

St. Mark's Episcopal Church
The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Ministry Fair Sunday
September 25, 2022
8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.



This summer's Eucharist has been adapted from various resources, including: Saint Peter's Episcopal Church, Cambridge, MA, the Parish of the Epiphany, Winchester, MA, the *Supplemental Eucharistic Prayers for the Book of Alternative Services of the Anglican Church of Canada*, 1998, *Enriching Our Worship*, 1998, The "Prayer of Thanksgiving" from *Christian Worship Resources for a Children's Sabbath*. This Service includes information in red for instructions on the actions and words of the Eucharist. It is our hope that the Service will be spiritually meaningful and uplifting for all ages at St. Mark's.

St. Mark's Episcopal Church
134 N. Division Ave.
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503
www.stmarksgr.org

Welcome to St. Mark's

Welcome to historic St. Mark's, a vibrant community of faith, which has gathered for worship since 1836 and in the current building since 1848. If this is your first visit with us, please know that we are delighted you are here. Please, introduce yourself and be sure to sign our guest sign-in sheet in the foyer and/or fill-out a Visitor's Welcome Card. Also, please take a welcome folder on the Welcome Desk.



Safety: Everyone entering the St. Mark's Parish House is encouraged to wear a mask. Guests and visitors are asked to sign the register. The wooden doors to the Parish House will be locked fifteen minutes after Services begin with a security guard on duty to be of assistance. Upon leaving a restroom, please wash hands with warm soapy water and sanitize. Many thanks.

Weekly Worship and Prayer at St. Mark's: Sundays at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.; Compline on Mondays and Thursdays at 8:00 p.m. via Facebook live. The bulletin is identical for both Sunday Services with musical elements not included in the 8:00 a.m. Service. **The Breakfast Café**, a program of our outreach ministry, is at 8:15 a.m. every Saturday. If you would like more information, please contact Judy Freeman at judyfw@comcast.net.

Children at St. Mark's: St. Mark's provides many children's activities and opportunities and welcomes you to contact our Director of Children's Ministry, Evan Knill, at eknill107@gmail.com for more information.

Summer Sunday School: This summer, we will continue to provide nursery care for children under 3 in the downstairs classroom. Sunday School during the 10:30 services for school-aged children will take place outdoors in the St. Mary's Garden. We'll run, play, sing and worship together! Join us!

Junior and Senior High Youth: Grand Rapids Episcopal Youth: G.R.E.Y. is a joint youth ministry between St. Mark's and St. Andrew's Episcopal Churches for youth in grades 6-12. We have weekly formation gatherings during the school year and service and social activities throughout the year. Please contact our Director of Youth Ministry, Jeff Brown, for more information: jeffatgrey@gmail.com.

Adults: We offer the *Education for Ministry* seminar during the program year, an *Inquirers' Class* for those preparing for Confirmation, Reception, or Reaffirming one's faith and seasonal Sunday forums at 8:30 a.m. Please, see Fr. Christian for more details. We also offer a Monday book study for adults. For the book group, please contact Carmela McIntire at carmela0067@att.net.

A Note about Cell Phones: We ask that you turn off your cell phone; if you are on call, please turn it to vibrate when you enter the church.

Rest Rooms are located on the main level of the Parish House under the exit sign at the top of the Foyer ramp.

Parking on Sundays: Limited parking is available in the Parish Lot. Please, consider the free metered parking on Pearl, Ionia, Lyon, Fountain and other streets near the church, the upper and lower levels of the GRCC building on Fountain Street and the Ellis Parking Lot at 210 Ionia just west of Lyon Street. For the Ellis Lot: Please, pick up an exit ticket from an Usher, a Greeter or on the little table where the bulletins are in the north transept. Parking is free on Sunday only. A white ticket is required to accompany the parking ticket and to exit the lot.

