

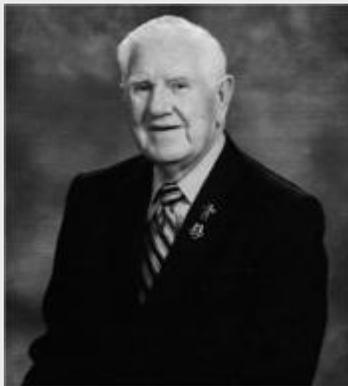


25<sup>th</sup>

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me.” - Mk 9:37a

# ST. MARK PARISH



**Deacon George Posavetz**

March 12, 1931 – September 3, 2021

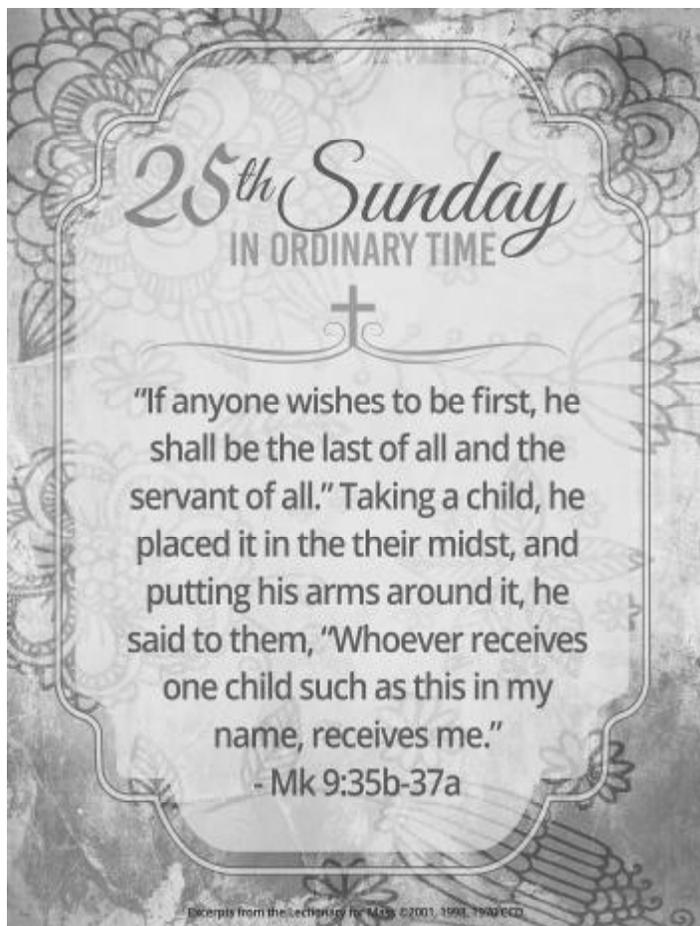
Deacon George passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his loving family on Sep. 3, 2021. He went to God's heavenly home to be reunited with his beloved wife Mildred, and their sons, Jeffrey and Duane. The Funeral Mass for George was celebrated at St. Mark Church on Saturday, Sep. 11.

St. Mark Parish extends sympathy and offers prayerful support to Deacon George's daughter Diane, sons, Doug and Kevin, grandchildren and great grandchildren, and many family members and friends. Deacon George leaves a legacy of caring and generous commitment to the parish community, and dedicated service to the Lord Jesus and His Church.

Father of mercy, may our prayers rise up to you, and may the soul of George your servant be welcomed into eternal life, love, joy and peace. Free him from every bond of sin – for by your grace, in this world, he was conformed to Christ, and lived as His faithful disciple. May he now share in the fullness of the glory of the resurrection. AMEN

## 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)



**SEPTEMBER 19, 2021**

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

There is something about being first. Whether it be first in line, first to be picked for the team, or the first one to finish their work, great satisfaction is achieved. Our egos love being first. It somehow sets us apart from everyone else, gives us a sense of pride and positions us to feel better than others. When we are first, we can glory in our efforts, skills, and achievements. Isn't that what really matters? After all, we are taught from a very young age to be proficient, stay on top, be the best at what we do, and win the praise and esteem of others. This is the stuff that makes us successful and provides us with a comfortable, satisfying life.

Jesus wants none of it. All of the details we anguish over mean little to the kingdom of God. You want to be first? Then, be a servant and welcome a child. All of this is the opposite of our often vehement pursuits. If we are serious about following Jesus and living the Gospel, then we must put the needs of others before our own. If we continue to listen only to the noise of the world, we are going to continue to believe the illusions we inherit. Those illusions come in many forms, but all have things in common: me before you, being on top and not the bottom, us versus them, personal security over universal harmony and peace. When are we going to learn that always striving to be the best and first is an empty pursuit in our struggle for happiness? While satisfying our ego with this momentary boost of esteem may feel good for a moment, is it what we really desire?

If we can break from the world's noise and create a space of sacred silence in our lives, we can begin to listen and see that we are being called in another direction. What we really desire is not the bolstering of our egos but the innocence we lost somewhere along the way. When we can be playful, joyful, and even somewhat carefree, life is good. We want our relationships to work, a place to call home, and to live peaceful lives with our sisters and brothers. Only a servant can do this. The servant's prayer seeks to detach from self-concern in order to be used by God. Rather than worrying about being first and coming out on top, we can be inspired, guided, empowered, and led to do good works. Stop worrying about being first and put greater energy into feeling joy.

