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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)

**JULY
31
2022**
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
Take care to guard
against all greed,
for though one
may be rich,
one's life does not
consist of possessions.
Luke 12:15

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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, August 1 — Catholic Charities Luncheon
9:30 a.m. — Communion Service — +Rob Howell
TUESDAY, August 2 — Election Day
6:30 p.m. — Communion Service — +Theresa Demeulenaere/Salvatis
7:00 p.m. — Finance Council
WEDNESDAY, August 3
10:00 a.m. — AA
6:00 p.m. — Summer Youth Group
7:00 p.m. — Video Production Team Meeting
THURSDAY, August 4
No Activities
FRIDAY, August 5
8:30 a.m. — Communion Service — Special Intention - Dan Jordan/Janice Hennen
9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.—First Friday Adoration
SATURDAY, August 6
7:00 a.m. — Men's Fellowship
2:00 p.m. — Wedding — Fantin/Webb Wedding
4:30 — 5:00 p.m. — Confessions
5:30 p.m. — Mass — +Ralph Uscicki/Ruth & Mike Petroski
SUNDAY, August 7
9:30 a.m. — Mass — Jim & Rosemary Brown 65th Wedding Anniversary/Brown Family
9:30 a.m. — Baptism/Bellinger

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Ron's Thoughts...

"You can't take it with you." We have heard this phrase in reference to those who spend their lives pursuing wealth and material possessions, often at the expense of family and friends. "Things are more important to them, not God, not their families, not their employees, not their friends. I once officiated the funeral of a wealthy man. At the funeral was me, his care-giver and a neighbor who felt it her Christian duty to pray for him. His 2 children, his one living sibling and their children never attended. He spent his life in pursuit of things and truly destroyed every bridge of relationship that surrounded him. What a sad statement. I usually meet with family before to plan and learn about the deceased, but not one family member cared to meet.

Yes, working hard and providing for our families and their futures is important. There is nothing wrong with that focus in life, but we can get so caught up in wanting more and it draws us away from what is most important, God and family first. Our health suffers from the stress of pursuing "Wants" not "Needs. Yes we have more things and we think we have found true happiness. But really we have not.

In the Gospel of Luke (12:13-21), Jesus reminds us that the goal of life is to be eternally happy, not temporarily happy. Without God all life is meaningless. But with God, every aspect of our lives has real meaning and purpose. The pursuit of wealth is not in itself bad, but what we do with it and who we hurt along the way can be. We are challenged to look at our lives with God and others and to look at what seems to matter more, "things" or "people"? I'm sure we can determine that to come closer to God, others are more important, not things.

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

Summer Youth Happenings

- 8/5—Summer Youth Group 6—7:30 pm. All 6th-12th graders.
- 8/27—Crim Water Station (Sign up with D-Ron)

St. Mark Youth Group

- *Summer Youth Group!* 6-8pm meet at the Pavilion. All 6th-12th graders invited FUN PRAYER PIZZA!

Crim Water Station! Attention All Families

St. Mark Families will be working the finish line water station at the Crim Festival of Races on Saturday, August 27th, 6 am—12 pm. All youth and families are welcome to join us. Sign up by emailing D-Ron.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Are you interested or do you know someone who is interested in completing the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) and learning more about becoming Catholic? Contact D-Ron at rkenney@stmarkgoodrich.org. Sessions to begin this Fall.

**St. Mark Family Picnic Weekend—Aug 26-28**

A fun-filled weekend to celebrate the anniversary of St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Community. It was the last weekend in August 1978 that a group of Catholic Families from Goodrich gathered to celebrate Liturgy at the Goodrich Library. It was the faith of those families that built St. Mark Parish Family. Come and celebrate with us....

