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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)

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**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
MAY 2, 2021

**PARISH PASTORAL MINISTERS:**  
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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**  
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, May 3**  
9:30 a.m.—Mass — +Beth Kubik-Monteuffel/Steve and Debbie Oglenski  
7:00 p.m.—Faith Chat/ Via Conference Call  
**TUESDAY, May 4**  
6:30 p.m.— Mass is Canceled due to Confirmation  
7:00 p.m.—Finance Council  
7:00 p.m.—Confirmation at St. John's in Davison with Bishop Boyea  
**WEDNESDAY, May 5**  
9:00 a.m.—Morning Devotions with Bob Totten /Conference Call  
**THURSDAY, May 6**  
6:00 p.m.—Phone Call Committee Meeting  
**FRIDAY, May 7**  
8:30 a.m.—Mass—Deceased Anniversary +Dan and Regina Ignace/ Ron and Sharon Roberts  
9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.—Eucharistic Adoration  
9:30 a.m.—Phone Call Committee Meeting  
**SATURDAY, May 8**  
4:30—Confessions  
5:30 p.m.— Mass—+Lillian Carter/Charles and Lana Abraham  
**SUNDAY, May 9—Mother's Day**  
9:30 a.m.—Mass—+Chuck Fumich/Sally Fumich  
10:40—11:00—Drive Up Communion

**Ron's Thoughts...**

Dear First Communicants,

Congratulations and Welcome to the Table of the Lord! Now that you are here, I hope you stay and come often and tell that to MOM AND DAD ALSO. This is special and something that will help to bring meaning and purpose to your life. It is more than just bread and wine; it is our faith, our Christ, our Life. Don't put it aside as you grow older like some. Don't put other things like soccer, dance and jobs before it. Make this table you are coming forward to the most important table in your life. If you do, I guarantee a better life for you. Every Sunday no matter where you are at, there is a table, be there and be proud to be there!

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

**St. Mark First Communicants 2021**

|                 |               |
|-----------------|---------------|
| Claire Compeau  | Rebeka Nelson |
| Kennedy Cushman | Ben Petitpren |
| Brock Galbreath | Atli Wilson   |

**St. Mark 2021 Confirmation Candidates**

|                  |                   |
|------------------|-------------------|
| Jameson Brown    | Ava O'Connor      |
| Aubrey Candiloro | Eriksen Petriprin |
| Luke Francis     | Phillip Petriprin |
| Grace Glaza      | Chase Richardson  |
| Stephen Iden     | Ava Skinner       |
| Sarah Kwasnik    | Shaw Skinner      |
| Emilia Morse     | Haley Wasilewski  |

**Graduation Mass and Reception**

Graduates! Please join us on Sunday, June 6th at the 9:30am Liturgy (Please arrive at 9:15am with cap and gown for the procession). Please RSVP by May 28<sup>th</sup> by calling the Parish Office.

**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. **PARTICIPANT INFO MEETING:** Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, 12p.m Parish Center.

**St. Mark Youth Group Cedar Point Trip**

Wednesday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, we will be heading to the Point. All 6<sup>th</sup> grade (6<sup>th</sup> grade in the Fall of 2021) through 12<sup>th</sup> 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). For more info contact Kyle at kulrich@stmarkgoodrich.org or D-Ron rkenney@stmarkgoodrich.org.

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

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

**18 and over St. Mark Young Adult Sunday Sand Volleyball!**

All 18 and over are invited to join others on Sundays 5pm at the St. Mark Rec Field for Sand Volleyball and Fellowship beginning June 13<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**Bearing Fruit**

Few of us, even when we meditate on the image of the vine and branches, stop to really think about how God “prunes” us. For some there is the danger of thinking that we are already producing fruit for the kingdom, in deed and truth as John says, perhaps raising a family, being active in our parish, and so on. But even those branches which are bearing fruit, the Gospel tells us, can be pruned to produce still more. But even after he is accepted and begins to bear fruit, he meets further adversity, and his letters are filled with many accounts of how his trials “pruned” him to produce greater fruit for the kingdom. Like him, as long as we remain in Christ we will continue to bear fruit.

**Welcome Back to Sunday Mass**

**Pentecost Sunday, May 23, 2021, will see Bishop Earl Boyea's dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days expire across the Diocese of Lansing.**

**This Week's Challenge...**  
**Strengthening Your Faith...** *(The Vine Grower) removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. (John 15:2)*

- **Saul Visits Jerusalem** - Acts 9:26-31
- **The Actions of Believers**—1 John 3:18-24
- **The Vine and the Branches**— John 15:1-8

• **Adult:** When have you been “pruned” by your experiences in a way that led to greater abundance?

• **Kids:** When have you felt stronger or better because you did something hard to help another person?

**AFTERWORD....Fr. Dave Howell**

**CONGRATULATIONS!...** To all who are making their First Communion this Sunday and their parents. Today is a very important milestone in your lives, one that that I hope you will remember for a life time! Often times the focus is on the white dress and veil, the fancy duds that the kids will rarely wear again and will probably soon outgrow. There are pictures and even small parties. I remember all of that from my First Communion day in 1958. I do actually remember the day, and even more importantly I remember waiting to receive Eucharist from Fr. Schram, our pastor. As I waited, I recall thinking that the God who made the universe would soon come to live inside of me. It might have been something I was taught by Sr. Ann Helena, but it came to mind seconds before the Host was placed on my tongue. I still remember the excitement that gave me.

It is my sincere hope that our young people will have a wonderful experience that will lead them quickly to their second Communion, their third, and on and on. As St. Paul wrote to young Timothy, may God who began this good work in you, bring it to its fulfilment! Amen!

**VACCINES...** Just a quick word to those who have not yet been vaccinated, please get yours soon! All of us are weary of wearing masks, keeping distant and keeping safe. That will only change when more people are vaccinated. Only six women out of 7 million vaccinated have experienced blood clots. Many of us have had some reaction to the vaccine (I had a sore arm and I slept a lot the next day). But there have been no severe reactions that I know of and more importantly there are more and more younger people hospitalized with Covid. (I've watched the numbers reach the highest numbers ever, since I started visiting Genesys Hospital on Tuesdays.) Now, even small children are getting very sick. I hope I am “preaching to the choir”, but if you have not been vaccinated, please sign up soon. If you don't do it for yourself, do it for the love of others as the Lord Jesus taught us!

**A SPECIAL CEREMONY...** Last week I had a simple ceremony that is part of my springtime rituals...I put away the snow shovel! I know, I know, we've had a pretty gentle spring, but I have lived in Michigan all my life and I know there is no greater taunt to Mother Nature than to put away the snow shovel before April is over. To prove my point, I would remind you that just a week and a half ago, snow was predicted for Southeast Michigan. One of the reasons I am sure it snowed south of us and not in the Flint, Grand Blanc & Goodrich is the fact that I still had the snow shovel right by the back door. While I cannot take full credit for having warded off an April Snow Storm, I suspect being ready for the snow encouraged it to move south to the unsuspecting and ill-prepared people who live south of Genesee County.

Fr. Dave Howell

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**Weekly Readings: May 3 – May 9**

**Monday:** 1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14, **Tuesday:** Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a, **Wednesday:** Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8, **Thursday:** Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11, **Friday:** Acts 15:31-12; Jn 15:12-17 **Saturday:** Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21  
**Sunday:** Acts 10:25-36, 34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn 4:7-10 or 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 15:9-17

**\*\*\*Reminder—Mass is canceled for next Tuesday, May 4th due to Confirmation.\*\*\***