

## JULY 10, 2022 | THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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### **OFFICE HOURS**

Tuesday - Thursday | 8:30 am - 2:30 pm Friday | 8:30 am-12:00 pm

#### MASS SCHEDULE

Video Mass is available each weekend on the Website. WEEKDAY MASSES:

Wednesday | 12:00 Noon Thursday | 9:00 am Friday | 9:00 am followed by Rosary. Exposition on First Friday of the Month First Saturday of the Month | 9:00 am WEEKEND MASSES: Saturday | 4:00 pm

Sunday | 8:00 am, 10:30 am

CHAPEL Every Day 6:30 am—6:30 pm

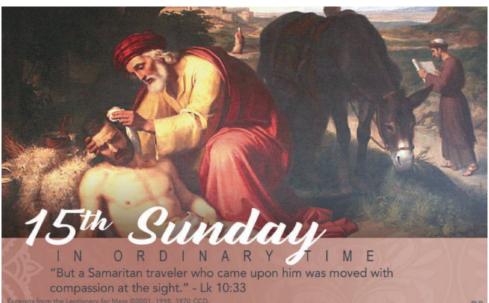
CONFESSION Saturday | 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm Other | By appointment

### MARRIAGE

Marriage Requirements at least six months in advance: Contact Fr. Sullivan, 205-980-1810, ext. 2 to arrange meeting.

BAPTISM

Contact the Parish Office at 205-980-1810 ext. 1



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YouTube.com | "Saint Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church"
Instagram | @saintmarkevangelist

#### YOUTH SOCIAL MEDIA

Facebook.com | "Saint Mark the Evangelist Youth" Instagram | @stmark.youthgroups

New Parishioner Registration | stmarkrc.org/registration Donate Online | membership.faithdirect.net/AL414



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### **MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR**

We welcome Mr. Adam Sellers, a seminarian for our Diocese, to the Parish this Summer. He will be here for 6-8 weeks. He will be writing an article for the Bulletin each week while he is here. Those articles will take the place of my letter.

In the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, Jesus is asked the same question that he was asked today in the Gospel of Luke and that is, "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" We see in the other two Gospels that Jesus answers the question by quoting Deuteronomy 6:5, on Loving God with all your heart and Leviticus 19:18, on loving your neighbor. But in today's Gospel, Jesus answers that question with a question. He asks, "what is written in the law?" The man immediately answers by quoting Deuteronomy 6:5 and after the man finishes quoting it Jesus' simple answer is, "do this and you will live."

The man then poses another question for Jesus, "who is my neighbor?" Even though this might have been an insincere question, Jesus responds beautifully with the parable of the Good Samaritan which is only found in the Gospel of Luke. In this parable, we see a man left for dead on the side of the road to Jericho and two religious people pass him before the third comes along who is a Samaritan. The Samaritan, who is considered an Israelite's most hated enemy, not only goes over to the man, but cleans his wounds and then takes him to a nearby Inn and promises to pay for his expenses. The hated enemy is the compassionate neighbor in the parable.

Jesus demolishes all boundaries whether it be class, religion, ethnicity, or gender that determines our neighbor. A neighbor is someone who loves like the Christ loves. We are called to love and show compassion to all regardless if they are worthy of our love or not. We know what to do, but the key is to do it.

We have enjoyed having Mr. Adam Sellers, a seminarian for our Diocese, in the Parish the past seven weeks. This is his last weekend in the Parish. He will be taking a few weeks to be with his family before he returns to the seminary. If you would like to stay in touch with him, his address is 7625 North High Street, Columbus, OH 43235

## **NEWS AND UPDATES**

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## **OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

We the members and families of Saint Mark the Evangelist, a Roman Catholic Church in the Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama, are a Eucharistic community rooted in the Word of God responding to God's call by:

Glorifying God by proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ by word and deed in our daily lives,

Serving one another within and outside the Parish community especially those needing an advocate,

Forming the community spiritually through worship, prayer and education at all stages of life,

Including all, omitting none, with Christ-like love and understanding,

Being good stewards of the gifts given to us and seeking to use them wisely, to live as the body of Christ with Mary, the Mother of God, as our model on our journey of faith.