- Friday, August 26th -Family Outdoor Movie at Dusk
- Saturday, August 27th-St. Mark Family Crim Finish Line Water Station
- Saturday, August 27th-Food Trucks and Music at St. Mark-6:30pm-8:30pm
- Sunday, August 28th-11:00am Outdoor Liturgy, Picnic (12noon) and Raffle (1pm)

Recycle Day Events

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 Tuesday, August 23rd (2PM-6PM) at Carman-Ainsworth Middle School, 1409 W Maple Ave, Flint, MI 48507. For more information on what is accepted and what is not accepted please visit <http://gcmpc.org/recycle-day/#:~:text=The%202022%20Recycle%20Day%20events,Ave%2C%20Flint%2C%20MI%2048507>. Due to high attendance this event will be by appointment only. I will post the link in the bulletin to register when it becomes available. Proof of registration will be required the day of the event.

Brick Paver Orders

Brick Pavers for the Peace Prayer Garden are available through the Parish Office or by filling out the forms in the breezeway. You can also contact Sue Griffith at sgriffith@stmarkgoodrich.org. Bricks are \$40.00 each and are limited to three rows with 14 letters including spaces.

Please Offer Prayers for those preparing for the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony!

Marriage Banns:

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August 6, 2022

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Christ the King will be having a Rummage sale August 11—14. Sale will run from 9 am—5 pm. The address is 1802 Seymour Avenue in Flint.



Our Parish Ambassador for the Michigan Catholic Women's Conference is Sheri Kenney-Bade. For more information contact her at (810) 845-0870 or email ergo-bade@comcast.net

Holy Redeemer Church—ASL Interpreted Mass

Every Sunday, 11:00 a.m. Mass is ASL Interpreted at Holy Redeemer Church, 1227 E. Bristol Road, Burton. No RSVP is required. Spiritual Sign Language is also available. For more information, please contact Renae Thomas at VP-810. 515.8586 or by email at spiritualsign7@gmail.com.

Week August 1—August 7

Mon: Jer 28:1-17; Mt 14:13-21, **Tue:** Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14, **Wed:** Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Mt 15:21-28
Thu: Jer 31:31-34; Mt 16:13-23, **Fri:** Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41; Mt 16:24-28, **Sat:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36, **Sun:** Wis 18:6-9; Hb 11:1-2, 8-19 [1-2, 8-12]; Lk 12:32-48 [35-40]

AFTERWORD....Fr. Dave Howell

ON CONFIRMATION ... Around the time we began asking candidates to profess their faith at their Baptism using the Apostle's Creed, we also began to target Easter as the day of Baptism. The preparation for the Sacrament was lengthened and baptisms were the culmination of an intense period of fasting and prayer called Lent. In Rome and many other places, the Church gathered at dusk on Holy Saturday night in a lengthy service that included several readings from Scripture and prayer. These were meant to prepare candidates for the rituals they would experience. After the homily, the deacons would lead the male candidates to the place of Baptism. They would disrobe, enter the water and be immersed 3 times using the Trinitarian formula ("In the name of the Father,..."). After drying off, the candidates were anointed with a scented oil called Chrism and clothed in a new white robe. After the men, the deaconesses would take the women into the place of Baptism and baptize them. Meanwhile the assembly was praying and singing where the Eucharist would be celebrated. When the newly baptized returned to the assembly, the bishop would impose hands on their heads, calling down the Holy Spirit. The bishop prayed that the newly baptized would be strengthened by the Spirit. (The word *confirmare* is Latin meaning *to be made strong with*.) When all the men and women were baptized and confirmed, the assembly would begin to celebrate Eucharist. As the sun was rising on Easter morning, the newly baptized would receive Eucharist for the first time. As the Church grew, especially during the 4th-8th centuries, the number of converts was very large. So the bishop would appoint presbyters which is Greek for elders to have Easter Liturgies in other places. As time progressed, these elders would be called priests and the alternate sites for Easter Eucharist would become parishes. In the Western (Roman) Church, deacons and presbyters could baptize and give Eucharist, but the bishops would travel to these communities during the Easter Season and confirm the newly baptized himself. In the Eastern Churches, bishops gave presbyters the power to confirm. Another change that came as a result of the large numbers of converts is that the times for Baptisms expanded to all the Sundays except during Lent and Advent. In the Western Church, only the bishops confirmed the newly baptized. In the Eastern Church, bishops delegated the priests to Baptize, Confirm and give Eucharist all in the same ceremony. Even today, in the Eastern Church, infants receive all three Sacraments.

Fr. Dave Howell

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