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Our mission: St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Community is a growing community of faith which  
strives to live Christ's commandment: "Love one another, as I have loved you." (John 15:12)

SEPTEMBER 19, 2021  
The Son of Man is to  
be handed over to men  
and they will kill him,  
and three days  
after his death the  
Son of Man will rise.  
Mark 9:31  
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**  
Monday, Wednesday & Friday 8:30 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** Welcome! Individuals who actively partici-  
pate with us are asked to register by contacting the Parish Office.

**BAPTISM, MATRIMONY, ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Please con-  
tact the Parish Office.

**What's happening at St. Mark this week**  
**MONDAY, September 20**  
9:30 a.m.—Mass—+Erin Modrzynski/Steve & Debbie Oglenski  
**TUESDAY, September 21**  
6:30 p.m.—+Lillian Carter/Rob & Barb Rogers  
7:00 p.m.—Parish Commission Meeting  
**WEDNESDAY, September 22**  
9:00 a.m.—Garden Angels  
10:00 a.m.—AA  
**THURSDAY, September 23**  
7:00 p.m.—Choir  
**FRIDAY, September 24**  
8:30 a.m.—Mass—+ Leo Shubitowski/ Steve & Debbie Oglenski  
**SATURDAY, September 25**  
4:30 p.m.—Confessions  
5:30 p.m.— Mass—+Mary Tousignant/Jim & Nancy Ellis  
**SUNDAY, September 26**  
9:30 a.m.—Mass—+Mary Yancho/ Dennis & Jane Kreiner  
10:45 a.m.—Bell Choir

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## Ron's Thoughts... (Not mine today but someone with greater wisdom)

Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta wrote a prayer for her sisters, and really for us, to help us understand what really we need to be concerned with in life:

✚ *People are often unreasonable, irrational, and self-centered. Forgive them anyway.*

✚ *If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives. Be kind anyway.*

✚ *If you are successful, you will win some unfaithful friends and some genuine enemies. Succeed anyway.*

✚ *If you are honest and sincere people may deceive you. Be honest and sincere anyway.*

✚ *What you spend years creating, others could destroy overnight. Create anyway.*

✚ *If you find serenity and happiness, some may be jealous. Be happy anyway.*

✚ *The good you do today, will often be forgotten. Do good anyway.*

✚ *Give the best you have, and it will never be enough. Give your best anyway.*

✚ *In the final analysis, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway.*

Yes, being a Christian is not always popular or easy.... but do it anyway!

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

### St. Mark Faith Formation

- Please go to (www.stmarkgoodrich.org) to register (and take care of the fee) for the 2021-22 Faith Formation at St. Mark (K-5 and 6-12).
- **Our K-5 program** will be a Family Faith Formation Model where families register and attend together on scheduled (twice a month) Sundays, 11am-12:30pm. There will be family presentations, projects and age appropriate breakout projects.
- **Our 6-12 grade program** will continue to be a Youth Group Model with Community building, Catechesis and Prayer which will be on scheduled Sundays 5-6:30pm.
- First Reconciliation/Eucharist and Confirmation Prep will be separate with Saturday Mini Sessions for First Reconciliation/Eucharist and Sunday Mini Sessions for Confirmation. Register at (www.stmarkgoodrich.org).
- ALL FAITH FORMATION will begin in October 2021.

### St. Mark Youth Group begins Sunday, Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5-6:30pm!

- All 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders please join us for Fun, Faith and Friends. You can register on our parish website (www.stmarkgoodrich.org) on the Faith Formation Page. For more info contact D-Ron (rkenney@stmarkgoodrich.org)

### St. Mark/Holy Family Grief Support Group

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 fall session from 10-11:30 on Monday, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> through Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, with a closing liturgy on Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will be reading *Now That You've Gone Home*, by Joyce Hutchinson and Joyce Rupp. Participation is by pre-registration only, due to materials and space limitations. You may register by calling the parish office at 810-636-2216, so all books/materials may be ordered for you. Materials will be made available at the parish office. We will be discussing the first 32 pages of the book at the first session, which will be led by Debbie Oglenski, Mary Ann and Bob Emick.

### Healing Service held at Holy Family—September 25

*"The Apostles were given authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out and to heal every disease and every infirmity."* Matthew 10:1 All are invited to experience the healing power of the Holy Spirit. The night will include praise and worship music, teaching on identity, testimonies and healing. Everyone is welcome and receives individual healing prayer led by our prayer ministry teams. **Saturday, September 25, 2021, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Church of the Holy Family Grand Blanc, MI.** For more information, please contact Dcn. Dan Medich at 810-694-4891, ext. 2214

### Help Spread the Faith—Sept 25-26

The HELP Spread the FAITH Appeal makes our own local evangelization efforts, like FAITH magazine and the televised Outreach Mass, possible. Bishop Earl Boyea believes that FAITH magazine has been an important part of our evangelization plan. Many of our fellow Catholics have become disconnected from the life of the Church, and Bishop believes that FAITH magazine has been the best way to reach out to them. By supporting the Help Spread the FAITH Appeal, you will help us continue to answer Christ's call to reach out with the Gospel message. Please consider making a donation.

