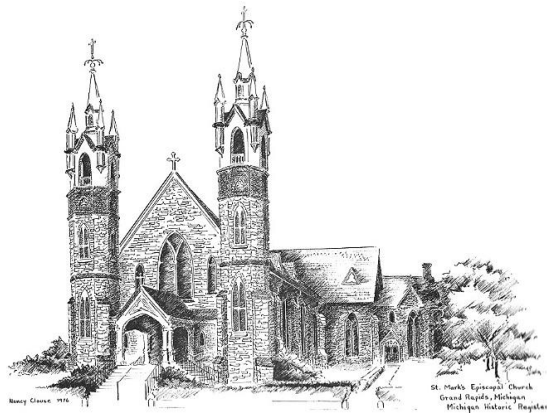


The Fourth Sunday After Pentecost



**July 6, 2025
8:00 and 10:30 a.m.**



St. Mark's Episcopal Church
134 N. Division Ave
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
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Welcome to 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, 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 Information packed from a welcome folder inside the lobby podium.

Church Office Hours: Monday—Thursday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday— 9 a.m. to noon.

Weather Policy: St. Mark's will post closures to WZZM 13, WOOD TV8, Facebook and our website by 7:00 a.m. or as soon as possible. The decision on afternoon and evening activities will be made separately, posted by noon.

Reserved Accessible Spaces: There are three shorter pews, two in the north transept and one on the north side of the nave. Please only sit there or in the adjoining pews if you have assistive devices or need of extra space.

Safety: The outer doors to the Parish House will be locked fifteen minutes after Services begin with a security guard on duty to be of assistance. Please pay attention to the nearest exit in the Sanctuary. In an emergency, an announcement will be made and children will be ushered to a designated place for safety away from the Church complex.

Parking on Sundays: Limited parking is available in the Parish Lot. If you are able, please consider not parking in the Parish Lot to reserve access for those less mobile. Consider the free metered parking on Pearl, Ionia, Lyon, Fountain and other streets near the church, the Kendall Lot across the street when the gate is up, the upper levels of the GRCC building on Fountain Street (only until 2 p.m.), and the Ellis Parking Lot at 210 Ionia just west of Lyon Street. For the Ellis Lot: vouchers for free parking on Sundays are available from an Usher (must be used with original parking ticket).

Rest Rooms are located on the main level of the Parish House under the exit sign at the top of the Foyer ramp. More rest rooms are available on the second level of the Parish House, if you are able to use the stairs.

Weekly Worship and Prayer at St. Mark's: Eucharist on Sundays at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Midweek Eucharist on Wednesdays at noon from September through May. Compline (Night Prayer) on Mondays at 8:00 p.m. via Facebook.

Sunday School: Currently on a summer break. For more information please contact Jeff Brown, Director of Faith Formation, at jeffb@stmarksgr.org. Children's and youth formation, including Make a Joyful Noise with Mr. Alex, is from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. Nursery care for children under kindergarten is available from 9:15 a.m. through the 10:30 a.m. Service.

Youth Ministry: Grand Rapids Episcopal Youth: G.R.E.Y. is a joint youth ministry between St. Mark's and St. Andrew's Episcopal Churches for grades 6-12. We have regular formation gatherings during the school year and service as well as social activities throughout the year. Our Director of Faith Formation is Jeff Brown, jeffatgrey@gmail.com.

Adult Formation Ministry: *Adult Forums* are offered on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings at different times of the year. *Episcopal 101: An Inquirer's Journey* is offered yearly for adults especially those seeking Confirmation, Reception into the Episcopal Church or to Reaffirm one's faith. A multi-year seminar, *Education for Ministry* (EFM), is offered during the program year: contact Doug Karsen for more information at karsendc@gmail.com.

Breakfast Café Ministry: A program to nourish our neighbors with a hot meal every Saturday at 8:15 a.m.. If you would like more information and to possibly volunteer, please contact Judy Freeman at judyfw@comcast.net.

Land Acknowledgment: St. Mark's recognizes that our property sits on land of the indigenous people of the Three Fires. It is our privilege to occupy this land while recognizing and acknowledging with sadness the deep wounds created many years ago by our forebears.

eNews: For the fullest expression of St. Marks' activities, get the weekly eNews in your email or from our homepage.

Cell Phones: We ask that you silence your cell phone; if you are on call, please turn it to vibrate.

