



ST MARK PARISH

602 Military Road, Rothschild, Wisconsin

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 22, 2023

Love is the fulfillment of our works!

Liturgical Schedule

Monday, October 23

Saint John of Capistrano, Priest

Mass at St. Therese, 8:00 am

Tuesday, October 24

Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

Sacrament of Reconciliation, 7:40 am
Mass, 8:10 am +Special Intention

Wednesday, October 25

Sacrament of Reconciliation, 7:40 am
Mass, 8:10 am +Leon Babl

Thursday, October 26

Sacrament of Reconciliation, 7:40 am
Mass, 8:10 am +Cleo Tyskiewicz

Friday, October 27

Sacrament of Reconciliation, 7:40 am
Mass, 8:10 am +Laura and John Nevinski

Saturday, October 28

Ordinal 30

Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles

Sacrament of Reconciliation, 3:30 pm
Mass, 4:30 pm +Doug Berg

Sunday, October 29

Ordinal 30

Mass, 8:00 am +Parish Family Members
Mass, 10:00 am +Gerald Geiger

Parish Phone Number: 715-359-5206

Parish Office Hours: Monday through Thursday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, Friday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

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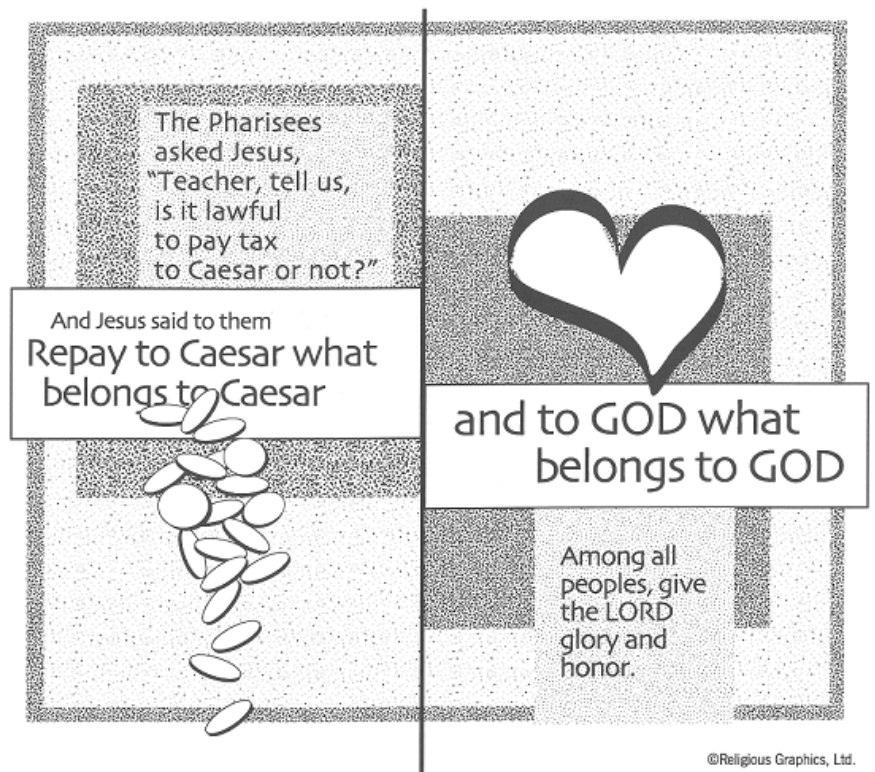
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Newman Catholic Schools at St. Mark

Phone Number: 715-359-9662

Principal: Shirley Heise



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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM - Contact the Parish Offices for baptism dates and to register for preparation sessions.

SACRAMENT of RECONCILIATION Saturday - 3:30 pm

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING - Celebrated in the Spring and Fall or in the home and hospital.

RCIA - A catechetical process to assist adults interested in becoming Catholic. Contact the Parish Offices.

MARRIAGE - Couples planning to marry are to notify the Parish Offices

FROM FR. ALBERT

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Catholics all over the world observe this Sunday as *World Mission Sunday*. This annual observance was instituted 94 years ago in 1926 by Pope Pius XI's Papal decree. Every year since then, the universal Church has dedicated the month of October to reflection on and prayer for the missions. On World Mission Sunday, Catholics gather to celebrate the Eucharist, and to contribute to a collection for the work of evangelization around the world. This annual celebration gives us a chance to reflect on the importance of mission work for the life of the Church. It reminds us that we are one with the Church around the world and that we are all committed to carrying on the mission of Christ, however different our situations may be.

