

3<sup>rd</sup>

SUNDAY OF LENT

"His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, *Zeal for your house will consume me.*" - Jn 2:17

# ST. MARK PARISH



## 3rd Sunday of Lent

Many prefer a “create as you go” approach to life where laws and protocols primarily exist to secure and protect liberties rather than dictate and outline proper and right behavior. There are no real benchmarks for acceptable ethical and moral behavior, with a “you can’t tell me what to do” attitude prevailing. Parents are even limited in what they can request of their children, and dealing with threatening behaviors, especially from adults, are a challenge as well. Acceptable and expected conduct seems to amount to safeguarding each other’s space rather than increasing awareness of necessary relationships that require a more refined and higher response.

We have lost our axis to the world of “anything goes” and no longer see the Ten Commandments as practical and wise guideposts to effective living. We live on “relativism island” where only a possible suggestion to “love and do not harm” may be the only standard able to be preached. While Jesus most certainly emphasized love above anything else, it was never about warm fuzzy feelings or halfhearted humanitarian efforts. The love of which Jesus spoke establishes an intimate connection with God, neighbor, self, and creation. Because this love, who is God Himself, is at the foundational core of our lives, it demands actions and attitudes that serve to build up, increase, and free up those relationships. Love requires proper conduct. Preserving and enhancing these love centered relationships is at the heart of the Ten Commandments (and the Beatitudes) and the reason for Jesus’ display of anger in the temple.

The Ten Commandments can save the world from turmoil and conflict by instilling basic moral and relational principles within us. They also hold a healthy sense of sin in balance and always remind us of our relationship with God and the freedom God offers. Our faith preserves these jewels of truth that we often look beyond, dismiss altogether, or seek to remove from public view. Human beings can be so arrogant at times. Our Lenten journey, especially when embarked upon with sincerity and resolve, can restore all of our essential relationships. When we get absorbed in life’s preoccupations and demands, things can quickly get distorted and we can find ourselves way off track. In short, we find ourselves in sin. Humanity is losing a sense of both grace and sin. We need both to understand what is real and true. Until we do, the oppressive systems and ideologies that hurt so many will never change. We will never change. We are grateful for those courageous souls who willingly embrace the conversion and hard work Lent demands and stand against antiquated systems and ideologies. They give us hope that all is not lost.

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## 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)*

**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  
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MARCH 7, 2021



***Priestly Vocations Discernment Group***

The Office of Priestly Vocations' discernment group for men (18-55) considering the priesthood is having its third meeting on Thursday, March 25, 2021 from 7:00-8:30pm. New members can join at any time, as there is no requirement to have been at the previous meeting. The first two nights were a great success with many men excited to talk about their possible vocation to the priesthood. Meetings are led by Fr. Craig Giera, Director of Priestly Vocations, and will include prayer, group discussion on discernment, light refreshments, and fellowship with other-like-minded men. Please contact the vocation office for more info: <https://detroitpriestlyvocations.com/discernment-groups/>.

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**

**Parents Just Don't Understand**

Anybody remember the old rap song by the Fresh Prince, aka Will Smith, "Parents Just Don't Understand?" As we grow up, it is sometimes a struggle for us to imagine that our parents understand us. It can seem impossible that Mom and Dad remember the stress of exam week or peer pressure. We never saw them as children; we never saw their disappointed faces when they weren't invited to a party, or their dashed hopes at a bad test grade. We never saw them homesick their first week of college or nervous to ask their crush to Homecoming.

We're often the same way about God. We gripe about what He asks of us. "He doesn't understand sin — he's all -good," we think. "He doesn't understand temptation — He is perfect."

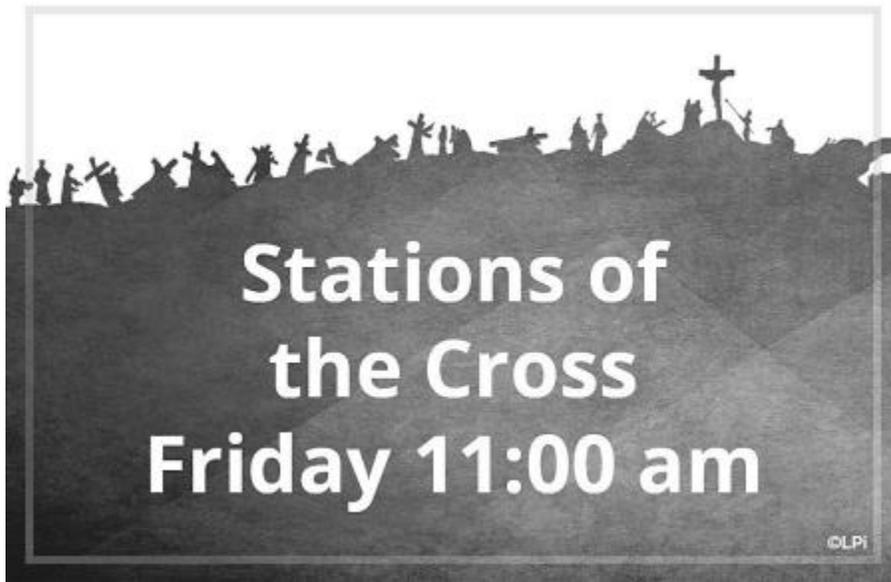
In Scripture, God can be very much a father, telling us what we can and cannot do. And yet, in His divine genius, He is sometimes simply a man at a well, asking for a drink.