St. Mark's Full- and Part-time Staff

The Rev. Dr. Christian Brocato, Rector
The Rev. Susan York, Priest Associate
The Rev. Jan Gockerman, Deacon
Megan Harding, Parish Administrative Associate
Pam Stevenson, Finance Manager
Dr. Gregory Crowell, Director of Music
Alexis VanZalen, Organ Scholar
Evan Knill, Director of Children's Ministry
Jeff Brown, Director of Youth Ministry
Kate Pyles, Director of Communications Ministry
Ronnie Bowen, Sexton
Craig Mosley, Sexton Associate
Doris Molina, Weekend Sexton

The Gathering of God's People

Our prayer begins with the offering of music to help us prepare for the words and actions to follow in the Service.

The Prelude — Chorale

William Mathias

Lector I **The Welcome**

Standing as able, we continue our prayer as clergy and ministers are called forth from the congregation to assist us as leaders in worship.

The Gathering Hymn — Blue Hymnal 546: Awake, my soul, stretch every nerve

Siroë

Prayer of Invocation

Presider I: † Blessed be God, most holy, gracious and undivided Trinity.

All: **And blessed be God's reign, now and forever. Amen.**

Presider I: Let us pray.

All: **O God, stay with us, your beloved children, and remain with us in our prayer; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts and awaken new hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture, the Holy Eucharist, and in the faces of one another. Grant this for the sake of your love. Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

To best prepare for what is to come in our worship, we openly ask God for forgiveness and seek reconciliation and peace.

Presider I: Let us confess our faults and admit our frailty. *(Pause for reflection)*

All: **Before God, with the people of God, we confess to our brokenness: to the ways we wound our lives, the lives of others, and the life of the world. We lay down what is past and look to the future. We take into daily life signs of hope and healing. We reach beyond ourselves, to share the lives of others and touch the wider world.**

Kyrie *(Spoken at 8:00 a.m. and sung at 10:30 a.m.)*

Cantor or Choir All Cantor or Choir

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

All Cantor or Choir All

Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Richard Proulx

Presider I: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in God's great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with heartfelt repentance and true faith turn to him: have mercy on us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring us to everlasting life, in the † name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace — to his peo-ple on
earth. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al - might-ty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry Lord Je-sus Christ, on - ly Son of the
Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have
mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re - ceive our
prayer, For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, — you a-lone — are the Lord, you a -
lone are the Most — High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God — the Fa - ther. A - men.

Collect of the Day

Presider II: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider II: Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

At this point, we are seated to listen and hear the Word of God from the Sacred Scriptures of both the Jewish and Christian traditions.

The Hebrew Scripture

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Lector 1: A Reading from the Prophet Amos

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion, and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria. Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory, and lounge on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the stall; who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp, and like David improvise on instruments of music; who drink wine from bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

Lector I: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 146:4-9

(Prayed responsively by half verse at 8 a.m.; Antiphon intoned by the choir and repeated by all at 10:30 a.m.)



4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *
whose hope is in the Lord their God;

5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *
who keeps his promise for ever;

6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
and food to those who hunger.

Antiphon

7 The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; *
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

8 The Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares for the stranger; *
he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

9 The Lord shall reign for ever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

Antiphon

The Christian Scripture

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Lector II: A Reading from the First Letter to Timothy

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time-- he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Lector II: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel (*Standing as able*)

Luke 16:19-31

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: **Glory to you, O Christ.**

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

Gospeler: The Gospel of Christ.

People: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Homily

Laura Kozminski

Silence is observed after the proclamation and preaching of the Word.

The Nicene Creed (*Please note the language for the Spirit.*)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made a man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son, the Spirit is worshiped and glorified. The Spirit has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the †resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The following prayers are offered to God on behalf of all people, those children of all ages gathered here in-person or praying with us online, and those around the world.

Lector I: During the periods of silence, I invite you to offer additional prayers either silently or aloud and respond: "O God, hear us."

Lector II: O God, grant that the Christian Tradition throughout the world may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

We pray: **O God, hear us.**

Lector I: O God, give us genuine gratitude for the gifts you have given us at St. Mark's. We thank you for this season of generosity as we give of our gifts for the sake of our ministry at St. Mark's.

We pray: **O God, hear us.**

Lector II: O God, we pray for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, Presiding Bishop; all bishops, priests and deacons and all who minister in God's Name especially here at St. Mark's.

