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Address: 7296 Gale Rd. – Grand Blanc, MI 48439 – Parish Office phone: (810) 636-2216
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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)

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."

September 15, 2024

PARISH PASTORAL MINISTERS:
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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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What's happening at St. Mark this week
MONDAY, September 16
9:30 a.m. — Mass — Special Intention for Genora Halligan/Jacobs Family
7:00 p.m. — Stump the Chump/Parish Center
TUESDAY, September 17
10:00 a.m. — Prayer Shawl Ministry
6:30 p.m. — Mass — +Maggie Horan/Kelly Alford
7:00 p.m. — Parish Commission Meeting
WEDNESDAY, September 18
9:00 a.m. — Garden Angels
10:00 a.m. — AA
6:30 p.m. — Confirmation Parent/Student Orientation Meeting @HF
THURSDAY, September 19
7:00 p.m. — Choir
FRIDAY, September 20
8:30 a.m. — Mass — +Bridget Charlesworth/Nancy Ellis
9:00 a.m. — SJG
SATURDAY, September 21
1:30 p.m. — Wedding — Gandolfo/Deeds
4:30—5:00 p.m. — Confessions
5:30 p.m. — Mass — +Cheryl Balcom/Dave & Lori Amos
SUNDAY, September 22
9:30 a.m. — Mass & CLW — +Robert Hanba/Sally Fumich
10:30 a.m. — Men's Club Chicken Dinner
10:45 a.m. — A & E Meeting
12:30 p.m. — Baptism Carroll/Thelen

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Ron’s Thoughts...

I came to church last week for the first time after my surgery. What a wonderful parish family this is! Thank you for the well wishes and prayers during my recovery. I won’t be on the altar for a few more weeks, but I do plan to be around.

At our staff meeting this week I shared with the staff that this is going slower than I thought. To which the good senior priest chuckled with a, “I told you so.” The recovery is going well. My doctor and Physical Therapist are both encouraged and happy with my progress. I guess my impatience has gotten the best of me. I know my ailment is something that will slow me down for a bit and I need to just be patient and let time heal. But that is the hard part. Yes, I am one those people that want it to happen right now!

So, it is with the journey of faith. When we are on this journey of getting to know God, learning about what God wants of us, understanding the path God is leading us down, we sometimes get frustrated when things don’t happen RIGHT NOW! Patience is the key. But “keeping at it” is even more important. Like the Physical Therapy that is so important to my recovery, working at our relationship with God and doing something every day, praying, reading scripture, attending mass, is only going to help you along the way.

Whether it is a physical journey of healing or a spiritual journey of healing. Keep at it! And yes, one day we will get there! Walk the talk. Be Peace! D-Ron

St. Mark Youth Group Kick-off!

All 6th -12th graders are invited for our Youth Group Kick-off on Sunday, October 6th, 5-6:30pm. Join us for Fun, Faith and Friends! Come and meet Brittany our new Youth Minister!

St. Mark Faith Formation

- 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 29th 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 6th
- First Reconciliation/Eucharist Prep will be separate with Saturday Mini Sessions for First Rec/Euch. All Sacrament Candidates are required to attend Family Faith Formation.
- St. Mark and Holy Family Confirmation Program – The program is open to 8th and 9th graders this year. An orientation meeting for parents and youth will be September 18th @ 6:30pm at Holy Family. Registration for Confirmation will be on the Holy Family Website. (<https://hfgb.org/sacraments/confirmation/>)

Parish Dinner—October 5

Join your parish family for a delicious meal of pasta, meatballs, salad, garlic bread and desserts after Mass on Saturday, October 5. Please sign up in the gathering space or contact the Parish Office.


Blessing of the Pets

Bring your pets to our special blessing ceremony, Sunday, October 6th at 12:00 p.m. The blessing will take place in our Peace Prayer Garden at St. Mark.

September Social Justice Project

It's Back to School time and the Social Justice Commission, in conjunction with our local schools, is taking donations to purchase needed school supplies the weekend of September 14-15 and 21-22. A table and envelopes are set up in the church vestibule. Thank you for your support.

For Peace; for Women/Men in the Military Service

 CW2 J Gillett; Maj. S Halleaux; Maj. C Kaighen; S/Sgt. D Kendall; Cpl Greg Misiak, Sgt. Aaron Boyle, A1c Zackary Hosang.

OCIA! (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults)

If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith and maybe taking the journey of becoming a full member through the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation, join us Wednesday, September 25th @ 6:30pm in the Parish Center for an information meeting. Please contact D-Ron for info or to sign up for the meeting.

