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July 14, 2019 – Fifteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

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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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.

What's happening at St. Mark this week

MONDAY, July 15
No Parish Activities
5:00—9:00 p.m.—Youth Fundraiser at Sam's Italian Restaurant

TUESDAY, July 16
10:00 a.m.—Art & Environment Meeting
6:30 p.m.—Mass: +Deceased Benefactors of St. Mark/Parish

WEDNESDAY, July 17
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
7:00 p.m.—Youth Group

THURSDAY, July 18
9:00 a.m.—Parish Gardening

FRIDAY, July 19
8:30 a.m. —Mass: People of the Parish/Parish

SATURDAY, July 20
4:30-5:15 p.m.—Confessions
5:30 p.m.—Mass: +Liz Kenney/Kelly Alford

SUNDAY, July 21—Youth Mission Trip
9:30 a.m.—Mass: +Norman Warren/Frank & Joanne Salvati

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.

Please note that on Sunday, August 25th there will **NOT be a 9:30 a.m. Mass. We will have an outdoor mass at 11:30 a.m. Mass will be followed by our Founders Day family celebration. More details to follow.

A cup of Joe . . .

Greetings in Christ,

I pray that God bless all of you with a joy filled summer; great times with family and friends. I wanted to take a minute and point out something from our first reading that I really love:



"For this command that I enjoin on you today is not too mysterious and remote for you.

*It is not up in the sky, that you should say,
'Who will go up in the sky to get it for us
and tell us of it, that we may carry it out?'
Nor is it across the sea, that you should say,
'Who will cross the sea to get it for us
and tell us of it, that we may carry it out?'
No, it is something very near to you,
already in your mouths and in your hearts;
you have only to carry it out."*

I just love that passage. Our God reminding us that all He calls us to is written right into our Spiritual DNA. When we gather together for mass and receive Him, we recognize that, in a nutshell, our call is easy to describe: it looks like this in our Gospel:

[A scholar of the law asked Jesus] "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

Jesus said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read it?"

He said in reply,

*"You shall love the Lord, your God,
with all your heart,
with all your being,
with all your strength,
and with all your mind,
and your neighbor as yourself."*

Jesus replied to him, "You have answered correctly; do this and you will live."

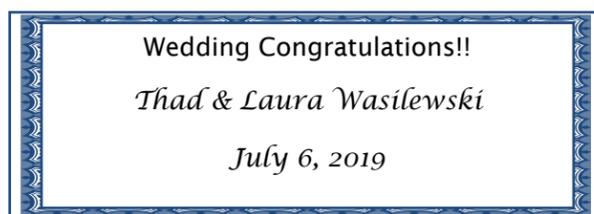
This is easy to describe but tough to do, because our understanding of love needs to grow. Today, Jesus gives us the challenge to grow in our understanding of love so that we can be more like him. If you are looking for something to read on this topic, check out "The 4 Loves" by C.S. Lewis. This is a great, easy to understand book that really breaks down how we can grow in love and I recommend it highly.

For my part, I want to tell you that I love you and I thank God that he brought me here to serve you, pray with you and help us all get to Heaven. Until that day, may God's grace give us the strength to love Him and each other with all we have and are.

Thank you for letting me be your priest.

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Scripture readings for this week:	
Mon, 7/15:	Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1b-8; Mt 10:34 — 11:1
Tue, 7/16:	Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 11:20-24
Wed, 7/17:	Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1b-4, 6-7; Mt 11:25-27
Thu, 7/18:	Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9; 24-27; Mt 11:28-30
Fri, 7/19:	Ex 11:10 — 12:14; Ps 116:12-13, 15, 16bc, 17-18; Mt 12:1-8
Sat, 7/20:	Ex 12:37-42; Ps 136:1, 23-24, 10-15; Mt 12:14-21
Sun, 7/21:	Gn 18:1-10a; Ps 15:2-5; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42



Art Teacher Needed at Holy Family

Holy Family School in Grand Blanc is accepting applications for a part-time art teacher with knowledge and experience in art education for students in grades K-8. Applicants must be practicing Catholics, have a valid State of Michigan elementary teaching certificate, pass a criminal background check and complete the Protecting God's Children (VIRTUS) Program. The ideal candidate models faith-based practices, possesses a strong vision for the role of art in the K-8 environment. Please attach your cover letter, resume and three letters of recommendation to this application. Any questions regarding this position should be directed to Mrs. Theresa Purcell at tpurcell@hfsgeb.org.

