



6th

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean."

- Mk 1:40-41

ST. MARK PARISH



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The annual observance of the Season of Lent exhorts us to reform our lives, and with renewed faith, hope, and charity – **“ascent to the holy mountain of Easter.”** Last year, the global pandemic and ensuing restrictions, interrupted our Lenten journey and prevented us from celebrating the Holy Week and Easter in church. We pray that during this season of grace we can gather together as a parish community and walk our spiritual journey of healing and regeneration. The prayers for Ash Wednesday call us to follow the Lenten observances, that we may come with “minds and hearts made pure to celebrate the Paschal Mystery of Jesus Christ.” Guided by the Holy Spirit and inspired by the example and prayerful support of our brothers and sisters, we entrust our Lenten journey to the loving care of our gracious and merciful God.

Traditionally, this holy season invites us to make spiritual progress by intensifying our life of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Jesus practiced these fundamental principles in word and in deed. In the fifth century, St. Peter Chrysologus wrote: “There are three things by which faith stands firm, devotion remains constant, and virtue endures. Prayer knocks at the door, fasting obtains, almsgiving (charity) receives. These three are one, and they give life to one another.” St. Frances Cabrini prayed: “Eternal Father, fortify me with the grace of your Holy Spirit and give peace to my soul that I may be free from all needless anxiety and worry. Help me to desire always that which is pleasing and acceptable to you, so that your will may be my will.”

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)

Lenten Spiritual Journey

*“Repent and believe
in the Gospel”
(Mark 1:15)*

Ash Wednesday

Holy Mass, 9:30 am and 7 pm
Scripture Service, 12 noon

Holy Mass

Wednesdays in Lent
9:30 am and 7 pm

Stations of the Cross

Fridays in Lent, 11 am

Individual Confessions

Saturdays in Lent, 3 pm
St. John’s room

Communal Penance Services

See listings at Vicariate Website
www.cmvic.net

FEBRUARY 14, 2021

NOTES

CONTRIBUTION 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.

Please be aware: SCAM ALERT

There continues to be scams going around the Archdiocese where people pose to be church employees and even pastors asking for gift cards and money for a variety of reasons. Please know you will never be contacted via e-mail or text by ANYONE, including Fr. Stanley, requesting money or gift cards. This goes for any other group or activity you may participate in as well. No one will be asking for money or gift cards via email or text.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday – ashes will be distributed at:

Mass 9:30 am

Communion Service Noon

Mass 7:00 pm

MEIJER

How exciting to learn the Meijer Corporation has selected St. Mark Parish to once again be the recipient of their *Simply Give Program*. This campaign will run from Saturday, February 14th through Saturday April 10, 2021 at the same location of 12 Mile and Mound roads. Same thing as the Christmas Campaign – purchase a \$10.00 donation card and Meijer will match it for our Food Pantry. There are two double Match Days which will be held on Saturday, March 13 and Saturday April 3, 2021. This was certainly a delightful surprise!

LENTEN BOOKS

With Ash Wednesday right around the corner, we have the Little Lenten Books for sale this coming weekend.

CAN YOU HELP????

As you are all aware, our mission at this time is for everyone to feel safe while attending our parish. Thanks to many of you, we are able to disinfect the worship space, doors, the processional cross, and ambo. With additional Masses, and Stations of the Cross during Lent, we could really use a few extra volunteers to help with this process. We have all heard the Proverb – “Many hands make light work.” We have plenty of gloves and disinfectant!

May our loving God Bless you!

Mary Jo

Lent

Lent is a 40 day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by giving alms; and we practice self-control through fasting. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully. We recall the waters of baptism in which we were also baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ.

Many know of the tradition of abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent, but we are also called to practice self-discipline and fast in other ways throughout the season. Contemplate the meaning and origins of the Lenten fasting tradition in this reflection. In addition, the giving of alms is one way to share God's gifts—not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents.

In Lent, the baptized are called to renew their baptismal commitment as others prepare to be baptized through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, a period of learning and discernment for individuals who have declared their desire to become Catholics.

