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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)

October 17 2021
Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Whoever wishes
to be great among you
will be your servant;
whoever wishes to be
first among you will be
the slave of all.
Mark 10:43-44

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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, October 18
9:30 a.m.—Communion Service/+Lee Barker/Karen Marie Barker
10:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.—Family Grief Support Group/Parish Center
TUESDAY, October 19—Mass is Cancelled
10:00 a.m.—Prayer Shawl Ministry
7:00 p.m.—Pastoral Council Meeting
WEDNESDAY, October 20
10:00 a.m.—AA
THURSDAY, October 21
6:30 p.m.—9:00 p.m.—Better Together Retreat
7:00 p.m.—Choir
FRIDAY, October 22
8:30 a.m.—Communion Service
SATURDAY, October 23—World Mission Sunday
4:30 p.m.—Confessions
5:30 p.m.—Mass—+Jim Leszczynski/Betty Jane Dutko
SUNDAY, October 24—World Mission Sunday
9:30 a.m.—Mass—+Marie & Frank Hacker/Kelly Alford
10:30 a.m.—Hospitality Hour
2:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.—Confirmation Mini Session

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...

I often get into a discussion with my son Jack about who is the greatest basketball player of all time. Of course Jack, being of this generation, refers to LeBron James as the greatest. And of course I come back with Michael Jordan, of my generation. Nonetheless it is a fun discussion about greatness. There is an expression in the world of sports that the greatest is referred to as the GOAT, the **Greatest Of All Time**. The GOAT didn't always mean that. There was a time that if an athlete was called a goat, it meant that their play that day was poor and the loss by their team was their fault. But that has changed and to be a GOAT is to be the Greatest of All Time.

In our lives there are many people who think or walk around as if they are the GOATS in life. Often they are legends in their own mind. They may be those in society who hold positions of leadership at work or believe because of their education and the letters after their names, they deserve to be the greatest and treated a certain way. They may be people who look down on others because of the success and power they have achieved. They may be people in our families who hold positions of authority, like parents or grandparents, but do it in an arrogant intimidating way, rather than as sources of love and kindness. They may be a spouse who believes their way is the only way, rather than listening and growing together as partners. Maybe we all do this at times. We may act as though we are great, but the truth is those who think they are GOATS, are clueless. All too often, we don't understand, from where true greatness comes.

Jesus taught how to be great. He told the apostles James and John in the Gospel, AND US, that greatness comes, first THROUGH SERVING. At the Last Supper, Jesus washed the feet of His disciples, and then gave them AND US this command: *what you have seen me do, you also must do*. That is how to become great. That's the way we all become the GOAT. SERVE FIRST! Walk the talk. Be Peace! D-Ron (rkenney@stmarkgoodrich.org)



Faith Formation Schedule

- 10/17—Family Faith Formation (Pre-K-5th) 11-12:30pm (Church/Parish Center)
- 10/17—Youth Group (6th-12th) 5-6:30pm (Parish Center)
- 10/24—Confirmation Mini Session 2-5pm (Parish Center)
- 11/7—Family Faith Formation (Pre-K-5th) 11-12:30pm (Church/Parish Center)
- 11/7—Youth Group (6th-12th) 5-6:30pm (Parish Center)
- 11/13—First Rec/Euch Mini Session 9-11am (Parish Center)

Solar Panels at St. Mark

This past June, members of your parish family completed our 10 Year Parish Pastoral Plan (a living document that helps our leadership direct our parish to grow in faith in the future). This Pastoral Plan continues the direction of the last ten years to become, as a parish, good stewards of God's creation. One of the objectives is to install Solar Panels that will help our parish complex make use of reusable energy. The St. Mark Finance Council in 2018 began exploring the costs and benefits of Solar Energy. Because of costs and other priorities the decision was put on hold. Last year, because of a 100% donation, we were able to install Solar Panels on the roof of the parish rectory, which has already begun to produce cost savings, as well as, do our part to be good stewards. The Finance Council moved this week to seek the permission and approval of the Diocese to install panels on the roof of the parish center, which will support the energy needs of the entire building. Because of an unexpected Federal Credit from pandemic relief, 75% of the cost of the project will be paid for, with the remaining 25% coming from our parish savings. The total cost of the project will be \$78,229. This project would begin, if approved, around the end of the year. We feel it is important to be transparent with your questions or concerns with this project. Please feel free to contact Jim Borowiak, Chairperson of the St. Mark Finance Council (borowij@gmail.com) or contact Deacon Ron Kenney, (rkenney@stmarkgoodrich.org) with questions or concerns.

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. Children are encouraged to wear their costumes to Mass that evening. After mass the children will parade through the church and parishioners will vote for the best costumes. Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 costumes. Contact Joanne @ jsalvati@stmarkgoodrich.org with any questions or additional information.

World Mission Sunday—Oct. 23-24

Next weekend we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's mission in your prayers and be generous in next week's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

St. Mark Faith Formation

Register at (www.stmarkgoodrich.org) (and take care of the fee) for the 2021-22 Faith Formation at St. Mark (Pre-K-5 and 6-12).