## **FINANCIAL COLLECTIONS**

FOR THE WEEKEND OF 06/26/2022

Weekly Offertory	
Building Fund	\$14,249
Holy Days	
Total Collection	\$40,334
YEAR TO DATE	
Weekly Offertory	\$521,211
Building Fund	\$365,917
Holy Days	\$11,446
Total Collection	
Budget	\$871,869
Parish Debt—New PLC BLDG	
Stained Glass Project Donations	\$125,600

Faith Direct is an easy and convenient way to give your tithe, see the Bulletin cover for our Faith Direct link. You can also give by dropping off your donation at the Parish Office, mailing to our P.O. Box (see

Bulletin cover), or text a dollar amount to 205-318-2640.

## Thank you for your continued generous giving!

## SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks, "Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers' victim?" The scholar of the law answered, "The one who treated him with mercy." Jesus said, "Go and do likewise." This week you can treat the poor "with mercy" by putting a gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box.

## **COMMUNION TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND**

If you or a loved one is unable to attend Mass, but would like to receive Communion, please call the Parish Office at 205-980-1810 extension 6 or email Sr. Margaret Mary Liang at pastoralcare@stmarkrc.org.

### **FLOWER DONATIONS**

If you would like to donate flowers for the altar, Mary, or Joseph to honor a loved one, please contact Allison Creel at 205-222-0211 or saintmarksflowers@gmail.com.

## **PRAYER LIST**

Larry Angell Joseph Amari Jane Arrington Kim Bach Virginia Bayless Louise Callen Les Currie Hope DeFalco Penny Downes Mike Edwards Justin Ferlitto Tony Foster Sandra Haralson Bob Janert Barbara Jones Sandra Kacmarcik Eve Kahn Bob Kelley Susann Kircher Theresa LoMonaco Kathy Lupenski Dan McGettigan Marietta Molay Nevin Newton Viv Norris

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## READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, July 11 Is 1:10-17/Mt 10:34-11:1 Tuesday, July 12 ls 7:1-9/Mt 11:20-24 Wednesday, July 13 12:00 pm Mass <sup>†</sup> Sharon Henderson Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Mt 11:25-27 Thursday, July 14 9:00 am Mass † Anne Muscat Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Mt 11:28-30 Friday, July 15 9:00 am Mass † Tommy Latsis Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Mt 12:1-8 Saturday, July 16 4:00 pm Mass † Leonard Rose Next Sunday, July 17 8:00 am Mass † Joseph Kolar 10:30 am Mass † People of the Parish Gn 18:1-10a/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42

## **NEWS AND UPDATES**

Combine your faith and career at EWTN! We have the following positions available:

Administrative Assistant, Cash Management Specialist, Payroll Assistant, HR Generalist, Marketing Support Manager, Customer Service Representative, Printing & Mailing Specialist, Program Scheduling Assistant, IT Support Technician (Tier II), Jr. Network & Systems Administrator, Sr. Network & Systems Administrator, Traffic Assistant – Entry-Level, will train, Custodian

For information on job requirements, go to <u>https://www.ewtn.com/employment</u>. Please email cover letter, salary requirements & resume to <u>hu-manresources@ewtn.com</u>



Saint Mark's Knights of Columbus Council #13446 will have their July monthly meeting on Sunday, July 10th, starting with our social meal from 5:00 to

6:00 pm, with the regular meeting beginning at 7:00 pm. All Knights are encouraged to attend.



### Supporting the Mission:

Currently, we are accepting donations of nonperishable grocery items, clothing, monetary support, and select items

of furniture. Donations may be brought to the Mission during service hours, Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 8:30 AM - 1 PM. For additional information, please contact us at (205) 685-5757.

