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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)

SEPTEMBER 11, 2022 | TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
"Rejoice with me because I have found the coin that I lost."  
~ Luke 15:9  
  
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Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday  
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**NEW PARISHIONERS:** Welcome! Individuals who actively participate with us are asked to register by contacting the Parish Office.  
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**What's happening at St. Mark this week**  
**MONDAY, September 12**  
9:30 a.m. — Communion Service—Living Birthday for Dylan Thomas Bauman/ Harvey & Ann Marie Yee  
**TUESDAY, September 13**  
6:30 p.m. — Mass — +John Pouget/Greg & Darlene Wise  
7:00 p.m. — CCW Meeting  
**WEDNESDAY, September 14**  
10:00 a.m. — AA  
6:30 p.m. — Better Together Marriage Session/ Zoom  
**THURSDAY, September 15**  
7:00 p.m.—Choir  
**FRIDAY, September 16**  
8:30 a.m. — Mass — +Erin Modrzynski/Steve & Deb Oglenski  
9:00 a.m. — St. Joseph's Guild  
**SATURDAY, September 17**  
4:30 — 5:00 p.m. — Confessions  
5:30 p.m. — Mass — +Jack Paladuk/Diane Paladuk  
**SUNDAY, September 18**  
9:30 a.m. — +Rick Howd/Carter Family  
10:30 a.m.— Parish Breakfast  
10:45 a.m. — Bell Choir

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### Ron's Thoughts...

Recently I spoke with someone who was exceptionally negative about the world we live in. I guess keeping a news channel on all day can do that. When you take the negative attitude and then include the personal struggles that we all have, the world does seem to be dark. This person went on to say, "The world's going to hell in a hand basket. I don't know why God puts up with us."

Why does God put up with us? With all the wars, the killings, the immoralities of our time, the neglect, the prejudice, the greed, the hate, why is it that God allows all this to continue? The readings for today give us a glimpse of our God. God is a God of beginnings, not endings. He lets Moses begin anew even after the people turned to idolatry. Paul tells Timothy how he had been a blasphemer and a persecutor of the Lord. But God began again with him. The gospel presents three parables of the Lost Sheep, the Lost Coin and The Lost Son and how God begins anew in all these stories. God can and does forgive you and me because he is the God of beginnings who sees all we can be, not just all we could have been.

So let's not give up on ourselves or this world. Yes, we are human beings who make mistakes. But God loves us and is always ready to give us a new beginning. Today and every day is the day for us to begin. Every day is a new day living in GOD'S PRESENCE. 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](http://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.

Use our QR code for all the information you will need to register.



### 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.

### A Grief Journey

St. Mark is hosting A Grief Journey for six weeks, September 30th—November 4th, from 9:30-11 a.m., in the parish hall. Anyone who is grappling with the loss of a loved one— family member or friend is welcome. The loss need not be recent. We will be reading Now That You've Gone Home, by Joyce Hutchinson and Joyce Rupp. Register and pick up a book at the parish office, 810-636-2216, by September 26th. We will be discussing the introduction and first four chapters (32 pages) at the first session. Sessions will be led by Debbie Oglenski and Linda Roughton. If you have any questions regarding A Grief Journey, you may contact Debbie at 810-866-4777, or 989-479-6765.

### Genesis Men's Retreat

Sick and tired of all the noise going on in the world today? Do you find it hard to shut it all down? Are you looking for a deeper relationship with Jesus? Please join other Men October 22-23rd 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 at 810-845-8379. This is a 2 day retreat (8am Saturday—3pm Sunday), but you sleep at your own homes. To register go to: [Stjohnfenton.org/Genesis](http://Stjohnfenton.org/Genesis)

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### Parish Breakfast—Sept. 18

Join us for our Parish breakfast which is Strawberry pancakes, meat, toppings, and yogurt on Sept. 18th after the 9:30 am. Mass. All are welcome.

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Week September 5 —September 11

**Mon:** 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mk 6:17-29, **Tue:** 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Lk 4:31-37, **Wed:** 1 Cor 3:1-9; Lk 4:38-44, **Thu:** 1 Cor 3:18-23; Lk 5:1-11, **Fri:** 1 Cor 4:1-5; Lk 5:33-39, **Sat:** 1 Cor 4:6b-15; Lk 6:1-5, **Sun:** Wis 9:13-18b; Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33,

### AFTERWORD....Fr. Dave Howell

**FAITH IS A JOURNEY...**Over my 71 years, my understanding of and relationship with God has changed. I no longer believe the way I once did and hopefully, I will be given enough time so that my understanding and relationship with God will continue to evolve and deepen before I meet the fullness of God. I would suspect that the same is true for many of you. As our lives unfold through a series of highs and lows, good times and bad, questions arise. Where is the Lord in the midst of all of this? How does the Almighty expect me to deal with this? What do you want me to do in this situation Lord? Seeking answers to questions is what has led me and many others to grow in our faith in God. Hopefully our journey, seeking answers to life's questions transforms us. Faith becomes less about religion and more about relationship; less about knowing and following laws and rules and much more about walking humbly with God each day, seeking to do whatever it is the Lord asks of me.

**RCIA or ADULT CATECHISM...** Years ago, people became Catholic by studying the catechism with Father. The man or woman received a booklet filled with questions and answers that explain what Catholics believe and gave the rules one needed to follow in order to be a Catholic. In 1972, the Church changed its approach. Instead of telling or teaching people what they need to know to become Catholic, we engage participants in discussions that center around questions of the important aspects of what it means to live a life of faith. We also share with participants answers, insights and understandings that have been gained over the years by women and men who shared our Catholic way of life. This process is referred to as RCIA which stands for The Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults. While the process focuses on Rites, it is more of a journey much like a married person experiences. A couple meets and spends time together, getting to know each other. As the relationship grows they decide to date each other exclusively. The first stage of the process is called Inquiry which invites participants to ask questions: about God, faith, Catholic practices, and so much more. When a participant feels they know enough about the Catholic way of living Christianity, he or she participates in the Rite of Acceptance, a simple ritual that marks the desire of the participant to pursue this journey of faith with greater intensity. The second phase introduces participants to Catholic prayer and shares with them a deeper understanding of the call we have received to live as God's children and citizens of God's Kingdom. There are two more phases that are a part of the journey of faith, and I will explain them next week. But I wanted to explain at least the first part because we will start the process soon.

**INQUIRY...**is the first phase and we will begin it on Wednesday, September 21 at 7 pm. The Deacon and I will meet with anyone who is interested in beginning the process. If you or someone you know has ever given some thought to becoming a Catholic, please join us. Once we know who is interested, we can begin to plan future sessions. As Jesus said to Andrew, Come and see.

Fr. Dave Howell