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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)

Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking up at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way.  
ACTS 1:11  
**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**  
MAY 16, 2021

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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.**  
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**What's happening at St. Mark this week**  
**MONDAY, May 17**  
9:30 a.m.—Mass — +Jean Tousignant/Nancy and Jim Ellis  
7:00 p.m.—Faith Chat/ Via Conference Call  
**TUESDAY, May 18**  
6:30 p.m.— Mass—+Erin Modrzynski/Joe and Joyce Partyka  
7:00 p.m.—Commissions Meeting  
**WEDNESDAY, May 19**  
9:00 a.m.—Morning Devotions with Bob Totten /Conference Call  
**THURSDAY, May 20**  
No Parish Activities  
**FRIDAY, May 21**  
8:30 a.m.—Mass—+Jack Paladuk/Diane Paladuk  
**SATURDAY, May 22**  
9:00 a.m.—Better Together Retreat  
4:30—Confessions  
5:30 p.m.— Mass—+Sandra DesOmeau/ St. Rita Guild  
**SUNDAY, May 23**  
9:30 a.m.—Mass—+Kathleen McMillan— Pritchard—John and Patty Candiloro  
10:40—11:00—Drive Up Communion

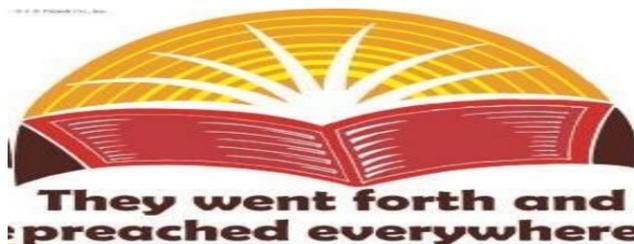
### Ron's Thoughts...

I have always tried hard to live and teach this thought: *You can look at yourself in three ways: what you think of yourself, what others think of you, and what God thinks of you. The most important is what God thinks of you.* And how do we know what God thinks? We start with our Baptism. As a deacon I have always felt so blessed to be able to baptize. One of my favorite moments is when I say, "this child is now called a child of God, for indeed they are!" I proclaim that phrase with great passion and emotion because for me and for all of us that should be the moment that changes our lives.

I know as an infant we don't have the capability to understand that moment. But, that is why it is so necessary as parents, god-parents, family and friends to foster that understanding and to continue to share that GOOD NEWS that you are a CHILD OF GOD! That in itself is where we need to begin to look at ourselves and also how we look at others.

This weekend we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord. A somewhat "put on the back burner" belief about Jesus. The Ascension is an important moment of glorification for Jesus, he takes a seat at the right of his father. But even more for us it reminds us that we have a mission and responsibility to be his voice and presence in this world. Our mission is to GO OUT AND PREACH THE GOOD NEWS TO ALL and it begins first by looking at ourselves as God sees us, as his children. Knowing I am a CHILD OF GOD fills me with passion to want to let everyone know that GOD IS GOOD! JESUS BRINGS LIFE! How about you? Walk the talk. Be Peace!

D-Ron (rkenney@stmarkgoodrich.org)



### 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 information contact Kyle Ulrich at kulrich@stmarkgoodrich.org. or Deacon Ron .

### Summer Youth Group (Middle 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 Ulrich @ kulrich@stmarkgoodrich.org. for more info.

### 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.

### Thank you from The St. Mark's Men's Club

We would like to extend a huge thank you to all who helped support our 1st Drive thru chicken dinner. It was a tremendous success. Also Congratulations to Nancy Ellis for being our 50/50 winner.

### The Significance of the Ascension

The theological unity, or perhaps even the temporal experience of the early community, made it seem that Jesus' resurrection and his ascension were inseparable aspects of a single mystery. Only in the later writings of Luke and John has further theological reflection helped the Christian community to distinguish different dimensions of the mystery. Liturgical tradition has followed the forty-day chronology formulated by Luke. We would miss the point, however, if we were to demand a precise historical chronology of events such as the Resurrection-Ascension that are primarily spiritual in nature and that clearly surpass the bounds of time and space as we know them. What is important for us to grasp is the significance of the Ascension. For Luke, it is the decisive turning point that marks the end of Jesus' earthly ministry and the beginning of the disciples' Spirit-led ministry and thus the ministry of the whole church down to our own day.

