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FIRST SUNDAY OF
Advent
NOVEMBER 27, 2022
"You also must be prepared,
for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."
MATTHEW 24:44

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What's happening at St. Mark this week
MONDAY, November 28
9:30 a.m. — Mass — +Elaine Packard/Janice Hennen
TUESDAY, November 29
6:30 p.m. — Communion Service — +Lee Barker/Karen Marie Barker
7:00 p.m. — Building & Grounds Meeting
WEDNESDAY, November 30
10:00 a.m. — AA
7:00 p.m. — RCIA
THURSDAY, December 1
10:00 a.m. — Bible Study
7:00 p.m. — Choir
FRIDAY, December 2
8:30 a.m. — Mass — Living Birthday for Laura Vasquez/Harvey & Ann Marie Yee
9:00 a.m. — St. Joseph's Guild
9:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m. — First Friday Adoration
SATURDAY, December 3
7:30 a.m. — Men's Advent Breakfast
4:30—5:00 p.m. — Confession
5:30 p.m. — Mass — +William Seymour/Mary Seymour
SUNDAY, December 4
9:30 a.m. — Mass & CLW — +Rob Howell/Dave Howell
9:30 a.m. — Baptism/Longo during Liturgy
10:30 — Hospitality
10:45 a.m. — Bell Choir
11:00 a.m. — 12:30 p.m. — Family Faith Formation
5:00—6:30 p.m. — Youth Group

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:
Monday, Tuesday, 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...

How often in a day do you check your watch, the clock on the wall, the time on your phone? We are creatures of time and space, and we are always looking for when something is going to start or end. Be it our workday, the clock in a sports contest, how much time until dinner is served, how long the homily is running, we find ourselves checking the seconds, minutes, and hours we have left in that "event" we are participating in. St. Paul tells us today, "You know the time." Jesus in the Gospel tells us, "We don't know the time." That sounds a bit confusing and contradicting. Next to each other they are confusing, but our Lord and one of our greatest Apostles are saying virtually the same thing.

We don't know the end times when Jesus is coming again. But we can know the time that we are living in, that is, living for the Lord, choosing his way, his love, his kindness or what we are supposed to be living. When we choose his way, striving to be more like Christ to others, the end time will not concern us. The challenge this Advent is to find ways to make our time **HIS TIME**. I challenge you, to take 10 minutes each day and sit in silence asking God to help you put him first this day. See how your time changes. The Advent journey begins Walk the talk. Be Peace! D-Ron (rkenney@stmarkgoodrich.org)

St. Mark Faith Formation Schedule

- 12/4—SPIRIT FFF (Pre4-K-5th) 11-12:30pm (Church/Parish Center)
- 12/4—Youth Group (6th-12th) 5-6:30pm (Parish Center)
- 12/10—First Rec/Euch Mini Session #3 w/First Reconciliation (9-11am)

Catholic Box of Joy

Thank you to everyone who participated in helping us fill our boxes, those of you that donated to the boxes, and those of you that helped pack the boxes. Box of Joy is a wonderful way to 'return to normal' after a difficult past couple years for many families, especially those who had participated in previous years but felt uncomfortable to do so during the pandemic. Below is a picture of the boxes that we packed this year. We will keep you informed when we find out where our boxes are delivered this year.



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June 2023 Pilgrimage Trip to Vienna, Austria and

Southern Germany

Lead by Pam Iden, St. Mark Parishioner and retired German/French Teacher. Stephen Iden, her son, will be attending with other students and parents. If interested, please contact Pam for no obligation information at: idenpamela@gmail.com.

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Memorial Poinsettias

The St. Mark Youth Group is sponsoring Memorial Poinsettias for Christmas. You may purchase a Poinsettia in memory of a loved one and those Poinsettias will help to decorate our Church for the Christmas Season. Orders taken Nov. 20 to Dec. 4. Fill out envelopes in the Gathering Space. Proceeds go to help support Youth Activities.



St. Mark Men's Fellowship – Men's Advent Breakfast

Men's Advent Breakfast will be December 3rd, 7:30am. ALL MEN ARE INVITED, join us for an Advent Reflection, fellowship and some good food. Sign up in the Gathering Space.

CCW Bake Sale - Thank You!

A special Thank You to all parishioners who participated as very generous bakers and buyers at our CCW bake sale 11/19-20/22 resulting in a very successful event. The mission of CCW is to unite the women of the parish and to raise funds for specific parish needs, especially the sanctuary. We invite all women of the parish to join us at future meetings and events.

