

33rd

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away." - Mk 13:31

ST. MARK PARISH



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"And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory." Take a moment to ponder these words from today's Gospel. How does this image make you feel? For people to truly understand the significance of this message, something profound has to happen within. If we find ourselves reacting with a sense of dread or fear, we have to step back and ask why. Our answer will reveal a great deal about our relationship with God. It's hard to fall in love with a God of whom we are afraid. God does not want us to be afraid. Nor does He want us to align our wills to His in order to avoid some kind of horrendous eternal consequence. That sounds like too much of a superficial power play on the part of God who continues to seek out His children in love.

In order for these words to carry any type of significant meaning for us, they have to resonate with and touch us on a deeper level. They have to be able to connect some dots and have meaning for us in order for this promise to change our lives. Sometimes we get preoccupied with the uncertainty of our deaths. Not knowing when or how we will eventually die can be unsettling. But, more so than needing an answer to the "when" of death, the "what" of death answer we provide has more significance. What happens to us when we die? Whether we die during the natural course of our lives or when Christ comes again, the experience is the same. If we believe that we are meant to live in union with God eternally and that death completes and does not diminish us, then it is worth our time and effort to wait in vigilant hope of the Lord's coming in glory. Our journey back to God is something beautiful to be desired, not dreaded or feared.

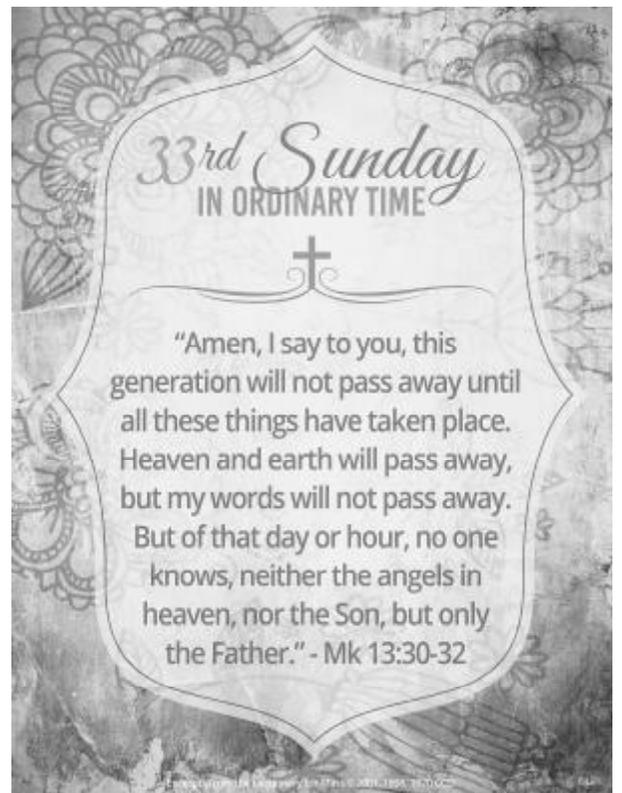
Sadly, many folks believe that life is no more than a random occurrence without any purposeful direction or meaning. Death is simply death and nothing more. For them, the Second Coming of Christ and God's eternal promise have no meaning. When we understand the truth about who we are, it changes things up. We then can see ourselves as works in progress who have the choice to either resist the inspirations of the Divine Artist or give into the wonderful creativity of His will. Life awaiting the fullness of Christ to come becomes an unfolding of Divine surprises and abundant joy. God is eternally merciful, forgiving, and welcoming. It is only when we directly reject this gift and turn our backs on Love itself that we have anything to fear.

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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)



NOVEMBER 14, 2021

PARISH NEWS

Dear Parish Family,

Many of you regularly donate to our food pantry. We are so grateful for your continued support. This next weekend we will kick off our annual

I CAN SHARE THE HARVEST

campaign. Thanks to your generosity, this has been a tremendous success!

St. Mark Food Pantry provides nutritious food to the less fortunate families in our community. The ongoing pandemic has magnified the need. Those who have not suffered from food insecurity are truly blessed and want to share with

our brothers and sisters. *I Can Share the Harvest* needs your help to battle hunger.

Please bring non-perishable donations to the Gathering Space November 13th to November 28th and place in the designated baskets.

For those who wish to donate a monetary gift, please put it in an envelope and place it in the collection basket, marked *I Can*.

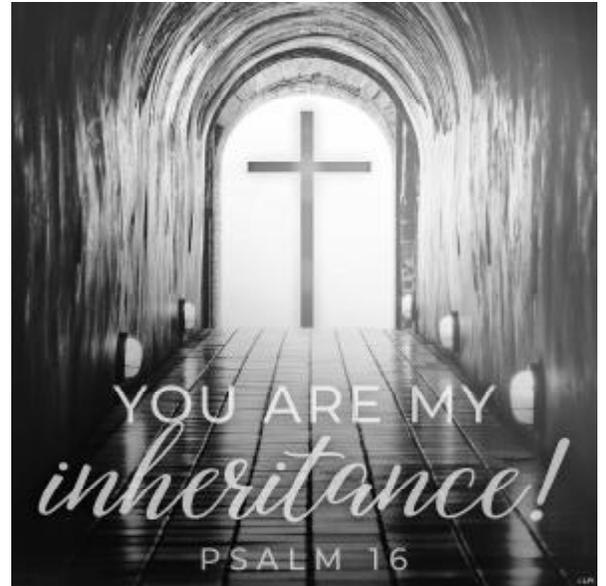
What to bring:

canned fruits and vegetables, soup, meat, broth, tuna, pasta, pasta sauce, dried beans, rice, and oatmeal.

