

The First Sunday after Pentecost:

Trinity Sunday

May 31, 2026

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II (Expanded Language)

Prelude

Sonata II: Adagio

Felix Mendelssohn

Welcome

Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy

Blue Hymnal - 362

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Hymn of Praise

1. Glo - ry to you, _____ Lord

God of our fa - thers; _____ you are wor - thy of praise;

glo - ry to you. _____ 2. Glo - ry to you _____

_____ for the ra - di - ance of your ho - ly Name; _____ we will

praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____

3. Glo - ry to you _____ in the splen - dor of your
 tem - ple; _____ on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to
 you. _____ 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -
 ween the Cher - u - bim; _____ we will praise you and
 high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____

Descant

5. Glo - ry to you, _____ be -
 5. Glo - ry to you, _____ be - hold - ing the

hold - ing the depths; _____ in the high vault of
 depths; _____ in the high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to

hea - ven, 6. Glo - ry to you, _____
 you. _____ 6. Glo - ry to you, _____ Fa - ther,

— Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will
 Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; _____ we will praise you and



The Collect

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

¶ *All are seated.*

A Reading

Genesis 1: 1-2:4a

Lector: A reading from the Book of Genesis.

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

So God created humankind in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 8

Domine, Dominus noster

¶ At 8:00 the Lector and People read the Psalm responsively by half verse.

¶ At 10:30 the choir sings the psalm.

- 1 O Lord our Governor, *
how exalted is your Name in all the world!
- 2 Out of the mouths of infants and children *
your majesty is praised above the heavens.
- 3 You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, *
to quell the enemy and the avenger.
- 4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, *
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
- 5 What is man that you should be mindful of him? *
the son of man that you should seek him out?

- 6 You have made him but little lower than the angels; *
 you adorn him with glory and honor;
- 7 You give him mastery over the works of your hands; *
 you put all things under his feet:
- 8 All sheep and oxen, *
 even the wild beasts of the field,
- 9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, *
 and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.
- 10 O Lord our Governor, *
 how exalted is your Name in all the world!

A Reading

2 Corinthians 13: 11-13

Lector: A Reading from Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians.

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

¶ *All are invited to stand.*

Hymn

Thou, whose almighty word, vv. 1 & 2

Blue Hymnal - 371

¶ *Verses 1 and 2 are sung before the Gospel.*

The Gospel

Matthew 28: 16-20

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: † Glory to you, O Christ.

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Deacon: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn

Thou, whose almighty word, vv. 3 & 4

Blue Hymnal - 371

¶ *Verses 3 and 4 are sung after the Gospel.*

¶ *All may be seated.*

Sermon

The Rev. Jedediah Fox, Rector

¶ *All are invited to stand.*

The Nicene Creed

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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

Lector: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People: That we all may be one.

Lector: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People: That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Lector: We pray for Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury, the Anglican Church of Rwanda, Sean the Presiding Bishop, the Diocese of Pennsylvania and Daniel their Bishop; Anne our Bishop Assisting, the Standing Committee of the Diocese, Hope-St. John's of Oscoda and its Senior Warden, Pete Mapes; St. James of Pentwater and its Rector, Sam Morrison; Sudanese Grace of Grand Rapids and its Rector, Zachariah Char, & all bishops, priests,

and deacons;

People: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Lector: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Lector: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People: That our works may find favor in your sight.

Lector: Have compassion on those on our parish prayer list, & all who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People: That they may be delivered from their distress.

Lector: Give to the departed eternal rest;

People: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Lector: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Lector: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

¶ *Silence.*

¶ *The People may add their own petitions.*

¶ *The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you." Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

Confession of Sin

¶ *The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins to God.

¶ *Silence may be kept.*

¶ *Minister and People*

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Absolution

¶ The Celebrant stands and says,

Almighty God have †mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People: Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us share Christ's peace with one another.

