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26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# ST. MARK PARISH



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

As we begin another year of Religious Formation, we pray that our students, parents, catechists, and our entire parish family open our hearts and minds to the transforming grace of Jesus' truth, wisdom, compassion and love. We embrace the redeeming message of Christ and recommit ourselves to spiritual learning and growth. We are grateful to our DRE, Amanda Brewer, and the Catechists, for providing to our young parishioners the amazing experience of "encountering and knowing Jesus Christ." This year we will especially reflect upon the Beatitudes, and how they can enlighten and guide our daily lives – toward happiness and fulfillment! I want to remind parents that you are the primary teachers and evangelizers of your children – as you lead by word and example. I ask you to make every effort to participate in Sunday Mass – the source and summit of our Christian faith!

There are two main dimensions of catechesis and evangelization: internal and external. We share the message of the Gospel "internally" in our "domestic church," by being a faithful spouse, loving parent, obedient child, caring sibling and respectful grandchild. Individually and as a family, we make time for prayer, spiritual conversation, reading the Bible and informative Christian literature. The "external" catechesis/evangelization involves sharing the abiding presence and love of God with our church family, neighborhoods, work places, schools, and communities. May all of us continue to grow as Jesus' disciples, and have the courage and wisdom, to joyfully proclaim the Good News of healing, loving-kindness, and salvation!

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)

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# MIRACLES

"There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me." - Mk 9:39b

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SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

What are the little ones? They are the poor, the marginalized, the women and men at the well, the Zacchaeus' looking for Jesus from a tree, those mired in sin, the blind who want to see, and the lame who want to walk. They are the lepers and the different ones who have been told that they are unclean, and the ones who suffer from abuse and grave injustices and oppression. They are children who want nothing more than to be loved and enjoy celebrating their innocence. These are all the little ones and they are all vulnerable. Life already brings them burdens, we don't need to add to them.

St. Oscar Romero said, "When the church hears the cry of the oppressed it cannot but denounce the social structures that give rise to and perpetuate the misery from which the cry arises." Why are so many people still so gravely hurting? We have the resources and the means to make things better. We choose not to. There are still those things called greed, pride, lust, apathy, jealousy, gluttony, and anger that prevent us from seeing each other and people to be loved and not objects to be used. Is this how God intended things to be?

God loves what is good and upright. It doesn't matter who did it or where it came from. In God's eyes, the end result is always faith, hope, and love. Those will always unite a person with God. We fill our lives with many things that are not good either for ourselves or for others. All of us have to work to discover what it is, exactly, that leads to the world's brokenness. There are people, systems, and ideologies in place that foster oppression and injustice rather than equity and fairness. Sadly, our complacency can be the greatest evil. Turning a blind eye, ignoring the truth, and believing that we are helpless to fix so great a problem, does little to move us closer to the kingdom of God. As members of the Body of Christ, we cannot condone anything that keeps people in misery.

As it is said, charity begins at home. Perhaps a good place to start is with our own households and making sure their foundations are properly laid.

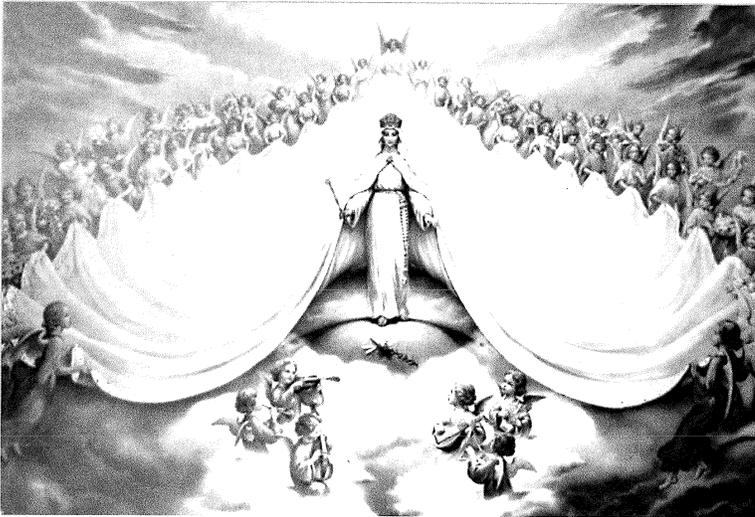
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## LIVE THE LITURGY

Who are the little ones? They are the many and varied faces of people who see hope in Jesus' message about the Kingdom of God. They have come to believe that there is a different world to be had: a place where everyone has a home, all have an equal opportunity to share in God's bountiful gifts and blessings, where justice reigns, truth presides, and peace fills hearts. The little ones are those who may have left their former views behind, perhaps even their former lives to follow Jesus and believe in the Beatitudes as God's world vision. They are the poor, the marginalized, the women and men at the well, the Zacchaeus' looking for Jesus from a tree, the blind who want to see, and the lame who want to walk. They are the lepers who have been told that they are unclean, and the ones who have learned that suffering and death are nothing to fear. These are all of the little ones. Jesus gathers and protects them as a shepherd guards his sheep. Whoever causes one of these little ones to sin deserves the greatest wrath. Be more concerned about what people are doing than where they came from.

