

St. Mark's Episcopal Church
The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 31, 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 – Prelude on the First Tone

Guillaume Gabriel Nivers

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 665: All my hope on God is founded

Michael

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.**

Presider I: † May God forgive us, Christ renew us, and the Spirit enable us to grow in love.

All: **Amen.**

Presider I: Let us offer praise to God.

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

Frank E. White

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, He is the might - y King, mas-ter of
ev'r - y thing. The cap-tain of my soul, the u-ni - verse con-trol, God is the one
true ex-pres-sion of life. He's the cre - a - tor, a great cre - a - tor,
Hea - ven and earth His great-ness pro - claim. The cap-tain of my
soul, the u - ni - verse con-trol, ho - nor and ma - jes - ty se-cond to none.

Collect of the Day

Presider II: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider II: Let us pray.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; 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

Ecclesiastes 1:2,12–14; 2:18–23

Lector I: A Reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind. I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me -- and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 49:1–11

Reader I: Let us pray a portion of the Psalm responsively by half verse.

1 Hear this, all you peoples; hearken, all you who dwell in the world, *
you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.

2 My mouth shall speak of wisdom, *
and my heart shall meditate on understanding.

3 I will incline my ear to a proverb *
and set forth my riddle upon the harp.

4 Why should I be afraid in evil days, *
when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,

5 The wickedness of those who put their trust in their goods, *
and boast of their great riches?

6 We can never ransom ourselves, *
or deliver to God the price of our life;

7 For the ransom of our life is so great, *
that we should never have enough to pay it,

8 In order to live for ever and ever, *
and never see the grave.

9 For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish *
and leave their wealth to those who come after them.

10 Their graves shall be their homes for ever, their dwelling places from generation to generation, *
though they call the lands after their own names.

11 Even though honored, they cannot live for ever; *
they are like the beasts that perish.

The Christian Scripture

Colossians 3:1–11

Lector II: A Reading from the Letter to the Colossians

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Hymn — Blue Hymnal 435: At the name of Jesus

King's Weston

The Gospel (*Standing as able*)

Luke 12:13–21

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

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

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

Gospeler: The Gospel of Christ.

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

The Homily

The Rev. Canon Valerie Ambrose

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 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: O God, we ask you to hear the prayers of your people gathered before you, your children of all ages, and hear our prayer with the response, “O God, hear us.”

Lector II: O God, help us to be at peace within ourselves. We pray:
All: O God, hear us.

Lector I: O God, help us to accept that we are profoundly loved and need never be afraid. We pray:
All: O God, hear us.

Lector II: O God, help us to be aware that you are the source of being common to us all and to creation. We pray:
All: O God, hear us.

Lector I: O God, help us so to live that all your people may have clean air, food, water, and shelter, especially remembering refugees throughout the world. Give us grace to do all we can to protect and preserve your magnificent creation. We pray:
All: O God, hear us.

Lector II: O God, may we cease to be a cause of suffering for others. Help us to end violence, hatred, anger, racism and war. We pray:
All: O God, hear us.

Lector I: For the President, Congress, our Governor, our Mayor and for all in authority, that they may be people of justice, integrity and truth. We pray:
All: O God, hear us.

Lector II: For those who celebrate birthdays or anniversaries this week. We pray:
All: O God, hear us.

Lector I: O God, fill us with the presence of your great compassion for us, for all those in need, those for whom we have promised to pray and those on our Parish Prayer List found in the bulletin. We pray:
All: O God, hear us.

Lector II: For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection and all those who mourn their passing. May all who have died rest in peace and may light perpetual shine upon them. (*Silence is observed while additional names are offered.*) We pray:
All: O God, hear us.

Lector I: Let us offer additional prayers, either silently or aloud. (*Silence is observed while additional prayers are offered.*) We pray:
All: O God, hear us.

Lector II: O God, hear our prayers and kindle within our hearts a flame of love for our neighbors, our foes, our friends, and all our sisters and brothers throughout the world.
All: **O God of the poor and the yearning, from the humblest thing that lives to the name that is highest of all, kindle within our hearts a flame of love. Amen.**

The Peace

Presider I: The peace of Christ be always with you.
All: **And also with you.**
Presider: Let us offer one another a sign of that peace.

Announcements

Blessing of Backpacks

Presider I: Today, we have before us backpacks to be carried to and from school by the children to whom they will be given from us at St. Mark's. They will soon contain books, notebooks, pencils, pens, crayons, rulers, scissors, glue sticks and other items used for school work.

