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**Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
I, the Lord,  
bring low the high tree,  
lift high the lowly tree,  
wither up the green tree,  
and make the  
withered tree bloom.  
As I, the Lord,  
have spoken,  
so will I do.  
Ezekiel 17:24  
**June 13, 2021**

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**What's happening at St. Mark this week**  
**MONDAY, June 14**  
9:30 a.m.—Mass — +Mary Sabo/ Bob and Mary Ann Emick  
10:00 a.m.—Grief Journey/ Pavilion  
**TUESDAY, June 15**  
6:30 p.m.— Mass—People of the Parish/Parish  
7:00 p.m.—Picnic Planning Meeting  
7:00—Grief Journey/Pavilion  
**WEDNESDAY, June 16**  
9:00 a.m.—Morning Devotions with Bob Totten /Conference Call  
6:00 p.m.—Summer Youth Group/ Pavilion  
**THURSDAY, June 17**  
No Parish Activities  
**FRIDAY, June 18**  
8:30 a.m.—Mass—+William Seymour, Sr./ Mary Seymour  
**SATURDAY, June 19**  
4:30—Confessions  
5:30 p.m.— Mass—+Ronald Gladding  
**SUNDAY, June 20—Father's Day**  
9:30 a.m.—Mass—Father's, deceased and living/ Parish  
10:40—11:00—Drive Up Communion

### Ron's Thoughts...

Throughout my time in ministry I have had many conversations with young people about their faith and about what it means to go to church. I will ask the question, "Do you go to church?" The response most of the time is what I want to hear. But, there are always those few who inform me that they try to get to church as much as possible, but you know, life is so busy and especially during the summer, so many events on Sundays.

Yes, I know how busy life is and I know what Sundays are like. So what seems to be the problem? For me Sunday started first with Mass. SUNDAY IS CHURCH DAY. Mass takes place all over the State of Michigan on Sunday. Mass takes place all over the country, the world, ON SUNDAY! Again, I say, what seems to be the problem? Why is going to church to give praise and thanks to God such an inconvenience?

The problem is not that Mass is an inconvenience. The problem is that too many people are part-timers. God means a great deal when times are tough. Oh he's there when it is good, but hey Sunday is a time for fun in the sun, God will understand. Will he? I don't know about you, but on my death bed I want God to know that I loved him so much that I lived for him every day, not just when it was convenient. Here's a challenge, BE A FULL-TIMER! Let your faith be seen and heard and be excited about it. Walk the talk. Be Peace! D-Ron (rkenney@stmarkgoodrich.org)



### Summer Youth Group (For all 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 at kulrich@stmarkgoodrich.org for more info.

### Soul Surfing Mondays! (VBS sort of...)

All Pre-school through 5<sup>th</sup> graders are invited for Soul Surfing Mondays, July 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> 6:00-7:30pm for some summer Fun and Faith. Join and explore and learn about the Miracles of Jesus! Please sign up at the following link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0f4cafae2ca6fe3-stmark3>

**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>. For more information contact Kyle @ kulrich@stmarkgoodrich.org.

### 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 and 15. Monday sessions will be from 10-11:30 a.m. Tuesday sessions will be from 7-8:30 p.m. 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](http://www.faithfest.com). June 26, 2021 at St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt, MI.



Welcome to our newest members who joined through the Sacrament of Baptism.

**Dolly Jean Howarth**, daughter of Ryan and Ellen. Dolly was baptized on May 31, 2021.

**Darwin Joseph Brotherton** son of Cody and MacKenzie. Darwin was baptized on June 5, 2021.

**Rowan Glen Brotherton**, son of Cody and MacKenzie. Rowan was baptized on June 5, 2021.

### New Parishioners

Please welcome our newest Parishioners here at St. Mark. Stephen and Deborah Oglenski, Barbara McKay and Ron and Angeline Peruski.

### This Week's Challenge...

*Living in God's Kingdom...Yet when (the mustard seed) is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade. (Mark 4:32)*

- **Prophecy of the Restoration of Israel**—Ezekiel 17:22-24 
- **Walking by Faith**—2 Corinthians 5:6-10
- **Seed Grows by Itself and the Mustard Seed**—Mark 4:26-34
- **Adult:** What is the "good soil" that has allowed your faith to grow like the mustard seed and provide shelter for others? 
- **Kids:** How do you help your faith grow like the mustard seed?