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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 |
| Our Lady of Grace Vietnamese   | St. Hubert                  | St. Martin De Porres       | St. Peter          |
| SS. Cyril and Methodius Slovak | St. Jane Frances De Chantal | St. Mary                   | St. Rene Goupil    |
| St. Anne                       | St. Louis                   | Our Lady Queen of Families | St. Ronald         |
| St. Blase                      | St. Louise De Marillac      | St. Matthias               | St. Thecla         |
| St. Ephrem                     | St. Malachy                 | St. Michael                | San Francesco      |

We invite you to join us in the recitation of the most holy Rosary!



Where: St. Mark Meditation Garden

When: October 7th  
October 14th  
October 21st  
October 28th

Time: 6:30 PM

Please bring a chair for your comfort as we pray!

Hello Fellow Parishioners,

It's been a while since we have had a service project!

Won't you "Sock It To Us" and help keep people in need warm this winter?

Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan has been sponsoring this sock collection for 28 years.

Socks, while necessary, are rarely collected and distributed. Socks collected will be distributed to veterans and their families and human services agencies throughout Wayne County.

NEW SOCKS of all sizes, colors and patterns for men, women and children are needed. Patterned and colorful socks are especially appreciated for pre-school age children.

In 2019, 9,868 pairs of socks were donated by various organizations. Can we help exceed that number with our donation for the 29th annual sock collection!! This is such a simple way to keep people warm during the cold months of winter!!

Don't we all love the feel of new, comfy socks? It's like a warm hug!

This collection will run from now till October 31st. Baskets will be placed in the gathering space to collect your donations. This project is NOT our annual Christmas outreach project. This is an additional outreach project we can do as we Unleash the Gospel in our daily lives. Our Christmas project will be presented to you within the next few weeks.

Any help you can give us with this project will be greatly appreciated. Won't you help us make a difference by "Socking It To Us"!!!

Thank you,

Christian Service Team

# NEWS & EVENTS

## THE WORD

Readings for the week of September 26, 2021

Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51

Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37/Mt 18:1-5, 10

Next Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16



*Saturday, September 25*

4:00 pm Edward Pelc

Wanda Stachelski

Agnes & Raymond Grimski

Barb Zarek

Paul & Helen Filipovich

*Wednesday, September 29*

9:30 am People of St. Mark

*Saturday, October 2*

4:00 pm Steve Patrishkoff

Mr. & Mrs. Angelo Zannis

*Sunday, September 26*

8:30 am Anna Gavin

Shirley & Sheldon

Moncrief

11:00 am Linda Galindo

Earl & Marilyn Parrish

Patrick Elliott

*Sunday, October 3*

8:30 am Anna Gavin

Chris Stout

11:00 am Karen Taylor

Toriano Dewberry

Earl Parrish

Scott Hershey

## ST. MARK OUTREACH



### The Pantry Needs:

Chili

Instant Mashed Potatoes

Thank you so much for food and monetary donations.



### QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

#### First Reading:

Early in their Exodus journey, Moses taught the young Joshua an important lesson on avoiding jealousy and trusting the Lord's providence. How do you avoid the trap of jealousy and envy?

#### Second Reading:

James speaks of the trappings and dangers of excessive wealth. What do you think should be the believer's proper disposition toward money?

#### Gospel Question:

Jesus warns his disciples against the danger of causing other believers to sin. What do you think would motivate a Christian to do this?

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## PRAYER INTENTIONS



Eleanor Dehring  
Dale Parrish  
Marilyn Parrish  
Tim Reiter  
Grace Witt

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.

PRAYERS FOR THE MEN  
AND WOMEN WHO SERVE  
IN OUR ARMED FORCES.



**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

"Saints are witnesses whom we venerate and who in thousands of different ways bring us to Jesus Christ, the only Lord and Mediator between God and humanity. They remind us that holiness can blossom even in our lives, however weak and marked by sin. #SaintMatthew"

- Pope Francis

@Pontifex Twitter (September 20, 2021)



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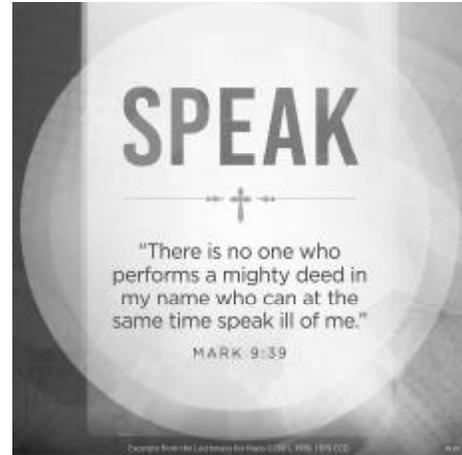
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## STEWARDSHIP

### OUR FINANCIAL SACRIFICE TO ST. MARK PARISH

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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