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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 26, 2021  
**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
  
Behold, the wages you withheld from the workers who harvested your fields are crying aloud; and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts.  
James 5:4

**PARISH PASTORAL MINISTERS:**  
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joanturner38@sbcglobal.net or 248-410-2286.  
**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.  
**BAPTISM, MATRIMONY, ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Please contact the Parish Office.

**What's happening at St. Mark this week**  
**MONDAY, September 27—**  
9:30 a.m.—Mass—+Lee Barker/Karen Marie Barker  
10:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.—Family Grief Support Group/Parish Center  
7:00 p.m.—View through the windows with Fr. Dave via Zoom  
**TUESDAY, September 28**  
6:30 p.m.—People of the Parish/Parish  
**WEDNESDAY, September 29**  
9:00 a.m.—Garden Angels  
10:00 a.m.—AA  
**THURSDAY, September 30**  
7:00 p.m.—Choir  
**FRIDAY, October 1**  
8:30 a.m.—Mass—+ Ronald Gladding  
9:00 a.m.—First Friday Adoration  
**SATURDAY, October 2**  
7:00 a.m.—Men's Fellowship  
4:30 p.m.—Confessions  
5:30 p.m.—Mass—+Chuck Fumich/Sally Fumich  
6:30 p.m.—Parish Dinner  
**SUNDAY, October 3—Blessing of the Catechists/Students**  
9:30 a.m.—Mass—+Robert Klarich/Karolyn Muraszewski  
10:30—Hospitality  
10:45 a.m.—Bell Choir  
11:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m.—Family Faith Formation—(K-5)  
12:30 p.m.—Blessing of the Pets/Peace Prayer Garden  
5:00—6:30 p.m.—Youth Group (6-12)  
**For Peace; for Women/Men in the Military Service**  
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**Ron's Thoughts...**

Faith Formation is a little more than what some make it out to be. All too often Faith Formation becomes not a necessary thing in our lives, but rather just another box to check along the journey of life. Here's a few candid and frank thoughts. Faith Formation is not a baby-sitting service. Faith Formation is not a "Hocus Pocus" service for Sacraments. Faith Formation is not "Fast-food" for your faith. Learning about faith and developing faith is lifelong, ongoing, every day necessity for our lives. Faith Formation prepares and sustains our everyday living. It helps us understand what church, the sacraments, the Bible are all about. Through attending church we celebrate as a family of faith. Through the Sacraments we share in the life of God. The Bible is God's Word to guide our lives. Our faith is a gift from God. It is important to let that gift continue to grow through Faith Formation.

Faith Formation for ourselves and our children should be a priority in our lives, not something that appears way down the list. Dance, Soccer, Cheerleading, Music Lessons are an important part of our lives. But, they all seem to rate higher and that is a shame. Maybe it's time that Faith Formation moves a little higher on the ladder of life or maybe it should be the first step as you begin to climb. Our Family Faith Formation Program (Pre-5 and parents) begins next Sunday, see below for sign up information. Youth Group (6-12 graders) begins next Sunday, see below for sign up information. See you next week.

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



*Faith Formation*

**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)

**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.

**Trunk or Treat—Oct. 30th**

Family Faith Formation is hosting a Trunk or Treat Saturday, October 30th from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Trunk or treat is a safe alternative to door to door treating. It will take place in the St. Mark parking lot, where trunk hosts will decorate their cars and pass out candy. We are looking for trunk hosts for this event. If you interested in being a trunk host please sign up in the Gathering Space. If you have any questions please contact Joanne Salvati at jsalvati@stmarkgoodrich.org.

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

Monday, September 27th 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=WitLUUIYMHItQXhmYkFTWEVYVWxkQkQ0OQ>

Meeting ID: 899 8890 9528, Passcode: 253568

**Welcome New Parishioners of St. Mark the Evangelist**

Gary and Kathleen Stowell, Wanda Dowdall, Paul Cusack and Nancy Randall, welcome to our community.

