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FIFTH SUNDAY
in Ordinary Time
February 7, 2021
JESUS CURED MANY WHO WERE SICK WITH VARIOUS DISEASES, AND HE DROVE OUT MANY DEMONS.
MARK 1:34

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

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What's happening at St. Mark this week
MONDAY, February 8
9:30 a.m.—Mass—People of the Parish/Parish
7:00 p.m.—Faith Chat Conference Call
TUESDAY, February 9
6:30 p.m.—Mass—Evangelization/Parish
WEDNESDAY, February 10
9:00 a.m.—Morning Devotions with Bob Totten /Conference Call
7:00 p.m.—10 Year Planning Committee Meeting/Zoom
THURSDAY, February 11
No Parish Activities
FRIDAY, February 12
8:30 a.m.—Mass—+Chuck Campbell/Steve and Carol O'Donnell
SATURDAY, February 13
4:30–5:00 p.m.—Confession
5:30 p.m.—Mass—+Tim Wisniewski/Irene Wisniewski
SUNDAY, February 14
9:30 a.m.—Mass—+Bill Duso/Kelly Alford
10:40–11:00—Drive Up Communion

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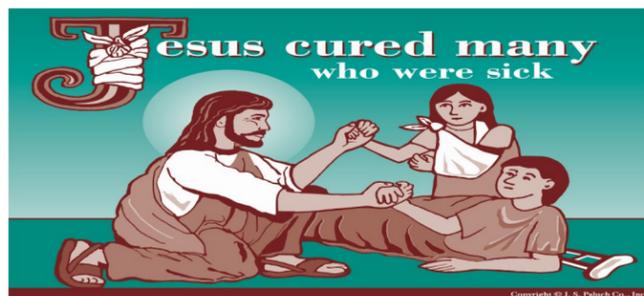
Ron's Thoughts...

GET RIGHT WITH THE LORD! That really is at the heart of Jesus' preaching and teaching ministry. If we listen to his words, he tells us that our listening and following him will change our lives and will bring us a sense of peace and healing. When we GET RIGHT WITH THE LORD, we stand before God, we TRUST IN HIM and we experience healing. The healing may not always be the miracle we want, but it will be the miracle we need. Jesus came to show us the way to fullness. He came to heal our bodies, our hearts, and our spirits. He came to restore us to be right with GOD and to get right with OTHERS.

GET RIGHT WITH THE LORD! That is what we need to strive for in our daily lives and in our relationships. I know that, what helps my daily challenge is when all that I do and say is focused on GET RIGHT WITH THE LORD! I am a firm believer that if our day begins and ends with that thought, all else will follow. I invite all of us to think about what do we need to do today to GET RIGHT WITH THE LORD? And then..... all else will follow! Walk the talk. Be Peace! D-Ron (rkenney@stmarkgoodrich.org)

St. Mark Faith Formation and Youth Group Schedule
Family Faith Formation will continue for the month of February through take home packets. Please pick up your family packets on the day scheduled at 11am in the Parish Center.

- 2/21—Family Faith Formation Packet Pickup – 11am in the Parish Center
- 2/21—Youth Group (6th – 12th) ZOOM Meet 5pm
- 2/27—First Eucharist Parent/Child Mini Session 10am (In person/Zoom TBA)
- 2/28—Confirmation Mini Session w/Parents 2pm (In person/Zoom TBA)



Lenten Stations of the Cross

Beginning Wednesday, February 24th, 7pm join us in person or Live Stream for our Lenten Stations of the Cross. A beautiful devotion to guide us through the Lenten Season.

THE LENTEN WORD ... with Fr. Dave and Dcn. Ron!
(Begins Wednesday, February 17, 2021)

Please tune in each weekday of Lent for THE LENTEN WORD with Fr. Dave and Dcn. Ron as they share their favorite Bible Passages that have helped to mold their life of faith and ministry. These short reflections can be viewed on FB: StMarkCatholicChurchGoodrich, on our website www.stmarkgoodrich.org, and Youtube Channel: St Mark the Evangelist Catholic Community.

St. Mark 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! For more information contact Deacon Ron Kenney @ rkenney@stmarkgoodrich.org or 810-845-8379. Thank you from the CCW

Wow...66 blankets! What an amazing group of CCW members and parishioners who participated so generously in our winter blanket drive. Fifty blankets will go to Catholic Charities and 16 to Heartbeat of Flint. If anyone still has blankets to bring they will definitely get to Catholic Charities.

Stay Informed at St. Mark

We have adopted a new way of communicating with you. Later this week you will receive a message from the new system of our parish, Evangelus. This is not spam. We encourage you to open the message and follow the link to create a profile and select your form of contact. There will also be groups for you to join. If you are a part of a group or apostolate here, go ahead and join. Visit eva.us/stmark to sign-up and let us know if you prefer to receive emails or text messages from us.

