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Website: <http://www.stmarkgoodrich.org> – Facebook: St. Mark Goodrich Catholic Church  
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)

**SECOND SUNDAY OF  
Lent**  
MARCH 5, 2023  
From the cloud  
came a voice that said,  
"This is my beloved Son  
with whom I am well pleased;  
listen to him."  
Matthew 17:5

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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.

**BAPTISM, MATRIMONY, ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Please contact the Parish Office.

**Conference Line Phone Number**  
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**What's happening at St. Mark this week**  
**MONDAY, March 6**  
9:30 a.m. — Mass — +William Seymour/Mary Seymour  
**TUESDAY, March 7**  
10:00 a.m. — Prayer Shawl Ministry  
6:30 p.m. — Mass — +Francis Minihan/Fred & Suzie Wurster  
7:00 p.m. — Men's Club  
**WEDNESDAY, March 8**  
10:00 a.m. — AA  
7:00 — Confirmation — Holy Family  
6:00 — 7:00 p.m. — Soup & Stations  
7:30 — 8:30 pm — RCIA  
**THURSDAY, March 9**  
10:00 a.m. — Bible Study  
7:00 p.m. — Choir  
**FRIDAY, March 10 — CCW Crop**  
8:30 a.m. — Mass — Birthday Remembrance +John Vantol/Harvey & Ann Marie Yee  
9:00 a.m. — St. Joseph's Guild  
**SATURDAY, March 11 — CCW Crop**  
7:00 a.m. — Men's Fellowship  
9:00 a.m. — First Euch Mini Session  
4:30 — 5:00 p.m. — Confessions  
5:30 p.m. — Mass — +George Rundstadler/Rundstadler Family  
6:30 p.m. — Parish Dinner  
**SUNDAY, March 12**  
9:30 a.m. — Mass & CLW — +Jim Ellis/John & Sue Griffith  
10:30 a.m. — HH  
10:45 a.m. — Bell Choir

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Ron’s Thoughts...

I was fortunate years ago to climb to the top of Mount Sinai. We arrived just at sunrise and celebrated liturgy there on top of the Mountain. It was truly mystical and it was one of those moments in my life where I KNEW GOD WAS REAL AND PRESENT! Today we hear the story of the Transfiguration of Jesus. Where he took 3 of his disciples to the top of a mountain and there before their eyes he was transfigured. They wanted to stay on that mountain, the three disciples. They even had a plan. They would build three tents, one for Jesus, one for Moses and one for Elijah.

They did not want the mystical experience to end. Neither should we. We feel the presence of God in so many ways, in so many times in our lives. Maybe it is during a retreat. Maybe it is during Holy Week. Maybe it is when we look at a baby and feel God’s goodness all around us. Maybe it is when we have a challenge, a crisis in our lives and realize that Jesus was carrying us and still is carrying us.

Here’s a challenge, we cannot be satisfied with just attending Church on Sunday. We need to seek ways to invite God into our lives throughout our day. We need to schedule daily prayer. We need to have some quiet time with God. And then, and only then, we can begin to KNOW that mystical experience. When we have God in our daily lives, growing in our faith, we can bring the Mountain of the Transfiguration to help us deal with the frustrations of the world.

This is what Lent is about. Lent is about changing our lives, and growing closer to God so we can fulfill the Lord’s command to bring His Gospel, His Good News, to the ends of the earth. The disciples did not want to leave the Mountain of the Transfiguration. Neither do we. We do not have to leave the mountain. We just have to create that space in our lives for us and Jesus and know, as the Gospel of Matthew concludes, that He is with us always. Our Lenten journey continues.... Walk the talk. Be Peace! D-Ron (rkenney@stmarkgoodrich.org)

**St. Mark Faith Formation Schedule**  
3/1—Confirmation Liturgy with Bishop Boyea 7pm HF  
3/19—Family Faith Formation (11-12:30pm)  
3/19—Youth Group (6th-12th) 5-6:30pm (Parish Center)

Adult Faith Formation

- **Men’s Lenten Fellowship** – Saturdays of Lent, 7-8am. Join other Men of St. Mark in prayer, fellowship, and growth as we journey together through the weeks of Lent. All men are invited as we strive to be Men of Faith.
- **Lenten Wednesdays- Soup and Stations:** 6-7 pm –We begin with a Soup Dinner in the Parish Center at 6:00pm and Stations of the Cross following in the church. All are welcome.
- **Lenten Scrutiny Experience** – All are invited to join our Catechumens and Candidates on Wednesdays, March 8, 15, 22, following Stations of the Cross for visual experience of the Scrutiny Readings that we will hear the following weekend.

**St. Mark’s Grief Journey**  
Have you lost a parent, spouse, sibling or friend? Whether that loss is recent, or several months or years ago, you are welcome to join our next six-week Grief Journey. Sessions begin March 14th, and continue every Tuesday following the 6:30 Mass, through April 18<sup>th</sup>. To register call St. Mark’s parish office, 810-636-2216. All participants will be reading *Now That You’ve Gone Home* by Joyce Hutchinson and Joyce Rupp. Books are available in St. Mark’s parish office. For questions about the program, call Debbie Oglenski at 989-479-6765.

**St. Patrick’s Day Box Lunch Sale—March 17**  
We are organizing an event to support Catholic Charities’ St Patrick’s Day Box Lunch Fundraiser. Enjoy a corned beef & swiss sandwich on rye or tuna fish sandwich, chips, coleslaw, pickle and a cookie from the Crust Bakery of Fenton for only \$12.00. Your lunch will be delivered to the Parish Center on Friday, March 17. Call Joan Turner at (248) 410-2286 or the Parish Office by March 6th to place your order. Please pay by cash or a check made payable to St. Mark.

