



3rd Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat
along with the hired men and followed him. - Mk 1:20

ST. MARK PARISH



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

In his pastoral note, *Led by the Spirit on Mission*, Archbishop Vigneron writes: "We continue to live the graces of Synod 16, and seek to unleash the Gospel in southeast Michigan. The Blessed Mother remains our guiding star – shining all the brighter when our surroundings are darkest. She is our companion in the work of evangelization. Like those first disciples, we too have been asked to unite and go on mission together in Families of Parishes. Each parish – like each member of our Church – has gifts which contribute to the full flourishing of our Archdiocese. Families of Parishes will begin to take shape on July 1, 2021. By July 2022 all of our parishes will be part of their new Families."

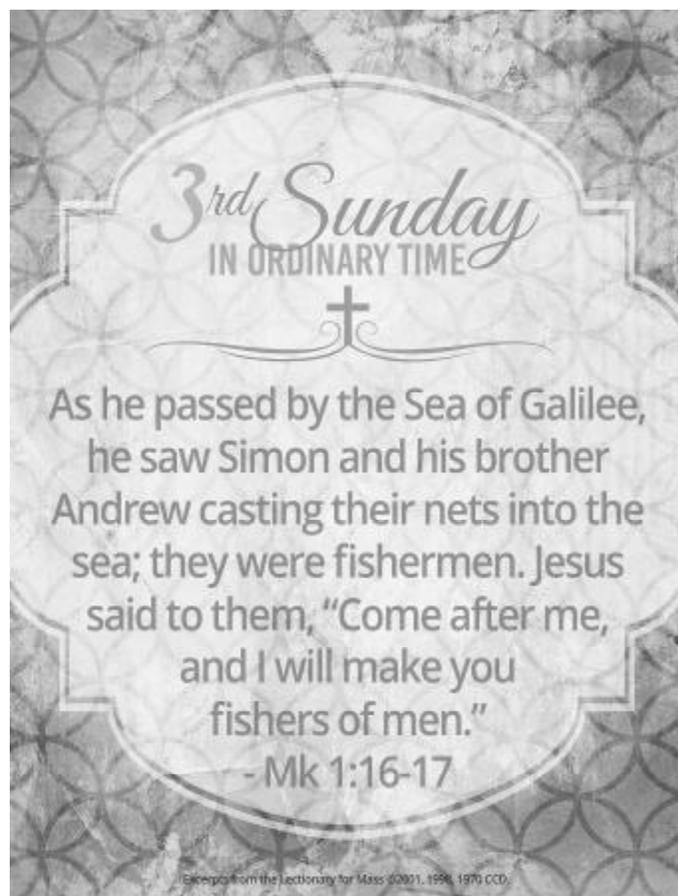
Assigned to Wave 2 – July 1, 2022, St. Mark Parish will join Our Lady of Grace (Vietnamese), St. Anne, St. Faustina, St. Louise de Marillac, and St. Mary, Our Lady Queen of Families. Over the years, we have already collaborated with our neighboring parishes in various areas of evangelization and pastoral activities. We are all sharing in the very mission of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, who has called us to live as His faithful disciples. The Holy Spirit inspires us to be open and to listen to one another, as we learn to enrich each other with spiritual and ministerial wisdom, and together announce the Good News of salvation.

To learn more about the structure of Families of Parishes and other information regarding the transition, visit: www.familiesofparishes.org

In Christ's abundant Life,
Fr. Stanley

MISSION STATEMENT

As the Eucharistic family of St. Mark Parish, we are called to welcome, love and serve. We continue the mission of Jesus Christ: "to transform our lives and believe in the Good News."
(Mark 1:15)



JANUARY 24, 2021

NOTES

Dear Parish Family,

A special thank you to members of our amazing Safety Committee for their help in taking down the Christmas décor. The Norfolk pines which have replaced the Christmas trees have now been with us for the past four years. I found this bit of info interesting – this lively pine looks native to the North Pole, but it actually began as a seed on the far away island of Hawaii. Its tropical roots make it perfectly suited to bring some warmth to the Worship Space. Fr. Stanley has a green thumb or should I say watering can to keep these pines not only alive but flourishing.

CALENDARS ARE HERE!

Our yearly calendars which provide extra information regarding Catholic holidays, Holy Days of Obligation, Saints days, colors and feasts of the liturgical year. These were ordered last July, but unfortunately not delivered until this past week. As with so many delivery delays – we experienced this one. Please take one home with you. There is no charge for these calendars.

GENEROUS BEYOND MEASURE

We are blessed to have so many of you share your treasure with GBM. Thank you to everyone who have contributed to this life line cause! Every dollar makes a difference and we are so grateful. If you have not contributed, you may still do so through the end of January.