Presider II: Gracious God, we offer these backpacks to you today and the students who will carry and use them. We especially ask you to bless the students who will soon be ready to receive your blessings, as they commit themselves to study and learning during the school year ahead. We ask your blessing on each of them and on all children and youth.

Presider I: As children carry these backpacks to and from their homes, may they be reminded of the love and care of the members of St. Mark's who have provided these resources for the upcoming school year. We pray you bless these backpacks and those who will use them † in the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Adapted from: <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/a-blessing-of-the-backpacks-and-the-school-year>

The Offertory

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 — Duet No. 1

Rachel Ravellette and Glory Strey, flute

François Devienne

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.**

The Liturgy of the Table

The Invitation

Bread and wine have been received and we now call upon God, the Father, through the Son, to consecrate them through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Presider I:
Sisters and brothers, the table of bread and wine is now made ready.
It is the table of company with Jesus and all who love him.
It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world with whom Jesus identified himself.
It is the table of communion with the earth in which Christ became incarnate.
Come, it is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer for Children's Sabbath

Presider: God be with you

All: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to God.

All: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks and praise, amazing God, who made heaven and earth and sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever, who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry; you watch over the strangers, uphold children, parents and people of all ages. We give you thanks, O God, especially for children, for the blessing they are and the blessing we may be to them, as we seek to heed your prophets and do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you.

And so, we join the saints and angels in proclaiming your glory, as we pray:

Sanctus

Richard Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heaven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

We praise you, O God, for sending your beloved son, Jesus, born and nurtured by his family, and protected by strangers, who grew as a child, who was taught in the temple surrounded by his community, who was guided by his parents, who became an adult, who loved and blessed the children, who cared for those who were sick, poor, and left out, who taught that God loves us like a parent, and who called us his friends. Jesus, who was born among us, died our Savior whom we all need, triumphant even over death, freeing us to live as your beloved children.

Presider: For your gift of Christ, we praise you,

All: **We worship and adore you.**

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at the table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. As you do this, remember me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, remember me."

Presider: For new life in Christ, we praise you,

All: **We worship and adore you.**

Around your table as your children of all ages O God, we remember Jesus Christ, who came in love, lived in love, and died in love, who was and is and is to come. We offer to you these gifts of bread and wine, and we offer to you †ourselves, our lives and all we are.

†Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ, that †they strengthen us to welcome all your children, to show your love, to work for your justice and to bring your peace.

Presider: For the peace of Christ, we praise you,

All: **We worship and adore you.**

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.

Presider: Through Christ our Redeemer, in the power of the Spirit, we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise.

All: **Blessing, honor and glory be yours, here and everywhere, now and forever. Amen.**

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 deyes 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

David Hurd

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver 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. All are welcome at this Table of the Lord.

We come to the Altar-at-the-Crossing to kneel or stand to receive the Eucharist, freely offered and received.

The Distribution of the Sacrament

Eucharistic Minister: The body and blood of Christ.

All: Amen.

Post-communion chant: (*Sung multiple times*)

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

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

Presider II: Let us pray:

All: Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people forgiven, healed, renewed, that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

Presider I: May God shield us, East, West, North, South and wherever we go.

All: The God of life, love and grace.

Presider: And the blessing of God, †Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, be upon us, now and for evermore, we pray:

All: Amen.

The Hymn of Sending Forth — Blue Hymnal 594: God of grace and God of glory

Cwm Rhondda

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: Sisters and brothers 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 — How Fair and How Pleasant Art Thou

Marcel Dupré

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



Total budget for 2022:	\$673,270
Gifts Pledged for 2022:	\$484,255
Received Yr. to Date (Pledges, Special Gifts & Offerings not Pledged):	\$361,298

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.

The St. Mark's Prayer List

The Sick

The Bedford Family
Steven Baxter
Wendell Chivis
Phil Gleason
Terry Harrison
Jennifer Julius
Soledad Lara
George Linde
Jean McCormick
Steve McNear
Jeff Merchant
Harry Mika
Elizabeth Miller
John Oatley
Linda Peeler
Susan Schoff
Grace Schuurmans
John Slagter
Frankie Sylvester
Brian Topolewski
Dennis Vanderlind
David Varner
The Rev. William Whiting

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

Homebound Parishioners

Sue Allen
Gertrude DeAguire
Nita and Chuck DeGraaf
John Gracki
Irene Haizman
Mary Rollins
Irene Savara
Shari Takus
Shirley VanDerBos
Roma Warmington
John Wells
Jean Zylstra

Officers of the Vestry

Nancy Dodge, Senior Warden
Dawn Buller, Junior Warden
Brian Topolewski, Clerk
Marc Vander Velde, Treasurer

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Chuck Hoyt
Gloria Lara
Jon Anderson
Amy Richards-Duncan
Mike Armour

Discernment for Ordained Ministry

Rachel Ravellette
Cathy Stevens

Announcements

eNews: Please visit our website at www.stmarksggr.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.

