

# **The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

## **Celebration Sunday**

September 12, 2021

10:30 a.m.

(In-Person and Live-Streamed on Facebook and YouTube)



## **St. Mark's Episcopal Church**

134 N. Division Avenue

Grand Rapids MI 49503

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## 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 book at either entrance to the Sanctuary and/or fill-out a Visitor's Welcome Card.



**Health Safety:** Everyone entering the St. Mark's Parish House, all parishioners and visitors, are asked to register with name and contact information, clearly printed. All adults and children, whether vaccinated or not, are be strongly encouraged to wear a mask. Everyone is asked to use sanitizer provided in several places in the Parish House foyer and also encouraged to sanitize at the time of leaving the building. Upon leaving a restroom, please wash hands with warm soapy water and sanitize prior to re-entering the Sanctuary. At the time of receiving Holy Communion at the communion rail, everyone is encouraged to maintain some distance unless with a family member. Your help and cooperation will be much appreciated. Please keep in your prayers those who are sick especially from COVID and ask God to be with them in their recovery. Peace, blessings and thanks. ~ Christian+

**Weekly Worship and Prayer at St. Mark's:** Sundays at 10:30 a.m.; Wednesdays, Eucharist at 12:00 p.m.; Compline on Mondays and Thursdays at 8:00 p.m. via Facebook live.

**Sundays at St. Mark's:** We offer a 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Service and will be adding an 8:00 a.m. Service on September 12.

**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 the church office at [meganth@stmarksgr.org](mailto:meganth@stmarksgr.org).

**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 Formation, Laura Kozminski at [laurak@stmarksgr.org](mailto:laurak@stmarksgr.org) for more information.

**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 Ministries, Jeff Brown, for more information: [jeffatgrey@gmail.com](mailto:jeffatgrey@gmail.com).

**Adults:** We offer the *Education for Ministry* seminar during the academic year as well as an *Inquirers' Class* for those preparing for Confirmation, Reception, or Reaffirming one's faith and seasonal Wednesday night forums. We also offer a Saturday book study for adults. Please, see Fr. Christian for more details.

**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 hallway ramp.

**Parking on Sundays:** Street Parking is available on Pearl, Ionia, Lyon, Fountain and other streets near the Church. Parking is available in the Parish lot, the upper and lower levels of the GRCC building on the corner of Division and Lyon (access from Lyon) 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 at the Front Desk of the Parish House. Parking is free on Sunday only. A white ticket is required to accompany the parking ticket and to exit the lot.

# The Gathering of the People

**Prelude** – O God, Thou Faithful God

Flor Peeters

**Introit** – God Be in My Head

John Rutter

Lector I - Welcome

**Gathering Hymn** – Blue Hymnal No. 525: The Church's one foundation

Aurelia

**Presider I Greeting**

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

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

*People:* **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. Amen.**

**Confession and Absolution**

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

*People:*

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

*People:* **Amen.**

## Gloria to God -

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 (Standing as able)

*Presider II:* God be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Presider II:* Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Liturgy of the Word

**The Hebrew Scripture** (*Seated as able*)

Isaiah 50:4-9

*Lector I:* A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens--wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

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

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalms 116: 1-7** – (8:00 a.m. Prayed by all; 10:30 a.m. Antiphon intoned by the choir and repeated by all)



1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, \*  
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him. *Antiphon*

2 The cords of death entangled me;  
the grip of the grave took hold of me; \*  
I came to grief and sorrow.

3 Then I called upon the Name of the Lord: \*  
"O Lord, I pray you, save my life."

*Antiphon*

4 Gracious is the Lord and righteous; \*  
our God is full of compassion.

5 The Lord watches over the innocent; \*  
I was brought very low, and he helped me.

*Antiphon*

6 Turn again to your rest, O my soul, \*  
for the Lord has treated you well.

7 For you have rescued my life from death, \*  
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.

*Antiphon*

*Lector II:* A Reading from the Letter of James.

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue-- a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

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

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**The Gospel Hymn - Red Hymnal No. 136: I have decided to follow Jesus**

India Folk Melody

**The Gospel**

Mark 8: 27-38

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

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

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

*Gospeler:* The Gospel of Christ.  
*People:* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Homily**

The Rev. Dr. Christian Brocato

**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** (*All remain standing as able*)

*Lector I:* During this Season of Pentecost, we pray for the Church and the world. 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, that we may be faithful to you as stewards of your creation. Bless our ministries and all those who give of themselves that others might have life.