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For men and women. This silent retreat includes an overview of Ignatian spirituality, the Examen Prayer, practice of Lectio Divina, and meeting with a spiritual director. Fr. David Rosenberg, director of St. Francis Retreat Center, will be the Rector for this retreat. It begins with registration at 6:00 pm on Friday, July 9<sup>th</sup>. The opening session will consist of orientation and an introduction to the rest of the weekend. The cost for this retreat is \$185 per person, this includes all meals, materials, lodging, and spiritual direction. Register online at [www.stfrancis.ws](http://www.stfrancis.ws).

### St. Mark Family Fun!

**FRIDAY, JUNE 25<sup>TH</sup> – MOVIES AT ST. MARK!** Begins at dusk. Bring a chair and watch a family fun movie with popcorn provided. **Movie: Fly Away Home** – The soaring adventure of a 13 year old girl and her father, who learn what family is all about when they adopt an orphaned flock of geese and teach them to fly! RSVP to plan for popcorn at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F4CAFAE2CA6FE3-stmark5>

### SUNDAY, JUNE 27<sup>TH</sup> – FAMILY SCAVENGER HUNT AT ST. MARK!

Meet at St. Mark Pavilion 12:30pm – 2:00pm for some fun around St. Mark. Enjoy some snacks afterward. Sign up at the following link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F4CAFAE2CA6FE3-stmark4>

### Catholic Charities update on summer donations

Beginning in July Catholic Charities will be accepting donations on the following dates this summer: July 5 to 9, August 9 to 13, September 7 to 10. The hours are 9am-12pm & 1pm-3pm. Thank you for everything!!

### Gardening help needed—June 16th

Wednesday, June 16<sup>th</sup> your help is needed to mulch the Church gardens. If able to help anytime between 9 am and 5 pm please email Ed Schwind the hours you are available at [edschwind52@gmail.com](mailto:edschwind52@gmail.com). " Many hands make light work."

### Weekly Readings: June 14 – June 20

**Monday:** 2 Cor 6:1-10; Mt 5:38-42, **Tuesday:** 2 Cor 8:1-9; Mt 5:43-48, **Wednesday:** 2 Cor 9:6-11; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18, **Thursday:** 2 Cor 11:1-11; Mt 6:7-15, **Friday:** 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30; Mt 6:19-23, **Saturday:** 2 Cor 12:1-10; **Sunday:** Jb 38:1, 8-11 ; Mk 4:35-41

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

**MOVING INTO SUMMER...** The temperatures have been in the 80/90 degree range. Even though school is just ending for the summer, it feels like we have been in the midst of summer for a couple of weeks already. Many have already been out in the garden and even I have put in a few tomato plants, some lettuce, beans and spaghetti squash even a few flowers. While everything is so green and growth seems to surround us, it is also a good time to give some thought to how we might nurture our spiritual growth over the summer. Just like those vegetable plants and flowers people have put in their yard need water, sun and fertilizer; our spiritual lives also need to be cared for if we are going to grow in our relationship with God and one another. During the depth of our winter of isolation and social distancing, many realized their faith was not as strong as they had hoped. The slower days of summer provide an opportunity to do some extra reading, praying and spending a little more time with the Bible. Using these to deepen our spiritual life will provide nourishment for the darker days of the winter that will eventually come. If you are looking for a place to start, read Genesis, Exodus and Numbers. Read just a few chapters at a time, spreading it over June & July. Then in August, read the Gospel of Mark. At the end of each session, pick one thought to take into the rest of your day – or if you do your reading in the evening, into the next day. Keep that idea short so you can mull it over during any quiet moments that may come that day.

**SOCIAL COMMENTARIES...** The first Pope to officially address the problems of modern society was Pope Leo XIII with an encyclical letter: *Rerum Novarum* (1891). It was a critique of the working conditions of the time and the right a living wage and the right to organize unions to secure justice in the work place. Over the years, our popes and the American Catholic Bishops have issued letters and documents that critique our modern society on a whole host of topics including: the pitfalls of capitalism; the dangers of militarism and the use of force; the right of everyone to health care, food, drinking water and housing; and much more. Most importantly, these teachings truly seek to look at every topic through the lens of the Gospel seeking to answer the question "What would Jesus say about this topic?" Over the next several weeks of the summer, I will use this column to talk about important principals of these documents. My hope is that by sharing these principals with you, it will give you another perspective to use in evaluating what is happening in our society, nation and the world.

Fr. Dave Howell

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