Camp Chickagami Day Camp at St. Mark’s-August 3 & 4: We are excited to announce the Camp Chick traveling day camps will once again make a stop at St. Mark’s this summer. Our days with them will be Wednesday, August 3 and Thursday, August 4 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. each day. This event will be open to those entering 1st to 8th grades in the coming school year. Please contact Jeff Brown for registration and more details.

Hunger walk results: The results are in, and after completing all of our goals through our partnership with ACCESS of West Michigan, they will be distributing funds in the amount of \$4,000 to St. Mark’s Breakfast Café. A big THANK YOU to all who supported the Walk by walking, pledging, sponsoring, and volunteering! ~Scot Gugle

Youth Mission Trip recap: We returned from our nearly weeklong bi-diocesan Progression Mission Trip for high schoolers last week Wednesday. This is the first time we were able to hold this trip in three years and it was a wonderful return to a treasured event. This year, we started out with some bonding and games at St. Andrew’s. The following day found us weeding the vegetable beds at Plainsong Farm and learning about their ministry. At St. Timothy’s in Richland, we placed wayfinding signs for the hiking trails and canoe launch, painted walls, and placed benches along the trails. In Mount Vernon, Ohio, we stayed at St. Paul’s, a parish founded in 1829, where we cleaned and waxed the pews in their sanctuary. There were some leisure activities and recreation sprinkled in between our service projects: a concert by a Beatles tribute band, barbecues, bonfires, a trip to the breathtaking Hocking Hills State Park in Ohio, and a day at Cedar Point. Thanks to our friends at St. Andrew’s Toledo for hosting us on our way home. This trip will take a hiatus next year as the Episcopal Youth Event (EYE) will be held in Baltimore the first full week in July (plan for 3-9) and will be open to all those in high school the 2022-2023 school year. Save the date! ~Jeff Brown, Director of Youth Ministries

Did you know? The large Bible we see on display at St. Mark’s represents the word of God in English for all to read and appreciate. It was mandated by Henry VIII in 1539, a great symbol to the people that the Scriptures in the vernacular should be on display as well as prayed and proclaimed in every church throughout the land. Our current Bible on display is the former Bible used at the lectern for the readings on Sundays. The Great Bible was supposed to be the largest one available in a local Parish. As we revere both the Hebrew Scriptures and the Christian Scriptures, we see this large Bible as a symbol of the word of God in our midst for all to see and hear. ~ Christian+

Knitting Ministry: Please join us Sunday July 31st after the 10:30am service for what will hopefully be the first of many Knitting Ministry gatherings. We will gather in the Canterbury room, this is a stash busting event, some yarn will be provided as well as free hat patterns. The goal of the first meeting is to get started on some winter knitting to donate to local shelters closer to Christmas. All crafters are welcome, please reach out to Jessica Hunter at (269)207-5479 or JMAAtteberry@gmail.com with any questions.

Eucharist for All Ages, August 21 and September 18: The next Eucharist for all ages Services will be on August 21 and September 18 at 10:30 a.m. This is a chance to worship together as an all-ages church family. Parents, if your child (or family unit) would like to participate, please contact Laura Kozminski. We need children and youth to serve in all aspects of these services.

Sudanese Grace Episcopal Church, Invitation: Please, join in the celebration as our sisters and brothers at Sudanese Grace celebrate their 2nd Anniversary in their current building on Saturday, August 27, 2022. The Church is located at 1550 Oswego St. NW, Grand Rapids, MI, 49504. The Service of Thanksgiving will be at 11:30 a.m. and will be followed by a Sudanese cooking demonstration, food and drumming, ~ Christian+

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. A new plaque is being considered for the façade of the Church and a hoped-for historical marker from the Michigan Historical Society is being considered as well. 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. Look for registrations in the future. Join us if you are able. Thanks!

Safety and Security Measure: The security guard will lock the Parish House doors 10-15 minutes after the Services begin on Sunday. The guard will remain on duty at the doors throughout the Services. In addition, we are in the process of hiring a second security guard. ~ *Safety Ministry Team*

Save the Dates

Children’s and Youth Diocesan Day Camp: Aug. 3 and 4
Church Safety Workshop: Sept. 17
Celebration Sunday and Annual Picnic: Sept. 18
Ministry Fair: Sept. 25
186th Anniversary of St. Mark’s: Oct. 2
All Saints’ Day Evening Prayer: Nov. 1