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**What's happening at St. Mark this week**  
**MONDAY, April 25**  
9:30 a.m. — Mass — Feast of St. Mark the Evangelist/ Parish  
7:00 p.m. — Liturgical Night of Reflection  
**TUESDAY, April 26**  
6:30 p.m. — Mass — Special Intention for Janet Waters/Janice Hennen  
7:00 p.m. — Building & Grounds Meeting  
**WEDNESDAY, April 27**  
9:00 a.m. — Bob's Morning Devotions/Conference Call  
10:00 a.m. — AA  
**THURSDAY, April 28**  
7:00 p.m. — Choir  
**FRIDAY, April 29**  
8:30 a.m. — Mass — Special Intention for Janice Hennen/Janet Waters  
**SATURDAY, April 30 — Social Justice Backpack Donation**  
4:30 — 5:00 p.m. — Confessions  
5:30 p.m. — Mass — +Donna Brothers/Ron & Sharon Roberts  
6:30 p.m. — Volunteer Appreciation Reception/Parish Center  
**SUNDAY, May 1 — Social Justice Backpack Donation**  
9:30 a.m. — Mass — First Communicants/Parish  
9:30 a.m. — Celebration of First Communion during Liturgy  
10:45 a.m. — Bell Choir

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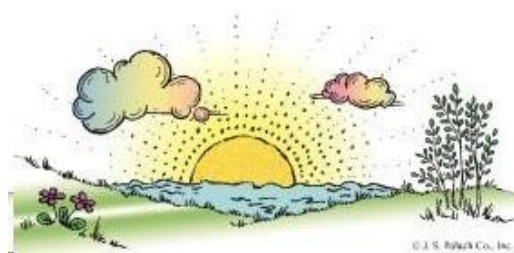
I have been involved with many retreats where an “Emmaus Walk” was part of the retreat. It was a time to walk with another person (and not someone you know all that well) and to draw closer to Jesus. It is an opportunity to meet Jesus in a new way as God’s grace and love is revealed to you through other believers. They tell their story of faith and you tell yours. I have always appreciated these walks because I do like to hear how others came to know Jesus. Sometimes the stories are similar and many times they are not.

I remember being on a “Search Retreat” for young adults in my mid-twenties. Our Emmaus partners were chosen at random. I was paired up with a young woman and we set out on our hour long walk on the retreat grounds to encounter Jesus. Of course the gentlemen that I am, I let her go first and let her tell her story of her faith journey. As she shared what brought her to this moment I listened intently and was amazed at the life this young woman had experienced thus far. It was a life of fear, abuse, struggle, deception, and great loss. I thought to myself, how could she possibly find anything good out of this life of despair. But yet, here she was telling me, at 25 years of age, that she was so filled with peace because of Jesus. I even felt a bit angry and even said, “How can you not be angry with God or even more, believe in God?” I remember her words clear as could be, “My pain is his pain. His peace is my peace. It is in him that I found life!” I drew closer to Jesus that day.

I often think about that moment when I am going through difficult times. He doesn’t take away our pain, he takes on our pain. People often say, where is God in these hard times. Well, he is right their crying, hurting, falling, being beaten, along with you. And then he embraces you and carries you through. You see, he went through it too. And like I always say, we know the end of the story. Yes, your pain is his pain, his peace is your peace, in him YOU WILL FIND LIFE! Continue to be Easter People! Walk the talk. Be Peace! D-Ron (rkenney@stmarkgoodrich.org)

Faith Formation Schedule

- 4/24—Final Family Faith Formation (Pre-K-5<sup>th</sup>) 11-12:30pm (Church/Parish Center)
- 4/24—Final Youth Group (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) 5-6:30pm (Parish Center)
- 5/1—Parish Celebration of First Eucharist 9:30am Liturgy
- 5/4—Confirmation Liturgy with Bishop Boyea – St. John Davison



Adult Faith Formation

- *Men’s Fellowship* –1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month, 7-8am, Join other Men of St. Mark in prayer, fellowship and growth as we strive to become Men of Faith. All men are invited.
- *Wednesday Morning Bob’s Devotions* – 9-9:30am, Join others in prayer to begin your Wednesday on the conference line (1-971-224-6612 enter code: 452784).

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 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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) if you are a young person that is interested.

Thank You!

The Lenten and Easter Seasons at St. Mark are busy and full of much activity that help us experience our faith in a very special way. I just want to say thank you to all that contributed in some way to bring our faith alive with our parish family. To all the music ministers, liturgical ministers, our Art and Environment crew, those who helped with soup and bread for our Wednesday Stations of the Cross, to those who shared reflections, especially to our staff who do so much behind the scenes, to those that contributed to the Easter Flower Memorials, and especially to all who came together to make our St. Mark Parish Family a family of faith worshipping together! Thank you and God Bless.



