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Address: 7296 Gale Rd. - Grand Blanc, MI 48439 - Parish Office phone: (810) 636-2216  
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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)

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
January 30 2022  
Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you.  
Jeremiah 1:5

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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.

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**Conference Line Phone Number**  
(971) 224-6612, Code 452784

**What's happening at St. Mark this week**  
**MONDAY, January 31**  
9:30 a.m. - Mass - Lee Barker/Karen Marie Barker  
7:00 p.m. - Faith Chat  
**TUESDAY, February 1**  
10:00 a.m. - Prayer Shawl Ministry  
6:30 p.m. - Mass - Peg O'Dean/Deb Ranger  
7:00 p.m. - Finance Council  
7:00 p.m. - Men's Club  
**WEDNESDAY, February 2**  
9:00 a.m. - Bob's Morning Devotions/Conference Call  
10:00 a.m. - AA  
**THURSDAY, February 3**  
7:00 p.m. - Choir  
**FRIDAY, February 4**  
8:30 a.m. - Mass - People with Disabilities/ Jim and Nancy Ellis  
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - First Friday Eucharistic Adoration  
**SATURDAY, February 5**  
7:00 a.m. - Men's Fellowship  
9:00 a.m. - Better Together Marriage Session  
4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Confessions  
5:30 p.m. - Mass - People of the Parish/Parish  
6:30 p.m. - Parish Dinner  
**SUNDAY, February 6**  
9:30 a.m. - Mass - Mary Yanco/ Kyle & Cathy Radka  
10:30 a.m. - Hospitality  
11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Family Faith Formation  
5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. - Youth Group  
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Ron’s Thoughts...

St. Paul writes to the Corinthians; Love is patient, love is kind..... and so forth. I think you know the rest or have at least been to a wedding or two that used this as their wedding reading. It sort of gives you this warm and fuzzy feeling about love. I have preached many a wedding with this reading and I can tell you the LOVE that St. Paul is writing about is far from warm and fuzzy. In fact, I often tell a wedding couple that this LOVE he speaks of is challenging and difficult. It is a LOVE and way of relationship that surrenders self-interest and aspirations for the other person in this relationship. It is a LOVE that says I am going to GIVE UP my happiness to make sure my partner is happy. It is a LOVE that sacrifices all that I have to make sure my partner has all that they need. It is a LOVE that puts the other first before all else.

This is Christian LOVE. It is at the heart of what it means to live every day of your life as a Christian. You might be upset and want to ask, but what about my dreams and my happiness? Well, if this LOVE that St. Paul speaks of is the way you and those around you are living, then your happiness will be taken care of. Your dreams will come true. You will have all that you need. The way of the Christian is always focused on the other, that was Jesus’ way and must be our way. Remember, what St. Paul says, in the end, LOVE NEVER FAILS! What do we need to do this week to live that love?

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



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Faith Formation Schedule

- 2/6—Family Faith Formation (Pre-K-5<sup>th</sup>) 11-12:30pm (Church/Parish Center)
- 2/6—Youth Group (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) 5-6:30pm (Parish Center)
- 2/12—First Eucharist Mini Session 9-11am (Parish Center)
- 2/13—Confirmation Mini Session Candidates and Parents 2-4pm (Parish Center)

Are you interested in REGISTERING to become a parish-ioner at St. Mark?

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

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.

St. Francis Men’s Retreat—Feb. 11-13

We will be taking a closer look at Matthew Kelly's popular book "Rediscover Jesus" and rediscovering what we know about Jesus, who he is, who he said he was, and how that should impact our lives today. Check in on Friday begins at 5:30 pm, with Mass following at 6:30, then dinner. The retreat concludes on Sunday around 11:00am. The suggested donation for the weekend is \$185. For more information or to register, visit [www.stfrancis.ws](http://www.stfrancis.ws) or call 517-669-8321.

Women of Spirit Retreat March 4-6, 2022

A new type of retreat for women the first weekend in Lent to celebrate the many ways the Spirit moves in women's lives such as prayer, Adoration, fellowship, fun, and Mass. This first Friday in Lent will be a quiet evening, Saturday, however, will anticipate the Sunday resurrection feast and we will celebrate with Sheri Wohlfert as our guest speaker for the entire day. Joyful fellowship Saturday evening includes wine tasting. \$170 for double occupancy, \$200 for single occupancy. Visit [www.stfrancis.ws](http://www.stfrancis.ws) to register.

Catholic Charities needs your help

Catholic Charities is in need of winter apparel, blankets and non-perishable individually wrapped snacks for our Warming Center. Any and all donations would be greatly appreciated.