We pray: **O God, hear us.**

Lector I: O God, guide our President, our Governor, our Mayor and all elected officials. Give them and us a true understanding of the dignity of all people, to help end racism, bullying, intolerance and violence of any kind. Guide all the nations of the world in the ways of justice and peace.

We pray: **O God, hear us.**

Lector II: O God, we give thanks for all who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this week. We pray for the celebrations and needs of those gathered here. *(Silence to include individual thanksgivings)*

We pray: **O God, hear us.**

Lector I: O God, comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind or spirit. We remember those on our Parish Prayer List found in the bulletin, the Anglican and Diocesan Cycles of Prayer and all those for whom we have promised to pray. We especially remember those suffering from COVID and natural disasters of any kind. *(Silence to include additional prayers)*

We pray: **O God, hear us.**

Lector II: O God, we commend to your mercy all who have died that they and those who will die this day unloved or unattended. May they rest in peace and may light perpetual shine upon them. *(Silence to include additional prayers)*

We pray: **O God, hear us.**

Presider II: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Hear now, O God, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider I: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us offer one another a sign of that peace.

Announcements

While special music is offered, our monetary gifts are received for the benefit of the mission of St. Mark's. The Table is prepared, and the collected gifts are presented to be blessed by God. The Liturgy of the Table asks God to receive our gifts of bread and wine and ourselves as we are blessed by God in the Holy Eucharist.

Offertory Music — Poor Man Lazrus

Jester Hairston

Doxology *(Spoken at 8 a.m. and sung at 10:30 a.m.)*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow:

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, O heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; Amen.

And so, Holy God, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Celebrant
There - fore we pro - claim the mys - ter - y of faith:

Celebrant and People
Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

Lord God of our Ancestors, God of Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Rebekah and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Response if not sung: Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

The now consecrated elements of bread and wine are held high as a final offering to God for blessing followed by the Great Amen, an important affirmation on the part of all gathered for Eucharist.

Accept these prayers and praises, O God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory and worship, from generation to generation.

Celebrant *People*
A-men.

The Lord's Prayer

As an expression of the inclusivity of the Eucharist and the importance of The Lord's Prayer, we have included three options for praying this beautiful and meaningful prayer. Other languages are also welcome.

Presider I: Please pray the Lord's Prayer in whichever language or version you prefer.

(Traditional) **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

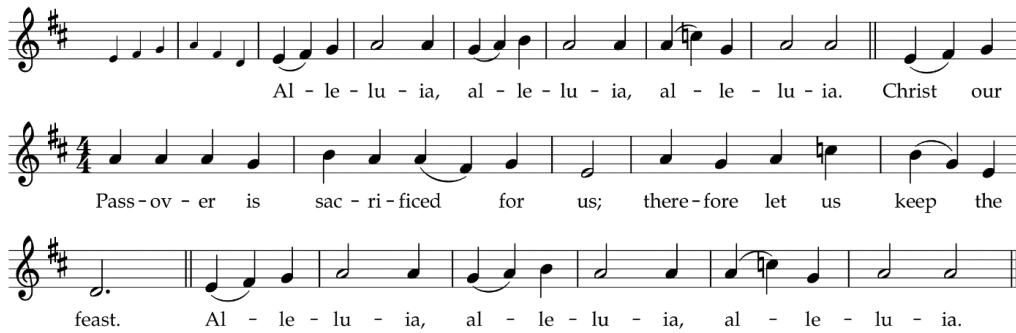
(Contemporary) **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

(Spanish) **Padre nuestro, que estas en el cielo, santificado sea tu nombre; venga a nosotros tu reino, hágase tu voluntad, en la tierra como en el cielo, danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día, perdona nuestras ofensas, como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden, no nos dejes caer en la tentación y libranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder, y la gloria por los siglos de los siglos. Amen.**

As the following words are offered, the Presider breaks the consecrated bread and holds it up so that all may see and respond. Hosts are prepared with wine added in advance of the Service. Each host contains both consecrated bread and wine.

