

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturdays at St. Mark 4 - 45pm (or by appointment)

Mass Scheduled Intentions + Deceased

Tues, Oct 20	St. Mark	5 pm	Mike Conboy +
Wed, Oct 21	St. Paul	6:30 pm	Eslava and Adams Families YFF
Thurs, Oct 22	St. Mark	9 am	Bruce Gaylord
Fri, Oct 23	St. Paul	9 am	Theresa Weidner+
Sat, Oct 24	St. Mark	5 pm	Brady Elder
Sun, Oct 25	St. Mark	8 am	For the People of our Parishes
	St. Paul	10 am	Strong Family+

Next Sunday's Readings:

Exodus 22:20-26; 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10; Matthew 22:34-40

Reflection

Cyrus was the pagan king of Persia, but when he conquered Babylon, he permitted the Jewish people to return to their homeland and worship God as they desired. For this reason, Isaiah speaks of Cyrus as having been anointed by God. He insists that God was the power behind the pagan king's success, arming him, making him king, and leading him to victory over Babylon, all without him realizing it. In a similar way, Paul explains to the Thessalonians that the gospel did not come to them only by what he, Silvanus, and Timothy told them, "but also in power and in the Holy Spirit" (1 Thessalonians 1:5). What we cannot see or hear can be even more powerful than what we can sense.

Let us recognize the effect of the Holy Spirit, whom we received in baptism and confirmation, in our own lives and the lives of others.

The Roman coin makes the "repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar" half of this lesson easy to remember (Matthew 22:21). But sometimes we overlook the "[repay] to God what belongs to God" half (22:21). We owe our very lives to God. Created in God's image, given breath and life by our creator, we have been baptized in Christ Jesus and confirmed in the Holy Spirit, chosen as disciples to live out the gospel throughout the course of our lives. We bear the image of God. We are called to repay God with our whole selves.

How often do we get frustrated shopping for a gift, throw up our hands, and say: What do you get someone who has everything? Well, what if that someone is God? What can we give God, who has everything and has already given us everything we have? We give God thanks and praise, of course, through prayer and worship. But because all people are God's children, we can also give to those in need from the gifts we have received. Just as we might give gifts to our close friends' young children, we can also give gifts to God's children.

Question of the Week

This week ahead, how will I repay to God what belongs to God?

St. Mark Stewardship

Regular Collection \$5,004.00

St. Paul Stewardship

Total Deposit \$6,180.01

St. Mark share \$3,598.01

Mass Intentions \$ 25.00

Year-to-date Collection \$48,171.92

Year-to-date Budget \$57,000.00

Prayer Requests

Please pray for the soul and family of Kay Wurtman Tomes. Kay saw her Savior early Saturday morning.

St. Mark: Alan Dale, Mary Preston, Terry O'Neill, Bob Huebschman, Kate Cash, Luca Carlson, Jeanne Griffin, Sarah Nicole Kemper, Rosemarie Blades, Chris Davies, Debbie Chamberlain, Mary Lathrop, Tommy Hayden, Tim Johns, William and Terrence Carlin, Bill Stalter, James Weber, Pete Arriola, Makenna Finnegan, Margie Hibbard, Marie Berger, Bode Family, David Russell, Barbara Hughes, Joe and Wanda Loftus, Mary Huhnke, Sr. Mary Christine Taylor, Ann Munn, Roy Maynard, Wendy Welter Teller, Kevin Stuckner, James I. Hosey, Mawn Family, David Harkins, Austin Benthem, Diane Edelbrock Nelson, Gerry Maynard, Jan Piche, Jim Eich, Maggie Pierson, Lonnie O'Neill, Richard Berger, Shannon Doney, Sr. Joan Claire

Both Parishes: Lorraine Cecil, Persecuted Christians throughout the world

Please remember our shut-ins and nursing home residents in your prayers: Barb Adams, William Moertl, and all those living in nursing homes.

Pray for our military and their families, especially Tyler McElya, Monica Dukes, Tucker Pittmann, Aiden Davies, and Jack Rooyackers.

St. Paul: Jamie Fralick, Callie Adams, Michael Gray, Shirley Carney, Tara Jeanne Perez, Jim Herbeck, Gregg Weber, Geoff Wurts, Troy Jewell, Amanda Davis, Dixon Family in Illinois, Madge Murphy, Eileen Harvey, Johnny Roman, Miss Sherri, Lewis Wurtman, Andrea Brumley, Steve Alldredge, Karen Riedeman Schalk, Jansen Hubbard, Pam Childress, Robert Peek, Jason Goodwin, Iris Brandon, Christa Strong, Rodger Rush, Max Reil, David Cansler, Margot Shirley, Kendra Redd, Rick Bennett, Mary Reil, Beth Berton, Ronald Weidner, Mary Cheeseman.

Save the Date

Sunday, Oct. 25th **St. Mark Parish Picnic** - Noon – 3 pm. Please bring a side dish/dessert. Hamburgers, hotdogs, buns and drinks provided by the Parish Council

Sunday, Nov. 1st **St. Mark First Sunday Breakfast** – Celebrate All Saints Day with our parish community.

Tuesday, Nov. 3rd **Adoration** at 4 pm before 5 pm Mass at **St. Mark**

Thursday, Nov. 5th after 9 am Mass **St. Mark Fall Cleaning**. Many hands make light work.

Friday, Nov. 6th **Adoration** at 8 am before 9 am Mass at **St. Paul**

Welcome to God's Family!

Congratulations to Liesl, Adam, and their daughter, Elena Leigh Kerewich. Elena was baptized after the 5pm Mass.

Born once of water, born again of the Spirit – welcome to God's family, little one.



Sacraments

Baptism: Please contact the Pastor to schedule a Baptism. One-month notice is required.

Matrimony: To schedule a wedding, please make an appointment with Fr. Brad. At least six months are needed for preparation.

Please contact Fr. Brad at (270) 365-6786 for **Anointing of the Sick**, **Holy Communion** or **Pastoral calls to the sick, shut-in, or hospitalized**.



WELCOME! Please see Fr. Brad or Kathy Talley to register. If you are a current parishioner with a change in contact information, please notify Kathy Talley kfct@umich.edu or (270) 625-3433.

DIOCESAN POLICY: A full explanation of the diocese's response to sexual abuse concerns can be found in the revised sexual abuse policy, effective July 1, 2014, which is available on the bookshelf in Fr. Brad's office at St. Mark, or online <https://owensborodiocese.org/safe>.

Bulletin Announcements should be sent directly to Regina (931)801-6514 or reg.8926@gmail.com NLT Tuesday evening.