Fasting

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

www.usccb.org

Stations of the Cross

The first Stations of the Cross were walked by Jesus himself on the way to Calvary. Known as the "Via Dolorosa" ("The Way of Suffering") or the "Via Crucis" ("The Way of the Cross"), it was marked out from the earliest times and was a traditional walk for pilgrims who came to Jerusalem. The early Christians in Jerusalem would walk the same pathway that Jesus walked, pausing for reflection and prayer. Later, when Christians could not travel to the Holy Land, artistic depictions of "The Way of the Cross" were set up in churches, or outside and Christians would walk from station to station, reading the Gospel account of the Passion, or simply praying and reflecting on each event. While the content or place of each station had changed, the intention was to make a mini-pilgrimage and follow--literally--in the footsteps of Jesus.

This devotion became better known in the Middle Ages, and the Franciscans are credited with its spread. Lent is a time when many people make the Stations and some churches present Passion plays or Living Stations. But anyone can pray the Stations at any time. It is a simple and personal reflection on the passion of Jesus and what it means to us.

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THE WORD

Readings for the week of February 14, 2021

Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 /1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10/
Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15



Saturday, February 13

4:00 pm Frances Szpont
Herbert Dempz
Isabelle McLaughlin
Richard Shaddon
Fr. Fabian Slominski
Wayne Travis

Sunday, February 14

8:30 am Mary Ann Stevens
Jackie Loch
Sandra Doroton

11:00 am Ray Kusza
Jim Wawrzyniak
Patrick Elliott
Millie Posavetz

Wednesday, February 17

9:30 am Dick Szaal

7:00 pm Mary Elliott
Patrick Elliott
Nettie Szczepankowski

Saturday, February 20

4:00 pm Frances Szpont
Nettie Szczepankowski
Thomas Twardecki
Joseph Pawlica
Timothy Hitt
George Sandau

Sunday, February 21

8:30 am Jackie Loch
Carol Balcerzak
Cecil Dempsey

11:00 am Ray Kusza
Christine Mixen
Dr. Fauci

ST. MARK OUTREACH



THANK YOU FOR YOUR
GENEROSITY.

STAY SAFE!

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:

Ancient Israel isolated those with leprosy fearing the disease would spread to others. In what way can this be seen as a form of compassion?

Second Reading:

Paul places a high value on avoiding unnecessary conflict. Why do you think this is an important virtue for a Christian?

Gospel:

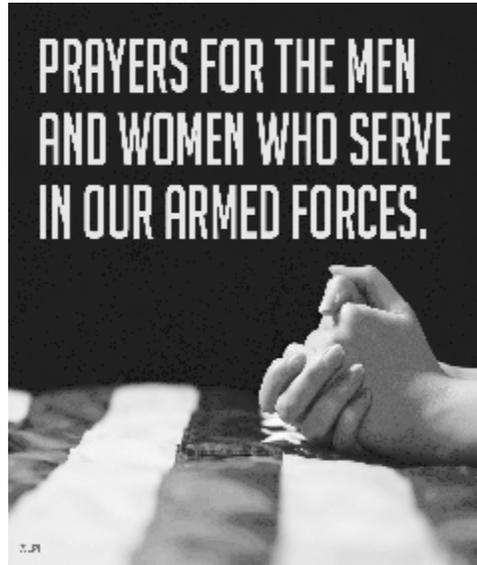
The man healed of leprosy disobeyed Jesus' command not to share with others what had happened. Why do you think the man did so? ©LPi

PRAYER INTENTIONS



Ed Podgorny
Marlene Sienko

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.

Prayer Resources

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you.
Amen.

Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, we fly unto thee O Virgin of virgins, our Mother. To thee do we come. Before thee we stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer us.
Amen.

POPE TWEETS

"All of us are responsible for the communications we make, for the information we share, for the control that we can exert over fake news by exposing it. All of us are to be witnesses of the truth.
#SaferInternetDay"

- Pope Francis
@Pontifex Twitter (February 9, 2021)



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STEWARDSHIP

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We thank you for your generosity.

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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