## Urgently Needed Items:

Food & Grocery

- jelly, breakfast items, jar sauces, rice, baked beans, cream soups, condiments, personal care items (soap, shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, etc.), diapers size 3 & up, pull-ups and wipes,

### Gas Cards

- to help clients drive to the Mission for food **Clothing** 

### Women:

- underwear (prefer new) sizes 4,5,6 & 8, shorts size 18 & larger **Girls/Juniors**:

- pajamas all sizes, pre-teen underwear (prefer new) size 10 & up **Boys:** 

- shorts sizes 5, 6 & 8, tennis shoes & sandals

### Men:

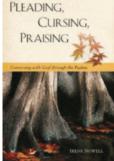
- tennis shoes, shorts sizes 28-34, pants length 32 and up, underwear all sizes (prefer new)



**Isaiah: The Fifth Gospel---**By any measure the book of Isaiah is among the world's greatest works of religious literature. It probes the mystery of a people's life with God. The early church used the poetic songs of Isaiah's Suffering Servant to interpret the passion and death of Jesus. Readings from the prophet Isaiah are proclaimed during Advent, Christmas, and Holy Week because of the book's striking messages of both challenge and hope. Even the book of Revelation echoes the prophet Isaiah with images of a new heaven and a new earth, and the beauty of the heavenly Jerusalem.

Come join us as we study this beautiful book from the Old Testament! One class will start on Wednesdays from 10:00 -11:45 am beginning Aug. 17 thru Nov. 9, and another on Thursdays from 6:00-7:45 pm beginning Aug.18 thru Nov. 10 in the St. Mark's Room. You will need a \$10 commentary for

either class that will be ordered for you at registration. Please register by emailing Sr. Madeline at <u>SrMadeline@stmarkrc.org</u> or calling at 205-980-1810, ext. 3. Deadline for registration is August 1.



### Fall 2022 Women's Bible Study: Conversing with God Using the Psalms

Want to learn more about the Church's Prayerbook, the Psalms? Please join us as we use Sister Irene Nowell's popular book, *Pleading, Cursing, Praising: Conversing with God Through the Psalms.* Sister Irene maintains that the psalms teach us to tell our story, to cry out our pain, and to give praise to God. They also teach us to listen - to the voice of God, the voice of Christ, the voices of the people around us, and the voice of all creation. This book includes questions and exercises for personal reflection, brief prayers for praying along the way, and suggestions for composing one's own psalm-prayers. It promises to enrich the spiritual life of everyone who reads it.

The Women's Group will meet on Tuesdays at 10:00 -11:30 am in the Conference Room, from Sept 6 thru Nov 1. The group is limited to 20 participants. Please register by emailing Sr Madeline at <u>SrMadeline@stmarkrc.org</u> or calling her at 205-980-1810, ext. 3. Books will be ordered with registration. Registration deadline is August 8.

# YOUTH ACTIVITIES

## It's Time to Register for Parish School of Religion



An information and registration session is being offered the weekend of July 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> in the Youth Center Social Hall following each Mass. Please take time to stop by and register your child(ren) for the upcoming 2022-23 PSR year. With an increase in numbers, it will be very helpful for us to determine if there is a need for additional weekday sessions and catechists. We thank you as your early registration helps us plan and provide appropriately. To learn more, go to stmarkrc.org.

PSR Begins Sunday, August 21st

## Your Help Matters – Learn How You Can Make a Difference

July 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> following each Mass Youth Center Social Hall

### Youth Ministry Volunteers and Core Team Members

You are invited to consider joining with Saint Mark in the important work of Youth Ministry! We are looking for volunteers who value the Faith and to be a part of a team dedicated to helping our youth thrive! In Youth Ministry, we respond to the call of Jesus to "make disciples" (Matt 28:19) in a way that is meaningful and engaging to the youth of today. Would you consider learning more about this important Gospel work?

Come learn more about both individual and "core group" opportunities to serve. Our Youth Minister, Charlotte Sederstrand is looking forward to meeting you!



