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Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations.
LUKE 24:46-47
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 18, 2021

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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, April 19
9:30 a.m.—Mass — People of the Parish/Parish
7:00 p.m.—Faith Chat/ Via Conference Call

TUESDAY, April 20
6:30 p.m.— Mass—+John Anthony Vantol/Harvey & Ann Marie Yee

WEDNESDAY, April 21
9:00 a.m.—Morning Devotions with Bob Totten /Conference Call
7:00 p.m.—10 year Pastoral Plan Meeting

THURSDAY, April 22
No Parish Activities

FRIDAY, April 23
8:30 a.m.—Mass— World Peace/Parish

SATURDAY, April 24—Mission Appeals
9:00—11:00 a.m.—Eucharist—Mini Session
4:30—Confessions
5:30 p.m.— Mass—+Leona Ellis/Nancy & Jim Ellis

SUNDAY, April 25—Mission Appeals
9:30 a.m.—Mass—Feast of St. Mark The Evangelist/Parish
10:40—11:00—Drive Up Communion
11:00 a.m.—Family Formation—Pavilion
5:00—6:30 p.m.—Youth Group—Church

Ron's Thoughts...

We are called to witness the resurrection. Like the early disciples, we are called to proclaim the new life with Christ! Like the early disciples we are called to SHARE THE GOOD NEWS WITH OTHERS. No, I am not saying we should go door to door, unless you really want to. The places where we need to SHARE THE GOOD NEWS and our faith is at work, where we live, and at school, just to name a few. We need to be ready to share what makes our life so much better. We need to be ready to share what gives our life peace. There are times we are with people who boast about how they cheated someone out of money, how they cheated on their spouse, how they took advantage of another person because they could, how they are better than others. People might come to us with something they are doing that is completely wrong and dishonest and is hurting others. When people say or do awful things and want us to agree with them, we need to be bold and say something like: "I believe life is just so much better than all that. I don't believe in living to hurt others. I'm Catholic. I'm Christian. I try to do my best to live what I believe. I know I'm not the best Catholic I can be, but I try and every day I live knowing that God forgives me and loves me and that is what I live for." The people who hear this might become angry and they probably will. They might turn away and decide never to speak to us again. But they also might wonder if we are right and if there is more to life than what they are living. Perhaps, in time, they will decide that they want that same peace that seemed to be in our hearts and the way we lived. They might want that same feeling of forgiveness and love of God we shared with them. They might go to a priest, or a minister and say, "I want what you people of faith have." How did they get there? They got there because the Holy Spirit led them there. The Spirit came into their lives because we were there to plant the seeds of God's love. They got there because we took seriously the call of Christ to SHARE THE GOOD NEWS to all.

Every Sunday we come to Mass we receive God's grace in the Word and in the Eucharist. And then we are sent forth to take what we have received and SHARE THE GOOD NEWS WITH the world. If we are not going to take Christ from here, then why did we come here? We are challenged to **GO IN PEACE GLORIFYING THE LORD WITH OUR LIVES!** Remember this, "God raised this Jesus from the dead. And, of this we are all witnesses." (Acts 2:32). Be Easter people! Walk the talk. Be Peace!

D-Ron (rkenney@stmarkgoodrich.org)

St. Mark Faith Formation and Youth Group Schedule

- 4/25—Family Faith Formation Under the Pavilion 11am-12:30pm
- 4/25—Youth Group (6th – 12th) 5 – 6:30pm Under the Pavilion
- 5/2—Confirmation Practice 1:30pm with sponsors at St. John Davison
- 5/2—Celebration of First Eucharist – 9:30am Liturgy
- 5/4—Celebration of Confirmation with Bishop Boyea 7pm St. John Davison

St. Mark Youth Group Mission Trip 2021

Summer Youth Mission Trip: July 18-24, 2021 in Owensboro, Kentucky to build a house with Habitat for Humanity. Mark the date. For all High School Aged Youth. At this point we are going to move forward with the plan to go on our Summer Youth Mission Trip. As we get closer our current situation with the Pandemic will determine what will happen. Look for further information or contact D-Ron for more info.

St. Mark Youth Group Cedar Point Trip



Wednesday, June 30th, we will head to the Point. All 6th grade (6th grade in the Fall of 2021) through 12th grade youth. Cost \$90 (Includes Cedar Point Admission, Bus Transportation and Drink wristband). Space is limited. Sign up on our website or at Youth Group. COVID protocols will be

practiced (Masks and Social Distancing). Contact Kyle Ulrich at kulrich@stmarkgoodrich.org. or Deacon Ron Kenney at rkenney@stmarkgoodrich.org for more information.

Summer Youth Group (For all Middle School and High School Youth)

Wednesdays beginning June 16th 6pm – 8pm under the pavilion FUN PRAYER PIZZA! All are welcome! Contact Kyle kulrich@stmarkgoodrich.org for more info.