Social Justice—Jigsaw Puzzle Collection

The Social Justice Commission will be collecting Jigsaw Puzzles to distribute to local Assisted Living Facilities. Puzzles should be between 300 – 500 pieces. There will be a table set up in the church the week-ends of February 6-7 and 13-14. Thank you in advance for helping the residents with this project.

This Week's Challenge...

Models of Christ...Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ. (1 Corinthians 11:1)

- **On Leprosy**—Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46
- **Imitation of Christ**—1 Corinthians 1:31-11:1
- **Healing of a Leper** —Mark 1:40-45



• **Adults:** Would you have the courage to tell others to do as you do in order to be a Christian? Why or why not?



• **Kids:** What can you do this week to be an example to others?

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Lost and Found

We have many articles located in our Lost & Found basket that sits on the shelf above the coat rack. There are hats, glasses, jewelry, children's books, water bottle, etc. We will be disposing of these articles after Feb.15. Please, if you've lost something come and take a look. If anyone who does not come in the church think they have lost something contact Sharon Roberts at sroberts@stmarkgoodrich.org or the office and we will look for you. Thank you!

Unite Our Nation Rosary Rally at Michigan's State Capitol on February 13

Please join us on Feb. 13, 12 noon in front of the steps at the Michigan State Capitol building in Lansing where we will be led in prayer by Fr. Derda. A public square rosary rally is a time to give witness to people of all races and beliefs, keep polarizing politics out, and focus on prayer to unite our nation. If you are interested in joining the leadership team or simply attending, please reach out to Sandra Sherwood at ejsherwood@charter.net. In the meantime, take a look at the Unite Our Nation website uniteournation.net.

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Palm Collection

For the next two weeks we will be collecting last year's palms. They can be placed in the basket in the Gathering Space. These will be burned and we will use the ashes for Ash Wednesday.

Ash Wednesday Schedule—Feb. 17

There will be a 7:00 am Prayer Service with distribution of ashes, 9:30 am Mass and 6:30 pm Mass with distribution of ashes.



Weekly Readings: February 8 – February 14

Monday: Gn 1:1-19; Mk 6:53-56, Tuesday: Gn 1:20 – 2:4a; Mk 7:1-13, Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Mk 7:14-23, Thursday: Gn 2:18-25; Mk 7:24-30, Friday: Gn 3:1-8; Mk 7:31-37, Saturday: Gn 3:9-24; Mk 8:1-10, Sunday:Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor 10:31 – 11:1; Mk 1:40-45

AFTERWORD....Fr. Dave Howell

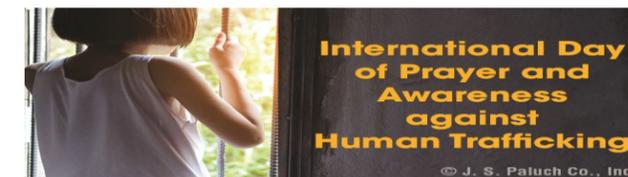
WHY FORTY?... Lent is 40 days long, but why 40? As I mentioned last week it is a recurring number. In Noah's time, sin had become so pervasive in the world, that God sent rain for 40 days and nights. The resulting flood made an end of sin and God "started over" again. After their great escape from slavery in Egypt, the Jews wandered 40 years in the desert as God formed them into "God's people". Every year, at the beginning of Lent we hear the account of how Jesus spent 40 days in fasting and prayer to prepare for His mission and ministry. After Jesus resurrection, He spent 40 days appearing to His disciples before ascending into heaven. What is so special about 40? Whenever we encounter that number in the Scriptures it both indicates and celebrates change. A few years ago, I heard a psychologist say that it takes 20 to 40 days to establish a new habit. Isn't that the purpose of Lent? We are invited to create new habits in our life that will make us more faithful, more generous, more like Christ. In about 10 days we will begin Lent. It is 40 days of fasting (giving up), prayer (giving in to God) and charity (giving away what was given up)! Lent is the original call to Christ's disciples to live a purpose driven life! I would like to invite all of us to choose a Lenten penance that will help us establish one or two better habits in our life. We can go through Lent or we can grow through Lent. The season of Lent is an invitation to growth.

THE NOBILITY OF PRAYER...In June, Pope Francis spoke about prayer, calling it noble. I have never heard prayer called noble but it gave me something to ponder. To summarize the thought of the pope: Prayer gives us nobility. It expresses and secures our relationship with God who is the true Companion on the journey of every man and woman. In the midst of life's many adversities; in the midst of the good or bad, we turn to God in prayer:

*Thank you, Lord.
 I am afraid, Lord.
 Help me, Lord.
 Forgive me, Lord.*

Prayer ennobles us because it leaves us securely in God's hands. "Hands that were wounded for the sake of love. They are the only sure hands we have."

Fr. Dave Howell



February 8th is an annual day of prayer, reflection, and action against human trafficking. On this day, we remember and pray for survivors and victims of modern-day slavery.