The Breaking of the Bread and the Reception of the Sacrament (*Spoken at 8 a.m.*)

Gerald Near



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our
Pass - ov - er is sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the
feast. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: **Let us take them in remembrance that Christ died for us and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.**

Presider: As is our tradition, all are invited to the Holy Eucharist at the Table of the Lord. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please cross your hands over your chest, and you will receive a blessing. Please follow the guide of the ushers to receive Communion which contains combined elements of consecrated bread and wine. All are welcome.

We come to the Altar-at-the-Crossing to kneel or stand to receive the Eucharist. Gluten free wafers are also available. The Eucharist contains consecrated bread and wine combined prior to the Service and now the Body and Blood of Jesus while also remaining bread and wine.

The Distribution of the Sacrament

Eucharistic Minister: The body and blood of Christ.

All: **Amen.**

Communion Music — Red Hymnal 133: All to Jesus I surrender

Winfield S. Weeden

Post-communion prayer (*Please stand as you are able*)

Presider II: Let us pray:

All: **Faithful God, in baptism you adopted us as your children, made us members of the body of Christ and chose us as inheritors of your reign: we thank you that in this Eucharist you renew your promises within us, empower us by your Spirit to witness and to serve, and send us out as disciples of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

Presider I: Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor everyone; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; and the blessing of God almighty, the †Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among us and remain with us always. **Amen.** *1 Thessalonians 5:13-22*

The Hymn of Sending Forth — Blue Hymnal 438: Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord

Woodlands

Here, we are sent into the world having been nourished and fed for the journey of life. We will go with thanksgiving to be light in the world for those all around us.

The Sending Forth

Deacon: Friends in Christ, let us go forth to love and serve God and all God's people. Alleluia. Alleluia.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Postlude — Praeludium in G Minor

D. Buxtehude

Following both Services, all are invited to the Parish Hall to share fellowship and light fare.

You are invited to participate in the tradition at St. Mark's to remain seated until all the candles are extinguished and the postlude has ended, fitting ways to conclude our worship together. A reminder that when the Rector preaches, his homily is available on the Resource Table in the north transept. Please, feel free to take a copy for further reflection. All homilies are videoed and can be found at www.stmarksgr.org at the Media tab and on YouTube at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Grand Rapids, MI.

Offertory and Ways to Give to St. Mark's Episcopal Church

- 1.) Place check or cash in the offering plate
- 2.) Electronic Giving (email Pam for form – see the attachment in our e-news)
- 3.) Give+ Mobile App from any mobile device
- 4.) Pay by text - text 616-205-9714 from your phone and send a payment
- 5.) Mobil App Square cash - Cashtag: \$stmarksgr Web address: [cash.me/\\$stmarksgr](https://cash.me/$stmarksgr)
- 6.) Mail a check to the church
- 7.) Online at our website at www.stmarksgr.org through PayPal
- 8.) Remember St. Mark's in your Estate Planning
- 9.) Gifts or Transfer of Stock



Total budget for 2022:	\$673,270
Pledged Amount for 2022:	\$484,255
Received Yr. to Date (Pledges, Gifts and Income):	\$450,925

Thanks to all who financially support the Ministry of St. Mark's. Please know that additional pledges can be received at any time. Any questions whatsoever, please feel free to contact our Finance Manager, Pam Stevenson or our Treasurer, Marc Vander Velde.

Announcements

eNews: Please visit our website at www.stmarksgr.org and click on the scroll that says "Newsletter" for our weekly announcements, opportunities and news. This is the same as our electronic newsletter (eNews) to which you may subscribe to receive in your email each week by filling out one of our Welcome Cards and placing it on Megan's desk.

Ministry Fair Sunday: Today! Following the 10:30 Eucharist, the social hour will encompass displays for most of the ministries at St. Mark's with representatives from those ministries on deck for questions, recruiting and volunteering. Please, come and see. Come and rejoice in the many opportunities offered at St. Mark's through some thirty-five ministries, opportunities for giving back in thanks for the gifts we have been given. Come! Celebrate!

St. Mark's Flu Shot Clinic Oct. 1 from 7:30-9:00 a.m.: Each year we host a Flu Shot Clinic for our neighbors and anyone who wishes to get their flu shot. Appointment is not necessary but we ask that you do bring your insurance card.

