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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)

JANUARY 9, 2022
The Baptism of the Lord
John said, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals."
- Luke 3:16

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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, January 10
9:30 a.m. - Mass - Joseph Soncrant/Janet Waters
7:00 p.m. - Faith Chat
TUESDAY, January 11
6:30 p.m. - Mass - People of the Parish/Parish
7:00 p.m. - CCW - Blankets for Heatbeat
WEDNESDAY, January 12
9:00 a.m. - Bob's Morning Devotions/Conference Call
10:00 a.m. - AA
THURSDAY, January 13
7:00 p.m. - Choir
FRIDAY, January 14
8:30 a.m. - +Cameron Etheridge/Janet Waters
SATURDAY, January 15
4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Confessions
5:30 p.m. - Mass - +Mary DeWolfe/Ted Dewolfe
SUNDAY, January 16
9:30 a.m. - Mass - +Justin Bammer/Grace Bammer
10:30 a.m. - Hospitality
10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. - Bell Choir
2:00 - 4:00 p.m. - Confirmation Mini Session/Parish Center

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 know many of us do not remember our baptism. Maybe through pictures we can recount who was there and what church we were baptized in. But remembering the moment is not possible. At the last parish I was at, I took an active role in the Easter Vigil as the Master of Ceremonies. One of my responsibilities was to be at the exit of the baptismal font to greet the newly baptized with a towel and to help them safely step down from where they were at. I cherished this moment because I was able to see firsthand the joy and excitement in the faces of these people becoming a part of the church through the sacrament of Baptism.

I still remember Bruce, a man in his late 50's, recovering alcoholic, divorced and searching for a new path in his life. He found it through his journey with RCIA and being initiated into the Catholic Faith. Bruce entered the font a broken man and left that font a changed man. Broken still, but at the same time embracing the healing Christ had led him to. Bruce went in with conviction on his face and with a loud YES he was plunged underneath the water and rose to new life with tears and smiles from ear to ear. I started to cry as he came out of the water and I reached out my hand and said, welcome home Bruce. He gave me a big hug and said it is good to finally have a home. That moment changed his life and began a journey of healing and reconciliation. He would be the first to tell you every day is a challenge, but with God at his side, each day gets easier.

Today we celebrate the baptism of our Lord. I challenge each of us to reflect on our own baptism (remembered or not) and invite us to embrace what being a child of God can mean in our lives. Walk the talk. Be Peace! D-Ron (rkenney@stmarkgoodrich.org)



Thank You, thank you to all who blessed me during the holidays with cards, goodies and gifts. I love this St. Mark Family and it is a true gift for me to be able to serve you. May God Bless You all and may you find joy and peace in this new year.

Faith Formation Schedule

- 1/9—Family Faith Formation (Pre-K-5th) 11-12:30pm (Church/Parish Center)
- 1/9—Youth Group (6th-12th) 5-6:30pm (Parish Center)
- 1/16—Confirmation Mini Session 2-4pm (Parish Center)
- 1/23—Family Faith Formation (Pre-K-5th) 11-12:30pm (Church/Parish Center)
- 1/23—Youth Group (6th-12th) 5-6:30pm (Parish Center)

"Sock It To Me" - Jan 8-9 and Jan 15-16

The Social Justice Commission asks for your help once again. We would like to collect socks for Catholic Charities on the weekends of January 8-9 and 15-16. Socks are one of the greatest needs for their clients. Thank you in advance for all the support you show in helping others.

CCW and Fleece Blankets—Jan. 11

Every year in January the CCW makes tied fleece blankets for Catholic Charities and Heartbeat. We invite all women to join us on Jan. 11 after the 6:30 Mass. We are looking for donations of fleece as well as workers to tie the blankets. If you are interested in picking up fabric, look for sales at JoAnn's. We need 1 1/2 yards at 60" long of two matching colors to make one blanket. Call the Parish Office for more information.

COVID!

PLEASE during these days of increased spread of the virus let us remember to be diligent in thinking about others and doing our part to decrease the spread. Wear masks if not fully vaccinated or have compromised health, wash hands, don't come to church if you are feeling sick.

Parish Calendar January 2022 Update

There will **not** be a Men's Club Dine In Dinner January 9th or January 16th. Sorry for any confusion this may have caused. Looking ahead the Men's Club will be hosting a first annual Bob Totten Pancake Breakfast on February 13th. Stay tuned for more information.