### This Week's Challenge...

**Ascension of the Lord...** *A spirit of wisdom and revelation (Eph 1:17)*

- **Jesus' Final Instructions and Ascension**—Acts 1:1-11
- **The Church as Christ's Body**—Ephesians 1:17-23 or 4:1-13
- **The Ascension**—Mark 16:15-20
- **Adult:** Who do you know who has passed away yet whose spirit is alive and making an impact on others?
- **Kids:** Who do you know in heaven? How might they still be helping us?



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### Grief Support

A *Grief Journey* is for those grieving the loss of a loved one – spouse, child, parent, sibling or friend. St. Mark's is hosting the gatherings, which will run seven weeks, beginning on June 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Both day and evening sessions are being offered to accommodate various schedules. Monday sessions will be from 10-11:30 a.m. Tuesday sessions will be from 7-8:30 p.m. Choose which works for you. Gatherings will be under the pavilion. We will be reading *Now That You've Gone Home*, by Joyce Hutchinson and Joyce Rupp. Register at the parish office, 810-636-2216, so a book/materials may be reserved for you. We will be discussing the first 32 pages of the book at the first sessions, which will be led by Debbie Oglenski, with assistance from Nancy Mahoney for the evening gatherings.

### DSA Update

Thank you for all of your efforts to date with the 2021 Diocesan Services Appeal! We thought it might be helpful to highlight some of the many good and important programs, services and ministries that rely upon gifts to our DSA. Catholic Schools, Faith Magazine, St. Francis Retreat Center, Youth Formation and Parish Financial Services are just a few of the Good works of DSA. Again thank you for your continued support of DSA.

### Faith Fest 2021—June 26, 2021

Join us for a day of outdoor worship, live music, and a Vigil Mass with Bishop Earl Boyea! More information and tickets can be found at [www.faithfest.com](http://www.faithfest.com). June 26, 2021 at St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt, MI

### Graduation Mass and Reception

Graduates! Please join us on Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

*The Loan...We didn't inherit the earth from our parents. We're borrowing it from our children.—Chief Seattle*

### Weekly Readings: May 17 – May 23

**Monday:** Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33, **Tuesday:** Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a, **Wednesday:** Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19, **Thursday:** Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26, **Friday:** Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19 **Saturday:** Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25, **Sunday:** Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

### AFTERWORD....Fr. Dave Howell

**COME, HOLY SPIRIT!!** ...On the Church's calendar, the Feast of Pentecost is the third most important celebration. It completes the Easter mystery, when Christ poured out His life, the Holy Spirit upon His disciples. On Monday, I read a homily by St. Cyril of Jerusalem (he lived through much of the fourth century and served as bishop of Jerusalem). Cyril wrote a catechism, an explanation of all that we believe, for those who were preparing for Baptism. In that catechism, he tried to explain the mystery of the Holy Spirit by saying that the Spirit is like water. Like water, the Spirit gives life. As rain, water falls on everyone but has a different effect on everything watered by the rain. It brings forth flowers, grain and towering pines; each enriching the life of others. In the same way, the Spirit brings forth different gifts and ministries in each of us. What was amazing is that this fourth century saint had no clue of how large the earth was nor did he know the science of water's importance. But it gave me a great deal to think about especially how the Holy Spirit inspires us. Next time you quench your thirst with water, remember the Holy Spirit. As the psalm says, "A thirst is my soul for the Living (Spirit) of God!"

**ON ASCENSION DAY** ...Each day I get a reflection written by Pope Francis. On Ascension Day, he wrote a reflection that was very insightful and I would like to share it with you. He wrote: "There is the voice of God, who speaks kindly to the conscience, and there is the tempting voice that leads to evil...One can learn to discern these two voices: they speak two different languages, that is, they have opposite ways of knocking on the door of our hearts. The voice of God never forces us: God proposes himself, He does not impose himself. Instead, the evil voice seduces, assails, forces: it arouses dazzling illusions, emotions that are tempting but transient. At first it flatters, it makes us believe that we are all-powerful, but then it leaves us empty inside and accuses us: "You are worth nothing." The voice of God, instead, corrects us, with great patience, but always encourages us, consoles us: it always nourishes hope. God's voice is a voice that has a horizon, whereas the voice of the evil one leads you to a wall, it backs you into a corner...The voice of the enemy distracts us from the present and wants us to focus on fears of the future or sadness about the past — the enemy does not want the present — it brings to surface the bitterness, the memories of the wrongs suffered, of those who have hurt us, ... many bad memories. On the other hand, the voice of God speaks in the present: "Now you can do good, now you can exercise the creativity of love, now you can forego the regrets and remorse that hold your heart captive." It inspires us, it leads us ahead, but it speaks in the present: now."

Fr. Dave Howell

