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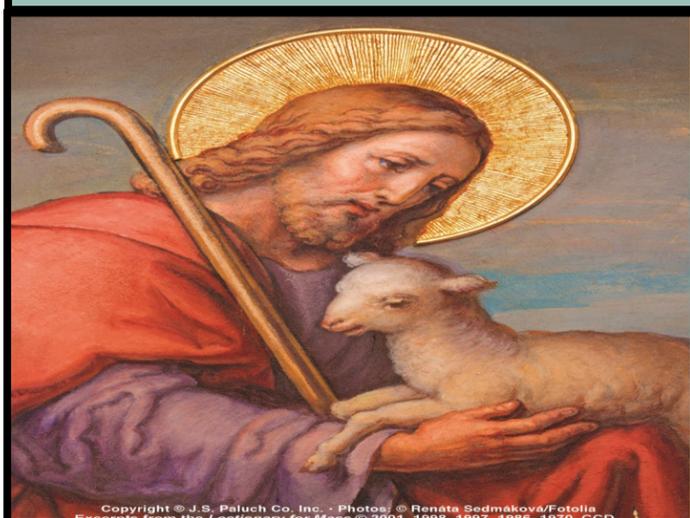
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF Easter
APRIL 25, 2021
I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep.
John 10:14-15

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

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.

What's happening at St. Mark this week

MONDAY, April 26
9:30 a.m.—Mass — +Erin Modrzynski/Roland & Linda Siemen
7:00 p.m.—Faith Chat/ Via Conference Call

TUESDAY, April 27
6:30 p.m.— Mass—+ Mary Sabo/ Bob & Mary Anne Emick

WEDNESDAY, April 28
9:00 a.m.—Morning Devotions with Bob Totten /Conference Call

THURSDAY, April 29
No Parish Activities

FRIDAY, April 30
8:30 a.m.—Mass—+Jeff Straley/Kelly Alford

SATURDAY, May 1
9:00—Noon—Spring Clean Up - Lunch provided
4:30—Confessions
5:30 p.m.— Mass—+Richard Chernowsky/Chernowsky Family

SUNDAY, May 2
9:30 a.m.—Mass—+Max Sierakowski/Parish
9:30 a.m.—First Communion Liturgy
10:40—11:00—Drive Up Communion
11:45 a.m.—3:00 p.m.—Drive Thru Men's Club Chicken Dinner
1:30 p.m.—Confirmation practice at St. John's Davison

Ron's Thoughts...

There is a saying in life that says, "It is a dog eat dog world out there." This saying sometimes causes us to listen to the wrong voices in what we are doing or how we are living. This is the way of the world THEY tell us. You are either stepping on someone on your way up, or you are getting stepped on. You are either raising yourself up, or you are falling down. You hear this voice in wherever there are people seeking to gain control over others. You hear this voice at work where others seek gain no matter the costs to coworkers or family. You hear this voice in school where belonging means looking down at others and saying mean things about others in order to fit in. There are voices you hear in the neighborhood association where people use others falsely to be better than others, be it political or social. This is not THE VOICE OF THE LORD. The voice of the Lord says, "Listen to me, love one another and treat others how you want to be treated, that is how we gain and grow in life."

There are voices within ourselves that tell us that we are not good enough. They are the voices of evil, telling us not to get up from the mud we might fall into, but instead, stay there in the filth and immoral choices. Sometimes this voice is because of an addiction. The person has done well escaping porn, drugs, or alcohol and then they fall hard because they listened to the wrong voice. The wrong voice says, "Give up, it's not a big deal, everyone is doing it!" This is not THE VOICE OF THE LORD. The voice of the Lord says, "No, we can beat this together. Don't give up. Get up."

There are many voices calling us to follow. We have to listen carefully for the voices that are coming from the Lord and for the voices that are not the voice of our shepherd. There is one voice that we need to listen to. That is THE VOICE OF THE LORD. Be Easter people! Walk the talk. Be Peace! D-Ron
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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.



Welcome Back Weekend—Save the Date

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.

This Week's Challenge...

Called to Be Shepherds... Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." (John 10:11)

- **The Stone That Has Become the Cornerstone**—Acts 4:8-12
- **Recognizing the Son**—1 John 3:1-2
- **The Good Shepherd**— John 10:11-18



- **Adult:** Whom are you shepherding in your life right now, and who shepherds you?



- **Kids:** Who has been like a shepherd to you by their example? For whom could you be a shepherd?

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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.

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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.

Responding to the Call

Do we truly know the voice of Christ? Do we truly respond to the voice of our shepherd with our own distinctive voice? How often we attempt to imitate those around us, appropriating the response of another member of the flock to Christ. What child has precisely the same interaction with parents as his or her siblings? Instead, they frequently do and say things to distinguish themselves in the eyes of their parents. Whether we use the image of children or of sheep to understand our relationship with Christ, we believe that we are all known and called by name. With this great gift comes a responsibility: to respond to the call with our own distinctive voice, to take time to discern exactly what our call is, to determine precisely what the will of the Father is for each of us.

Weekly Readings: April 26 – May 2

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10, **Tuesday:** Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30, **Wednesday:** Acts 12:24 – 13:5a; Jn 12:44-50, **Thursday:** Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20, **Friday:** Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6, **Saturday:** Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14, **Sunday:** Acts 9:26-31; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

AFTERWORD....Fr. Dave Howell

THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK ... Every Tuesday, I generally anoint several of the Catholic patients I visit at Genesys Hospital. The Sacrament is a beautiful prayer for healing that has two primary parts. The first is the "laying on of hands". This is a very Biblical prayer, which silently asks the Holy Spirit to come, heal and strengthen the one being anointed. The second part is the anointing of the forehead and hands. Beginning this weekend, we will celebrate the Sacrament **at the end** of both the Saturday and Sunday Liturgies. On Monday (9:30 am), Tuesday (6:30 pm) and Friday (8:30 am) we will celebrate the anointing **during** the Liturgies. Those to be anointed are asked to sit on the end of a row of chairs so that I can more easily pray over and anoint you. 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. We will all be wearing a mask through the celebration and we will also maintain a safe distance between one another.

WHO SHOULD BE ANOINTED? ... Being back in hospital ministry on a regular basis I am more aware of how misunderstood the Sacrament of the Sick is by most Catholics. On Tuesdays, I visit all the patients at Genesys who have identified themselves as 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, 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 someone be anointed? As many times as think they need to be. Starting this Saturday, you will have 5 chances to avail yourself of the Lord's strength and healing.

Fr. Dave Howell