St. Mark's Staff

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The Gathering of the People

Prelude — Allegro assai

String House
Come Thou Fount
Preparing for the Journey
O God Beyond all Praising
Waltz

J.S. Bach
Jeffrey Mom
arr. Mom
Mom
Gustav Holst
Johannes Brahms

Jeffrey Mom, hammered dulcimer

Welcome

Gathering Hymn — Blue Hymnal No. 657: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Hyfrydol

Salutation

Presider: Blessed be God: Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Presider: Let us pray:

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.

Gloria

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

Presider: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; 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

The First Reading (*You may sit.*)

Isaiah 66:10-14

Lector I: A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord: “Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her— that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom.”

For thus says the Lord: “I will extend prosperity to her like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm and dandled on her knees.

As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bodies shall flourish like the grass; and it shall be known that the hand of the Lord is with his servants, and his indignation is against his enemies.”

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

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

Psalm 66:1-8

Jubilate Deo

Lector: Let us pray the Psalm responsively by half verse.

Be joyful in God, all you lands; *
sing the glory of his Name;
sing the glory of his praise.

Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds! *
because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.

All the earth bows down before you, *
sings to you, sings out your Name.”

Come now and see the works of God, *
how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people.

He turned the sea into dry land,
so that they went through the water on foot, *
and there we rejoiced in him.

In his might he rules for ever;
his eyes keep watch over the nations; *
let no rebel rise up against him.

Bless our God, you peoples; *
make the voice of his praise to be heard;

Who holds our souls in life, *
and will not allow our feet to slip.

The Second Reading

Galatians 6: 7-16

Lector II: A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Galatians.

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest-time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised — only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule — peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

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

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

Gospel Hymn — Red Hymnal 161, vv. 1, 2, 3: Go Preach My Gospel *(continues after Gospel)* Thomas Hastings

The Gospel

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

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

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

The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'

"Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

Deacon: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Gospel Hymn (continued) — Red Hymnal No. 161, vv. 4, 5: Go Preach My Gospel

Thomas Hastings

Homily *(You may sit.)*

The Rev. Valerie Ambrose

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: 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 he is worshiped and glorified. He 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 (*You may stand.*)

Lector I: We ask God to hear our prayers with our response: O God, hear us. During the periods of silence I invite you to add additional prayers either silently or aloud.

O God: We pray in thanksgiving for all those gathered here today. We pray for St. Mark's and our many ministries. We pray: **O God, hear us.**

Lector II: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons: Sean, Presiding Bishop; the Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of the Great Lakes; Bonnie and Rayford, Bishops of Michigan and Northern Michigan; Moises, Bishop of the Dominican Republic and Julie, ELCA Bishop-Elect of the North/West Lower Michigan Synod; Holy Family of Midland and Senior Warden, Debbie Roth; St. Paul's of St. Joseph and its Priest, Erik Broeren. We remember the Church of Nigeria. We pray: **O God, hear us.**

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

Lector II: For the good earth which God has entrusted to us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it. We pray: **O God, hear us.**

Lector I: For the poor and the oppressed, the unemployed, the homeless, refugees and for all who seek a better way of life. We pray: **O God, hear us.**

Lector II: For those who suffer from any grief or trouble. Give us grace to respond to the needs of those in distress, especially those who suffer because of hatred, racism, bigotry, violence and war. We pray: **O God, hear us.**

Lector I: For our newly called rector and family, in this season of new life for our St. Mark's community. We pray: **O God, hear us.**

Lector II: For those who celebrate birthdays or anniversaries this week. Bless them with joy and well-being. We pray: **O God, hear us.**

Lector I: For all those on our Parish Prayer List, our military personnel, the sick, all those for whom we have promised to pray and those we now name silently or aloud. (*Pause to add additional names silently or aloud.*) We pray: **O God, hear us.**

Lector II: For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection. May they rest in peace and may light perpetual shine upon them. (*Pause to add additional names.*) We pray: **O God, hear us.**

Lector I: For what else or whom else shall we pray today? *(Pause.)* We pray: **O God, hear us.**

Deacon: For all these prayers we have named aloud and those which lie deep within our hearts.
We pray: **O God, hear us.**

The Confession of Sin

Presider: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All: **Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Absolution

Presider: †Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider: May the peace of the Risen Christ be always with you.