#### True Wisdom...

*He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." (Mark 9:35)*

- **The Wicked Speak**—Wisdom 2:12, 17-20
- **True Wisdom and Worldly Desires**—James 3:16-4:3
- **Second Teaching of the Paschal Event and Words Against Ambition and Envy**—Mark 9:30-37
- **Adult:** What evidence do you see in the world around you that many do not accept Jesus' teaching on power and ambition?
- **Kids:** Why do you think Jesus says if you want to be first you should take care of others?

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### A View through the windows at St. Mark with Fr. Dave

Monday, September 27<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm join Fr. Dave Howell for a zoom presentation of the beautiful stained glass windows at St. Mark the Evangelist in Goodrich. He will walk us through a view of each window and give the meaning of the symbols that tell the story of our Catholic Christian Faith. For more information contact rkenney@stmarkgoodrich.org. Join Zoom Meeting using link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89988909528?pwd=WitLUUIYMHltQXhmYkFTWEVvVWxDQT09>  
Meeting ID: 899 8890 9528, Passcode: 253568

### 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 Deacon Ron if you want more info in joining the journey closer to the CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN LIFE.

### Parish Dinner—October 2

Join your parish family for a delicious meal of pasta, meatballs, salad, garlic bread and desserts after Mass on Saturday, October 2. Please sign up in the gathering space or contact the Parish Office.

### Blessing of the Pets

Bring your pets to our special blessing ceremony, Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 12:30 p.m. The blessing will take place in our Peace Prayer Garden at St. Mark.

### Please plan to attend Mass in October

Each October, the Diocese of Lansing asks each parish to report it's Mass attendance. Please make a special effort to attend Mass at St. Mark in October and be counted.

### Prayer Shawl Ministry—October 5

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will begin meeting on the first and third Tuesday of the month from 10:00-11:30 a.m. If you would like more information or are interested in becoming a member contact the parish office. More information will be in next week's bulletin.

### Weekly Readings: September 20- September 26

**Mon:** Ezr 1:1-6; Lk 8:16-18, **Tue:** Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13, **Wed:** Ezr 9:5-9; Tb:13:2, 3-4abefghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6, **Thu:** Hg 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9, **Fri:** Hg 2:1-9; Lk 9:18-22, **Sat:** Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13; Lk 9:43b-45, **Sun:** Nm 11:25-29; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

## AFTERWORD....Fr. Dave Howell

**THE FEAST OF THE HOLY CROSS...** This last Tuesday, the Church celebrated that feast which is also called the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. During the early years of the Emperor Constantine (the Roman emperor from 306 to 337) his mother, Helena, went on pilgrimage to the Holy Land. She sought to discover the sites of many events mentioned in the Gospel. Calvary & the tomb and the birth place of Jesus were easy to find. Those sites had already been the destination of first century pilgrims. After the Jewish Revolt of 135, the Emperor Hadrian built pagan temples over those sites to keep Christians away. Those temples were torn down and Helena had churches built on those two sites. A legend states that Helena also found the cross of Jesus in a pit near Calvary and its authenticity was proven by miracles. The cross was cut in three with a third being sent to Rome and Constantinople and the last third stayed in Jerusalem. (Eventually all three pieces ended up in Rome.) The Feast of the Holy Cross not only celebrates the finding of the cross, but more importantly it celebrates victory of Christ over death.

**JUST IN TIME...** for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, a large cross was placed at the Labyrinth created by Matthew Leyes. While the timing was just a coincidence, I can't imagine a better time for the cross to be placed there. In John's Gospel (chapter 3), Jesus said that he would be "lifted up on the cross". The Greek word for lifted up can also be translated raised up or resurrection.

**THE SIGNAL OF CHANGE ...** On the Liturgical calendar the Feast of the Holy Cross is also a signal that we have entered the third and last phase of Ordinary Time. Gradually, the readings will begin to look toward the end times as we move toward the Feast of Christ the King, which is the last Sunday of the Church Year which is November 21 this year. This is especially true in the week day readings.

**TO MASK OR UNMASK ...** There has been a lot of controversy lately about masks in schools and else where. Some folks view mask mandates as a limit on or violation of their personal freedom. I can understand and even sympathize with that perspective. But I don't agree. I wear a seat belt when I drive anywhere. Not because it is a law/a mandate, but because seat belts have saved my life in two major accidents (a head on collision with a semi and rear end collision at 60 mph on the expressway). Over 1,000 people dying of Covid each day in our country, most of them unvaccinated and many young people and children, vaccines and masks have been proven as the only reasonable way to save lives and end the pandemic. As you may have noticed both the deacon and I wear a mask when distributing Communion. The reason is not to protect ourselves but to protect others. Masks & vaccines are a practical way to live the Lord's command to love one another.

Fr. Dave Howell