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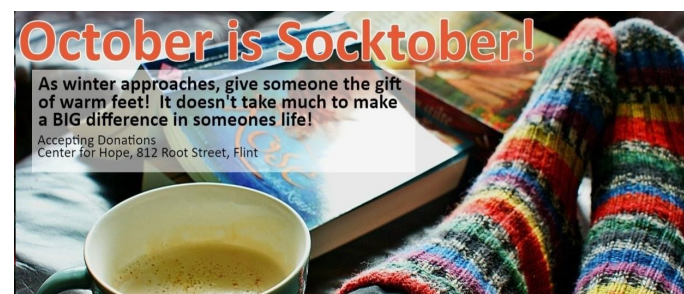
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St. Mark Men's Club Tailgate Party—Oct. 30th

St. Mark Men's Club will be hosting a tailgate party for the Michigan vs. Michigan State football game on Saturday, October 30th (time to be announced). Food, fun, football squares and more. This event will take place under the pavilion (weather permitting). All are welcome. For more information contact Frank Salvati @ 810-814-6755 or Chris Tuski @ 810-922-3586.



Powers Catholic Annual Super Raffle

The Raffle helps to support classroom and facility needs as well as tuition assistance efforts that supplement the true cost to educate Powers Catholic students. Tickets are \$20 each; only 5,000 tickets in total will be sold. The drawing will be held on Friday, February 4, 2022; participants need not be present to win. 10 CASH PRIZES to be awarded: **Grand Prize:** \$10,000, **Second Prize:** \$5,000, **3rd – 10th Prizes:** \$500. Please call the Powers Advancement Office (810-591-0100) to purchase your tickets.

Beginning Family Prayer

Parents, would you like to learn more about family prayer, join a Zoom Presentation on Thursdays at 8:00 p.m. to listen to and discuss ways to bring prayer into your family. Remember a family that prays together stays together. (Zoom 908 485 7558 Password JMJ). For more information email smroz81@gmail.com.

Mass Schedule for All Saints Day

Monday, November 1st is All Saints day, a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times are 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Weekly Readings: October 18– October 24

Mon: 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Lk 10:1-9, Tue: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Lk 12:35-38, Wed: Rom 6:12-18; Lk 12:39-48, Thur: Rom 6:19-23; Lk 12:49-53, Fri: Rom 7:18-25a; Lk 12:54-59, Saturday: Rom 8:1-11; Lk 13:1-9, Sunday: Jer 31:7-9; Mk 10:46-52

AFTERWORD....Fr. Dave Howell

WHERE IS HE NOW?... Sunday, October 17, I am with a group of 20 in Nuremberg, Germany, and about the time you are celebrating the Sunday morning Liturgy here, I will be praying the Liturgy (in English) in Nuremberg. Monday we will travel on to a wonderful fairy-book Medieval town named Rothenburg. From there we travel on to Munich, the capital of Bavaria, once ruled by Ludwig the Mad, the castle builder. On Tuesday morning we will tour Munich. The afternoon will be spent at Dachau. Dachau was the first and the prototype for 44,000 concentration and work camps established by the Nazis and their allies. It was a training camp for the SS Guards and the primary internment camp for over 4,000 Catholic and Protestant Clergy. Our tour of the camp will end with Mass in the Chapel of Christ's Mortal Agony. (It's located in the camp itself along with a Protestant and Orthodox chapel and a Jewish Synagogue.) On Wednesday we will head to Upper Bavaria to visit Neuschwanstein Castle built by Ludwig II in 1869. (Disney used it as the model for Cinderella's Castle.) Thursday we will be in Dresden, a city in what was once part of Eastern Germany. It has been completely rebuilt since its destruction in WWII. On Friday, we will travel to Berlin and begin exploring the capital of Germany. Saturday will be a museum day with an opportunity to visit as many as 5 museums located on an island in downtown Berlin. Sunday will be free most of the day, but I will take a group for a walking tour of cathedrals of Berlin, the monument to the Nazi book burning of 1932 and the Jewish Holocaust memorial near the Brandenburg Gate. After Sunday Liturgy (about the same time as here at St. Mark,) we will head out for our farewell dinner. On Monday, we will return to Detroit.

A COSTUME MASS... Saturday evening, October 30th is our first Trunk or Treat here at St. Mark. At the east end of the parking lot, from the pavilion to the rectory there will be an array of cars & vans decked out with Halloween decorations with treats for the kids. Since Trunk or Treat starts just after the 5:30 Saturday evening Liturgy, I would like to invite all the kids to wear their costumes to Mass. At the end, the kids will parade down the aisle for everyone to see and the assembly will vote for the best costumes! The top three will get a prize! For years, I have lived in rectories that were out of the way, and kids rarely came Trick or Treating. But I bought candy just in case. This year the Trick or Treaters are coming & I'll be ready! I will be in costume when I pass out treats at the rectory back door. (I will be disguised as a priest!)

Fr. Dave Howell

Reminder—Tuesday, October 19th there will **NOT be an Evening Mass or Communion Service.***