People: **And always with you.**

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

Announcements

Fourth of July Prayer

The Liturgy of the Table

Reception of Gifts

Offertory Music — For the Beauty of the Earth

Conrad Kocher

Presentation Hymn

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise God, all crea-tures here be -
low; O praise him, al-le - lu - ia! Praise God a-bove, ye heaven-ly host: praise
Fath-er, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. O praise him, O praise him, Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer I (BCP)

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

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

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Presider: It is a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty. 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:

Sanctus

David Hurd

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.

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 for 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."

Presider: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. †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 is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

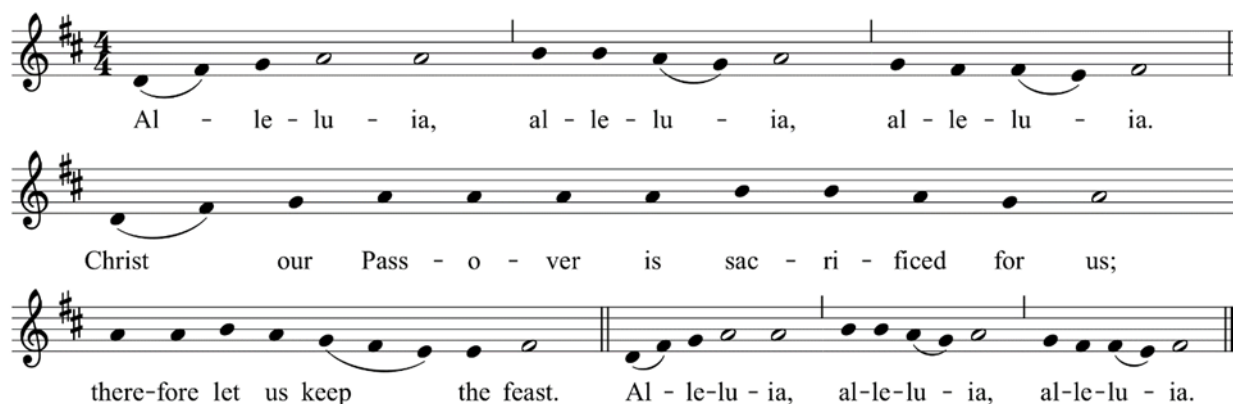
(Traditional) Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.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

Breaking of the Bread and Reception of the Sacrament

David Hurd



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.

Instruction for Receiving Holy Communion: *All are invited to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist, bread and wine, the Body and Blood of Jesus. Please feel free to dip your host into the cup. Gluten-free bread is available upon request. If you prefer to receive a blessing, cross your hands over your chest. Follow the Ushers' direction to the communion rail and fill in from right to left.*

Healing Prayer: *When present in the South Transept, healing ministers offer a brief and simple prayer.*

Post-Communion Prayer (You may stand.)

Presider: Let us pray.

People: Almighty and ever-living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Holy God, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Presider: Go out into God's world filled with the spark of the Holy Spirit. Let love guide your actions. Listen for the Spirit of Truth. Spread the peace of Christ and remind everyone you meet that each one is a beloved child of God. In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Hymn of Sending Forth — Green Hymnal No. 780: Lord, You Give the Great Commission *Abbot's Leigh*

Sending Forth

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude — Fieldside

Mom

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

The St. Mark's Prayer List

Contact the church office to add names to the prayer list. Names may be removed after one month unless requested.

The Sick and Other Needs

Alissa Almonte
Sally Bowie
Christopher Brewer
Ed Cox
Terry Dusendang
Margaret Lara
David Leach
Laura Maslonka
Kerry Morey
Bill Nasser
Ed Nicholson
Rich Oehrl
Joe Pinto
Linda Radke
Chris Reale
Julie Renauldo
Javier Ronquillo
Beverly Roye
Jennifer Ruberto
Dan Scripsema
Meghan VanderMale
Roger York

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

In Military Service

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

Members of the Vestry

Ben Busman, Sr. Warden
Judy Freeman, Jr. Warden
Emily Krueger, Clerk
Gloria Lara, Treasurer
Steve Bell
Scot Gogle
Laura Kozminski
Penny Larsen
Dan McDonald
Carmela McIntire
Rex Miller
Michael Reale

Postulant for Holy Orders

Thon Deng

Candidate for Holy Orders

Cathy Stevens

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

Place check or cash in the offering plate

Electronic giving (email pams@stmarksgsr.org)

Vanco Mobile App from any mobile device:



Pay by text – text 616-205-9714 from your phone to send a payment

Mobile App Square Cash – Cashtag: \$stmarksgsr Web address: [cash.me/\\$stmarksgsr](https://cash.me/$stmarksgsr)



Mail a check to the church

Online at our website at www.stmarksgsr.org through PayPal

Remember St. Mark's in your estate planning (A brochure is available at the Welcome Desk.)

