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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)
MAY 22 2022
Whoever loves me
will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we will come to him
and make our dwelling with him.
John 14:23
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & 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.
Conference Line Phone Number
(971) 224-6612, Code 452784

What's happening at St. Mark this week
MONDAY, May 23
9:30 a.m. - Mass - Special Intention for Maxine Soncrant/Janet Waters
TUESDAY, May 24
6:30 p.m. - Mass - Poor Souls in Purgatory/ Harvey & Ann Marie Yee
WEDNESDAY, May 25
9:00 a.m. - Bob's Morning Devotions/Conference Call
10:00 a.m. - AA
THURSDAY, May 26
7:00 p.m. - Choir
FRIDAY, May 27
8:30 a.m. - Mass - +Charles Scheuern/ Annie Scheuern & Family
SATURDAY, May 28
4:30 - 5:00 p.m. - Confessions
5:30 p.m. - Mass - Special Intention for Joan Brozo/Janet Waters
SUNDAY, May 29
9:30 a.m. - Mass - +Joyce & Spencer Alford/Kelly Alford
10:45 a.m. - Bell Choir

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Ron's Thoughts...

Caesarius of Arles (470-542 AD), an early church bishop in Gaul, spoke these words about the PEACE OF CHRIST, *"Peace, indeed, is serenity of mind, tranquility of soul, simplicity of heart, the bond of love, the fellowship of charity. It removes hatred, settles wars, restrains wrath, tramples on pride, loves the humble, pacifies the discordant and makes enemies agree. For it is pleasing to everyone. It does not seek what belongs to another or consider anything as its own. It teaches people to love because it does not know how to get angry, or to extol itself or become inflated with pride. It is meek and humble to everyone, possessing rest and tranquility within itself. When the peace of Christ is exercised by a Christian, it is brought to perfection by Christ."*

What really is the PEACE OF CHRIST? The peace of Christ is more than the absence of trouble. It includes everything that leads to goodness. The world's approach to peace is avoidance of trouble and building walls that divide us. It tells us, if you stay on your side and I stay on my side, we will be just fine. The peace that the world seeks refuses to face unpleasant truths and realities that require humility, acceptance, respect and a true sense of loving the other. The Peace of Christ is a way of life, a way of thinking, a way of relating, a way of seeing the world differently, a way of seeing GOD'S GOODNESS in the world.

The PEACE OF CHRIST begins with us, it begins with our humility, kindness and love towards the people closest to us in our everyday lives. That is our daily challenge. Always remember, He came that we might have life, and have it more abundantly (John 1). What life do we want? What the world tells us or what CHRIST TELLS US? Continue to be Easter People! Walk the talk. Be Peace! D-Ron (rkenney@stmarkgoodrich.org)

Summer Youth Happenings

- 6/15 Summer Youth Group (6th-12th graders) Fun, Prayer, Pizza!
- 6/29 Youth Group Cedar Point (all 6th – 12th graders and their friends are invited)
- 7/11,18,25 Soul Surfing Mondays – Summer VBS

Adult Faith Formation

- Men's Fellowship – 1st 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. Register online only at www.stmarkgoodrich.org.

Soul Surfing Mondays! (VBS sort of...)

- All Pre-school through 5th graders are invited for Soul Surfing Mondays, July 11th, 18th, 25th 6:00-7:30pm for some summer Fun and Faith. Look for sign up soon!

Graduation Mass—June 5

Graduates! All High School and College Graduates, please join us on Sunday, June 5th at the 9:30am Liturgy. Please arrive at 9:15am with cap and gown for the procession. Please RSVP by May 27th by calling the Parish Office or emailing Deacon Ron Kenney at rkenney@stmarkgoodrich.org

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Summer Book Club

Readers, mark your calendars! Summer Book Club begins June 7, in the parish center after the 6:30 pm Mass. We will continue to meet same time, same place, on the following three Tuesdays in June. Our book is *Live Laugh and Be Blessed* by Anne Bryan Smollin. There are nine copies available in the parish office for just \$2.50 per copy, or you can order a copy on-line. We will be discussing the introduction and first three chapters at the first session. To register, or if you have any questions, call the parish office, or contact book club leader, Debbie Oglenski, 810-866-4777 or 989-479-6765.



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

Liam Steven Anthony Wietecha, son of James and Mykenzie was baptized on May 14, 2022.