#### Parish School of Religion Catechists, Aides, and Substitutes

*"Being a catechist is such a rewarding experience"* – a response from so many who have volunteered to serve in this ministry. Have you ever thought about serving the Parish as a Catechist?

At these sessions, there will be opportunity to learn more about being a Catechist here at Saint Mark and the excellent programs that we offer our children through our Parish School of Religion.

Also visit https://sites.google.com/stmarkrc .org/catechist/home.



## An Invitation to Learn More

The Our Lady of Fatima Guild Parish ministry provides youth ministry support, offers family events, and conducts various fundraising efforts throughout the year.

We have awesome plans for the upcoming fall and spring calendar and would love to have you join us in supporting our Parish youth. Our next meeting is Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup> following First Friday Mass.

# LITURGICAL LIFE

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE	Saturday July 16 4:00 PM	Sunday July 17 8:00 AM	Sunday July 17 10:30 AM
ORDINARY MINISTER OF COMMUNION	Deacon Phil Boettcher	Deacon Phil Boettcher	Deacon Phil Boettcher
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF COMMUNION	Barbara Dayton, Jorge Grana, Mike Kantaris, Ann Penton	Holi Mock, Jose Marrero, Jodie James, Bonnie Murphy	Steve Shoemaker, Leonard Mueninghoff, Ana Hall, David Castagnetta
USHERS	Mike Burns, Joe Yost, Pat Kantaris	Chris Moore, Michael Rall	Charles Boyd, Nick Santoro, Paul Roche
LECTOR	Darlene McCulloch – 1 Fred Bisch - 2	Diane Cuicchi – 1 Bob Barron - 2	Christopher Bowers – 1 Lisa Arrington – 2
MASS COORDINATOR	Mike and Pat Kantaris	Jodie James	David and Eleanora Castagnetta
GREETERS	Pat Smith, Rae Sarver	Anthony and Diane Cuicchi	
ALTAR SERVER	Laura Catherine Jackson, Patrick Kelly Jackson, Thomas Joseph Jackson	Ethan Lee	Kim Pham
ALTAR LINENS	Geri Elkourie		
CANTORS	Susan Richards	Allison Creel	Matt Stewart
Invitation to the Order of the Diaconate for Italian American Heritage Society's			

Jacob Daniel Sessions

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THURSDAY, THE TWENTY-NINTH OF SEPTEMBER IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-TWO HALF PAST NINE IN THE MORNING

> ALTAR OF THE CHAIR PAPAL BASILICA OF SAINT PETER

Concelebrating clergy are asked to bring an allo, a cincture, and a white stole.

Join the following pilgrimage to Italy in honor of the Diaconate Ordination of Jacob Daniel Sessions September 20-October 1, 2022 Led by Father John McDonald from Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church. For more information, email info@caravelletours.com or call 305-947-4700.

## talian American Heritage Society



The Italian-American Heritage Society's next meeting will be July 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM. We meet at Our Lady of Sorrows in the Parish Hall. Come join us as we celebrate our shared heritage.

Birmingham, Alabama



August 13, 2022 Danielle DuBose and Matthew Cotter

## **NEWS AND UPDATES**



Have you, or someone you know, ever thought of joining the Catholic Church? Have you been baptized in the Catholic Church but have not received First Eucharist or Confirmation?

Well, R.C.I.A. may be the answer to your questions. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process of spiritual and educational formation for adults who seek to reflect on becoming full members of the Roman Catholic Church through their conversion of mind and heart.

The program this year will begin on Monday, Sept.12 and conclude in May 2023, meeting weekly (with few exceptions). The high point is of course the Great Easter Vigil when those who, after discernment and prayer, are received into the Church.

We will host three information sessions this summer: Sunday, July 17 at 1:00 PM, Saturday, July 30 at 5:30 PM and Monday, August 8 at 6:00 PM, all in the Parish Hall. Meetings will be about 1 hour. If you have a sponsor, please invite them as well. If you have any questions, contact Deacon Phil Boettcher at 205 541 5625, pfboettcher@outlook.com. Looking forward to meeting you.



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