8:00 a.m.—Men's Fellowship
9:00 a.m. —10:00 a.m.—Women's Lenten Sharing
9:00 a.m. —CCW Spring Crop
4:30-5:15 p.m.—Confessions
5:30 p.m. —Mass: (Fr. Joe) +Kay Hanba/Randy & Donna Koerber

SUNDAY, March 24—
9:30 a.m. —Mass:(Fr. Bill) +Maureen Hayes/Milne Family
10:30 a.m.—Hospitality
10:45 a.m.—Bell Choir—Church
No Ref

A cup of Joe . . .

Greetings in Christ, all!

I pray that Spring gets here soon and that we all can soak in some sunshine!

Before I forget, some of you have probably noticed our baptismal font is a bit "off". We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience, but it needed



some work and, in order for that work to be done it needs to be dry. As a result, we have a bowl of Holy Water in the top of the font, but the pump is not running and the bottom part of the font is dry. Obviously our goal is to have it up and running by Easter, if not before.

Since I've returned from Florida, I've really been overwhelmed at the number of people struggling right now and I want to comment on this. First of all, this is pretty normal. Right around this time of year, a lot of us struggle with darkness and dealing with it. If you are struggling, take a moment now and ask God to let you feel His presence. Ask Him to soothe your wounds and give you strength.

Beyond prayer (which is essential), I'd also like to share some other ideas for dealing with inner darkness. Reach out: ask other people about their needs. Pray for them. Actively seek out a way to enter the needs of others with love and devotion. Look through the obituaries and pray for the dead and those who mourn. Few things are more healing than giving of ourselves.

Move: take a walk, make a commitment to knock out that project, whatever it may be, get some movement in. Your mind will fight it, but once you start, it should get easier. I find that my body can be a bit like a diesel engine at times like these: slow to warm up, but once it gets going, its all good.

Be merciful: be merciful with yourself and with others. Take some time and ask God to probe your heart for any anger or lack of forgiveness. Give that to the Lord. Be careful of Social Media: I basically avoid most of it, as it's filled with angry Democrats and angry Republicans, angry Christians and angry atheists, angry sports fans, angry this, angry that. Its simply impossible to soak in that much anger and pride and not be damaged. Liberate yourself by refusing to read the blogs and articles of the perpetually indignant and angry.

Those are some of my ideas and I hope you find them helpful. Let's lift each other up and push onward in the name of Jesus!

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Second Sunday of Lent

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear?— *Psalms 27:1*

Scripture readings for this week:

Mon, 3/18: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
 Tue, 3/19: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
 Wed, 3/20: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
 Thu, 3/21: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
 Fri, 3/22: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
 Sat, 3/23: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
 Sun, 3/24: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

St. Mark TRIDUUM RETREAT 2019!

Wednesday, April 3rd, 6—8 p.m. All are invited. The Easter Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil) is a time to celebrate the Passion, Death and Resurrection of our Lord. Join us as we will reflect together as a community and bring a lot more meaning into these most Sacred Days. Sign up in the

Triduum Gathering Space or call the parish office.



Catholic Women's Scholarship

The Daughters of Isabella, Regina Coeli Circle 1095 is offering (2) \$750.00 scholarships to any Catholic Women who are High School Seniors and seeking a higher education. Applications are available. If interested, contact Sara St. Martin (810) 744-1948 or Mary Yarbrough (810) 515-1270.

Prayer Intention of Pope Francis for March

Evangelization: That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

LET US PRAY:

For Peace; for Women/Men in the Military Service: SSG J Gillett; Maj. S Halleaux; Maj. C Kaighen; SPC T Kenney; S/Sgt. D Kendall; LCpl Greg Misiak, ATAN Daniel P. Wood

For Our Sick: Those who are homebound, in the hospital or another healthcare facility.

For our Deceased: Dorothy Rose Collisi

For Prayer Ministry requests: Contact Joan Turner at joanturner38@sbcglobal.net or 248-410-2286.

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Family Promise—March 31—April 7

It's that time again! Our next co-hosting assignment is coming, Sunday, March 31 through Sunday, April 7. We will be providing for two days again, Tuesday, April 2 and Thursday, April 4. Please be sure to sign up in the Gathering Space. New this session, we will need an overnight person for each night. If you have questions please call Sharon Roberts at 810-845-7937. Thank you in advance for your service to this cause!

Euchre—March 29

The next Euchre tournament is March 29 at 10:00 a.m. For more information please contact Dan or Anne MacShane at dnamacshane@gmail.com or feel free to contact them at (630)-893-7007 so they can plan accordingly

Religious Jewelry Sale

Check out our selection of religious jewelry in the display case on the Gathering space. They have been marked down. This would be a good time to purchase for gifts for First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Mother's Day, etc.

Ron's thoughts....

The other day while flipping through the channels on TV, I came across the movie "Terminator." I didn't stop to watch it, because I just wasn't interested in watching a show that was about killing. Believe me, this isn't always the case; sadly enough I do watch them. But, this particular day I wasn't attracted to that theme.

I continued flipping through and ironically enough stopped on an old recorded broadcast of a talk given by Pope St. John Paul the great. The ironic thing was that just as I turned to the program, St. John Paul was speaking about life and the sanctity and reverence we need to give to all pro-life issues. One comment that received enormous cheers from the thousands that listened intently to him was about capital punishment, he said, "We should respect all life, even when someone has done something evil."

I found myself again reflecting on what all this means and was glad that I kept on flipping the channels only to be brought to tears with what this simple, yet so holy, man brought to us in his words so spiritually guided by the Holy Spirit. He talked so eloquently about life, yet at the same time his message was simple. His message was the Gospel, the good news of Jesus Christ. It was a message about giving life, not taking it away.

I laughed at the two choices I had that day, one a story about a terminator, and the other a story about a life giver. I'm glad I stopped on the latter. That's Lent: a time to look at your life, your choices and maybe just maybe do the right thing. MAKE IT A GREAT LENT!

Walk the talk! Be Peace!

Dcn. Ron (rkenney@stmarkgoodrich.org)

Adult Faith Formation

- **JOIN US FOR Alpha... Explore the Catholic Faith, Mondays NOW in the Parish Center 6:45:pm dinner, videos begin at 7 p.m.** Contact Dcn Ron for more info. rkenney@stmarkgoodrich.org. **FOR ALL WHO WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT JESUS!**
- **Women's Lenten Walk with Purpose** - Saturday mornings 9-10 a.m., Walk together with your sisters in Christ exploring the themes of Lent and how Christ can have an impact in your life as a woman.
- **Men's Lenten Fellowship**—Saturday's of Lent, 7-8 a.m. Become the man that wakes up in the morning and makes the devil say: "Damn, he's up!" Join other men reflecting on the readings of our Lenten Season.
- **Soup and Stations**— Wednesdays of Lent, Soup at 6:30 p.m., Stations of the cross at 7 p.m. All are welcome. A great way to focus on Lent and pray together the last hours of Jesus' life.

St. Mark Religious Education Formation (REF)

- 3/24-31 No REF or Youth Group—Spring Break