POPE FRANCIS CENTER

We received the following note from the Pope Francis Center, thanking St Mark For your *MAKING SPIRITS BRIGHT* donations of the shoe boxes.

“Dear St. Mark Parishioners,

On behalf of the staff and guests of the Pope Francis Center, thank you so much for your generous donations through your Christmas Giving. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to give away over 300 backpacks to our homeless guests on Christmas morning. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you! Wishing you a peaceful and healthy Christmas season and a Happy New Year!”

Maggy Blake & The Pope Francis Center

STATEMENTS

2020 donation statements are ready to be picked up or mailed from the parish office. If you wish to pick up your statement, please call the parish office during regular Business hours – Monday thru Wednesday 9 until 2pm, and Thursday 9 until 1pm. Please call the office when you are outside the canopy entrance and we will bring it out to you. If you wish to have your statement mailed, please contact us at 586-759-3020 or email at parishcenter@stmarkparishwarren.org.

May our loving God Bless You,
Mary Jo

LIVE THE LITURGY

“Repent, and believe in the gospel.” Some type of honest and sincere repentance is necessary for any type of authentic growth and maturity. We have to come to the realization, unless we are happy wallowing in immaturity and superficiality, that the way we have been doing things is not the best or the healthiest. There isn’t a human being alive who hasn’t acted foolishly or erratically at the cost of almost losing a treasured relationship. “Why did I act that way?” is a question we often ponder after some reflection and enlightenment. Faith works the same way. Stumbling through life and bumping up against meaninglessness, a person can begin to see that something significant is missing. They see that there is merit to a relationship with God and an embrace of faith. Before these can take root, sincere sorrow for past wrong doing, missed opportunities, errors in judgment, and short sightedness is necessary. Repentance is necessary. Then having realized that we were walking in darkness, we can rejoice that by God’s grace we now see the light.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

It was a normal day by all accounts, but John just wasn’t feeling himself. He was a little lightheaded and out of sorts. Later in the afternoon, he experienced a sharp pain in his chest and arm. Quick thinking and action brought John to the emergency department with a diagnosis of a significant heart attack. Surviving this ordeal, he found himself face to face with his cardiologist, having an honest conversation about things that needed to change. “I came close to death,” John found himself thinking. Then came the remorse. He was a young man with a loving wife and children who were very close to facing life without him. John found himself with intense sorrow for living an unchecked and self-indulgent life that almost brought him to his demise. He wanted to change.

We all have our wake-up calls. We have experiences and encounters that force us to really think twice about choices we have made and directions we have taken. Often, we find ourselves looking at those we have hurt square in the eye and wallowing in our foolishness. We regrettably realize that we have allowed our needs to lure us into making some cruel mistakes. We impulsively say things and flippantly do things that reveal our unredeemed and unhealed self. It is a self we stumble over and try to tame but can’t quite seem to master and control. Help!

We spin our wheels, naively thinking that we will somehow, perhaps through persistence, get ourselves unstuck. But, we don’t. We just get out of the car, feeling very helpless, and ignorantly look at the mess we got ourselves into. Did we ever think to ask someone for help? Or, taken the advice of One who is wiser and avoid this route altogether? “Come after me,” are words that Jesus says to all of us. In order to heed his invitation, we must leave our ego-self behind and follow.

When we really see and understand the freedom, peace, justice, and love he offers, we find ourselves with such sorrow in our hearts for how foolish and silly we have been. All the misguided choices and sinful actions come full view and we see how risky our random impassioned behaviors really have been. Repentance is beautiful. When done with a sincere and contrite heart, it directs us to the glory that can be ours, ignites us with the challenge of living a life in service of others and reminds us that all is well.

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THE WORD

Readings for the week of January 24, 2021

- Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20
- Monday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18
- Tuesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10/Mk 3:31-35
- Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 4:1-20
- Thursday: Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Mk 4:21-25
- Friday: Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40/Mk 4:26-34
- Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Mk 4:35-41
- Next Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28



Saturday, January 23

- 4:00 pm Frances Szpont
- Rebecca Sherman
- Eledge Family
- Karol Lipinski
- Angeline Lipinski
- Richard Lipinski
- Irene Lipinski
- Donald Krysinski

Wednesday, January 27

- 9:30 am St. Mark Parishioners

Saturday, January 30

- 4:00 pm Frances Szpont
- Michael Mika
- Edward Pelc
- Paula Meyers

Sunday, January 24

- 8:30 am Toriano Dewberry
- Gregory Allen
- Jackie Loch
- Toni Kovalcheck
- Antonio Agguire
- 11:00 am Ray Kusza
- Patrick Elliott
- Edward Moskal

Sunday, January 31

- 8:30 am Steve Duffy
- Jackie Loch
- 11:00 am Ray Kusza
- Mary Naguszewski
- Mae Cavanaugh

ST. MARK OUTREACH



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.

