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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)

There appeared to them
tongues as of fire,
which parted and came to rest
on each one of them.
And they were all filled
with the Holy Spirit.
ACTS 2:3-4
PENTECOST
SUNDAY
MAY 23, 2021

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

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What's happening at St. Mark this week
MONDAY, May 24
9:30 a.m.—Mass — +Mary Sabo/Bob & Mary Ann Emick
7:00 p.m.—Faith Chat/ Via Conference Call
TUESDAY, May 25
6:30 p.m.— Mass—+Anne Emick/Bob & Mary Ann Emick
WEDNESDAY, May 26
9:00 a.m.—Morning Devotions with Bob Totten /Conference Call
THURSDAY, May 27
No Parish Activities
FRIDAY, May 28
8:30 a.m.—Mass—People of the Parish/Parish
SATURDAY, May 29
4:30—Confessions
5:30 p.m.— Mass—+William Seymour, Sr./ Seymour Family
SUNDAY, May 30
9:30 a.m.—Mass—+Spencer & Joyce Alford/Kelly Alford
10:40—11:00—Drive Up Communion

Ron's Thoughts...

Every so often someone will come to me and tell me of a remarkable occurrence that happened in their life. Call it remarkable or call it a miracle. I always respond with, "It's the Holy Spirit!" I don't try to give a theological or logical explanation. It is what I believe. The Holy Spirit is the presence of Jesus to us every day, all day! At the ascension he told his followers, I will be with you until the end of time. He is present to us in the Holy Spirit.

Today, we celebrate Pentecost Sunday. The day the Holy Spirit came into the lives of the Apostles and WOW! Their lives began to change. Ordinary, simple people began to teach, preach and lead others to believe in Jesus. It was the beginning of the Church and the spreading of the Good News of Jesus. Call it remarkable or call it a miracle, I like to just say, "It's the Holy Spirit!" Be open to the Holy Spirit in your life and watch your life begin to change. Happy Birthday Church! 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 30th, 12 p.m. Parish Center.

Soul Surfing Mondays Plan Ahead!

All Pre-school through 5th graders are invited for Soul Surfing Mondays, July 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th 6:00-7:30pm for some summer Fun and Faith. More info to follow!

Summer Youth Group (For Middle 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.

St. Mark Youth Group Cedar Point Trip

Wednesday, June 30th, we will heading 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). For more info contact Kyle at kulrich@stmarkgoodrich.org

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 13th. Contact Kyle Ulrich @ kulrich@stmarkgoodrich.org for more info.

Graduation Mass

Graduates! Join us on Sunday, June 6th at the 9:30am Liturgy (Arrive at 9:15am with cap and gown for the procession.) Please RSVP by May 28th to Parish Office.

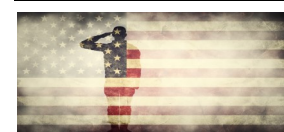
Feast of Faith—Work of the Spirit

The Spirit of God who hovered over the waters at the dawn of creation—the Holy Spirit who descended upon the disciples at Pentecost in ever-changing forms in the sound of a mighty wind or tongues of flame—hovers also over our celebration of the liturgy, giving it life, making it real. It is the Spirit of God who draws us, gathering us together, Sunday after Sunday. It is the Spirit of God who called loudly to the inspired writers of the scriptures and who continues to whisper to us, revealing ever-new facets of God's word, granting insight just when we need it. It is by the Spirit's power that, when Christ's words are uttered by the priest, the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. And it is surely the Spirit who inspires us—that is, breathes in us—when, sent forth from the assembly, we seek ways to serve our brothers and sisters, to allow the gospel to come to life in the world. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love.



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A PRAYER TO THE SPIRIT

Holy Spirit, who sent Christ Jesus to carry the Good news to the poor, we pray to you: Help us to continue your work by serving the poor, our brothers and sisters.

This Week's Challenge...

