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The bread of God
is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.
John 6:33
August 1, 2021
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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What's happening at St. Mark this week
MONDAY, August 2
9:30 a.m.—Mass—People of the Parish/Parish
10:00 a.m.—Grief Journey Meeting
TUESDAY, August 3
6:30 p.m.— Mass—+Bob Totten/Frank and Joanne Salvati
7:00— Grief Journey Meeting
7:00—Finance Council
7:00—Men's Club Meeting
WEDNESDAY, August 4
9:00 a.m.—Garden Angels
6:00 p.m.—Summer Youth Group
THURSDAY, August 5
No Parish Activities
FRIDAY, August 6
8:30 a.m.—Mass—+Carl J. Doerr/John & Kim Doerr
9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.—Eucharistic Adoration
SATURDAY, August 7
4:30—Confessions
5:30 p.m.— Mass—+Ralph Uscicki/Barbara Gronckey Gombar
SUNDAY, August 8
9:30 a.m.—Mass—+Leonard Stano/Nancy Stano
For Peace; for Women/Men in the Military Service
SSG J Gillett; Maj. S Halleaux; Maj. C Kaighen; S/Sgt. D Kendall; Cpl Greg Misiak, ATAN Daniel P. Wood

Ron's Thoughts...

We spend a lot of energy seeking lots things that we want. There might be a new electronic device or a new vehicle or maybe we are planning a vacation. Quite often we do the necessary research and put a lot of time into choosing exactly what we want. We pursue what we want with desire, purpose and dedication. It makes what we want or get more worthwhile, doesn't it? Here is a thought; do we spend that same energy seeking that which we need? Probably not as much desire and purpose goes into it, at least for me it doesn't. Yes the effort for want and need are quite different.

These next weeks we reflect on the Bread of Life discourse that comes from the Gospel of John. A beautiful reflection that helps us to see Jesus as the bread of life, the bread come down from heaven, the bread that is life changing. Bread in every culture is shared as a part of our daily diet. The bread that Jesus has to offer is the bread that will feed your spiritual life more than you could ever desire. But here is the thing, start WANTING it just like other wants in your life. Pursue the BREAD OF LIFE with desire, purpose and dedication.

Let's pray today that we might have a greater belief of the marvelous gift of the BREAD OF LIFE that is JESUS. Let's pray today that we might spend that same energy seeking THE BREAD OF LIFE that is JESUS every day of our lives! Walk the talk.

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

Soul Surfing Mondays! THANK YOU THANK YOU!!!

What a wonderful time we had during the month of July with our Soul Surfing. I wanted to thank the parents and kids that joined us to learn and celebrate our faith and the Miracles of Jesus! And a big thank you to the wonderful team that helped put on our Soul Surfing Mondays: Irene Wisniewski, Deb Foerster, Kelly Alford, Joanne Salvati, Jean Gloude-mans, Elsie Velazquez, Angie Reid, Katie Rusinek, Carly Reid, Linda Saturnino and Isabella Hense. Thank you for all your time and dedication to the success of our Soul Surfing!

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

You may be interested or know someone who is interested in becoming Catholic or completing the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) and learning more about the Catholic Faith. Sessions will begin this fall and run through Easter of 2022. Contact me if you want more info in joining the journey closer to the CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN LIFE. rkenney@stmarkgoodrich.org.

CRIM WATER STATION! ATTENTION ALL FAMILIES!

St. Mark Youth and Adults will be working the finish line water station at the Crim Festival of Races on Saturday, August 28th, 6am-12pm. All youth and families are welcome to join us. To sign up email rkenney@stmarkgoodrich.org



St. Mark Welcome Back Weekend Celebration!

- ✓ Friday, August 27th, at dusk, *Family Movies at St. Mark!* Movie: *The Stray* tells the true story of a dog who saves a struggling family in more ways than one.
- ✓ Saturday, August 28th, 7:30pm, *Outdoor Concert featuring Tony Melendez!* Go to www.stmarkgoodrich.org to the Donate tab to reserve a spot – Bring your own chair.
- ✓ Sunday, August 29th, *Outdoor Liturgy 11am and Family Picnic and Parish Raffle 12noon!*

The FIRST Annual Michigan Catholic Women's Conference

Women from five Diocese—Detroit, Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, Lansing and Saginaw come together to focus on their faith and experience the fellowship of sisterhood in Christ Jesus. The conference will be held at the Lansing Center in Lansing, MI on October 16, 2021. Purchase tickets at <https://mcwc.ticketspice.com/cwc>.

Raffle Tickets/Tony Melendez Tickets

Thank you to everyone who has returned their raffle tickets. There will be someone selling raffle tickets after both masses this weekend. If you need additional raffle tickets you can pick them up after the weekend masses or contact the parish office to make arrangements to pick up more. We will also be selling Tony Melendez tickets in the Gathering Space. If you have any questions please contact Joanne Salvati or Colleen Seymour for more information.

