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"Come to me all you who labor and are burdened,
and I will give you rest."
MATTHEW 11:28
**FOURTEENTH
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY
TIME**
JULY 5
2020

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contact the Parish Office.

What's happening at St. Mark this week
MONDAY, July 6
9:30 a.m.—Mass—People of the Parish/Parish
7:00 p.m.—Faith Chat Conference Call
TUESDAY, July 7
6:30 p.m.—Mass—Peace in our Country/Parish
7:00 p.m.—Men's Club Meeting—Pavilion
WEDNESDAY, July 8
9:00 a.m.—Morning Devotions with Bob Totten /Conference Call
THURSDAY, July 9—No Parish Activities
FRIDAY, July 10
8:30 a.m.—Mass—JoAnn Kellett/Harvey & Ann Marie Yee
SATURDAY, July 11
4:30 –5:00 p.m.—Confession
5:30 p.m.—Mass—Fr. Dave Howell/Hiberians
SUNDAY, July 12
9:30 a.m.—Mass—+Evan Saturnino/Ron & Sharon Roberts
10:45-11:15—Drive Up Communion

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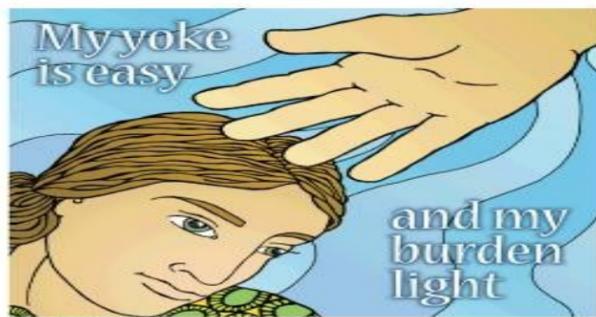
Ron's Thoughts...

At World Youth Day a few years back, Pope Benedict XVI told the youth: "The world offers you comfort. But you were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness." I love that challenge and I say challenge because that is what it is, a challenge for living. All of us, the young and the not so young were made to be great, and sometimes striving for greatness means rejecting the easy way out.

Sometimes doing what is right means we find ourselves in uncomfortable situations. Sometimes it is taking the high road and following the path of integrity. Sometimes we get mocked for our faith and our decency. Sometimes we get mocked because we don't live for ourselves, but others. Sometimes we get mocked because we know that we have to avoid certain people, certain places, certain parties, because we see and know how destructive they can be. Sometimes we have to speak out and speak up for those whose voices are not heard and stand along with them because WE KNOW IT IS RIGHT!

WE ARE NOT MADE FOR COMFORT, WE ARE MADE FOR GREATNESS. That is our Christian Challenge for living every day. It might not be easy, but always remember, he tells us, "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened and I will give you rest." Take the challenge and he will help you through....

Walk the talk. Be Peace! D-Ron
(rkenney@stmarkgoodrich.org)



THANK YOU!

In these last's months our daily living has been changed. When the word came down that even at Church life would be different, we knew we couldn't stop, but that we would find a way to adjust. I want to express my gratitude and thanks to a group of people, that I always referred to as the VMT (Virtual Mass Team), for their tireless and exceptional dedication to keeping our Faith and Worship alive and well here at St. Mark. Many countless extra hours and behind the scenes work from home were put in by these wonderful people. Thank you: Fr. Dave, Sharon and Ron Roberts, Joanne and Frank Salvati, Colleen and Bill Seymour, Mike and Doris Goetz, Ron Seidl, Tim Gainey, Sue Griffith, John Pouget and Mark Chernowsky. These were the people that kept St. Mark strong and moving forward during these challenging times. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. D-Ron

Weekly Readings: July 6– July 12

Monday: Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Ps 145:2-9; Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Ps 115:3-10; Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Ps 105:2-7; Mt 10:1-7
Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16; Mt 10:7-15
Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-14, 17; Mt 10:16-23
Saturday: Is 6:1-8; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mt 10:24-33
Sunday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 65:10-14; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23 [1-9]

Summer Youth Group for ages 5-18!

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Greetings!

As some of you may already know, a short time ago, on Sunday June 14th I received a phone call from Bishop Boyea. During the course of our conversation he asked me to switch assignments and to become the new parochial vicar for St. Mary's Parish in Westphalia. My final weekend at my current assignment will be June 27th/28th. I know this may have come as a bit of a shock and surprise to many of you, as it certainly was for me as I only found out on June 14th that I would be going to St. Mary's. Although I am excited for the opportunity to minister in a new area of our diocese, it is always difficult to leave an assignment.

I am deeply grateful for the past year and half that I have been able to minister in the Grand Blanc/Goodrich area as a priest. It's been such a blessing to get to know you during my time here. I want to especially thank Fr. Joe, Fr. Dave and Dcn. Ron, as well as all of the staff/volunteers at St Mark's for all the good they've done for the parish-particularly in this unusual and challenging time of the coronavirus pandemic. And I want to thank all of you for your support/prayers for me during my time here as well. Please know that you have been and will continue to be in my prayers and I ask that you keep me in yours as I transition to my new assignment. Thank you so much and God Bless you all! In Christ, Fr. Peter Lawrence P.S. I've included my updated contact info as well if anyone would like to write/keep in touch-would love to hear from you! New Contact info: frplawrence@gmail.com 201 N Westphalia St, Westphalia, MI 48894

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AFTERWORD....Fr. Dave Howell

ANNIVERSARIES... This weekend our nation celebrates the 244th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. While it would be a few years before that independence became a reality, it was a turning point in a struggle that began as a protest against unjust treatment and taxation. Over the last several years, I have always enjoyed listening to an NPR program called *Morning Edition*. Every year on July 4 they read the Declaration. Even though I have read it myself many times, the NPR reading (with a musical background) always seems to appeal to my deepest hopes for my country and fellow citizens. In a year of elections and protests, the soaring promise of the Declaration takes on special significance. I hope all of us will take the time this weekend especially to pray that the promise of the Declaration of Independence will become a greater reality for all our citizens. To use the words of the Constitution: Lord, help us create a more perfect union. Amen.

THE SECOND ANNIVERSARY... This weekend also marks my first anniversary as the Sacramental Minister for St. Mark. In many ways it seems like I just arrived here and yet it also feels like I have been here a long time already. When I first thought of retiring, I knew I did not want to roam from parish to parish helping out or filling in. Going everywhere, but belonging nowhere seem to be potentially very lonely. So, looking back over 42 years of parish ministry, I realized that ministering to the sick was a rewarding experience, so I began to look at hospital ministry. My initial contacts led me to realize that hospitals may not have been interested in hiring me.

Last fall, I began to look for a place to live after retirement but I had no idea what I would do. My biggest concern was that leaving a community where I had lived and ministered for 26 years might lead to grief and depression, especially when I had no place to serve. Then, out of the blue, Fr. Joe Krupp called and asked me where I was going to live after retirement. (His call came just as I pulled up to the first house I was looking at to buy.) Joe invited me to live in Goodrich. I told him I would give it some thought and prayer, and let him know. In November I contacted Deacon Ron and made an appointment to come and talk with him to discover if we could work well together. Talking to him, it became obvious to me that this was where God wanted me to be. Perhaps what has surprised me most about retirement is that from the beginning of my time here, I have received a very warm welcomed and a real sense that this is where I am supposed to be. Thank you for your kindness and warm welcome. It has made retirement a blessing and the problems of a pandemic more than bearable. It makes this a very happy anniversary!

Fr. Dave Howell