**Setting Priorities...**

*Listen! The wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, cry out, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. (James 5:4)*

- **Sharing the Gift of Prophecy**—Numbers 11:25-29
- **Saving the Right Focus**—James 5:1-6
- **Sharing our Processions**—Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48
- **Adult:** What are the three most important values motivating your daily decisions?
- **Kids:** Could a poor person who is wise be richer in a way than a foolish person who has many things? Why?

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**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.

**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. Prayer Shawl Ministry members knit or crochet shawls that are given to persons who are ill, have suffered a loss, or are in the midst of a life crisis. The shawl is meant to be a sign of the tender hope and peace forever available from God in whatever struggles we are experiencing. If you would like more information or are interested in becoming a member of the shawl ministry, please contact Ruth Petroski at (248) 980-7679 or teacuplady47@hotmail.com.

**The FIRST Annual Mi. Catholic Women's Conference**

Women from across Michigan 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 6th, 2021. Register at www.michigancwc.org.

**Focus on Life Annual Benefit Dinner—Oct. 14**

Focus on Life 2021 Annual Benefit Dinner will be held Oct. 14 at the Captains Club at Woodfield. Doors open at 6 p.m. Dinner and program to begin at 6:30 p.m. Genevieve Marnon is the Legislative Director for Right to Life of Michigan and she will be the speaker for the evening. For more information on how to register please contact Fran Schihl at (810) 694-5079 or by email at franschihl@comcast.net

**Weekly Readings: September 27– October 3**  
**Mon:** Zec 8:1-8; Lk 9:46-50, **Tue:** Zec 8:20-23; Lk 9:51-56 **Wed:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Jn 1:47-51 **Thur:** Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Lk 10:1-12, **Fri:** Bar 1:15-22; Lk 10:13-16, **Sat:** Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Mt 18:1-5, 10 **Sun:** Gn 2:18-24; Mk 10:2-16 [2-12]

**AFTERWORD....Fr. Dave Howell**

**THE GREEN MASS** ... Teachers and students are back in school and Faith Formation will soon begin at St. Mark. It seems very appropriate for the Church, we the people of God, to pray for and bless the teachers, catechists and students, asking God to guide and direct all those involved in the special ministry of Education & Formation. A ministry, some may ask? The answer is yes, a ministry. Teaching, learning, forming are all more than just a job or task. Teaching, learning and forming are at the very heart of the ministry of Jesus. He was called *Teacher* (Rabbi) and his followers were called disciples or students. So it is very appropriate to bless all those engaged in the ministry of education and formation. On Sunday, October 3 after the homily, all educators, catechists and those involved in the ministry of education and formation will be invited to come forward for a special prayer. Then at the end of the Liturgy all of them plus the students will be invited to the altar for the community's blessing. The Green Mass will be Oct. 3 during our 9:30 Liturgy. (It's called the Green Mass because the vestments are green.)

**THE BLESSING OF PETS** ... That same Sunday, October 3, we will have the Blessing of Pets at 12:30. October 4 is the feast of St. Francis of Assisi who is the patron saint of animals and pets. According to the accounts of his life, there was a community near Assisi that refused to listen to Francis preach the Gospel of Christ. So Francis went outside the city gates and preached the Good News of Christ to a large crowd of animals who came to listen. You are welcome to bring any of your pets, dogs, cats, birds, fish and more. Together we will thank God for the gift of these pets who enrich our lives and we will ask the Lord to bless them. Just a word of caution: a blessing is not the same as an exorcism....

**THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK** ... Beginning Monday, October 4, we will begin a week-long celebration of the Sacrament of the Sick. The Sacrament will be given during the Liturgies of Monday (9:30 am), Tuesday (6:30 pm) and Friday (8:30 am). On the weekend of October 9/10, the Sacrament will be celebrated after the Saturday evening and Sunday morning Liturgies. The Sacrament of the Sick can be received by those whose health is declining because age and by anyone who has a chronic or serious illness. During the Rite of Anointing, first we pray for the Holy Spirit to strengthen those to be anointed. (To symbolize that prayer, the hands of the priest, the deacon and family are placed on those to be anointed). Then the forehead and palms of both hands are anointed with the Oil of the Sick as a prayer is prayed. Anyone who would like to receive the Sacrament is invited to any of the five Liturgies.

Fr. Dave Howell