Please Offer Prayers for those preparing for the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony!



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This Week's Challenge...

The Eyes of Faith ... So they said to Jesus, "What sign are you going to give us then, so we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?" (John 6:30)

- **Manna in the Desert**—Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15
- **Psalm**—78:3-4, 23-24, 25 + 54
- **Renewal in Christ**—Ephesians 4:17, 20-24
- **Discourse on the Bread of Life**— John 6:24-35



- **Adult:** When has your faith helped you believe without "seeing signs" from God?
- **Kids:** Who helps you believe in things you cannot see?



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Jobe Syndrome Seminar—St. Francis Retreat Center, Dewitt MI, Saturday September 11, 10am – 3pm

Seminar presentation of Deacon Gene Hausmann's new book: *Jobe Syndrome and Scientific Evidence for the Existence of God and Evil*. The book is written to assist young people, their parents and teachers who struggle with reconciling Science and Religion. Four different lines of scientific evidence are presented to demonstrate how rational is our faith in God. Registration fee is \$25, and includes lunch. Please register online at www.stfrancis.ws or call St. Francis at 517-669-8321.

Bishop's Discernment Dinner

Attention all men discerning the priesthood - Join us on Sunday, August 22 at Bethany House, located at St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt, MI for a special day! Meet and greet starts at 3 PM, followed by a talk by Bishop Earl Boyea. There will be time to visit with diocesan seminarians, priests and others like minded as you. The day will conclude with a BBQ dinner with departure for home by 7:00pm. Men under 18 must submit permission and health form to the office of vocations. Deadline to register is August 19. Please register at <https://www.eventbee.com/v/aug22bishopsdinner#/rsvp>

Weekly Readings: August 2 – August 8

Mon: Nm 11:4b-15; Mt 14:13-21, **Tue:** Nm 12:1-13; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14, **Wed:** Nm 13:1-2, 25 – 14:1, 26-29a, 34-35; Mt 15:21-28, **Thur:** Nm 20:1-13; Mt 16:13-23, **Fri:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10, **Sat:** Dt 6:4-13; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; Mt 17:14-20
Sun: 1 Kgs 19:4-8; Jn 6:41-51

AFTERWORD....Fr. Dave Howell

VIEW FROM THE PEW... Because I am busy most Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings, I don't have much experience of other parishes, their Liturgies and presiders. So, when I go on vacation, I like sitting in the pew and experiencing Liturgy in other places. Sunday Liturgy in Fort Lauderdale was interesting. The Archdiocese of Miami requires masks on every worshiper over 2 years old. Every other pew was roped off and there was no singing and not even any music. They did, however, have ushers to take up the collection. Sadly, there was little inspiring to the Sunday Liturgy and the church was a little over 20% full. My friend and I went to a 9 am Liturgy which ended about the time St. Mark was singing the Glory to God back here in Goodrich. It made me more anxious to get back home.

MESMERIZED... For those who didn't know my vacation was a cruise in the Eastern Caribbean. We visited Nassau, St. Thomas and St. Maarten. Since neither Fr. McDougall or I had ever been there, we took city/island tours at each place. I brought back gifts for my nieces and great nephew. The food was great...a far cry from the meals I fix for myself or even for company. As a result, both me and my suitcase came back a little overweight. My favorite part of the cruise was the water. Although I had my Kindle with me, I spent a lot of time sitting and gazing out at the sea. I remembered the statement of a friend not long ago, that he never wanted to go on a cruise; he even had trouble being out on a Great Lake when he could no longer see the shore. Being in the midst of a vast sea or ocean would be more than he could handle. That was not my experience. As I mentioned, I spent hours looking out at the water. Beside reading books, I enjoyed praying while listening to the ship cut through the water and watching the waves. In fact every day, I prayed Morning and Evening Prayer sitting on a deck. But there were often times when I stared out at the vastness of the ocean. While there are islands and even continents situated in the seas and dividing the oceans, there is far more water than dry land. A line from St. Thomas Aquinas kept coming to mind: "It was to impress upon us the vastness of God's love that the Lord Jesus gave us the Eucharist." Again and again, I thought of the sea I found so fascinating as the perfect example of vastness. Staring at the sea, I found myself thanking God for his love which is greater than seas and the oceans. Just as it is impossible to truly understand the depth of the oceans and seas; God's love is still greater. Mesmerized by the sea, God taught me another lesson on vastness of his love for us all!

Fr. Dave Howell

Prayer Intention of Pope Francis for August

Intention for evangelization— The Church Let us pray for the Church, that She may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.