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St. Mark’s Men’s Club Drive thru Chicken Dinner

When: Sunday, Sept. 22—10:30am-12:00pm. Where: St. Mark’s Parking Lot, Pavilion Area. Menu: 1/2 Barbecue Chicken, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Cornbread and a Cookie. Cost: \$13 per dinner, pay cash, or credit card at pick-up. Reservations: You must reserve your dinners. Please sign up in the Gathering Space. Thank you for your continued support.

Moms of Young Children Play Group

Holy Family and St. Mark have a group called Mom’s of Young Children Play Group. Come and enjoy meeting other moms while your children play. It’s a “play date” for moms! There are several things going on in September. They will meet Saturday, September 21st for an end of summer picnic (see details on FB) @ Rust Park. Bring your own basket from 2-5 pm. Also meet on Friday, September 27th at Porter’s Orchard for an Apple Pick at 10:00 a.m. If you have any questions contact Stephanie Robinson at (586) 899-9084. For information on meetups or for cancellations visit our FB <https://www.facebook.com/groups/847058047098859>

St. Mark’s Grief Journey

The loss of someone we love is a heavy burden to bear. If you are struggling to cope with the loss of a parent, spouse, child, sibling, or friend, you are welcome to join our next six-week Grief Journey. Whether your loss is recent, or whether it was several months or years ago, all who grieve are encouraged to attend. Sessions begin September 30th, and continue every Monday morning following the 9:30 Mass, through Nov. 4th. 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.

Euchre—September 27

The next Friday morning Euchre tournament is September 27th at 10:00 a.m. For more information please contact Bonnie Gaineey [@bsgaineey01@aol.com](mailto:bsgaineey01@aol.com).

Week September 16—September 22

Mon: 1 Corinthians 11:17-26, 33, Luke 7:1-10, **Tue:** 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27-31a, Luke 7:11-17, **Wed:** 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13, Luke 7:31-35, **Thu:** 1 Corinthians 15:1-11, Luke 7:36-50, **Fri:** 1 Corinthians 15:12-20, Luke 8:1-3, **Sat:** Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13, Matthew 9:9-13, **Sun:** 2:12, 17-20, Mark 9:30-37

AFTERWORD....Fr. Dave Howell

WINE, CHEESE & QUESTIONS... It was Juliet who asked (in Romeo & Juliet) “A rose, by any other name would smell as sweet?” It was suggested that perhaps I could come up with a better name than Stump the Chump, so that is my alternative. In any case, the first name probably better explains the purpose of Monday evenings’ gathering. Folks are invited to bring their favorite beverage and a snack to share along with whatever questions they may have about the Church, theology, Scripture or whatever. It’s informal and open to anyone who would like to participate. I can’t promise to always have the answer, but I will do my best and, if necessary, I will do some research afterward to provide answers. Our first gathering is Monday, Sept 16 at 7 pm in the hall. Just bring your questions, a beverage of choice (we’ll have decaf coffee & tea) and something to share.

A POWERFUL PRAYER ...Beginning with the Bible, there are an amazing number of books of prayer that have influenced people of faith down through the centuries. Perhaps one of the most famous modern prayers was written by a twentieth-century theologian named Reinhold Niebuhr. He used it in a sermon in 1926. It’s called the Serenity Prayer. The great insight of the prayer is that it is both a request of God and a challenge to the one who prays it. Read it carefully and, I think, you will understand why I appreciate its hope and its challenge.

The Serenity Prayer
God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change,
Courage to change the things I can,
and the wisdom to know the difference.
Living one day at a time;
Enjoying one moment at a time;
Accepting hardship as the pathway to peace.
Taking, as He did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it.
Trusting that He will make all things right if I surrender to His Will;
That I may be reasonably happy in this life, and supremely happy with Him forever in the next.
Amen
Reinhold Niebuhr (1926)
Fr. Dave Howell

Our Lady of the Woods Shrine Tour

Holy Redeemer Council of Catholic Women is hosting a bus trip to Our Lady of the Woods Shrine in Mio, MI on Saturday, October 5, 2024. Cost: \$45 per person Includes: bus ticket, luncheon at Shrine, Mass and tour of the Shrine grounds. Gift shop on grounds – cash purchases only. Bus leaving Holy Redeemer Catholic Church parking lot 8:00 am – returning approximately 5:00 p.m. Deadline to purchase tickets: October 1st Bus limited to 55 seats. Checks to be made payable to: HRCCW-Contact Maria Brown at 810-877-8283 to purchase tickets or for more information.