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"THIS SON OF MINE WAS DEAD, AND HAS COME TO LIFE AGAIN; HE WAS LOST, AND HAS BEEN FOUND."
LUKE 15:24
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 27, 2022

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What's happening at St. Mark this week
MONDAY, March 28
9:30 a.m. - Mass - Mike Zelle Mass of Healing/ Janice Hennen
7:00 p.m. - Faith Chat
TUESDAY, March 29
6:30 p.m. - Mass - +Living Birthday Dennis Kellett/Harvey & Ann Marie Yee
7:00 - 8:30 p.m. - Grief Support
WEDNESDAY, March 30
9:00 a.m. - Bob's Morning Devotions/Conference Call
10:00 a.m. - AA
6:00 - 7:00 p.m. - Soup and Stations
THURSDAY, March 31
1:00 p.m. - CCW Basket Weaving/Parish Center
6:00 p.m. - CCW Basket Weaving/Parish Center
7:00 p.m. - Choir
FRIDAY, April 1
8:30 a.m. - Mass - Special Intention for Emory Etienne/Janet Waters
9:00 a.m. - St. Joseph Guild
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - First Friday Eucharistic Adoration
SATURDAY, April 2
7:00 a.m. - Men's Fellowship
9:00 a.m. - Fatima Devotion
9:00 a.m. - Better Together Marriage Session
4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Confessions
5:30 p.m. - Mass - +Sheila Welch/ Ron and Sharon Roberts
SUNDAY, April 3
9:30 a.m. - Mass - +Max Sierakowski/ Donna Sierakowski and Family
10:30 a.m. - Hospitality
10:45 a.m. - Bell Choir

Ron's Thoughts...

Throughout my years in ministry I have been involved with and directed hundreds of retreats for the young and the not so young. Early on, to conclude each retreat, I started playing the Johnny Nash song, "I can see clearly now." The retreats were an opportunity for the participants to take some time away from the everyday to "retreat" or "refocus" themselves towards a Gospel Living, a Good News Living or plainly put, living as a disciple of Jesus! The challenge was to leave the retreat ready TO SEE LIFE differently and LIVE LIFE differently. It was always a goal to encounter Jesus and to see and live like Jesus. The chorus of the song seemed to express the message of going forth because NOW THEY SEE CLEARLY. The story of Jesus giving sight to the blind man is a story that challenges our way of SEEING and LIVING. The story tells us the Blind Man began to see. It didn't say his life was now perfect. I am sure if the story of his life continued we would see that he still faced struggles and difficulties. But, I am sure that each and every moment of challenge was faced with faith and hope because that is what Jesus gives us. The sight he gives us, is to see through the obstacles and to know that his joy, his love, his peace awaits us.

Lent is a time to ask our Lord to help us SEE BETTER, MORE CLEARLY and then we SEE AND LIVE LIKE JESUS. As the words of the song go...

I can see clearly now the rain is gone

I can see all obstacles in my way

Here is that rainbow I've been praying for

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

Faith Formation Schedule

- 4/9—First Eucharist Mini Session 9 - 11am (Parish Center)
- 4/10—Family Faith Formation (Pre-K-5th) 11-12:30pm (Church/Parish Center)
- 4/10—St. Mark Men's Club Easter Egg Hunt
- 4/10—Youth Group (6th-12th) 5-6:30pm (Parish Center)

St. Mark Youth Group LOOKING AHEAD

- *Summer Youth Group!* Begins Wednesday, June 15th 6-8pm meet at the Pavilion. All 6th-12th graders invited (6th grade in Fall of 2022) FUN PRAYER PIZZA! Bring \$3 for pizza.
- *Cedar Point Trip:* Wednesday, June 29th. All 6th-12th graders of St. Mark and their friends. Look for Registration information soon.
- *Summer Youth Mission Trip: July 17-23, 2022 in Chicago, IL.* ALL 7th-12th graders. At this point we are making a plan to go on a Mission Trip. We need at least 15 young people to sign up. Please Contact Dcn. Ron (rkenney@stmarkgoodrich.org).

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Adult Faith Formation

- *Lenten Wednesdays* — Soup and Stations: 6-7 pm — Wednesdays of Lent. We begin with a Soup Dinner in the Parish Center at 6:00pm and Stations of the Cross following in the church. All are welcome.
- *Men's Lenten Fellowship* — Saturdays of Lent, 7-8am, Join other Men of St. Mark in prayer, fellowship and growth as we journey together through the weeks of Lent. All men are invited as we strive to be Men of Faith.