For me, it turns out I didn't need to tell my parents anything about what I was going through as a kid — they knew already. What I needed was for them to tell me what to do, and how to do it.

Similarly, we don't need to tell God about human nature. We need God to tell us about His nature. He's good enough to ask us for a drink, to enter into our humanity. But we have to remember, for our own sakes, to have the humility to ask Him for something, too — the water that will quench our eternal thirst.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

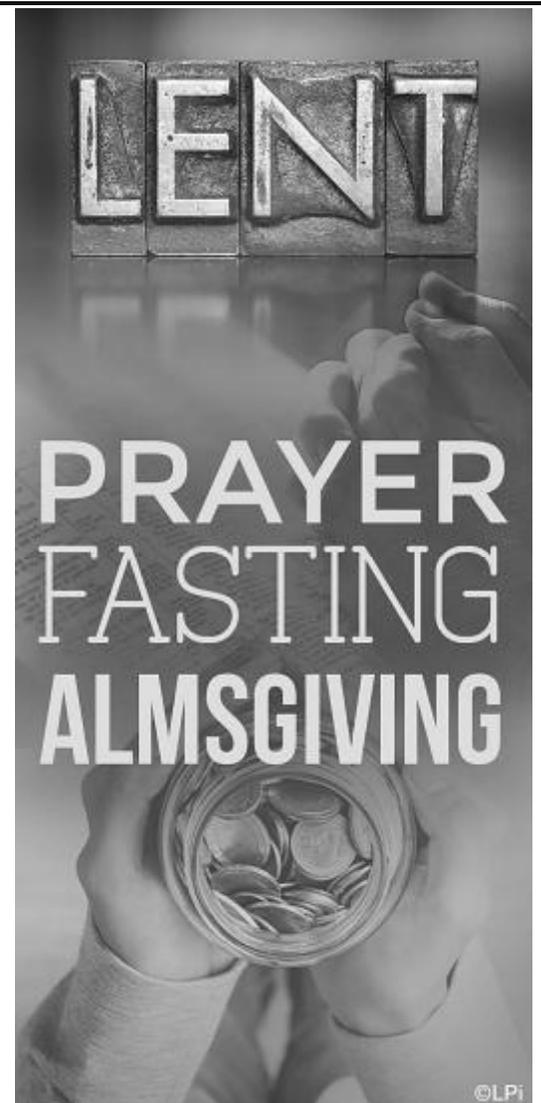
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### **LIVE THE LITURGY**

With our world in such constant turmoil and conflict, it makes such good sense to return to the simple directives given in the Ten Commandments. God's unassuming guidelines provide the perfect recipe for ordering our relationships with God, others, and even ourselves. But yet, we are so quick to glance beyond them and even remove them from public view because we foolishly believe we can create something better. Arrogance runs far deeper in the members of our society than we can ever imagine. Lent is a perfect time to call ourselves back to our foundations and the basic relationships that comprise our lives. It is also a time to remember that Jesus is the true sign of God's presence. Everything he says and does, including his suffering and death, is a sign of the God who sent him. The anger we witness when Jesus exhorts those in the temple to stop making his Father's house a marketplace can equally be seen in his anger and frustration over humanity's constant mission to turn God's creation into a secular world. We have a lot of work to do for sure.

