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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)

Twenty-Seventh
SUNDAY
in Ordinary Time
Once again,
O Lord of hosts,
look down from heaven, and see;
take care of this vine,
and protect what your
right hand has planted.
Psalms 80:15-16
October 4, 2020

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

What's happening at St. Mark this week
MONDAY, October 5
9:30 a.m. Mass—People of the Parish/Parish
10:00 a.m.—Confession
7:00 p.m.—Faith Chat Conference Call
7:00 p.m.—Bell Choir
TUESDAY, October 6
6:30 p.m.—Communion Service
7:00 p.m.—Men's Club—Pavilion
WEDNESDAY, October 7
9:00 a.m.—Morning Devotions with Bob Totten /Conference Call
THURSDAY, October 8
7:00 p.m.—Choir Practice—Pavilion
FRIDAY, October 9
8:30 a.m.—Mass—+Lillian Carter/Rob & Barb Rogers
9:00 a.m.—Confession
9:00 a.m.—St. Joseph Guild
SATURDAY, October 10
12:00 p.m.—Pray the Rosary—Labyrinth
4:30–5:00 p.m.—Confession
5:30 p.m.—Mass—+William Seymour/Bennett Family
6:30 p.m.—Anointing of the Sick
SUNDAY, October 11
9:30 a.m.—Mass—+Teresa Roush/Claude & Sally Green
10:40–11:00—Drive Up Communion
10:30—Anointing of the Sick

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...

Not long ago, I had to put together a heater we are using for the parish pavilion. I had all the parts, nuts and bolts. Along with the parts was a small wrench to be used to connect all the parts, nuts and bolts. I thought this was going to be an easy task and so the project began. I know I am not the most handy person in the world. I like to tinker, but sometimes my tinkering can become tankering and I created a mess. As I began the task, I noticed right away it was not easy. The instructions were challenging. Holes that should have been aligned were not. The wrench was much too worthless for doing the job. I had to get more tools. Alas, the task was completed. Not in record time but yes I did finish it and success; the heater works.

BEING CHRIST-LIKE in a world which at times is far from being Christian is not easy to do. We are given the tools and the instructions from God's Word in the bible and our Church teachings. Yet, we sometimes find what is taught to us may not be aligned to what others tell us is correct in our world. Nevertheless, we are called to complete the task. To live a life as the Lord has called us, even when it is not easy. **Keep the faith.** Don't give up on the "task." We, as Christians, are needed more than ever to be CHRIST-LIKE. Are you up for the task? Walk the talk.

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



Covering Our Heads Campaign! The Ceiling Project!

Updates: Our project was delayed because of supply and labor issues. Drywall began to go up this week and is progressing. Our estimate of being back in the church for worship is the end of October/beginning of November. **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 it 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 worship together as a parish family.

Religious Education Formation (REF) and Youth Group for 2020/21 year.

The start date for K-5 Faith Formation is Sunday October 18th, 11am. The start date for 6-12 Faith Formation/Youth Group is Sunday October 18th, 5pm. Please see the schedule on our parish website TO REGISTER 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.

ST MARK FAITH CHAT CALL—ALL ARE WELCOME!

Join Fr. Dave, Dcn. Ron and other parishioners connecting and talking about Faith and Life. This call takes place on Monday's at 6:50 pm. Dial from any phone 1-971-224-6612, enter the code 452784 and announce yourself in.

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?"

Blessing of Animals



Blessing of the Pets

Bring your pets to our special blessing ceremony, Sunday, October 4 at 12:30 p.m. The blessing will take place

in our own Peace Prayer Garden at St. Mark.

Sat. Oct. 24th at St. Francis Prayer Center "Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled: Lessons from a Pandemic"

Join us to reflect on your personal journey during the pandemic and find God's active and special working in your life throughout this time. Gain insight by praying with music, movement, guided reflection using Scripture, and journaling. Retreat will run from 9:30 am—3:30 pm. Cost is \$55, includes materials and lunch. Attendance will be limited to make sure we can stay socially distanced and we request that you wear a mask as needed during those times when we are together. For more information or to register, visit www.stfrancis.ws or call 517-556-8321.

This Week's Challenge...