STAY SAFE!

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:

Although initially reluctant to be one of God's prophets, Jonah was ultimately successful in getting the Ninevites to repent of their sins. When do you find yourself resisting God's will?

Second Reading:

In trying to awaken a sense of spiritual urgency, Paul taught the Corinthians that Christ's return was imminent and that, "time is running out." How can a sense of urgency aid one's spiritual life?

Gospel:

In Mark's account of the call of the first disciples, Simon (Peter), Andrew, James, and John immediately answer Jesus' call to follow him. How would you describe your response to Jesus' call in your life?

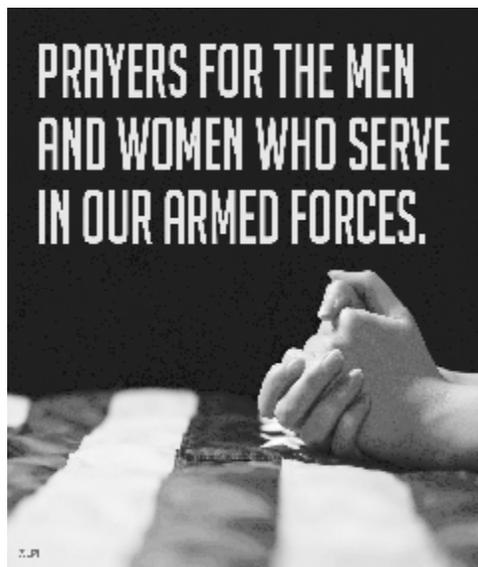
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PRAYER INTENTIONS



Jason Idalski
Larry Pokorski

Only immediate family members may request a 'prayers for the sick' listing. Call the Parish Center: 586-759-3020. Names remain on the list for 4 weeks.



WE PRAY FOR ALL OF OUR MILITARY, & PARTICULARLY:

- Sr. CPO Michael Brightman
- Lt. Commander Adam Craig
- LCPL Sarah J Page
- Sgt. Steven Parisi
- Major Michael F. Weigle

Family members who wish to have their loved ones prayed for may do so by submitting names to the parish office.

Give Until It Hurts

One of the characteristics of Everyday Stewardship is to be committed — to persevere daily in a way of life acknowledging that everything belongs to God.

I know, I know. Easier said than done.

Just ask Zebedee. It's quite an image we get from the Gospel, after all. "So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him."

There was Zebedee, about his business, mending nets with his two sons, who were undoubtedly his best workers — they had to have been more dedicated than the hired men, who worked for wages rather than for family. And in an instant off they go, following this strange man.

I don't know about you, but if my kids left me on a hot summer day to finish the lawn by myself, I wouldn't be too happy.

But Zebedee must have been someone quite special. Perhaps he realized that his sons didn't belong to him — not really. They belonged to God, and from the beginning of time, it had been appointed that they would be among the first disciples of Christ. He passed, he called, they followed, and Zebedee obliged. He simply went back to mending his nets, I imagine.

Zebedee already understood what St. Teresa of Calcutta would say millennia later: "Give until it hurts."

"You're wasting my time." "I've done so much for her; she owes me this." How often do we think things, and even people and relationships, belong to us? The truth is none of them do. We must be ready, as Zebedee was, to surrender them to God when He comes walking past.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

POPE TWEETS

"Jesus invites us to abide in Him so as to bear much fruit (see Jn 15:5-9). Abiding in the Lord means finding the courage to step outside of ourselves to take care of others' needs and give a Christian witness in the world. #Prayer #UnityOfChristians"

- Pope Francis
@Pontifex Twitter (January 19, 2021)

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SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS

Parents are asked to contact the Parish Center Office to arrange for Baptism instruction and a date for the Baptism.

MARRIAGES

Couples wishing to celebrate the sacrament of matrimony at St. Mark Parish are asked to allow at least six months to complete arrangements.

RECONCILIATION

Private Confessions: Saturday 3:00 PM.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

LAST Sunday of every month after all Masses.

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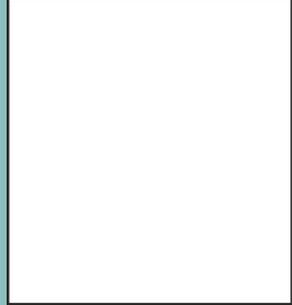
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