Announcements

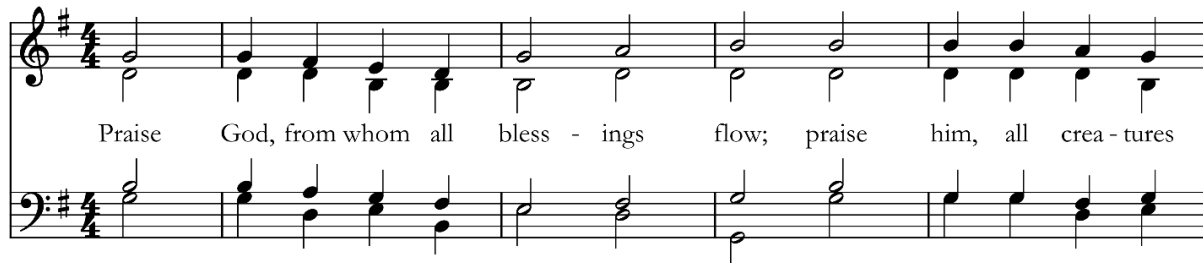
The Liturgy of the Table

Anthem

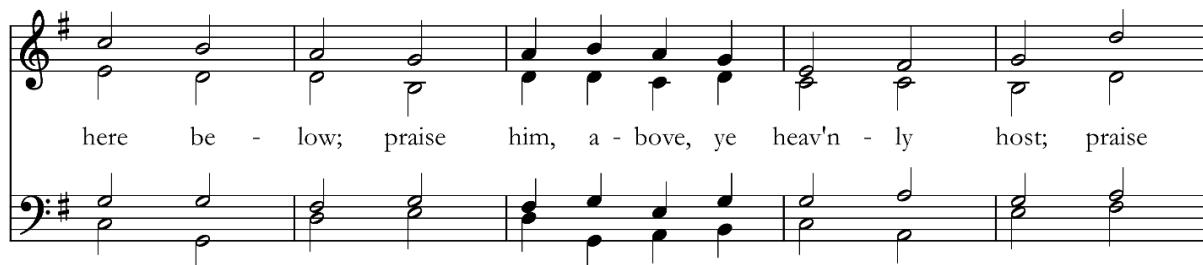
The Word was God

Rosephayne Powell

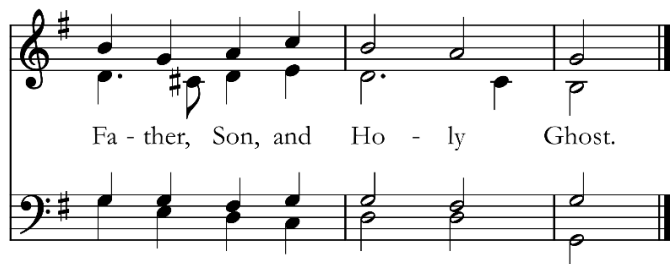
Presentation



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures



here below; praise him, above, ye heavenly host; praise



Fa-ther, Son, and Holy Ghost.

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: “Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ’s coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

¶ *Celebrant and People*

Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!

¶ *The Celebrant continues*

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit’s power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with the blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Mark, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

¶ *Presider and People*

Blessed are you now and for ever. *AMEN.*

The Lord’s Prayer

Celebrant: As our Savior Christ has taught us we now pray in the language of our heart,

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 estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu Nombre; venga tu reino. Hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy el pan de este día y perdona nuestras deudas, como nosotros perdonamos a nuestros deudores y no nos dejes caer en la tentación mas libranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder, y la gloria por los siglos de los siglos. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

¶ *The Celebrant breaks the bread.*

¶ *A period of silence is kept.*

The Fraction

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

¶ Celebrant and People say,

We do not presume to come to your Table, O merciful Savior, trusting in our own righteousness, but in the love and mercy to bear for us mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under this Table. But you are the God of great and unending mercy. Grant us therefore, God of our salvation, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Invitation and Communion:

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

¶ The People sit.

¶ All God's people invited to God's Altar. Follow the Usbers' direction to the communion rail and fill in from right to left.

¶ You may receive either the Common cup or by intinction (dipping). Indicate your desire for intinction by holding up your host after it has been given to you. You may indicate your desire to drink from the common cup by consuming the host immediately after it is given to you. Gluten-free bread is available upon request.