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



Theo Palmer Szczepanski, son of Zach and Jordan. Theo was baptized on December 28, 2021.



Center for Hope Donations

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National Collection: World Wide Evangelization Appeal

World Wide Evangelization Appeal is the weekend of January 22. This is an opportunity to fulfill dreams around the world. At home and abroad evangelization is paramount in fulfilling our mission as Roman Catholics.

Are you interested in REGISTERING to become a parishioner at St. Mark?

Call the parish office (810-636-2216) or contact D-Ron at rkenney@stmarkgoodrich.org

St. Francis Men's Retreats

Start the new year off with a spiritual reset. These retreats give men of all ages the opportunity to spend time with the Lord and strengthen their faith as a community. Our new retreat format begins with Mass at 6:30pm on Friday followed by dinner. The rest of the weekend allows ample time for personal prayer, rest, talks on "Rediscovering Jesus" and sacraments. For more information go to www.stfrancis.ws/weekend-retreats

Baptismal Death and Resurrection

As we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, we also honor our own baptism as our initiation into the Christian life and community. In the Gospel, the baptism of Jesus, with his immersion and then emergence from the water, points to his later submission to God at his death, and his emergence from the grave at his resurrection. This pattern of death and resurrection is our path too, as followers of Jesus. Throughout life, often in small ways, we learn to surrender our limited and self-centered agendas. This surrender often feels like death. The sacrament of Baptism ritually enacts this pattern to remind us of Jesus' death and resurrection, so that we too might embrace the deaths and resurrections of our own lives. As Jesus emerged from the water, he encountered his Father and the Holy Spirit. Like Jesus, we can know we are God's beloved, empowered by the Spirit.

Week January 9—January 16

Mon: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Mk 1:14-20, **Tue:** 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28, **Wed:** 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39, **Thu:** 1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45, **Fri:** 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12, **Sat:** 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Mk 2:13-17, **Sun:** Is 62:1-5; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

AFTERWORD....Fr. Dave Howell

COUNTING ...Today's celebration of the Baptism of the Lord Jesus is the second two epiphany feast days. Last weekend we celebrated the Magi who followed the star and found Christ, the Light of Lights in Bethlehem. Today we celebrate the second revelation of the Christ, when the Father's voice was heard revealing Jesus as the Beloved Son of God. On Monday, we go back to the *green season* commonly called Ordinary Time. The Latin word *ordines* – where we get the term ordinary – means counted; so for the 8 weeks we will have the numbered or counted Sundays and weeks. But the message that we will hear in the early part of the of this season is far from ordinary, for after our recollection of Jesus' baptism in the Jordan by John the Baptizer, we will reflect our call as beloved daughters and sons of God called through our baptism to live as disciples of Christ. As disciples of the Lord Jesus we are called not just to follow him but share his concern for the lowly, the marginalized, the outcast and the poor.

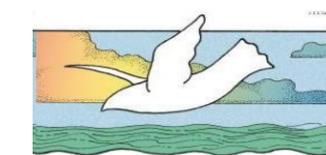
A REFLECTION FROM POPE FRANCIS... In August, Pope Francis made the following comment at his general audience. It seems very appropriate as we enter into the counted time of the year.

"It might make us more comfortable to have a God who stays in heaven without getting involved in our life, while we can manage matters here on earth. Instead, God became man to enter into the concrete reality of this world... And He is interested in every aspect of our life. We can tell him about what we are feeling, our work, our day, our heartache, our anguish, so many things. We can tell Him everything because Jesus wants this intimacy with us. What does he not want?... To be overlooked and set aside, or called on only when we need him."

A PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND... Covid has changed many plans along the way. Another of its victims is the Spring pilgrimage to the land of Abraham, Isaac, Israel, the prophets and Christ. Because of the rise of infections, the Pilgrimage will be postponed from May to October of 2022. Since Israel has so many restrictions on travelers and pilgrims, I think it would be better to wait until they are lifted. The dates have not been finalized, but it does appear the prices will remain the same. If you are interested and need more information please contact dfrhoell@gmail.com and I can send you more information and a registration form.

Fr. Dave Howell

The Baptism of the Lord



He saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.—
Titus 3:5