**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, Governor, Mayor and all elected officials and give them a true understanding of the dignity of all people. 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 thanksgiving.)*

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 may know your peace. Today, we especially remember those who have died due to COVID and those who will die this day unloved or unattended. *(Silence to include additional prayers)*

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

*Lector I:* O God, hear these prayers, those spoken aloud and those which lie deep within our hearts.

*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: Fulfill 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 II:* May the peace of Christ be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Presider II:* Respectfully, let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## **Announcements**

**Silence and Prayer in remembrance of September 11, 2001**

# **The Liturgy of the Table**

**Offertory Music – With High Delight**

Friedrich Riegel

**Doxology** (*Standing as able: 8:00 a.m. prayed by all; 10:30 a.m. sung by all*)

**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 Great Thanksgiving** (*Spoken at 8 a.m., Sung or spoken at 10:30 a.m.*)

*Celebrant*                      *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant*                      *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*Presider I:* It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; for you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, Holy, Holy**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and earth are

full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people may stand or kneel as the Presider continues.*

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Creator of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*Presider continues:*

†Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. †Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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

**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.**

*(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.

### **Breaking of the Bread and Reception of the Sacrament**

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.

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

*Presider:* Please follow the ushers to receive the Eucharist at the communion rail by proceeding from right to left. Feel free to kneel or stand. Those in the north transept will be ushered to receive Communion first. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please cross your hands over your chest. All are welcome to the 'Table of the Lord'.

### **Instruction for Receiving Holy Communion and Following the Guide of the Ushers**

*All who seek a deeper relationship with Christ are invited to receive Holy Communion. Parent(s), please feel free to make a decision for your child. Please, follow the lead of the Ushers to receive the Sacrament, extend your hands, or place them over your chest for a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available.*

**Communion Hymn – Blue Hymnal No. 312: Strengthen for service**

Malabar

### **Post-Communion Prayer** (*Standing as able*)

*Presider II:* Let us pray.

*People:* **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**

### **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; honour 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)

**Hymn of Sending Forth - Blue Hymnal No. 522: Glorious things of thee are spoken**

Austria

### **Dismissal**

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

*People:* **Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

**Postlude – Toccata in B Minor**

Charles Tournemire

*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. Thank you.*

***Social Hour:** Please join us for further fellowship on the patio following today's Service.*

**Announcements in Detail:** Please see eNews in your emails and on the Parish website at [www.stmarksggr.org](http://www.stmarksggr.org) for information for many other opportunities for engagement, learning and service.

### **Celebration Sunday, Today**

Today we return to two Services on Sundays at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. The choir returns at the 10:30 Service.

**On Wednesday, September 15:** St. Mark's will again participate in the West Michigan Environmental Action Council's (WMEAC) Mayors' Grand River Cleanup. We will meet at Highland Park, our cleanup site, and work there from 5:45-7:15. Supplies will be provided. Please email Jeff Brown and Anne Hiskes if you'd like to join our team and they will provide further instructions as they become available: [jeffatgrey@gmail.com](mailto:jeffatgrey@gmail.com) and [alhiskes@gmail.com](mailto:alhiskes@gmail.com).

### **Newcomer Event, September 18**

We are planning a celebration to welcome you in the evening on Saturday September 18. In order to make sure we are able to send you and email invitation, please call the office 616-456-1684 or email Megan at [meganth@stmarksggr.org](mailto:meganth@stmarksggr.org).

### **Ministry Fair Sunday, September 19**

Please, plan to join us on September 19 following the 10:30 Service to see the displays in the Parish Hall for opportunities to serve at St. Mark's. Representatives from various ministries will be present to answer any questions you might have about ministries at St. Mark's. We need you to volunteer!

### **Fall Picnic Sunday, September 26 (weather-related alternate October 3)**

An annual fun event following the 10:30 Service returns this year with a picnic at St. Mark's. Grilling will take place on John Savara's grill. Please bring lawn chairs and/or blankets for the lawn. Only a few tables will be set-up inside. Hot dogs, burgers, chips and other items will be served outside. Please, pray for good weather and also consider volunteering to be of assistance. A sign-up sheet is at the Welcome Desk in the Foyer for this fun event.

**Needed: Gently used business attire:** In October, In the Image is hosting a Life Enrichment Fair with the goal "Dress for Success" - helping those trying to enter the workforce with appropriate clothing for job interviews and work. If you have clean suits, dress shirts, blouses or dress slacks you could donate, you can drop them off at In The Image, 4255 Kalamazoo Ave SE or call Nancy or Michael Dodge at 616-245-7492 to arrange pick up or an exchange on Sundays at church. Also feel free to call Nancy or Michael if you have questions.