¶ If you do not wish to receive the Communion, you are welcome to come forward receive a blessing. Indicate your desire by crossing your hands over your chest.

¶ Reception in one kind at Communion (either bread or wine) is reception of the fullness of the Eucharist.

¶ When present in the South Transept, healing ministers offer a brief and simple prayer.

Hymns

*Spirit of the Living God
Round the Lord in glory seated*

Red Hymnal - 115

Blue Hymnal - 367

Post-Communion Prayer

¶ All are invited to stand.

¶ The Celebrant says,

Let us pray.

¶ *Celebrant and People,*

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

¶ *The Celebrant blesses the People saying*

Celebrant: The Lord bless you and keep you.

People: Amen.

Celebrant: The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you.

People: Amen.

Celebrant: The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

People: Amen.

Celebrant: The Lord God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the holy and undivided Trinity, guard you, save you, and bring you to that heavenly City, where he lives and reigns for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

Hymn

I bind unto myself today, vv. 1, 2, 6, & 7

Blue Hymnal - 370

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Postlude

Sonata II: Allegro maestoso e vivace

Felix Mendelssohn

Altar flowers today are given in honor of Catherine Frerichs, by Bob and Julie Connors.

*Thank you for being with us today. We are all invited to participate in the St. Mark's tradition to remain seated until candles are extinguished.
Then join in the Parish Hall fellowship.*

The St. Mark's Prayer List

The Sick and Other Needs

Alissa Almonte
Jayne Austin
The family of Margery Dickinson
Doug Karsen
Carmela McIntire, Phil Gleason
Kelly Muschiana
Bill Nasser
Allyson Nichols
Audrey Nowak
Linda Radke
Jeanne Reale
Mark Schuurmans
Mark and Debra Udey
Meghan VanderMale
Roger York

Sue Allen
Susan Andrews
Nita DeGraaf
John Gracki
Jennifer Julius
Kerry Morey
Mary Rollins
Irene Savara

In Military Service

B.G. Timothy Brower, Sr. USA
SPC. Cailen W. Donahue-McLea
Cpt. Nathan Gaggin, USAF
PFC Kayla Gilardi
Amn. Jayden Karsen, USAF
Cpt. Charles Lewis, USAF
Col. Todd Murray, USAF
2LT. John Nicholson, USA

Members of the Vestry

Ben Busman, Sr. Warden
Rex Miller, Jr. Warden
Emily Krueger, Clerk
Gloria Lara, Treasurer
Steve Bell
Christina DeKoekKoek
Scot Gugle
Rich Hiskes
Cindy Kok
Carmela McIntire
Michael Reale
Michael York

Postulant for Holy Orders

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Offerings and Multiple Ways to Give to St. Mark's

Place check or cash in the offering plate.

Mail a check to the church.

Gifts or transfer of stock.

Remember St. Mark's in your estate planning. (A brochure is available on the Resource Table.)

Scan the QR code to give.



Building and Other Announcements

Summer Fridays: As we enter summer, the church office will only be open on Fridays by appointment or with a gate key card and kitchen door code. Please be aware of who is in the building with you and check that you are the only one left before setting the building alarm on your way out.

Lot Closure Next Friday, June 5th: We're excited to be finishing construction on the new entrance and moving on to new pavement. There may be limited parking this Thursday as they prep and grade the lot. Then it will be completely blocked off all Friday until Saturday morning, so the asphalt can cool overnight. The fencing and other construction materials will shift throughout the lot as needed in the next two weeks, with a goal to have parking along the Parish Hall accessible again by mid-June. (Huzzah!)

Blessing of and Dedication for New North Door, Friday, June 25th at 5:30 pm! Save the date for this celebration of our first big completed milestone of the building project.

Thank you to Alexis VanZalen and Alex Williams! We are so grateful to our Interim Organist and Interim Choir Director for stepping up to lead our music program since last fall.

Diaper Drive Gratitude: Thank you to everyone who donated diapers for local families this past month for the 16th annual drive! They are being picked up by a few local diaper pantries who are very grateful to have them to distribute.

