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13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 2nd, 2023

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
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Conference Line Phone Number
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What's happening at St. Mark this week
MONDAY, July 3
9:30 a.m. — Mass — +James B Kaczorowski/Harvey & Ann Marie Yee
TUESDAY, July 4—Parish Office Closed
6:30 p.m. — Mass — +Lillian & Roy Carter/Carter Boys
WEDNESDAY, July 5
9:00 a.m. — Garden Angels
10:00 a.m. — AA
6:00—8:00 p.m. — Summer Youth Group
THURSDAY, July 6
6:30 p.m. — Better Together Marriage Session/Zoom
FRIDAY, July 7
8:30 a.m. — Mass — +Sally Mokris/Linda Saturnino
9:00 a.m. — St. Joseph Guild
9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. — First Friday Eucharistic Adoration
SATURDAY, July 8
7:00—8:00 a.m. — Men's Fellowship
4:30—5:00 p.m. — Confessions
5:30 p.m. — Mass — +Joyce Maysura/Ron & Sharon Roberts
SUNDAY, July 9—Family Promise Week
9:30 a.m. — Mass — +Bob Daunt/Mary Hynes

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Ron’s Thoughts...

If you haven’t picked it up yet, you know one of the greatest roles in my life is being a dad. I have often been criticized because I will put my kids and their lives first before many other things in my life. Even in my ministry life I will often miss a meeting because I refuse to miss one of their activities. I love being a dad and that comes first.

Jesus concluded his Sermon on the Mount in the Gospel of Matthew by sending out his Apostles to do his work of building the kingdom – bringing the Good news to others. He challenged them in many ways and said that nothing else comes before serving him. In Matthew 10 he says, “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow me is not worthy of me.” This kind of conflicts with my priorities in life, my kids. But this isn’t the point of what Jesus is saying. Yes, when following him there are many things we give up, there are many relationships that are abandoned and yes, our priority list does change. He is challenging us here to make God #1 and all else flows from that passion for God.

My passion for making God #1 in my life guides every role I have, whether it is as a dad, a minister, a friend, a son, a brother, etc. At the heart of what it takes to be the best version of myself in these different roles is beginning with God first. It isn’t that I value other people more than I value God. It is God first that helps me to value the people in my life. It is putting God first that helps me to be the dad I can be. I might put my kids and their lives first, but really it is putting them second, because without God my relationships would suffer. So today let’s think about what matters most and what our priorities are. Begin with God first and all else flows.... Walk the talk. Be Peace!

D-Ron (rkenney@stmarkgoodrich.org)

Adult Faith Formation

- **Men’s Fellowship** –1st Saturday of each month, 7-8am, Join other Men of St. Mark in prayer, fellowship, and growth as we strive to become Men of Faith. All men are invited. Next: 8-5-23.

Summer Youth Group Looking Ahead....

- **Summer Youth Group!** Wednesdays 6-8pm meet at the Pavilion. All 6th-12th graders invited (6th grade in Fall of 2023) FUN PRAYER PIZZA! Bring \$3 for pizza.
- **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

FAMILY PROMISE

Family Promise is a non-profit organization that brings communities together to help families, experiencing homelessness regain their housing, their independence, and their dignity. Working together, they provide temporary housing, meals, and services. They mentor families experiencing homelessness. They teach financial literacy. They help find jobs and affordable housing. They create programs to meet specific needs in their communities. St. Mark and Goodrich United Methodist Church team up with Family Promise efforts in our area. Family Promise provides an RV Unit that will be parked in our parking lot July 9-23, 2023. The family housed only uses the RV for housing during the evening to morning hours. Meals are provided by team churches (St. Mark, Goodrich United Methodist and St. Andrew Episcopal). The family is transported to Flint each morning where Family Promise then works with the family to help them become independent. What a great opportunity for us as a community to reach beyond our own backyard to help others. Please pray for the family and all those helping during this time. We have enough help at this point but will participate again in the future.

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.



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Parish Office - Closed July 4th

The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th in observance of The Fourth of July.

Looking for something good to read this summer?

Check out the books in the breezeway between the church and Parish Center, which any parishioner may borrow.

Plan Ahead....Soul Surfing Mondays! (VBS sort of...)



All Pre-school through 5th graders are invited for Soul Surfing Mondays, July 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st from 6:00-7:30pm for some summer Fun and Faith. Please sign up at www.stmarkgoodrich.org.

Summer Scripture Days

AUGUST 22-24, 2023

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Week July 3 —July 9

Mon: Eph 2:19-22; Jn 20:24-29, **Tue:** Gn 19:15-29; Mt 8:23-27,**Wed:** Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Mt 8:28-34, **Thu:** Gn 22:1b-19; Mt 9:1-8, **Fri:** Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Mt 9:9-13, **Sat:** Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Mt 9:14-17, **Sun:** Zec 9:9-10; Mt 11:25-30

AFTERWORD....Fr. Dave Howell

THE UNKNOWN ...My experience of being a cancer patient has been a journey into the unknown. Again and again people will ask if I am able to go somewhere or be available for an event on this day or that; all I can say is: “I hope so!” By the time you read this, I will be half way through my 20 days of radiation. I began to feel some of its side effects after the first week and they have grown through the second week. The biggest one is tiredness. As happened in the latter sessions of chemo I find I am napping more, which makes me grateful for the drivers who take me to and from my daily treatments. The routine is about 45 minutes down to the Brighton Clinic, about a half an hour for the treatment and a 45 minute drive back. But when I get back to Goodrich, despite Rusty’s enthusiastic greeting, I head to the chair in the living room for a nap! That can last from 30 to as many as 90 minutes depending on what the weather is like. The chemo has brought its own set of problems. In any case I keep reminding myself that this is only temporary and will all be different soon. In the meantime, I continue to be grateful for your prayers and good wishes. Being with you for the Liturgies each week is a great motivation to get better and stronger.

THE HOLY LAND & JORDAN ... I had scheduled a pilgrimage to the Holy Land (Israel, the West Bank and Jordan) for November. Then I was diagnosed with cancer. Treatment has taken longer than I had expected and it became difficult to ask people to make a final payment before it was certain that I would be in good health and able to lead the journey. My tumor was removed at the end of May and I am receiving chemo & radiation to make sure the cancer is gone. My strength and stamina improves each day, so I have talked to the travel agent and reservations are being made for next May. We are waiting to hear from the company in Israel that makes our hotel and travel reservations for the final figures, but the pilgrimage is expected to cost about \$4,999 per person. With air fare, that cost will increase, but the amount covers all tips & fees. Some have asked me about the cost, which is higher than similar journeys. Part of the reason it is a bit more expensive is that it is longer than most pilgrimages. It includes an extra day in Israel to allow more time at each place we visit. It also includes all the meals plus the trip to Jordan. My task on the pilgrimage is to plan and celebrate Liturgies at the various sites we will visit. Although we have a local guide for all the places we will visit, I will prepare the Scriptural background for each day and add to the commentary on the various sites we will visit. (My goal is always to make it the spiritual experience of a lifetime for all who make the pilgrimage.) If you have any questions, you can contact me at dfrhowell@gmail.com

Fr. Dave Howell