Spring cleanup Day—May 1

Mark your calendars for our spring Parish Clean-up Day on Saturday May 1 from 9:00 a.m.—12:00 noon. There will be many indoor projects and a few outdoor projects. Lunch will be provided. Use the link below to sign up or contact the Parish Office. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050c45acaa2fa5fc1-spring1>

This Week's Challenge...

The Living Christ... Jesus said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is myself." (Luke 24:38-39)

- **Peter's Discourse on Jesus' Resurrection**—Acts 3:13-15, 17-19
- **Keeping the Commandments**—1 John 2:1-5a
- **Jesus Appears to the Eleven**— Luke 24:35-48
- **Adult:** What questions about Jesus still arise in the midst of your faith?
- **Kids:** What question would you like to ask someone about Jesus' appearance to the Apostles?



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We are excited to announce that we will be having a Welcome Back Weekend August 27-29. We have events planned for each day which we will announce soon. This is something to look forward to and invite people to. If you know someone considering coming back to church invite them to this weekend. Obviously we need to be flexible, as we do not know when restrictions will be lifted, but we want to plan for the future, and give you something special to look forward to.

St. Mark's Men's Club Drive thru Barbeque Dinner

When: Sunday, May 2, 2021—10:45am-3:00pm. **Where:** St. Mark's Parking Lot, Pavilion Area. **Menu:** 1/2 Barbeque Chicken, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Cornbread and a Cookie. **Cost:** \$12 per dinner, pay cash, or credit card at pick-up. **Reservations:** You must reserve your dinners with an approximate time for pick-up via Signup Genius at the link below by April 26, 2021. **Proceeds:** Will be used to support St. Mark and our local community. **Questions:** Please call Chris Tuski at 810-922-3586. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050c45acaa2fa5fc1-mens>

Catholic Home Mission Appeals Collection—April 24-25

Next weekend we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, over 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

Mass Intentions

Remember your deceased loved ones with a Mass Intention. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

St. Mark Faith Chat Call—All are Welcome!

Join Fr. Dave and Dcn. Ron and other parishioners connecting and talking about faith and life. Monday's at 7 pm. dial from any phone 1-971-224-6612 and enter the code 452784 and announce yourself in.

Weekly Readings: April 19 – April 25

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29, **Tuesday:** Acts 7:51 – 8:1a; Jn 6:30-35, **Wednesday:** Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40 **Thursday:** Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51, **Friday:** Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59, **Saturday:** Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69, **Sunday:** Acts 4:8-12; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

AFTERWORD....Fr. Dave Howell

FIFTY DAYS... Lent, a time of fast & penance, lasts 40 days; the Easter Season, a time of feasting & joy, lasts 50 days! Like Lent, the Easter Season was created for those who were Baptized at the Great Celebration of Easter on Holy Saturday night. The forty days of Lent are intended to help the catechumen make the changes needed to become true sons and daughters of God and disciples of God's Son, Jesus. For all of the first 8 days (Easter Week) the newly Baptized wore the new white robes they received on Holy Saturday night. For the rest of the fifty days they met with the bishop and their catechists to better understand what it means to be a Christian in the experiences of daily life. In a very real sense the purpose of the 50 days was to assist the newly Baptized live the new life that was symbolized by the white robes. The Easter Season lasts from Holy Saturday night until Pentecost. Both of these special days were (and still are) Jewish feasts: Easter is the feast of Pesach (Passover) and Pentecost is Shavout (the feast of Weeks). In Judaism, Shavout celebrates the giving of the Law to Moses on Sinai – fifty days after Passover and escape from Egypt. For us, Pentecost celebrates Law of Love given by Christ written in our hearts by the Holy Spirit.

MONDAY FAITH CHAT... Our Monday evening's Faith Chat will continue its presentation on the Liturgy with the Closing Rites. In the early celebrations of the Eucharist, it seems that the Liturgy ended with the distribution of communion. The need for a definite conclusion soon became evident to all, and a simple dismissal ended the Mass. Then a blessing was added to precede the dismissal. In both the east and west this simple conclusion tended to expand. The reformed Liturgy of 1570 called for a veneration of the altar, a greeting, a dismissal, a prayer preceding the blessing, the blessing itself, and finally another Gospel reading which was always the first chapter of John. In 1884, Pope Leo XIII prescribed the addition of Hail Mary's (prayed three times) and then the Hail, Holy Queen. In this century, Pope Pius XI added the prayer to St. Michael. The reform of the Liturgy greatly simplified these concluding rites and gave us a more logical and clearer end to the Liturgy. Announcements have long been an unofficial part of the Liturgy, but frequently occurred in different places. In the papal Liturgies of the seventh century, these were done immediately after the pope had received communion and before the clergy and people received. The archdeacon would announce the time and location of the next papal Mass at this point because those not receiving communion usually left at this point. The usual place for the announcements was either before or after the sermon, a custom which remained until recently. The New Order of the Mass officially established a place for any necessary announcements, specifying the conclusion of the Liturgy of the Eucharist, which is a more logical and less obtrusive position.

Fr. Dave Howell