Pentecost Sunday...And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues (Acts 2:4)

- **Descent of the Holy Spirit**—Acts 2:1-11
- Galatians 5:16-25
- John 15:6-27; 16:12-15



- **Adult:** When have you felt filled with the Spirit and emboldened to act with courage?



- **Kids:** When have you felt strength from outside of yourself to do what was right?

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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 14th and 15th. 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.

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. June 26, 2021 at St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt, MI

Pentecost Welcome Back Weekend

Bishop Boyea has given each family a candle to take home this week. They are in alphabetical order on the tables in the Gathering Space. There is also a prayer card to use for the next 8 days to pray for our church coming back together again. Those of you that are coming for drive-thru communion today may stop in to pick up candles after receiving communion. If you know of someone that isn't here and you can take a candle and prayer card to them, please do. Let's pray together.

Prayer Intention of Pope Francis for May

The world of finance... Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers

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: May 24 – May 30

Monday: Gen 3: 9-15, 20 or Acts 1: 12-14; , **Tuesday:** Sir 35: 1-12; Mk 10: 28-31, **Wednesday:** Sir 36: 1, 4-5a, 10-17; Mk 10: 32-45, **Thursday:** Sir 42: 15-25; Mk 10: 46-52, **Friday:** Sir 44: 1, 9-13; Mk 11: 11-26 **Saturday:** Sir 51: 12cd-20; Mk 11: 27-33, **Sunday:** Deut 4: 32-34, 39-40; Rom 8: 14-17; Mt 28: 16-20

AFTERWORD....Fr. Dave Howell

ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT ...In English and Latin we speak of the Holy Spirit using the male pronoun: *He*. But in the original Greek and even Hebrew (the original languages of the Bible) it is the Holy Spirit: *She*! While that may seem unimportant to some, I think it is significant. For we speak of God in male terminology but saying the Holy Spirit – She – harkens back to the revelation of Genesis 1:26-27. *"Then God said, 'Let us make humans in our image, after our likeness; and let them have dominion over the birds of the air, the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that crawls on the earth.' So God created humans in the divine image, in the image of God, God created them: male and female God created them"* And so we pray to God: Father\Creator of what is seen and unseen; the Son\Redeemer of all humanity and the Spirit\She who is the life-giver! Just another thought to add to our prayer asking for the gift of the Holy Spirit!

WE INTERRUPT THIS MESSAGE... Even though Ordinary Time began Monday, May 24, the two Sundays after Pentecost celebrate two important truths of our Catholic Faith. (The vestments on these Sundays are white not green.) Next week, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Trinity – the profound truth that the one God, is a trinity of persons. June 5/6, we celebrate another profound truth: that the Lord Jesus, who promised to be with us always gives us the gift of Himself in the Eucharist, so that He might fulfill that promise. While Monday we returned to Ordinary Time (meaning counted numbered time) we won't get to the counted Sundays for a couple weeks.

READING THE BIBLE ...Part one of Faith Chat last Monday was my suggestions for reading the Bible. The Bible is not a book, but a collection of books, 112 in all. Any one who wants to understand its message needs to skip around. The message of the Bible is two-fold. God, the creator of the universe, has chosen to enter into an intimate, personal and life-giving relationship through a covenant with the Jewish people. God demonstrated that choice through the experience of Exodus. This intimate, personal and life-giving relationship is a bond of self-giving love. Jesus reveals the depth of that self-giving love by his death & resurrection. So, if you want to read the Bible in a way that explains the unfolding of these special relationships begin in the Old Testament with: Genesis, Exodus, Numbers, Joshua, Judges, Ruth and 1 & 2 Samuel. Then read the prophets Amos, Hosea, Isaiah and Jeremiah. Now move to the New Testament and read: Mark, Matthew, Luke & Acts and John; followed by 1 & 2 Thessalonians, Philippians, 1 Corinthians, Galatians, 2 Corinthians, Romans and the 3 Letters of John (these are in chronological order). That should fill a summer!

Fr. Dave Howell



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