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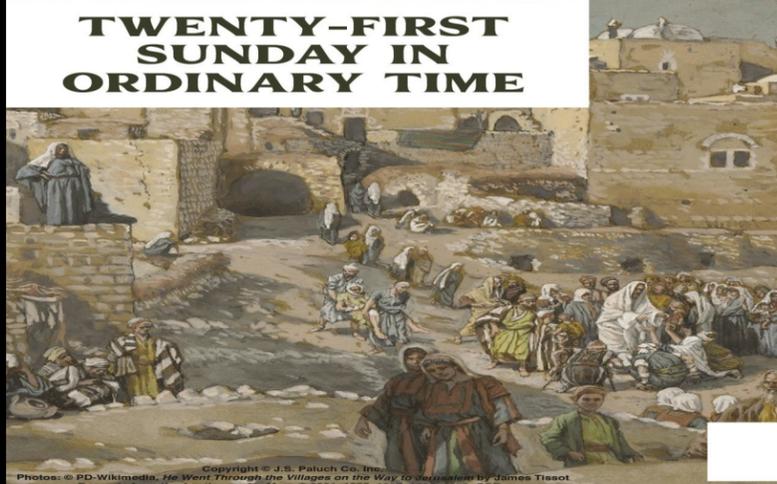
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Our mission: St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Community is a growing community of faith which strives to live Christ's commandment: "Love one another, as I have loved you." (John 15:12)

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough.
Luke 13:24
AUGUST 21, 2022

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What's happening at St. Mark this week
MONDAY, August 22
9:30 a.m. — Mass — +Dick Daly/Margaret Daly
TUESDAY, August 23
6:30 p.m. — Mass — +Chuck Mahoney/Greg & Darlene Wise
WEDNESDAY, August 24
9:30 a.m. — Garden Angels
10:00 a.m. — AA
THURSDAY, August 25
No Activities
FRIDAY, August 26
8:30 a.m. — Mass — Special Intention for Margaret Daly/McGovern Family
At dusk — Family Outdoor Movie
SATURDAY, August 27
6:00 a.m. — Crim
4:30 — 5:00 p.m. — Confessions
5:30 p.m. — Mass — +Scott Ratsos/Julia Kaupert
6:30 — 8:30 p.m. — Food & Music
SUNDAY, August 28
11:00 a.m. — Outdoor Liturgy — +Donna Brothers/Ron & Sharon Roberts
12:00 p.m. — Picnic
1:00 p.m. — Raffle Drawing

PRAYER MINISTRY REQUESTS, Joan Turner
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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.
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Ron's Thoughts...

In Luke 13:22-30, Jesus says STRIVE to enter by the narrow door. Strive comes from a Greek word used to describe the effort of an athlete; to devote serious effort and energy. An athlete does not reach the top of their game by being effortless. You never see a great athlete receiving the gold medal or a champion at the end of a contest, say, I've never worked out or competed until recently. I thought it would be fun, so here I am. Every athlete who succeeds STRIVES to succeed. They devote serious effort or energy into succeeding. It is not an accident if they win. It is the result of intentional and unrelenting effort.

Jesus talks to his followers and us about what it takes to enter the Kingdom. He talks about the door being narrow. It isn't always easy or popular. God's way is the right way, but sometimes you will face difficulty following that narrow way, but it will pay off. The fact that the door is narrow infers that it takes intentional and unrelenting effort to go through it.

Jesus tells us there are choices and it is up to us to choose. The door to a better way of life begins with him. The door to heaven begins with him. The door is narrow, but start with him in your life and see where that takes you. Walk the talk.

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

St. Mark Faith Formation

- All Registration and Fees are done online at our Parish Website www.stmarkgoodrich.org (Scroll to Faith Formation Registration)
- K-5 SPIRIT program - Family Faith Formation Model families register and attend together on Scheduled (twice a month) Sundays, 11am-12:30pm. There will be family presentations, projects and age appropriate breakout projects. BEGINS OCTOBER 2nd
- 6-12 Youth Group - will be a Youth Group Model with Community building, Catechesis and Prayer which will be on scheduled Sundays 5-6:30pm. BEGINS OCTOBER 2nd
- First Reconciliation/Eucharist and Confirmation Prep will be separate with Saturday Mini Sessions for First Rec/Eucharist and Sunday Mini Sessions for Confirmation. All Sacrament Candidates are required to attend Family Faith Formation or Youth Group in addition to Sacrament Prep. Dates will be available at registration.

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, 6am-12pm. All youth and families are welcome to join us. Email D-Ron (rkenney@stmarkgoodrich.org)

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 Deacon Ron Kenney 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 and Music at St. Mark 6:30 pm — 8:30 pm
- Featuring Brumwell's Backyard Banquet: Chicago Beef Sandwiches, chips, pop \$6, Flint Style Coney's, chips, pop, \$5, Ice Cream Cart \$1, Popcorn \$1.
- Music by Mike Farella
- Sunday, August 28th 11:00 am Outdoor Liturgy, Picnic (12noon), Food provided by our Parish Life, Bounce house fun, Corn Hole and Raffle (1 pm)



God's People Gather

Our readings today remind us of the larger story of the Bible, of God's purposes and promises for the world. Because of humanity's rejection of God, as told in Genesis, human communities were first dispersed. Isaiah proclaims that one day God will gather these communities to be healed and reconciled with God. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus echoes Isaiah and teaches that all peoples in God's promised future will recline at table in the kingdom of God. Notice that in Isaiah, the nations coming to God do not lose their ethnicity or unique identity. They bring their own distinct cultural gifts to God's table. Each people has its unique history with God, has received distinct blessings from God, and each is accountable to God. Today, we live in a global and multicultural Church. When God's diverse peoples gather in worship today, may we honor and celebrate each other's gifts and blessings.