Adult Forums on Wednesdays and Sundays: Come, See, Experience and Learn! Pick up a flier on the Resource Table in the north transept for dates and details on these wonderful opportunities for spiritual growth which began on Sept. 21 and will continue through mid-November.

186th Anniversary Sunday: Please, consider joining us for worship on **October 2, 2022** at either the 8:00 a.m. or the 10:30 a.m. Service, as we formally celebrate the 186th Anniversary of St. Mark's, originally established on October 6, 1836. The Anniversary dinner will be that evening at 5:00 p.m. at the Kent Country Club where we only pay for the dinners and not the rental of the ballroom. There will be separate menus for adults and children, photos displayed, special musical entertainment, a silent auction and much more. Join us if you are able. Thanks!

Anniversary Sunday and Blessing of Animals, October 2: Inspired by St. Francis, we will bless our furry, scaled and shelled loved ones at both of the Services October 2. If you are not able to bring your pet/pets you may bring in a stuffed animal or photo which will be blessed.

St. Mark's Book of Prayers for the Anniversary! In celebration of the upcoming 186th Anniversary, please, consider writing a prayer for us. You may wish to cite a Bible passage or not. I will collect all the prayers. We will bind them and make them available at the Sunday Services and at each of the places at the Anniversary Dinner on Oct. 2. After that, they will be available at the North Transept Resource Table. Please, send your prayer to me via email at christianb@stmarksgr.org or give me a copy, and I will make sure to include it in the booklet of prayers. Many thanks!

~ Christian+

Flowers for Sunday Services: Flowers beautify the sacred spaces of our church and are a gift to God and those who attend. If you wish to honor or remember a loved one or acknowledge an Anniversary by donating flowers, you may pick up a form on the welcome desk and return it to the church office. There is also a signup sheet so that you may pick a Sunday Service for your donation.

Steve Manskar Raising Awareness and Funds for Cycling toward a world free of MS: Steve signed up for Bike MS: “Bike to Jack & Back” in Tennessee on October 1-2, a fundraising ride that changes the world for people affected by multiple sclerosis. He is going the distance with training and commitment in hopes of reaching an ambitious \$1,500 goal to fuel cutting-edge MS research and critical services to ensure people affected by MS have the resources they need to live their best lives. You may give through Steve’s Facebook fund raiser: <https://cutt.ly/IXfKqtI> or contact him at (615) 948-0650. “Thanks for helping me reach my goal”. ~ *Rev. Steve Manskar, DMin*

Change in date for the East Leonard Tutors: Thanks so much for those who have signed up to tutor at East Leonard School. Please note that the school would like to change the training date from 9/28 to the week of 10/24. The day and time will be determined soon. This consideration was carefully made as the school is in the process of completing several assessments for each child. They will then determine which children need tutoring from the outcomes of these assessments. They will also be able to determine what interventions are needed in tutoring that are specific to each child. We appreciate your patience and understanding and willingness to help a child reach their achievement goals and the ability to read and build the vocabulary needed for success.

Women’s Spa Day, October 20: We will again be pampering our woman neighbors for a spa day on October 20. Please put this date on your calendar and stay tuned to the eNews and bulletin for details to come.

The St. Mark’s Prayer List

The Sick

The Ash Family
The Bedford Family
Wendell Chivis
Charlie Coplin
Anthony DeMello
Terry Harrison
Jennifer Julius
Anais Laurent
George Linde
Jean McCormick
John Oatley
Mary Rollins
Jim Todd
Jean Zylstra

Those in Military Service

Col. Timothy Brower, Sr. USA
HC. Yamar Chivis USN
Henry Dykema, USNG
Cpt. Nathan Gaggin, USAF
Col. Gabriel Monsalvo, USMC
Lt. Col. Todd Murray, USAF
1st Sgt. Deidre Piechocki, USA

Discernment for Ordained Ministry

Rachel Ravellette
Cathy Stevens

Homebound Parishioners

Sue Allen
Gertrude DeAguire
Nita and Chuck DeGraaf
John Gracki
Irene Haizman
Mary Rollins
Irene Savara
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