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Parish Feast Day Volunteer Reception – April 30

The Parish Feast Day Volunteer Reception for adult parishioners for their stewardship throughout the year is Saturday, April 30 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. Please RSVP in the Gathering Space.

Social Justice Commission Backpack Donations

The Social Justice Commission is asking for your help. We wish to assist Catholic Charities in their mission with the homeless. With a \$20.00 donation, we are able to purchase the backpack and the items to go in it. These items are wrapped snack items, travel size shampoo, conditioner, lotion, toothpaste, toothbrush, small pack of hand wipes, wash cloth, hand towel, soap, mirror, comb, band aids and puzzle book. We will be collecting funds the weekends of April 30-May 1 and May 7-8. We will have envelopes available in the rear of the church for the collection. It will be similar to the process used for Christmas and Easter flowers. Thank you for your continued support in helping others.

Trivia Night— St. Matthew’s Field House—April 30

A Trivia Night will be held in the St. Matthew’s Field House on Saturday, April 30th. Cost is \$5.00 per person. Bring your own team or join forces with new friends to test your trivia mastery and win fabulous prizes. Snacks and soft drinks available. For more information email rebelblackdot@gmail.com.

Recycle Day—May 14

Looking for a way to properly dispose of your Hazardous Waste, Electronics, Paint or other materials? Attend Genesee County’s Recycle Day! **RECYCLE DAY EVENT DETAILS.** The 2022 Recycle Day events will be held on Saturday, May 14th (10AM-2PM); Tuesday, June 21st (2PM-6PM); Tuesday, July 19th (2PM-6PM); and Tuesday, August 23rd (2PM-6PM) at Carman-Ainsworth Middle School, 1409 W Maple Ave, Flint, MI 48507. For more information go to <http://gcmprc.org/recycle-day/#:~:text=The%202022%20Recycle%20Day%20event,s,Ave%2C%20Flint%2C%20MI%2048507>. A list of items that are both accepted and not accepted are listed in the Parish Center on the Social Justice bulletin board.

Week April 25—May 1	
Mon: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Mk 16:15-20, Tue: Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15, Wed: Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21, Thu: Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36, Fri: Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15, Sat: Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21, Sun: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Rv 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 [1-1	

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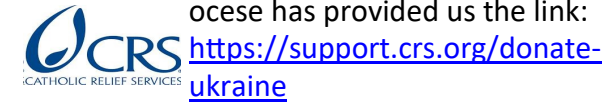
**MANY THANKS!!!** I would like to thank all the people who “made Holy Week happen” for your generosity, time and effort. I would estimate that it took over 50 people to help us celebrate the Liturgies of Passion Sunday through Easter Sunday. Thank you so much for all your service to our community of faith. We literally could not have done it without you!

**THE MEANING OF RESURRECTION...** In a recent Faith Chat I spoke about resurrection. This season is a good time to repeat some of it. The word resurrection comes from the Greek and Latin and can be translated: to stand up. Generally, resurrection implies much more than the spirit or soul of the deceased living on after death, it is the belief that the body will be reunited with the spirit. The body will be re-animated, transformed and immortal. While there is no direct reference to the afterlife in the early parts of the Bible, many scholars suspect that children of Israel had some concept of afterlife similar to most Near Eastern people. The taking up of Elijah to heaven by fiery chariot in II Kings 2 (8<sup>th</sup> century BC) is the first experience of a body & spirit being taken to heaven. In the prophecy of Isaiah (around 600 BC) we read the first expression of after-life. The prophet talks about God breaking the power of death and providing a banquet (Is 25). In Ezekiel, chapter 37, we hear the prophecy of the dry bones coming together and covered with sinew and flesh, another expression of a bodily resurrection. The concept of the resurrection of the body becomes clearly evident in the late Old Testament, especially in Job 19, Daniel 12, 2 Maccabees 12 & Wisdom 3. For the New Testament, the belief in the bodily resurrection of the dead is the core the proclamation of the Gospel of Christ.

**WHAT IS HEAVEN LIKE?** ...There are many jokes about the afterlife. It’s fire & brimstone, it’s a wonderful golf course, a great banquet. Actually, we have no idea what it will be like. Our fundamental belief, is that our body shall be raised and transformed and body, soul and spirit will be reunited. The resurrected person will be like Christ – real, but beyond time and space; able to pass through lock doors & wall, be two places at once, be physically present and then disappear. Typically, catechisms and spiritual writers have spoken our being caught up in the beatific vision – beholding God in all the splendor of the divine in endless bliss. My own thought is heaven is to have the most joy-filled moment of my life last forever.

Fr. Dave Howell

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