St. Robert Bellarmine presents: Widow to widow Ministry

Whether you are recently widowed or have been widowed for years, St. Robert’s has an on-going ministry for you. Please plan to join other widowed women from the Flushing Community. The meeting is February 9th from 3-5 p.m. in the St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church (Mary’s Room). You can expect support and encouragement, friendship, speakers ranging from grief counseling, spiritual direction , and practical advice, social activities and fun. Mark your calendar for the 2nd Wednesday of the month for an evening of companionship and comfort.



Parish Dinner—February 5

Join your parish family for a heart healthy dinner of Tilapia fillets, rice, broccoli and cake on February 5 after the 5:30 p.m. mass. Please sign up in the Gathering Space or contact the Parish Office. All are welcome.

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1st Annual Bob Totten Pancake Breakfast—Feb 13

The St. Mark Men’s Club will be hosting a Pancake breakfast in memory of Bob Totten on February 13th. Breakfast will include pancakes, sausage, fresh fruit and beverages. Cost will be donation only. The Men’s Club will take the proceeds and make a donation in Bob’s name to a charity that was near and dear to his heart which is the Capuchin Soup Kitchen of Detroit. All are welcome!!

Genesee County Household Waste Drop-Off Locations

Our Social Justice Commission has provided us with a flyer with a list of Household Waste Drop-Off locations. The flyer is on the Social Justice bulletin board located in the Parish Center.

St. Mark/Holy Family Grief Support

St. Mark’s is hosting A Grief Journey for six weeks, beginning March 8th, after the 6:30 p.m. Mass, in the hall from 7-8:30 p.m. Dates include March 15th, 22th, 29th, April 5<sup>th</sup> and 12th. We will be reading *Now That You’ve Gone Home*, by Joyce Hutchinson and Joyce Rupp. Register at the parish office, 810-636-2216, by February 15<sup>th</sup>, so enough books/materials may be ordered. We will be discussing the first 32 pages of the book at the first session, which will be led by Debbie Oglenski. If you have any questions regarding A Grief Journey, you may contact Debbie at 810-866-4777, or 989-479-6765.

WANTING...Our chief want in life is somebody who shall make us do what we can.—Ralph Waldo Emerson

Week January 31—February 6

Mon: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20, Tue: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3; Mk 5:21-43, Wed:Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32], Thu: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13, Frid Sir 47:2-11; Mk 6:14-29, Sat: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34, Sun:Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11 [3-8, 11]; Lk 5:1-11

AFTERWORD....Fr. Dave Howell

THE THREE STATIONS OF A FUNERAL... Normally, Catholic funerals take place in three different places or stations. The first is the Vigil or Wake Service the day before as a part of the visitation in the funeral home. It is a short prayer service that has a reading from the Old or New Testament, a Psalm, a Gospel reading, homily and intercessions. Many families will also include a time for sharing cherished memories of the deceased. (Often, the Vigil Service is used to conclude the visitation.) The second station of the funeral is the Liturgy which is normally at church. It is divided into four parts. It begins at the Baptismal font in the back of church. The casket is sprinkled with Baptismal water and then the casket is covered with a large, white cloth called the Pall. The Pall is the reminder of the christening gown so it is usually close family members who place it. Finally, the casket is placed in front of the altar where the Easter candle stands. Together, the water, the Pall and the Easter candle are all part of the Baptismal Rite. We use these symbols at the start of the funeral to recall that our loved one became God’s child in Baptism; for in Baptism we die with Christ to rise with him as well. Once the casket has been placed in front of the altar, we move into the Liturgy of the Word. Usually, the family chooses the readings from the Old and New Testaments as well as a Gospel passage. The readings reflect what God tells us about our loved one and the new life that is theirs in Christ. The readings are followed by the homily which is a reflection on the Word and life of the one we honor with Christian burial. The third part of the Funeral Liturgy is Eucharistic Prayer. We bring the gifts of bread and wine to the altar in the same way we brought the mortal remains of our loved one. Just as the bread and wine are transformed by the Holy Spirit into the Risen Lord, we pray that the Holy Spirit will raise up and transform our loved one in the pattern of Christ. The fourth part of the funeral Liturgy ends with the prayers of final commendation. Strengthened by God’s Word and gift of the Body & Blood of the Risen Lord, commend our loved one into God’s hands, asking God to grant him/her eternal light and peace. The third station of a full funeral is the burial of the body or the interment of the ashes. Again, this is done in the context of a short prayer service. Together, these three stations or places are part of the final journey of our loved one as we give them back to God with our thanks. We pray that our loved one will enjoy the fullness of life in Christ and that we who mourn will find comfort in our sorrow.

WILL MY WISHES WILL BE HONORED? ...It is important to put our funeral plans in writing and to have those plans witnessed by two people. These should be known to the family and placed with other important papers. According to Michigan law, written funeral plans signed and witnessed must be followed by the family.

Fr. Dave Howell