Thank you Kelly Alford for redesigning our bulletin boards in the Parish Center. They look great!!

LET US PRAY:
<i>For Peace; for Women/Men in the Military Service:</i> SSG J Gillett; Maj. S Halleaux; Maj. C Kaighen; SPC T Kenney; S/Sgt. D Kendall; LCpl Greg Misiak, ATAN Daniel P. Wood
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Eat at SAM'S: July 15th—5:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

Monday, July 15, 5-9 p.m. at Sam's Italian Restaurant



(Frank and Joanne Salvati owners and Parishioner's) in Rankin, members of our Youth Group will be helping to serve dinner. 20% of receipts will go to support our Summer Mission Trip 2019 to Owensboro, KY.

Donations for Gently Used Jewelry

The CCW women are accepting "gently used" jewelry donations. The donations will be used for the "gently used" jewelry sale that will take place in late September. There is a basket in the gathering space for donations. Last collection date will be July 28.

Summer Scripture Days: "Acts of the Apostles: The Church Rooted in Evangelization" - August 13-15

This retreat is an opportunity for adults to set aside time to focus on Scripture, specifically the Acts of the Apostles, and explore the Acts as the beginning of the church's call to evangelize the world. Cost is \$185 for the retreat with lodging - other cost options are available for commuters. This retreat will be facilitated by Bishop Emeritus Carl Mengeling, Fr. Doug Osborn, and Fr. Paul Cummings. Register online at www.stfrancis.ws or call St. Francis at 517-669-8321.

Women's Welcome Weekend, September 28 & 29

All the women of the parish are invited to attend the Women's Welcome Weekend, held at Holy Family Parish, on September 28 & 29. *I was blessed to be invited to attend last fall and now I enjoy a closer relationship with our Lord. He is inviting you to come and know Him more intimately. Please accept our invitation and discover for yourself what God has waiting for you. Anne MacShane.* For questions or to RSVP, please feel free to contact one of our invitation Coordinators: Linda Schoener at 810-210-3364, or email schoener407@comcast.net, or Trish Sheaffer at 810-516-6114, or email tsheaffer@hotmail.com.

Caring for Creation—Ways to help the Planet

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Ron's thoughts....

The Sunday obligation: Attending Mass. Do you ever wonder if most people go to church on Sunday for this reason and this reason alone? We have been trained as Catholics to go to church....because that's what Catholics do each Sunday. There isn't anything wrong with this notion or practice, it gets us in the pew. The fear is that sometimes a sense of "too much" obligation clouds the focus of why we do go to mass each Sunday.

Our Sunday obligation helps us to stay on track, but it is a sense of obedience to why we go that helps to transform our lives into faith-filled followers of Christ. God asks us to take time to "Keep Holy" God's day. We embrace the "Holy" by coming to the table of the Lord with obedient hearts and minds. Our obedience helps us to understand the essence of why we sing, why we pray, why we listen, why we bow and kneel, and why we do come together as a community of believers each week. When we concentrate so rigidly on what our obligation is, we may not see what really is before us, the true presence of Christ!

Following our faith out of a sense of obligation is not a bad thing. It keeps us on the right track, it keeps us close to the "Holy." But, we need to be careful with our obligation and not let it get in the way of faith transforming our lives and helping us to become one with God. Be obedient with an open mind, heart and soul and see what happens. Walk the talk. Be Peace!

Dcn. Ron (rkenney@stmarkgoodrich.org)

St. Mark VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

- **MARK THE DATE! August 6, 7, 8 and 9, 2019, 6-8 p.m. each night.** All K-5th graders welcome. Sign up in the Gathering Space or the Parish Office.

Adult Faith Formation

- **Men's Fellowship** – 1st Saturday of the month, 7-8 a.m. Next one August 3.

St. Mark Youth Group

- **Summer Youth Group**—Wednesdays, 7-9 p.m. meet at the Pavilion. All 6th-12th graders are invited (6th grade in Fall of 2019) FUN, PRAYER, PIZZA! Bring \$3 for pizza.
- **Summer Youth Mission Trip:** July 21-27, 2019 in Owensboro, Kentucky to help build a house with Habitat for Humanity. Mark the date. For all High School aged youth. Contact Dcn Ron for more info.
- **Youth Group North End Soup Kitchen Summer Visit:** Thursday, August 15th, 8:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.. Sign up at Summer Youth Group.
- **CRIM WATER STATION!** St. Mark YG will be working the finish line water station at the Crim Festival of Races on Saturday, August 24th. 6:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. All youth and families are welcome to join us.