**Journey to Easter 2023!**  
Join Fr. Dave and Dcn. Ron daily for a short message that will help us journey to Easter together. Can be viewed on our website (www.stmarkgoodrich.org) , Facebook (St Mark Goodrich Catholic Church), You Tube (St. Mark Catholic Church Goodrich).

**St. Mark Youth Mission Trip 2023**  
The Youth Group is planning a Summer Youth Mission Trip: July 23-29, 2023 in Appleton, Wisconsin to build a house with Habitat for Humanity. Mark the date. For all High School Aged Youth. PLEASE Contact Dcn. Ron if you are interested – [rkenney@stmarkgoodrich.org](mailto:rkenney@stmarkgoodrich.org)

**Adult Bible Study**  
Join the St. Mark Peer Bible Study Group. 6 Week Bible Study using “Saved” by Fr. Mitch Pacwa. The book can be purchased on Amazon for \$10 or some copies are available in the Parish Office. Sign up in the Parish Office or contact D-Ron [rkenney@stmarkgoodrich.org](mailto:rkenney@stmarkgoodrich.org).

**Disciple Maker Index (DMI)**  
This past weekend was exciting for St. Mark as the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey went live! This survey is for all parish members to fill out. It will help us as parish leadership to better understand the needs of our faith community. Please take time to follow the link and take the survey. Click on the following link: <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/g2cp54>. The DMI survey will close on 03/28/2023 12:59 am. Thank you in advance.

**Thank you from the St. Mark’s Men Club**  
The Men’s Club raised \$1,107 from the Bob Totten pancake breakfast that went to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. Thank you for your continued support of the Men’s Club Events.

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**DSA Commitment Weekend—March 5-6**  
This weekend is our Diocesan Services Appeal Commitment Weekend. I invite all members of our parish community to join in support of our annual appeal. Our parish goal is \$41,104.00. No gift is too small... every dollar donated helps those in our parish and in our unified efforts in the wider church. Further, one-half of all paid contributions received, over and above our parish goal, will be returned for our local use here at St. Mark Parish. You can submit your DSA pledge envelope during Mass this weekend - or take your DSA envelope home to prayerfully consider your gift decision. Those paying by cash or check are invited to return your completed pledge form, in the DSA envelope, to our parish office. Those who wish to pay by credit card or electronic funds transfer may enter your gift online at [www.dioceseoflansing.org/appeal](http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/appeal). I encourage every one of our parish households to reflect on the many blessings we have received from the Lord and share these blessings through a generous gift to our DSA.

**Easter Lily Memorial Sale**  
The St. Mark Youth Group will be sponsoring Easter Lilly Memorials to help support their Summer Mission Trip. Orders will be taken March 12th and March 21st please see the table in the gathering space. All memorials will go to help decorate our church for the Easter Season. Honor a loved one and help with sending our youth to become Missionary Disciples.

**Writing Checks**  
Please make all checks out to St. Mark, especially those going to different collections. We cannot cash checks made out to anyone other than St. Mark. We combine all monies for these collections and send on as requested. Thank you.

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**Week March 6 —March 12**  
**Mon:** Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38, **Tue:** Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12, **Wed:** Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28, **Thu:** Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31, **Fri:** Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46, **Sat:** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32, **Sun:** Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

**AFTERWORD....Fr. Dave Howell**  
**THE SCRUTINIES** ...There are three cycles to the Lectionary, Cycles A-B & C. Cycle A, which we are using this year, it provides the Scripture that were used in the days Lent was taking shape. (Sometime in the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> centuries.) Just as Lent evolved as a time of preparation for the reception of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist on Holy Saturday, the readings for Lent were chosen with those same Sacraments in mind. The Third, Fourth & Fifth Sundays of Lent are Scrutiny Sundays. The Gospel of each Sunday Liturgy is from John and each invites both our catechumen and the whole assembly to look at, to scrutinize our lives through the lens of the Gospel. The Gospel of the Third Sunday is from John 4 and tells the story of the nameless woman of Samaria who meets Jesus at Jacob’s Well at the Samaritan town of Shechem. An outcast among her own people, she comes seeking water to quench her thirst. It was at the well she encounters Jesus who offers her living water. In her conversation with Jesus, she finds the One who is able to satisfy her deepest thirsts that go far beyond water. To prepare for Sunday, those chosen for the Easter Sacraments are invited to reflect on the deepest desire of our hearts and how these might be satisfied by Christ.

**SCRUTINY EXPERIENCE** ... For the next three Wednesdays, after our simple Soup Supper at 6 pm and Stations at 6:30 pm, our catechumen and their sponsors will spend an hour in preparation for Sunday’s Gospel The experience is open to the catechumen, their sponsors **and anyone** who would like to participate. All you need to do is show up! I would ask participants to “fast from drinking” anything for a few hours on Wednesday, March 8, in preparation for the reflection.

**DIFFERENT VOICES...** This Lent we are going to continue to add to our experience of the Stations of the Cross on Wednesday evening. Each week as we pray the Stations, we will stop at one of them and one of our parishioners will offer their personal reflection on what that station means to him or her. This coming Wednesday, March 8, Vince Maysura will share his reflection with us Join us in church or on line for the Stations on Wednesday evenings of Lent starting at 7 pm.

Fr. Dave Howell



Rite of Election 2023 with Bishop Boyea  
St. Mark Catechumens and Candidates