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**The
Transfiguration
of the Lord**
August 6th, 2023

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Conference Line Phone Number
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What's happening at St. Mark this week
MONDAY, August 7
9:30 a.m. — Mass — +Jerry Scannell/Karen Mackey
TUESDAY, August 8
6:30 p.m. — Mass — +Mark McElrath/Kelly Alford
WEDNESDAY, August 9
9:30 a.m. — Garden Angels
10:00 a.m. — AA
6:00 p.m. — Summer Youth Group
THURSDAY, August 10
No Parish Activities
FRIDAY, August 11
8:30 a.m. — Mass — +Bruce Alford/Kelly Alford
9:00 a.m. — St. Joseph Guild
SATURDAY, August 12 — Mission Appeal Weekend
9:00 a.m. — Better Together Marriage Session—Zoom
4:30—5:00 p.m. — Confessions
5:30 p.m. — Mass — Anniversary of Cal & Margaret Story/ Margaret Story
SUNDAY, August 13 — Mission Appeal Weekend
9:30 a.m. — Mass — +Christine Schilling/Christine's Family

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Ron’s Thoughts...

Being in my line of work I often get questions about life and faith and what all this means. People want the answer, and they think because I have spent my life surrounded by faith experiences that I might have some insight. I don’t know if I have any greater insight than the next person, but I do know this, GOD GIVES MEANING AND PURPOSE TO MY LIFE. When the question comes my way, I just say, “Life is about Jesus Christ. It begins with Jesus and ends with Jesus. Anything and everything that matters flows from Him and returns to Him.” This is the fundamental message of Christianity.

Today we reflect on the Transfiguration of Jesus. When Jesus brought Peter, James, and John up that mountain, he met with Moses and Elijah. These were two of the most important people of the Hebrew Scriptures. Moses was the great Law Giver. The first five books of the Bible, the Torah, were attributed to Moses. Elijah was the greatest of the prophets. He was the prophet who never died but was taken up into heaven by the fiery chariot of God. Many believed that Elijah had returned in the person of John the Baptist. And there, on that mountain, the disciples witnessed Jesus’ meeting with Moses and Elijah. Why? Why did they meet? What could they have been discussing? Certainly, the voice from heaven told the disciples what they needed to hear, “This is my Beloved Son in Whom I am well pleased. LISTEN TO HIM.”

And so, I go back to my answer to the questions posed about life and faith. Jesus is the center of history. He is the center of the universe. Everything that matters flows from Him and points to Him. Jesus is the way to find meaning and purpose to your life. Walk the talk. Be Peace!
D-Ron (rkenney@stmarkgoodrich.org)

St. Mark Faith Formation

Looking ahead.... We will begin registration soon but please mark your calendars for our first sessions: ALL REGISTRATION will be done online at www.stmarkgoodrich.org go to Faith Formation.

- **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 sessions. BEGINS SEPTEMBER 24th FAMILY ORIENTATION MEETING in the church 11am.
- **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 1st
- **First Reconciliation/Eucharist and Confirmation Prep** will be separate with Saturday Mini Sessions for First Rec/Euch 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.
- **St. Mark and Holy Family Confirmation Program** – NEW THIS YEAR we will be combining our Confirmation Prep with our sister parish Holy Family. MINI Sessions will be divided between St. Mark and Holy Family. The program is open to 8th and 9th graders this year. An orientation meeting for parents and youth will be October 1st @ 6:30pm at Holy Family.

Men’s & Women’s Retreats: Retreat for Revival, St. Francis Retreat Center, Dewitt, MI

First Women’s Retreats: Sept. 15-17, Oct. 6-8, Oct. 27-29, more dates online! The retreat will explore several aspects of the Eucharist from its Jewish roots through how the Eucharist is meant to transform every one of us. These weekend retreats, in addition to those talks, will have normal opportunities for Mass, Reconciliation, and a special focus on Eucharistic Adoration. Suggested donation is \$200.00. To register or find more information www.stfrancis.ws/weekend-retreats.

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: 9-2-23.