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### **3 EASY STEPS TO KEEPING YOURSELF & OTHERS HEALTHY!**



**WASH YOUR  
HANDS**

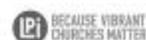


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THE WORD

Readings for the week of March 7, 2021

Sunday: Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 /1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21



**Saturday, March 6**

4:00 pm Karol Lipinski  
 Angeline Lipinski  
 Richard Lipinski  
 Irene Lipinski  
 Donald Kryszinski  
 Brownie Tyldesley

**Sunday, March 7**

8:30 am Robert Grigg  
 Shirley Tyldesley  
 Jackie Loch

11:00 am Christine Mixen  
 Ray & Patricia Kusza  
 Henry Naguszewski  
 Mae Cavanaugh  
 Bruce Cavanaugh  
 Nola & Patrick Wernette

**Wednesday, March 10**

9:30 am The People of St. Mark  
 7:00 pm The People of St. Mark

**Saturday, March 13**

4:00 pm Tony & Jenny Benicek  
 Richard & Lorena Harrison  
 Herbert Dempz  
 Isabelle McLaughlin  
 Polo Marcin Kowski  
 Joseph Pawlica  
 Elsie Newton

**Sunday, March 14**

8:30 am Jackie Loch  
 The Souls in Purgatory  
 11:00 am Ray Kusza  
 James & Lisa Lafferty  
 Mildred Posavetz  
 John Newman

ST. MARK OUTREACH



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THANK YOU!

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

**First Reading:**

In God's revelation to Moses of His "10 Commandments," seven of the ten Commandments regulate how we are to relate to each other. Which of these seven Commandments challenges you most?

**Second Reading:**

Paul speaks of Jesus as both the "power of God and the wisdom of God." How could you prove Paul's assertion to a non-believer?

**Gospel:**

John connects Jesus' cleansing of the Temple in Jerusalem to Jesus' bodily resurrection from the dead with a quote from Psalm 69: "Zeal for your house will consume me." During this season of Lent, how passionate is your faith?

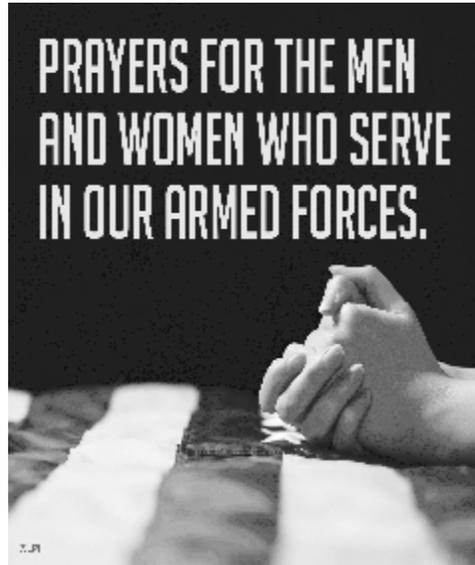
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PRAYER INTENTIONS



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.

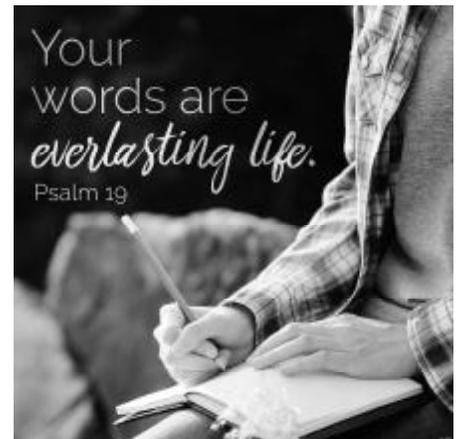
Prayer Resources

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

"Let us #PrayTogether that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the forgiveness and infinite mercy of God. #PrayerIntentions"

- Pope Francis  
@Pontifex Twitter (March 2, 2021)

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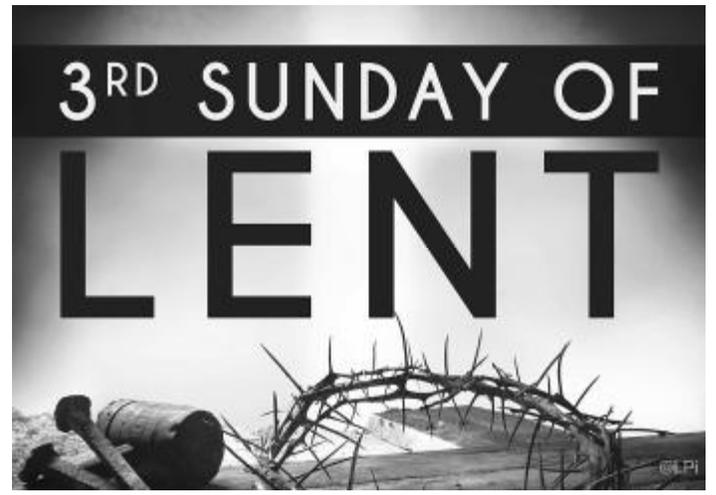
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**SACRAMENTS**

**BAPTISMS**

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**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.

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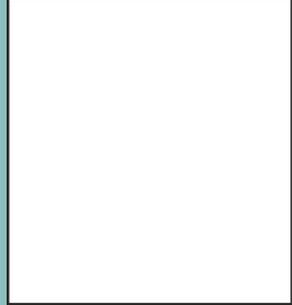
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