Thank you for your support and generosity to those in need.

We pray the prayer Jesus taught his disciples "Give us this day our daily bread".
(Mt5: 9-13)

Mary Jo



LIVE THE LITURGY

Every human being asks and answers a very important existential question. What happens to us when we die? The answer we provide will determine how we chart the course of our existence. It will also determine whether the Second Coming of Christ will be of any concern to us. For many, life is simply a random occurrence with no significant intention or meaning about it. For these people, their eventual death, and the end of the earth as they know it, have little importance beyond their personal consequences. But, for people of faith our natural death and the Second Coming of Christ have huge implications. It is to these things that our faith speaks volumes and can bring a keen understanding and direction that the secular world simply cannot provide. This is where the call to vigilance and the primordial virtues of faith, hope, and love become useful and meaningful. We are works in progress who can either resist the inspirations of the Divine Artist or give into the wonderful surprising creativity of his will.

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Hello Fellow Parishioners,

The Christmas season is rapidly approaching and we hope you are ready to spread some holiday cheer! In keeping with our theme of warmth for this winter season, we are launching our Christmas outreach drive.

"COATS FOR KIDS"

We are asking for donations of NEW coats for kids (Boys and Girls). Sizes 5 to 18 are needed. Kids only, no adult sizes. We are partnering with Great Oaks Academy to make sure all the children will have a new coat to keep them warm this winter.

We are also accepting NEW hats, gloves, mittens and scarves. Monetary donations are always accepted.

The drive will start this weekend and run through December 12th.

Bins will be in the gathering space to accept your donations. Monetary donations can be put in the collection basket. Please note on the envelope "Coats For Kids".

Our parish of St. Mark has been tremendously generous in all of our outreach programs!

Our "Sock It To Us" drive was so successful. Catholic Charities could not have been more thankful for our wonderfully, generous donation. Many toes will be warm this winter - thanks to St. Mark Parish!

Let us do the same for the kids!

As always, we pray for those less fortunate and any act of love that we are fortunate to give is a gift.

"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." *2 Corinthians 9:7*

Thank you,
Christian Service Team



Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition

St. Louise de Marillac is having the Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition at our Parish Hall on:

Friday, November 19th from 4 - 8 pm

Saturday, November 20 from 2 - 7 pm

Sunday, November 21, from 1 - 5 pm

We would like to invite all to come and see these miracles about the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. The event will take place in the Social hall behind the Church.

St. Louise is located at
2500 E. Twelve Mile Rd.
Warren, MI 48092

We look forward to seeing you there!



THE WORD

Readings for the week of November 14, 2021

- Sunday: Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32
- Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158/
Lk 18:35-43
- Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 19:1-10
- Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15/Lk 19:11-28
- Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 /Lk 19:41-44
- Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chron 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd/
Lk 19:45-48
- Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19/Lk 20:27-40
- Next Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37



Saturday, November 13

- 4:00 pm Herbert Dempz
Isabelle McLaughlin
Richard Shaddon
Cecelia Dempz
Julia Marcincowski
Frances Szadikerski
Jerry & Dorothy Neely
Frances Szpont
Jim Wawrzyniak
Romeo Duronio

Sunday, November 14

- 8:30 am Prillwitz Family
Carmela Palamara
- 11:00 am Helen Gasporapos
Linda Galindo
Patrick Elliott
Catlin Hunt
Gene Wisniewski

Wednesday, November 17

- 9:30 am Chito Café
Elsie Corbeill
Bernadine Corbeill

Saturday, November 20

- 4:00 pm Agnes & Raymond
Grimski
Christy Zarek
Karol Lipinski
Angeline Lipinski
Richard Lipinski
Donald Krynski
MaryAnn Wozniak

Sunday, November 21

- 8:30 am Leon Kozemchak
Carmela Palamara
- 11:00 am Anna Gavin
Dominic Lanni

ST. MARK OUTREACH



The Pantry Needs:

Thank you for your food and monetary donations.

God Bless



QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:

The prophet Daniel foresees a time of "unsurpassed distress" where all receive divine judgement of either everlasting life or everlasting disgrace. Do thoughts of the end times bring you comfort or concern?

Second Reading:

The author of Hebrews continues to emphasize Jesus' death as the definitive and final sacrificial offering for sins. Why do you think this is a central theme in the Letter to the Hebrews?

Gospel:

Jesus speaks of his Second Coming at the end of time and warns his disciples: "Be watchful! Be alert!" How are you preparing for judgment day?

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PRAYER INTENTIONS



Cathy Gambrell
David Harrison
Richard Harrison
Marilyn Parrish
Dale Parrish
Delphene Tessmar

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

"The world needs Christians who know how to demonstrate the beauty of the Gospel by the way they live; who are weavers of dialogue, models of fraternal life; who bring the sweet fragrance of hospitality and solidarity, who protect and safeguard life."

- Pope Francis

@Pontifex Twitter (November 8, 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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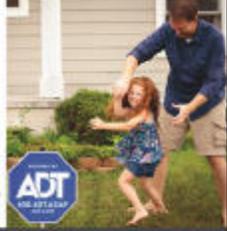


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