Gifts or transfer of stock

Church Spotlight: Ordinations to the Diaconate, Saturday, July 12th, 2:30 p.m.

By the Grace of God and with the consent of the People, the Right Reverend Bonnie A. Perry will ordain Kathryn Anne Christian, Stephanie Ann Cote, Jennifer Lynn Frechette, Jessica Ann Hart, Julianne S. Lark, Catheryn Ann Stevens, and Theresa Margaret Elizabeth Faix Williams to the Sacred Order of Deacons.

Your prayers and presence are requested for this important Service held at our church. It marks a key part in the faith journey of long-time community member Cathy Stevens, along with six other candidates to become deacons. A reception will follow. Please reserve the church lot for candidates and visitors if you are able. We recommend planning extra travel and parking time.

The Episcopal Diocese of the Great Lakes Facebook page will livestream the event. If you plan to watch it live on your phone, it has been reported that you may need the YouTube app to do so.

Parish Notes

Welcome! Guests, please sign the book in the front lobby. Fill out the new parishioner information sheet (in the lobby podium) to get name tags, receive weekly eNews or officially join the St. Mark's Family in Faith.

Midweek Church Access: If you visit midweek from Lyon Street and our Winchester Pl NE 'alley' is blocked by a lift, honk your horn. The community college's permit requires them to turn the lift to provide clearance.

Happy July 4th! The church was closed Friday on Independence Day. There is no nursery care today, July 6th.

Together West Michigan Happenings: St. Mark's is a proud founding member of Together West Michigan (TWM). When TWM was established in Grand Rapids member institutions determined that Immigrant and Refugee Well-Being was an area of broad concern. A team was set up to try to assist our immigrant neighbors. In this era of mass deportations, their needs have become more urgent. Because undocumented people have been detained and arrested when they show up for their required asylum check-ins, TWM members accompany people to those visits to help assure that their rights are respected. A mutual aid fund is also being set up to help the families of deportees who have suddenly seen their income reduced by half and have extraordinary legal needs. You will be hearing more about this in the next few weeks.

Now Read This! Recommended for your summer reading by the Dismantling Racism Ministry: *James* by Percival Everett. Published in 2024, the novel is a re-imagining of *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain. It is told from the perspective of Huckleberry's friend on his travels, Jim, an escaped slave. The novel won the Pulitzer Prize, the National Book Award and the Audie Award for Literary Fiction and Classics. Mark Hiskes, retired English teacher from Holland Christian schools (and Rich's brother) has agreed to lead a book discussion at St. Mark's in the fall. The dates are not yet set, but you will want to be ready, so check it out!

Summer Cleaning? As summer begins, our Breakfast Cafe guests have a need for new socks and underwear, as well as gently used men's t-shirts, jeans and slacks, hoodies, sunglasses and toiletries.

Plainsong Farm "Sabbath at the Farm," July 13th, 4:30 p.m.: Plainsong Farm, at 6677 12 Mile Road NE in Rockford, is a peaceful place with a mission to cultivate connections between people, places and God. We recently attended one of the 2nd and 4th Sunday services. All are invited to join in the singing, scripture reading and activities around the theme "Sabbath Slow Down." After the service, we gathered for a potluck dinner (please still come if you do not have food to share). Find out more at plainsongfarm.com. ~Betty Anne Taylor

Fr. Jedediah (Jed) Fox's First Sunday, July 20th: You won't want to miss meeting our next rector and welcoming him and his family into our community!

Welcome for *Godspell*! Youth from elementary through high school are invited to participate in this 3rd annual musical production directed by Dr. Monique Salinas at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. Evening rehearsals will take place August 1st – 14th. Performances will be on the 15th at 6:30 p.m. and the 16th at 2:00 and 6:30 p.m. Contact Jan Barclay, 616-901-9364 or barclayjanet4@gmail.com, to get involved or learn more.

Church Directory Photos: The remaining photoshoots will take place during both Social Hours on September 7th and 14th. If you prefer to submit a headshot or portrait, send it to pams@stmarksgr.org.