**Helping Our Neighbors, October 2:** Cold weather is coming and there is a need for warm hats and gloves among our guests and neighbors at St. Mark's weekly Breakfast Cafe. The Outreach Ministry hopes to provide 80 pairs of hats and gloves to our Breakfast Cafe guests on Saturday, October 2. Please consider contributing to this effort by bringing new or gently used winter hats and gloves to church and placing them in the collection bin in the north transept. Donations to purchase these items will also be gratefully accepted. Checks should be made to St. Marks with "Oct. 2 Outreach" on the memo line.

**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.

**Blessing of Animals, Sunday October 3:** There will be a special blessing of pets at both Services in thanksgiving for the gifts pets are as our companions in life.

**Supporting Degage Ministries, October 7:** You're invited to a Farm to Table Dinner at the Fulton Street Market to support Degage' Ministries. Degage' Ministries is a major outreach partner with St. Mark's. They are finishing a capital campaign to build a new addition to allow shelter space for women with young children, expand their meal service and workforce development trainings. Join the event hosts: Tom & Judy Freeman Walker and Kyle & Win Irwin, for Breaking Bread, an amazing gourmet meal prepared by 5 local chefs at the Fulton Street Market on Thursday, October 7th from 6:00-9:00pm. Each course of this meal will feature wine pairings by Amy Ruis of Aperitivo and Art of the Table. Tickets are \$100 per person for this memorable experience. You can register at: [give.classy.org/DegageBreakingBread](https://give.classy.org/DegageBreakingBread)

### **Anniversary Worship and Dinner Celebration, October 17**

Please plan to be with your family of faith on October 17 for Worship and at the Kent Country Club from 5:15 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the celebration of 185 years of life together. At the 10:30, Mayor Bliss will join us to deliver a proclamation on behalf of the city of Grand Rapids. The costs for the tickets will cover the food, the service and the gratuity for the servers. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$5 for children. Cocktail (non-alcoholic and alcoholic) time will be from 5:15 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. with the program and dinner beginning at 6:00 p.m. Reservations are required in advance.

~ *The 185 Anniversary Celebration Committee*

#### **Prayer requests:**

Sam Bateman  
The Bedford Family  
Leandro Binuya  
Chuck Bocskey  
Sallie Bowie  
Cathy Capogna  
Christine DeGroot  
Catherine Frerichs  
Santa Garcia Heinemann  
Shawn Jones  
Jennifer Julius  
John and Paul Lavigne  
Sarah McIntire  
Jean McCormick  
Ally Nichols  
John Oatley  
Aila Olivia  
The Polanski Family  
David Pyles  
JoEllen Schneider

#### **Our homebound parishioners:**

Irene Haizman  
Shari Takus  
Margarett Tanase  
Jean Zylstra  
Sue Allen  
Gertrude DeAguire  
Nita and Chuck DeGraaf  
John Gracki  
Larry Manglitz  
Irene Savara  
Shirley VanDerBos  
Roma Warmington

Those in the Military Service  
LTC Timothy Brower Sr. USA  
Col Gabriel Monsalvo, USMC  
Lt. Col. Todd Murray, USAF  
1/Sgt Deidre Piechocki, USA

Dale Van Kley

## **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 in a payment
- 5.) Mobil App Square cash - Cashtag: \$stmarksg Web address: cash.me/\$stmarksg
- 6.) Mail in a check to the church
- 7.) Online at our website at [www.stmarksg.org](http://www.stmarksg.org) through PayPal



## **Sustaining St. Mark's Ministry in 2021**

The total budget for 2021 is \$654,938, which requires an estimated \$12,595 income per week. The total pledged amount for 2021 is \$480,746. Last week, we received \$36,800 in pledges and offerings.

That amount included pledges paid by mail, online through Give Plus, PayPal, and regular giving.

<b>Weekly:</b>	Total Weekly Contributions Needed:	\$ 12,595
	Total Weekly Contributions Received this past week:	\$ 10,007
	Breakfast Café Contributions Received this past week:	\$ 6,025
	Gift Received this past week (Non Pledge):	\$ 20,768
	Total Weekly Endowment Operating Allocation	<u>\$ 1,880</u>
	Difference:	\$ 25,995

<b>Year to Date (YTD):</b>	Total Contributions Needed YTD:	\$453,420
	Total Contributions & Pledges Received YTD:	\$487,409
	Total Operating Expenses YTD:	<u>\$398,052</u>
<b>Current YTD:</b>		\$ 89,357

Thank you for maintaining your pledge and giving whether pledged or not.  
Pam Stevenson, St. Mark's Finance Manager

## **St. Mark's Clergy**

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