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## LIVE THE LITURGY

What does it mean to be God's servant? In essence, it means being willing to call the world back to its childlike innocence, showing all that a joy-filled playfulness has a place in life. The servant of God serves to foster the Kingdom of God. God's kingdom is not a sterile, unhappy, strict, and rigid reality. It is quite the opposite. It is a kingdom devoid of jealousy and selfish ambition where peace, gentleness, mercy, and good works abound. To be a servant of this kingdom means that selfish ambition must be set aside so that others can be first, and justice pursued at all cost. The prayer of this kind of servant is not focused on self-advancement or need. Rather, the servant's prayer seeks to detach from self-concern in order to be used by God. In this way, we who are servants can be inspired, guided, empowered, and led by God. We can then be used to lay the cornerstones of the kingdom: faith, hope, and love. It is upon these that God's firm dwelling is built. Accepting this call may place us last in the world's eyes but first in God's.

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The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary and on the first Saturday, October 2, 2021 which is the Feast of the Holy Guardian Angels, we are inviting all the faithful of the *Central Macomb Vicariate Parishes* to ask God through our Lady's Rosary to protect our distressed and suffering America and to bring about Peace throughout the World.

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|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Our Lady of Czestochowa        | St. Faustina                | St. Mark                   | St. Paul of Tarsus |
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| St. Blase                      | St. Louise De Marillac      | St. Matthias               | St. Thecla         |
| St. Ephrem                     | St. Malachy                 | St. Michael                | San Francesco      |

### St. Mark Christian Formation

Christian Formation for 2022-21 will begin on Sunday, September 26th. Our Theme is the Beatitudes. We will spend time each month looking at each of the Beatitudes and see how we can live them out in our daily lives.

All families should have received this year's registration packet. If you did not receive the packet or have any question please contact Amanda,

[abrewer@stmarkparishwarren.org](mailto:abrewer@stmarkparishwarren.org).

We are looking forward to a faith-filled year!



This year, the Archdiocese of Detroit celebrates Catechetical Sunday on **September 19, 2021**, with the theme "**Disciples of Jesus: Witnesses to the Gospel.**" On this special day, catechists are formally commissioned for ministry in their parish community to pass on the Catholic Faith to our families. Today we celebrate our parents, grandparents, and guardians by recognizing their important role in teaching the faith. Our parish community is encouraged to pray for all who dedicate themselves to the mission of helping those they teach to hear the voice of Jesus and to grow in relationship with Him.

#### *Prayer for Our Family*

Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of our family. We long to draw close to you so that someday we may be with you in eternity. Give us the grace to accompany one another on this journey of faith.

Lord Jesus, open our hearts so that we may encounter you and grow more deeply in our relationship with you. Help us to be joyful witnesses of your love and mercy to one another and to everyone who enters our home.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill our home with your loving presence. Move deeply within our family and help us to use our gifts to serve as a model of faithful discipleship as we go about our daily lives. Amen

## THE WORD

### Readings for the week of September 19, 2021

- Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8/Jas 3:16-4:3/Mk 9:30-37
- Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 8:16-18
- Tuesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13
- Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6
- Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 9:7-9
- Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4/Lk 9:18-22
- Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Lk 9:43b-45
- Next Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48



### Saturday, September 18

4:00 pm Dennis Stevenson  
 Karol Lipinski  
 Angeline Lipinski  
 Richard Lipinski  
 Irene Lipinski  
 Donald Krynski  
 Elaine Walenzik

### Wednesday, September 22

9:30 am People of St. Mark

### Saturday, September 25

4:00 pm Edward pelc  
 Wanda Stachelski  
 Agnes & Raymond Grimski  
 Barb Zarek

### Sunday, September 19

8:30 am Anna Gavin  
 Paul & Veronica Pataky  
 Paul Schneider  
 Eric Schneider

11:00 am Irene Janiszewski  
 Earl & Marilyn Parrish  
 Gene Wisniewski  
 Jerry Kolton  
 Margaret Zinger

### Sunday, September 26

8:30 am Anna Gavin  
 Shirley & Sheldon  
 Moncrief

11:00 am Linda Galindo  
 Earl & Marilyn Parrish  
 Patrick Elliott

## ST. MARK OUTREACH



### The Pantry Needs:

Spaghetti  
 Pasta Sauce

Thank you so much for food and monetary donations.



## QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

### First Reading:

The Wisdom writer reveals the mentality of the wicked, characterized by revenge and treachery. How best should people of faith respond to such behavior?

### Second Reading:

James offers insight into the human condition as it relates to how often our ambitions and passions can lead us astray. How do you keep yourself grounded in holy intentions?

### Gospel:

We hear today how the disciples were afraid to ask Jesus questions and reluctant to share with him some of their tensions. Why do you sometimes hold back from opening up to the Lord?

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## PRAYER INTENTIONS



Dale Parrish  
Marilyn Parrish  
Tim Reiter

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.

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AND WOMEN WHO SERVE  
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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

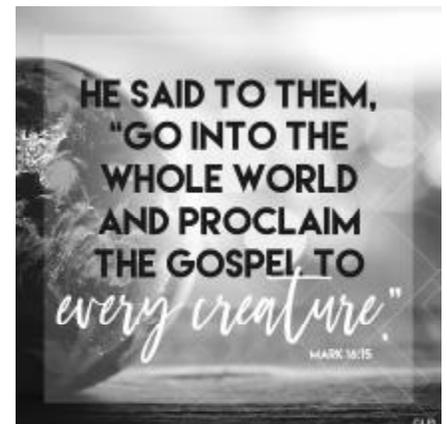
Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, we fly unto thee O Virgin of virgins, our Mother. To thee do we come. Before thee we stand, sinful and sorrowful.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

### POPE TWEETS

"Do not be afraid to go out to encounter the marginalized. You will find that you are going out to meet Jesus. He awaits you wherever there is need, not comfort; wherever service rules, not power. Those are the places where he will be found. #ApostolicJourney"

- Pope Francis

@Pontifex Twitter (September 14, 2021)



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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.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

LAST Sunday of every month after all Masses.

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