WORTHY TEACHERS...*All who undertake to teach must be endowed with deep love, the greatest patience, and, most of all, profound humility. The Lord will find them worthy to become fellow workers with him in the cause of truth.*—St. Joseph Calasanz

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Just a reminder to get your raffle tickets returned as quickly as possible. We have added one more early bird drawing that will take place on August 21st right after the 9:30 am Liturgy. Winner of that drawing will receive a \$50.00 check. We still have a few extra books to be sold in the gathering space this weekend. Thank you for supporting our parish.

Heartbeat of Greater Flint Job Opening!

HGF is looking for a motivated and dependable person for a part-time position in office management. Job duties include answering phones, general clerical tasks, interacting with clients in a positive and patient manner, and the ability to participate in public relations with the community. Do you love working with and for the success of families and children in Genesee County? This is the position for you! Perks include a pleasant work environment with fun and dedicated volunteers. Scheduled hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10AM - 3PM. Please submit applications to Jim Lusty at lynmarie15@juno.com or call at 810-618-2889.

Social Justice—Soles for Soul's update

The final collection was 75 pair of shoes. We thank the parish community for their generous and continued support in helping others.

Reporting Child Sexual Abuse

There is a CyberTipline for anyone in the US to report cases of child sexual exploitation, online enticement of children for sex acts, molestation of children outside the family, child victims of sex trafficking, and unsolicited obscene material sent to a child. These reports may be made 24 hours a day, 7 days a week online at www.cybertipline.com or by calling 1-800-843-5678. When reports are made to the CyberTipline, they are investigated involving any local or federal agencies that the depictions and/or crimes may involve.

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Week August 22—August 28
Mon: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Mt 23:13-22, **Tue:** 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Mt 23:23-26, **Wed:** Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51 **Thu:** 1 Cor 1:1-9; Mt 24:42-51, **Fri:** 1 Cor 1:17-25; Mt 25:1-13, **Sat:** 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 25:14-30, **Sun:** Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Lk 14:1, 7-14

AFTERWORD....Fr. Dave Howell

SACRAMENTS OF HEALING...All the Sacraments trace their roots back to the life and ministry of Jesus. He was baptized and anointed with the Holy Spirit at the shore of the River Jordan as he began his ministry. At the end of his ministry, at his Last Supper, he gave us his body and blood so that he could be with us always. But there are two aspects of his ministry that characterize his ministry as the Gospels unfold. Jesus heals and Jesus forgives sinners; often both occur in the same incident. In the Sacrament of the Sick and the Sacrament of Penance. we encounter the Lord who heals and forgives us. The Sacrament or Anointing of the Sick is a beautiful prayer for healing of body and mind. In the first part we recall the words of the Apostle James who tells us in his letter that the sick should send for the priests of the Church who should pray over the sick, anointing them in the name of the Lord. (Jas 5) St. James tells us that this prayer will save the sick and the Lord will raise them up. The Sacrament is given in two parts. In the first part, the priest and others present pray and lay hands on the sick person, and silently invoke the Holy Spirit. Then the forehead and hands are anointed with the Oil of the Sick. This oil was blessed by the bishop on Holy Thursday during the Chrism Mass at the cathedral. (There were about 1000 people plus about 100 priests and deacons joining the bishop in his prayer blessing the oil.) The Oil of the Sick is then distributed to all the parishes along with the Oil of Catechumen and Sacred Chrism. These three oils can be seen in the Ambry, a special glass cabinet in the back of the church, near the baptismal font. This Sacrament is intended for anyone with a serious illness, even if it's not life threatening. There are special prayers for those preparing for serious surgery and there are even prayers for those who find their health and strength is declining as they age. Anyone who feels a need for God's healing and strength can be anointed. There is no limit to how many times we can receive the Anointing of the Sick.

So, what are Last Rites? ... Just as there are different prayers the anointing of someone preparing for surgery or someone whose health is declining as they age, there are special prayers for one who is actively dying. Last Rites include the anointing but more. Last Rites should be administered while the dying person can participate. It begins with the Sacrament of Penance, then prayers & Scripture that lead to a renewal of Baptismal Promises and the Anointing of the person. The most important part of Last Rites is the reception of Communion which is called Viaticum. The one who is dying receives the Risen Lord to pass over with Christ to resurrection. (The word Viaticum is Latin meaning to go with.) Like the Sacrament of the Sick, even Last Rites can be received more than once. It is recommended for those who are near death, but hopefully they are able to participate in order to truly benefit from the prayers.

Fr. Dave Howell