CCW Christmas Get Together - December 13, 2022

CCW will be hosting a night in with appetizers and Christmas cheer. All women of the parish are invited to come and bring their favorite appetizer or dessert. We would also invite you to bring an item for Hope in a Box as a charitable donation. We will begin with the celebration of Mass at 6:30 p.m.

Retirement Fund for Religious Collection—Dec. 10-11

The weekend of December 10-11 is the national collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Many senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little or no pay. Today, religious communities often do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your gift helps provide medications, nursing care and more for the tens of thousands of elderly religious. Please be generous.

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Giving Tree

Our Giving Tree outreach started earlier this year to allow agencies to distribute gifts more effectively. Tags are available in the Gathering Space. All gifts must be returned by December 11th by 9:30 a.m.

Breakfast with Santa—Dec. 11

St. Mark Men's Club will be hosting their 2nd Annual Breakfast with Santa on December 11th in the Parish Center. The event will take place from 10:30 a.m.—Noon. Breakfast includes scrambled eggs, hashbrowns, sausage, fresh fruit, milk, OJ, and coffee. Cost is \$5.00 per person or \$20.00 per family. Come enjoy breakfast and a visit with Santa. Kids will receive a special gift from Santa. Sign up in the Gathering Space.

Parish Council Representatives!

If you are interested in helping your parish family here at St. Mark consider joining the parish council. The PC becomes the eyes and ears of the community to the Parish Leadership. Contact Deacon Ron if interested.

Special Needs Ministries Holiday Party—Dec. 11

The Annual Mass and Holiday Party sponsored by the Diocese of Lansing, Special Needs Ministry and All Faith Ministry for disabilities is December 11. Mass starts at 2 p.m. in the St. Francis Retreat Center Chapel located at 703 E. Main Street in Dewitt. Our Holiday Party immediately follows in the Dining Room. A catered meal is being provided and every individual with disabilities will receive a present! Please RSVP with the total number of people attending by December 4 to Cathy Blatnik, at blatsie63@yahoo.com or at 517-381-1410. All are welcome!

Week November 28 —December 4
Mon: Is 4:2-6; Mt 8:5-11, Tue: Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24
Wed: Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22, Thu: Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27, Fri: Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31, Sat: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8, Sun: Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

AFTERWORD....Fr. Dave Howell

ADVENT ...This Saturday, at "the stroke of 4 pm" the Church year came to an end and the new Liturgical Year of 2023 began. The reason it's 4 pm is that is the earliest the sun sets in Rome and we still use the method of our Jewish ancestors to determine the start of our Sabbath. Sunday starts at sunset on Saturday. The most notable aspect of the change is that we begin reading Cycle A of the three year Lectionary (the book of Scripture Lessons) with the Gospel of Matthew being the one that will be read on most of the Sundays and Holy Days. The color of vestments changed to purple and we will count off the 4 weeks of Advent by lighting four candles on the Advent Wreath: a circle of evergreens, symbolizing God, the eternal who lives forever. The four candles lit are two purple, then the pink and finally the last purple. For many, Advent is the forgotten season. Usually tucked in between Thanksgiving & Christmas it is often called the "Christmas Season" even weeks before Christmas actually arrives. From the fifth until well into the 20th century, Advent was observed as a season of special prayer, fasting and doing good works, much like Lent. It was meant not so much to prepare us for Christmas, but to prepare us for the coming of Christ. I truly hope that despite all of the commercial aspects of these days, despite all the hustle and hassle of getting things ready, that you and I will find some time to prepare ourselves for Christ and the promise his birth in time and space can bring. Please take advantage of the Little Blue Book and its reflections and even take a little extra time in prayer. In the midst of getting ready for Christmas, we can also get ready for Christ! Happy Advent!!

WELCOME MATTHEW ... Over the last Liturgical year we read the Gospel of Luke. It was filled with stories of God's mercy, compassion and kindness. These were especially extended to those who live at the margins of society: the poor, the forgotten, the sinner. Women also played a special role in Luke's Gospel, beginning with Mary, the mother of the Lord. Matthew's Gospel will present us with five sermons by Jesus, beginning the first and most important, the Sermon on the Mount – which is a summary of all that Jesus taught and lived. Matthew's infancy account will feature Joseph rather than Mary. He will also add an important commentary to the story of Jesus, frequently telling us that when Jesus said or did something, he fulfilled what had been told us by one of the prophets. Most of all, Matthew will present a Jesus who gives a whole new interpretation of the Torah (the role of a rabbi) and even more importantly, he will reveal a Jesus who is the very embodiment of the Torah. Welcome, Matthew!

Fr. Dave Howell