Finn Thomas Straith Yanco, son of Gabriel and Katlyn was baptized on May 15, 2022.

Returning to Ordinary Life

Six weeks into our Easter rejoicing, the Church gives us readings today that start preparing us for a return to ordinary life. The Acts of the Apostles and the Gospel both dwell on proper daily behavior for followers of Jesus, while the reading from Revelation reminds us why we bother with laws at all. In Acts, leaders of the church meet to discuss which essential elements of the Mosaic Law converts must obey if they wish to be disciples of Jesus Christ. John's Gospel reflects back to the Last Supper discourse when Jesus himself emphasizes the importance of obeying God's commandments. Observing God's law, says Jesus, shows a desire to be intimate with the Lord. We follow rules not for their own sake, but to love God and neighbor better. This more excellent love brings us closer to Revelation's vision of paradise, gleaming with "the splendor of God."

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May 14 & May 15, 2022

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Sr. Joan Parish Center Update

Work continues and all is on schedule. The office will continue to be open Monday-Wednesday-Friday 8:30am-12:30pm but we ask that you ring the doorbell for our staff to let you in. If you have questions or concerns or would like to contact someone directly, you may email me, D-Ron, (rkenney@stmarkgoodrich.org) or contact me by cell phone: 810-845-8379.

Andy's Attic Annual Sale

The sale is in the gym at St. John Family Center (506 N. Dayton, Davison) and in all the tents and yellow barn. (Building 319) behind the Family Center at St. John's. This is a fundraiser, not a garage sale. Come see the large selection of items to purchase and have fun.

May 20th, May 26th and May 27th

Fri. Thurs., and Fri.

9:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.

May 21st, May 24th, May 25th and May 28th

Sat., Tues., Wed., and Sat.

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Week May 23—May 29

Mon: Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a, Tue: Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11, Wed: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Jn 16:12-15, Thu: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53, Jn 16:16-20, Fri: Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23, Sat: Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28, Sun: Acts 7:55-60; Jn 17:20-26 or (for Ascension) Acts 1:1-11; Lk 24:46-53

AFTERWORD....Fr. Dave Howell

NOVENAS ...Most of us have heard of novenas and many of us have even prayed one or more along the way. But did you know the first novena ever prayed can be found in the Acts of the Apostles? According to Luke and Acts, Jesus ascended into heaven from the Mount of Olives forty days after the resurrection – Ascension Thursday. Before that, Jesus had told the disciples to stay in Jerusalem to await the fulfillment of the Father's promise and in a few days they would be baptized with the Holy Spirit. They returned to Jerusalem and devoted themselves to constant prayer (Acts 1: 1-14). So, over the nine days between Ascension Thursday and Pentecost Sunday, Mary, the mother of the Lord, several disciples (male & female), the apostles – numbering about 200 – spent the nine days praying for the gift of the Holy Spirit. All other novenas follow the same pattern: nine days of prayer. I invite everyone to pray your own novena. From Thursday, May 23, to Sunday, June 5, pray your own simple prayer each day or you can use the following prayer: *Come Holy Spirit, enlighten our minds with truth and fill our hearts with the fire of your love. Deepen within us a desire to follow Christ ever more faithfully so that we can help transform this world. And when our journey through this world is over, raise us up with Christ, who is Lord forever and ever. Amen*

A SAD REMINDER... Most mornings and evenings, I sit at my desk in the rectory. Now that the days are longer I often turn and look out the window as I pray. This past week, a sad reminder influences my daily prayer: the US flag is flying at half-mast. It is the reminder of the million victims of the Covid virus. Well over half of them were the elders of this country and over a third of them were completely avoidable, because over 300,000 were people who chose not to get vaccinated. My prayer to the Holy Spirit this week will include a request that the Spirit of God will enlighten the minds and hearts of all our fellow citizens to protect themselves, their families & the vulnerable.

A RITE OF SPRING... We have had a few days of 80 degrees and better, plus other days of milder weather. It looks like the season of Sprinter is over and Spring may have finally arrived. So Monday, I performed an annual rite of spring. It seems safe enough, so I put away the snow shovels from the front and back doors. Here's hoping that they won't be needed again for several months!

Fr. Dave Howell

Pope Francis Intention for May

Faith-Filled Young People—We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.