Catholic Relief Services Collection—March 26 & 27

This week we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to **reveal Christ's love** to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support for struggling communities and to work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about this collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Soles with Soul

One of the oldest Christian traditions in Europe is the feast day of St. Nicholas, Patron Saint of children on December 6th. Children leave their shoes out overnight in front of the fireplace for St. Nicholas to fill. Francisco Dionne, from Grand Blanc, who wanted to make sure all children had shoes, started collecting when he was just seven years old and is now in his 11th year of donating shoes for those in need. We will be helping Francisco reach his goal again this year. We won't be doing our collection until July but wanted to let you know early to save new or gently used shoes, especially tennis shoes for this worthwhile cause.

Perry Road Closure

The Genesee County Road Commission will close Perry Road from Irish Road to Gale Rd April 4th to May 20th for repairs. For those going East on Perry Road to St. Mark, an alternate route would be to take Vassar Road South to Burpee Road and then East on Burpee Road to St. Mark.

Daughters of Isabella Scholarship

The Daughters of Isabella, Regina Coeli Circle, 1095 Davison, Michigan, is offering two (2) \$750.00 scholarships to any Catholic Women who are high school seniors and seeking a higher education. If interested, contact Sara at (810)744-1948 or Marilyn at (810)691-9675.

Easter Egg Hunt—April 10th



The Men's Club of St. Mark's is sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt on April 10th immediately following the 9:30 am Mass. There will be refreshments and a visit from the Easter Bunny. Please sign up in the Gathering Space.

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March 19 & March 20, 2022

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Reflect Retreat for Singles — April 22-24

Mid-life Singles (mid-30s to 50s): Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at the St. Francis Retreat Center, in DeWitt, MI (10 miles north of Lansing), on April 22-24, 2022. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Cost is \$200 for meals and a single room. Visit www.ReflectRetreat.com, e-mail reflect.michigan@gmail.com, or call (586) 770-1772 for details.

Genesis Men's Retreat—April 23 & 24

Sick and tired of all the noise going on in the world today? Do you find it hard to shut it all down? Has the recent pandemic made it harder to deepen your faith? Are you looking for a deeper relationship with Jesus? Please join other men April 23rd and 24th at St. John Fenton for our **GENESIS MEN'S RETREAT**. It will be a time to get recentered in our faith, develop relationships with other men, and most importantly your relationship with Jesus! For more information call Will Stiverson at 810-610-2397 or Deacon Ron 810-845-8379. This is a 2 day retreat, but you sleep at your own homes. To register for this event please go to: <https://stjohnfenton.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/70/responses/new>

Week March 28—April 3

Mon: Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54, **Tue:** Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16, **Wed:** Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30, **Thu:** Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47, **Fri:** Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30, **Sat:** Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53, **Sun:** Is 43:16-21; Jn 8:1-11

AFTERWORD....Fr. Dave Howell

CELEBRATING PENANCE ... The word Lent means Spring, a time of new life and growth. Over these 40 days, we have used our personal penances, prayer and reflection to make us more aware of the mercy that God offers us. Over these 40 days hopefully we have also become more aware of the sin that separates us from God, each other and even our better selves. We recognize the sin that causes the dis-ease of our spirit. And just as we go to the doctor because we discover that some illness has diminished our health; we bring our dis-ease of our spirit to the Divine Physician and ask for healing. (The priest is there as the "Physician's assistant!") There are four opportunities for the Sacrament of Penance each week through Lent. On Saturday from 4:30 to 5 pm and weekdays after our three Liturgies (Monday at 9:30, Tuesday at 6:30 pm and Friday at 8:30). I will stay after the three weekday Liturgies as long as necessary. But if there are no penitents, I will leave.

A TRAGEDY IN SLOW MOTION ... The Michigan State Legislature passed a reform of No-Fault Car Insurance. Gov. Whitmer signed the bill. At the time, the dire warnings of an impending disaster were drowned out by the fanfare that it would lower car insurance rates. Unfortunately, it didn't do much on that front. Michigan still has the second highest rates in the nation. But it drastically cut payments to those who were supported by the billions of dollars collected and banked to care for auto accident victims. Several care agencies have closed because they can no longer provide care at the rates mandated by the reform. Many victims will lose care, be shipped off to nursing homes and some have already died as a result. A friend is one of those whose care has been seriously jeopardized because of these changes. Although several bills to correct this injustice have been proposed, they are held up by Jason Wentworth, the speaker of the Michigan House of Representatives. He recently stated that he would not allow any bill to be considered. I invite you to join me in urging him to show compassion to the most vulnerable among us.

DIFFERENT VOICES ... This Lent, as we pray the Stations of the Cross, we will pause at one of them for a personal reflection by one of our parishioners. This week, Irene Wisniewski will share with us her reflections on the 4th Station, Jesus meets his Mother. The evening begins with a simple community meal of soup and bread at 6 pm. Then we move into church for the Stations. You can join us in church or online on Wednesday, March 30.