Voter Pledge Cards for Together West Michigan: Please help us meet our goal of collecting 250 voter pledge cards. You will find the postcards at the Welcome Table. Fill one out and leave it in the box to show local candidates that you are paying attention to their stances on the key community-identified issues: transportation, housing, immigrant and refugee wellbeing, policing, and childcare and education. TWM will gather cards from all member organizations in advance of the Delegates' Assembly on August 28th, then ask candidates for their commitment to work on these issues at the October 10th Candidates' Accountability Session. If you know of others who would like to sign on, you are encouraged to take a stack of cards as long as you can return them here this summer.

Immigration Policy & Issues Presentation, June 2nd, 6:30-8 pm: Together West Michigan invites you to Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, 101 Hall Street SE. Learn more about the U.S. immigration system so that we, as allies and advocates, are better equipped to make a positive impact on our community. An attorney with the Michigan Immigrant Rights Center will speak about immigration pathways, the role of federal agencies, employment basics, deportation and removal processes, and state and local policy advocacy.

GR Pride Festival, June 20th-21st: St. Mark's supports Grand Rapids PRIDE! Our church proudly stands with our LGBTQ+ friends, family and neighbors. Come spread God's love for all people. Sign up for one or more one-hour time slots between 12-6 pm, at the Welcome Desk or through Scot, s.gugle@comcast.net.

Pride Service, June 21st at 10:30 am: Join us for a special Eucharist celebration of all the unique ways we reflect God's image.

Ordination of John Khot Atem and Stephanie Ann Coté, July 14th, 7 pm at Grace Episcopal Church. Reception to follow. Your prayers and presence are requested. For those joining online, the livestream direct link will be shared via the Diocesan Facebook page on the day of the service.

Thank You to our Formation Volunteers!

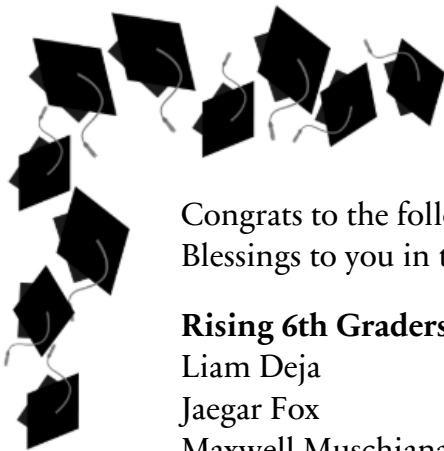
We are grateful for our faithful volunteers in our Faith Formation Ministry- from nursery to Sunday School to Youth Group-who gave of their time, talents and energy to help shape the spiritual lives of our children. They have helped to shepherd our youngest to be God's hands, love, and peace in our world. Thank you for sharing your gifts.



Sarah Alberts
Patrick Alberts
Nicolle Brown
Dawn Buller
Marcus Deja
Christina DeKoekKoek
Cat Gonzales
Josh Gonzales
Peggy Goetz

Samantha Green
Dorothy Hughes
Peter Hughes
Sarah Kerrish
John Kerrish
Emily Krueger
Shawn Miller
Kelly Muschiana
Rick Muschiana

Javier Ronquillo
Fred Skidmore
Sue Stevens
Meghan VanderMale
John Wells
Wendy Wenner



Congratulations to our Graduates!

Congrats to the following students on achieving these educational milestones. Blessings to you in the coming school year.

Rising 6th Graders/Middle Schoolers:

Liam Deja
Jaegar Fox
Maxwell Muschiana

Rising High Schoolers:

Chloe Claire
Leo Duncan
Henry Dunnick
Sam Hiskes
Alex Molloseau
Evan Vander Velde

Rising College Students:

Alejandra Fletcher - Attending Kalamazoo College
Shannon Gould - Attending Saginaw Valley State University
Riley Olivas - Attending to Grand Rapids Community College

College Grad:

Denise Hartman - Graduated from Grand Rapids Community College



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St. Mark's recognizes that our property sits on land of the Indigenous peoples of the Three Fires: Anishinaabe, Odawa and Bodéwadmi. It is our privilege to occupy this land while recognizing and acknowledging with sadness the deep wounds that continue to exist by that occupation, and we pray and work for reconciliation.