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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)

The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard.
Matthew 20:1
September 20, 2020
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:
Monday, Wednesday & Friday 8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

What's happening at St. Mark this week
MONDAY, September 21
9:30 a.m. Mass—+Mary Touseignant/Nancy & Jim Ellis
10:00 a.m.—Confession
7:00 p.m.—Faith Chat Conference Call
7:00 p.m.—Bell Choir
TUESDAY, September 22
6:30 p.m.—Mass—Daniel Ignace/John Nemesi
WEDNESDAY, September 23
9:00 a.m.—Morning Devotions with Bob Totten /Conference Call
THURSDAY, September 24—No Parish Activities
FRIDAY, September 25
8:30 a.m.—Mass—+Lillian Carter/Dave
9:00 a.m.—Confession
9:00 a.m.—St. Joseph Guild
SATURDAY, September 26—Annual Evangelization Appeal
4:30—5:00 p.m.—Confession
5:30 p.m.—Mass—+Mary Touseignant/Nancy & Jim Ellis
SUNDAY, September 27—Annual Evangelization Appeal
9:30 a.m.—Mass—+Teresa Roush/Anne Boyle
10:40—11:00—Drive Up Communion

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.

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Ron's Thoughts...

"Late have I loved you, O Beauty ever ancient, ever new, late have I loved you! You were within me, but I was outside, and it was there that I searched for you. In my unloveliness I plunged into the lovely things which you created. You were with me, but I was not with you." -St Augustine

St. Augustine spent the better part of his early life living an opposite life of what it meant to be a Christian. He was stubborn and would not just accept things as they were. He questioned, challenged and lived a very unscrupulous life style. But then it happened, he began to see that God is real, that Jesus is real and life changed. I love this short prayer to God that expresses how he discovered that God's mercy is always and forever and GOD NEVER LEAVES US!

At what point do we begin to see this also and let it become what guides our everyday. God does not give up on us and guess what? He doesn't give up on those around us either. If we are living our faith every day, going to church, reading the scriptures, living as Jesus wants us to, treating others the right way, than we should have a step in the right direction. So keep it up and about those who aren't there yet, keep praying for them. They will see it too. Walk the talk. Be Peace!

D-Ron (rkenney@stmarkgoodrich.org)

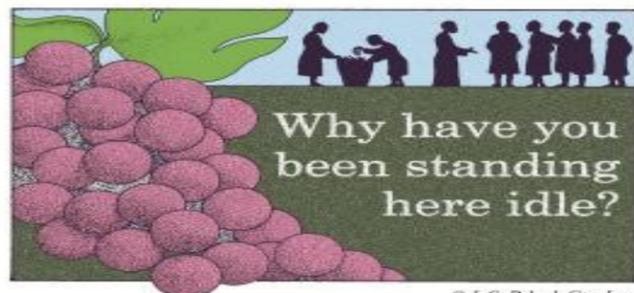
REF and Youth Group Registration

An email was sent out this week with our plan for REF for 2020/21 year. The schedule is also on our website.

Religious Education Formation (REF) and Youth Group for 2020/21 year will be delayed because of the Church Ceiling Project. We are anticipating a start date of October 18th. **TO REGISTER** you may go online to our website: www.stmarkgoodrich.org and go to Faith Formation and REF program. We are doing online registration only this year. Please help us plan for 2020/21 by registering early. Contact D-Ron for more info.

Covering Our Heads Campaign! The Ceiling Project!

Updates: Drywall begins to go up this week. **If you would like to still contribute** to help off- set the costs of upgrading the sound system in our church and the video system that will allow us to continue livestreaming our Liturgies you can drop off in the collection basket and mark it **Ceiling Project** or go online to our website and click on **Ceiling Project**. Contact Dcn. Ron for more information. Thank you in advance for your generosity in helping to make our worship space better suited to our worship together as a parish family.



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Weekly Readings: September 21– September 27

Monday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13
Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21 **Wednesday:** Prv 30:5-9; Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Lk 9:1-6 **Thursday:** Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc; Lk 9:7-9 **Friday:** Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4; Lk 9:18-22 **Saturday:** Eccl 11:9 — 12:8; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Lk 9:43b-45 **Sunday:** Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-9; Phil 2:1-11 [1-5]; Mt 21:28-32

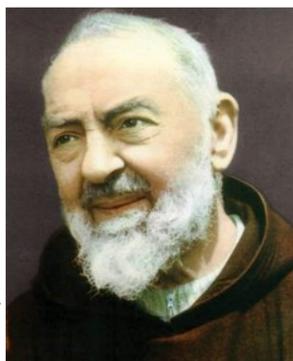
Help Spread the Faith—Sept. 26-27

Thank you for making last year's Help Spread the FAITH Appeal a success. Thank you for answering Christ's call to evangelize. The Help Spread the FAITH Appeal makes our own local evangelization efforts, like FAITH magazine and the televised Outreach Mass, possible. Bishop Earl Boyea believes that FAITH magazine has been an important part of our evangelization plan. FAITH magazine is sent to your home and every Catholic home each month by our parishes and diocese. Many of our fellow Catholics have become disconnected from the life of the Church, and Bishop Boyea believes that FAITH magazine has been the best way to reach out to them.