Dealing with Injustice...Jesus said, "Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit." (Matthew 21:43)



- Isaiah 5:1-7—The vineyard song
- Philippians 4:6-9—Joy and peace in Christ
- Matthew 21:33-43 - Parable of the tenants

- **Adults:** How have you used your talents and abilities well for the Reign of God?
- **Kids:** What can you do in your week to help the love of God grow in the world?



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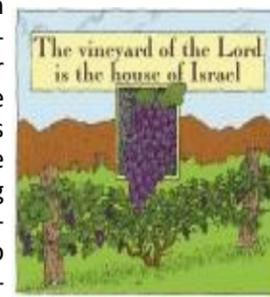
St. Mark Parish Rosary

We would like to invite you to our last outdoor rosary on Saturday, October 10th, at 12 noon, at St. Mark's Labyrinth. On this day we would be part of thousands of rosaries being said across America since 2017, which celebrates the feast of the last apparition of Our Lady of Fatima and the Miracle of the Sun. Some of you prayed the rosary with us in 2017. We are encouraged to say the rosary more frequently, even daily, for its wonderful gifts, and support - especially today in our world facing many challenge's. For more information visit: www.americaneedsfatima.org/Rally-News/rosary.

Thank you to all whom have joined us at the Labyrinth this year! Dress accordingly, and don't forget masks and chairs. We will practice social distancing regulations.

The Gift of the Reign of God

"This is a story about Israel a long time ago; this is also a story about Jesus and the skeptical leaders." Jesus as much as told these Jewish leaders that they were the tenants who first stoned their own prophets. And he told the leaders they were the tenants who would soon even dispose of him—Jesus—and, in doing so, would forfeit their privileged place of presenting to the world the promised Messiah. "And this," says Matthew's Gospel, "is a story about you, the inheritors of what was first offered to Israel." The reign of God was first opened to Israel and is now given to the whole world, but it must be received as a gift. The first Christians are the new tenants in the vineyard. The deeper reality of the reign or kingdom of God is that it is available to everyone on the face of the earth—Israel included.



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For Our Sick: 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

THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK ...Last fall we celebrated the Sacrament of the Sick after a Sunday Liturgy. There were at least 60 people who were anointed. We would have had another celebration this spring, but the "plague" made it impossible. Now that we are able to have a limited number of people at the Liturgy we have been trying to figure a way to celebrate the Sacrament in a safe way. As a result, we have decided not to have the Sacrament of the Sick at one Liturgy, but at a week of Liturgies. So beginning next weekend, we will celebrate the Sacrament at the end of both the Saturday and Sunday Liturgies and during the Liturgies of Monday (9:30 am), Tuesday (6:30 pm) and Friday (8:30 am). That way we will make it possible to safely distance and still be able to be anointed. Just a note to those who are still uncomfortable coming into the parish center during a Liturgy, and for those that are nervous about being in crowds, it is possible for you to come in *after* the Saturday or Sunday Liturgies are over and many of the participants have left. Those to be anointed will sit on the end of a row of chairs making it possible for them to be easily anointed. After the laying on of hands (a prayer, calling down the Holy Spirit upon the one who is anointed), the forehead and open hands are anointed with the Oil of the Sick. I will be wearing a mask through both.

WHO SHOULD BE ANOINTED? ...Being back in hospital ministry on a regular basis I am more aware of a misunderstanding of the Sacrament of the Sick. On Tuesdays, I visit all the patients at Genesys who have told the hospital that they are Catholic. Some are active members of their parish and identify as Catholic but don't necessarily participate. I walk in the room and introduce myself and tell them that Genesys now has a priest in the hospital Monday through Friday for about 4 hours each day – and I am Tuesday. The Spiritual Care Department keeps track of Catholic patients and if they are anointed, that information is put in the computer. If they haven't received the Sacrament of the Sick for a while, especially older people like me, I ask if they would like to receive the Sacrament. (I also bring Communion to everyone who would like it as well.) Interestingly, there are always a few people who respond by telling me they are not that sick, or their reasons for being in the hospital are not fatal. The Sacrament of the Sick is intended for anyone with a serious illness, even if it's not life threatening. There are special prayers for those preparing for surgery and there are even prayers for those who find their health and strength is declining as they age.

So, who should be anointed? Anyone who feels a need for God's healing and strength. How often can some be anointed? As many times as think they need to be... Starting next Saturday, you will have 5 chances to avail yourself of the Lord's strength.

Fr. Dave Howell