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 26th, 6am-12pm. All young people and families are welcome to join us. Sign up by emailing D-Ron rkenney@stmarkgoodrich.org

Preschool Aide, Holy Family School, Grand Blanc

Holy Family School is accepting applications for part-time teacher’s aides beginning in August 2023 during the hours from 7:45am - 11:15am, Monday - Thursday or Monday - Friday. To learn more about our amazing school, please visit our website: <https://hfs.gb.org>. Qualifications: Candidates must be at least 19 years old with a high school diploma, preferably with childcare experience and must be someone who is of dependable, responsible, team-oriented character and have a passion for working with children of all developmental levels. Complete background check, CPR/First Aid Training (School will provide.), proper immunization and medical requirements required, complete Virtus Protecting God’s Children certification, and any other training as required by State of Michigan Licensing for child care centers. Responsibilities: Be a positive role model of the school and Catholic faith community. Assist the lead teacher in promoting a faith-filled environment, providing academic, emotional, and social experiences for these young learners. Follow confidentiality requirements regarding children and families. Please go to the Diocese of Lansing website: <https://dioceseoflansing.org> to submit the online application along with a cover letter, resume and transcripts.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

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 D-Ron at Rkenney@stmarkgoodrich.org.

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Family Picnic Weekend - August 25-27

Come one, come all and enjoy a fun faith and family filled weekend! Kicking off the festivities is the movie Monsters Inc. on Friday August 25 at dusk. Saturday features live music with Mexican cuisine available for purchase after the 5:30 p.m. Mass. Outdoor Mass is at 11:00 a.m. followed by a picnic, raffle drawing, bounce house and dunking a Deacon for dollars.

St. Mark Mission Appeal 2023 - August 12-13

The Diocese of Lansing participates annually in the Missionary Cooperative Program (MCA), inviting every parish to host a guest speaker from a missionary parish, religious order or lay missionary organization, during the summer months. Through the MCA, donations directly assist missionaries in their efforts to evangelize, form holy vocations, build congregations, and propagate the faith in various countries around the world. This next weekend St. Mark will be hosting Fr. Brian Barrons, to preach a mission appeal for the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers. It is our sincere hope that the faithful of St. Mark may feel this mission work to be their very own and may open their hearts to such vast and profound human needs and may come to their assistance. Pope Francis calls us all to support the work of missions around the world and it is our Baptismal Call to respond to the needs of our brothers and sisters in Christ. Your gifts and your prayers will be a blessing to families who benefit from this loving outreach in mission countries. There will be a second collection and envelopes provided next weekend.

Week August 7 —August 13

Mon: Nm 11:4b-15; Mt 14:13-21, **Tue:** Nm 12:1-13; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14, **Wed:** Nm 13:1-2, 25 – 14:1, 26a-29a, 34-35; Mt 15:21-28, **Thu:** 2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26, **Fri:** Dt 4:32-40; Mt 16:24-28, **Sat:** Dt 6:4-13; Mt 17:14-20, **Sun:** 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Mt 14:22-33


AFTERWORD....Fr. Dave Howell

WE INTERRUPT THIS SEASON!! ... So, today should have been the 19th Sunday of the Church Year, but our counted Sundays get interrupted by the celebration of the Transfiguration. While many folks don’t realize it, it is such an important event in the Gospel that we celebrate it twice each year. The first time is the Second Sunday of Lent and the other time is the Feast of the Transfiguration on August 6. In some countries this is a holy day and even a public holiday. It’s important enough to the Christian Community that it preempts the regular schedule when it falls on a Sunday. So what makes it so important? The transfiguration of Jesus occurs as Jesus begins his last journey to Jerusalem where he will suffer, die and rise. In the Gospels of Matthew, Mark & Luke, Jesus has made it clear (3 times) that he will suffer, die and rise. On their journey south to those fateful events, Jesus takes Peter, James & John up to Mt. Tabor. There they see him as he will be after the resurrection. It is a glimpse of not just what he will be, but also of what we will be as we pass through death to risen life. It is an image that is important enough that we commemorate it twice each year. It gives us an image of our own future. It’s good to keep that image in mind.

THE HOLY LAND & JORDAN ... I have preliminary prices for a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Jordan next spring. The dates are May 7–24, 2024. Unfortunately, the prices came back higher than I had anticipated. Since the pandemic there are fewer hotels, higher airfare and overall price inflation. I am still waiting for a final price, but I thought I would let you know, that it still is my intent to follow through on the pilgrimage. Part of the reason it will be more expensive is that it is longer than most similar trips and the final price will include all fees, tips and all meals. The question I am asked most often is: Is it safe to go there. My answer is that it is very safe. Yes, there have been terrorist attacks but none of them have involved pilgrims or tours. In addition, I always ask that we use a Palestinian bus & driver and patronize Palestinian restaurants as much as possible. Since pilgrims & tourists are so important to the local economy, I have never had any concern about safety in the other six times I have been there. 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 interest or questions, you can contact me at dfhrhowell@gmail.com

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