By supporting St. Mark and our diocese in this Help Spread the Faith Appeal, you will enable us to carry our evangelization efforts in St. Mark, our diocese and the nation. Your support ensures that FAITH magazine will continue to be sent to every Catholic home in the Diocese of Lansing. You will ensure that the Outreach Mass will continue to be broadcast and the U.S. bishops will continue their national evangelization efforts. If you are considering making a donation, and are doing so by check please make it out to St. Mark for ease of processing. Thank you for your consideration.

Relics of St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina will visit St. John Church, Davison September 21, 2020

10 a.m. Mass—relics will be present, 11 a.m.—5 p.m. — Veneration of relics, 4 p.m.—5:30 p.m.—Confession available, 6 p.m. Mass—relics will be present, Events will take place in the main church at 404 N. Dayton St., in Davison. During veneration, individuals will be able to approach and venerate the relics. You may also touch your devotional objects (rosary, prayer card, crucifix, etc.) to the relics to create a 3rd class relic. Social distancing during veneration will be in effect. "Pray, hope and don't worry. Worry is useless. Our Merciful Lord will listen to our prayer." ~ St. Padre Pio



Parish Rosary Saturday, October 10th 12 noon at the Prayer Labyrinth. Join others as we pray for our country.

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Better Together Marriage Mentors!

Yes God is calling you RIGHT NOW! St. Mark is looking for Married couples who would like to be a part of the Marriage Prep Program at St. Mark as a mentor couple. Being a Mentor Couple is a peer to peer ministry whereby married couples minister out of their own experience to engaged couples preparing for marriage. Mentoring involves active listening, deep sharing, empathy, compassion and accompaniment. Mentors are a great source of hope and wisdom for newly married couples. The time commitment is minimal but the REWARDS ARE GREAT! Contact Deacon Ron Kenney @ rkenney@stmarkgoodrich.org or 810-845-8379. It's time to say, "God where am I needed?"

DIRECTION

Isaiah tells us something that we already know, and yet seem to forget every now and then. He tells us, essentially, that God is God and we are not. When we're confused and troubled and can't figure everything out, it might be wise to recall Isaiah speaking on the Lord's behalf and explaining that God—who is on a much more, well, Godly wavelength than we are—moves in ways we can't even imagine. Saint Paul, by comparison, has everything figured out. Kind of. At least he understands his calling in life—to magnify Christ in everything he does. That should give all of us the direction we need. Jesus gives us direction, too, explaining to us once again in the parable of the workers in the vineyard that the last will be first, and the first, last.

LET US PRAY:	
<u>For Peace; for Women/Men in the Military Service:</u> SSG J Gillett; Maj. S Halleaux; Maj. C Kaighen; SSG T Kenney-Wasliewski; S/Sgt. D Kendall; Cpl Greg Misiak, ATAN Daniel P. Wood	
<u>For Our Sick:</u> Those who are homebound, or in the hospital or another healthcare facility.	
For Prayer Ministry requests: Contact Joan Turner at joanturner38@sbcglobal.net or 248-410-2286.	

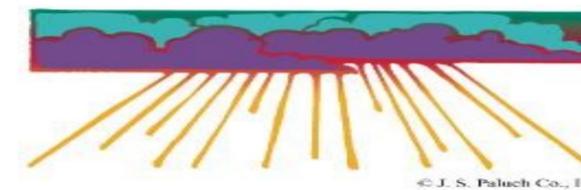
AFTERWORD....Fr. Dave Howell

MORTAL SIN?? ...Be careful about what you see and hear on the internet!! Recently, someone came to me after Liturgy and asked if voting for a pro-choice candidate was a mortal sin. In one case, a person heard it being said by some priest on the internet and the other was told that by a fellow Catholic. Both were concerned because they were told: "It is a mortal sin to vote for _____, because they are pro-choice." While that may be the opinion of the speaker, it is not the teaching of the Church. How does this priest or anyone come to that conclusion? The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that a person is an accomplice to sin if they are directly involved in the commission of a sin or approve of the sin. So, if I vote for a candidate *only* because she/he is in favor of abortion, then perhaps such a voter would be approving of an abortion, and an accomplice to the sin. In the same way voting for a candidate because he/she is in favor of capital punishment would also make me an accomplice.

It is important to point out that just being against abortion does not make anyone pro-life. It is also possible for a person to be against abortion, but also to not favor criminalizing it. To be pro-life means I uphold the value of every human life from conception until natural death. To those who would say there are some issues that are more important than others, I would refer you to the words of Pope Francis: *"Our defense of the innocent unborn, for example, needs to be clear, firm and passionate, for at stake is the dignity of a human life, which is always sacred and demands love for each person, regardless of his or her stage of development. Equally sacred, however, are the lives of the poor; the abandoned and the underprivileged, the vulnerable infirm and elderly exposed to covert euthanasia, the victims of human trafficking, new forms of slavery and every form of rejection."* (from: *Gaudete et Exsultate*)

Sadly, there are no pro-life candidates that I know of running in this year's election for any office. All of them have chosen to support only some issues that uphold the value of life and ignore or reject other issues. I would invite all of us to look at each candidate and vote for those who most value all the aspect of human life from conception until natural death.

Fr. Dave Howell



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Turn to the LORD for mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving.— *Isaiah 55:7b*