A rose doesn't preach. It simply radiates its fragrance and attracts everyone to it by its irresistible beauty. Hence, the most important thing is not the Gospel we preach, but the life we live. This is how the early Christians evangelized. Their Gentile neighbors used to say: "See how these Christians love one another!" The Christ they recognized and accepted was the Christ who lived in each Christian. A Christian life is filled with love, mercy, kindness, compassion, prayer, and a forgiving spirit.

On this Mission Sunday, let us appreciate our missionary obligation and support the Church's missionary activities by leading a witnessing Christian life, by fervent prayers, and by our generous contributions.

Fr. Albert.

SACRED WORSHIP

Liturgical Ministry

We offer "SignUpGenius" to help with the ease and flexibility in signing up to assist at a Mass time that works for you.

Ministry Scheduling with SignUpGenius

September - October 2023:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080c4eafaa2ba2fe3-liturgical4#/>

The links are available on the St. Mark Parish website at:

<http://www.smproths.org/liturgical-minister-schedule.html>

October 21 and 22, Ordinal 29

4:30 pm

Servers. 2 Volunteers Needed

Lectors. Al R.

Ministers of Hospitality. 2 Volunteers Needed

Extraordinary Ministers. Al R., Denny B., 2 Volunteers Needed



8:00 am

Servers. 2 Volunteers Needed

Lectors. Christine L.

Ministers of Hospitality. 2 Volunteers Needed

Extraordinary Ministers. 4 Volunteers Needed

10:00 am

Servers. 2 Volunteers Needed

Lectors. Nicholas S.

Ministers of Hospitality. 2 Volunteers Needed

Extraordinary Ministers. 4 Volunteers Needed

October 28 and 29, Ordinal 30

4:30 pm

Servers. 2 Volunteers Needed

Lectors. Denny B.

Ministers of Hospitality. 2 Volunteers Needed

Extraordinary Ministers. Denny B., 3 Volunteers Needed

8:00 am

Servers. 2 Volunteers Needed

Lectors. 1 Volunteer Needed

Ministers of Hospitality. 2 Volunteers Needed

Extraordinary Ministers. William S., 3 Volunteers Needed

10:00 am

Servers. 2 Volunteers Needed

Lectors. 1 Volunteer Needed

Ministers of Hospitality. 2 Volunteers Needed

Extraordinary Ministers. 4 Volunteers Needed

Homebound Communion —Susan Soriano

Homebound visits for the week of, October 15, Team D: Theresa S., Agnes G., Greg C., Gail K

Pastoral Music —Mary Martin

The **Parish Choir** will have a **Potluck Dinner** for its members on Thursday, October 26, at 5:30 pm in the cafeteria; bring a dish to share and a "short" rehearsal will follow in church. Choir will sing at the 6:30 All Saint's Liturgy, Wednesday, November 1.



The **Handbell Choir** will rehearse on Tuesday, October 24 at 3:45 in church. The choir will play at the 4:30 p.m. Liturgy on October 28. Prelude music will be, "In Christ Alone."

In the Liturgy of the Church —Helen Ackermann

Jesus is challenged by the Pharisees regarding the payment of taxes. They want to trap him regarding the Roman tax and its part in Jewish life. Jesus outsmarts the Pharisees and tells them that they should pay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God. This might seem confusing, but it speaks of balance.

We live in a society where taxes are a part of life. Our spiritual life should not take us out of society but guide us in society. We need to search for the truth regarding our feelings about the issues we encounter in society. Our first allegiance is to God, who through his son, Jesus Christ, shows us the way to behave in society. We need to hold our government accountable for issues of justice and peace. We should never ignore the problems in society, but rather carefully observe them. What is the truth? Do we use a variety of news sources to determine truth?

We are to begin with our relationship to God through his son, Jesus Christ. All we have comes through the graciousness of God. When we put God first in our lives, we will be able to discern how we are to live in society. We see that coins are stamped in a particular way but we remember that we are first stamped in the image of God. The balance we practice between God and society will keep us attentive to the teachings of Jesus Christ, the way, the truth and the life.

We remember this week, John of Capistrano, priest (Monday) Anthony Mary Claret, bishop (Tuesday) Simon and Jude, apostles (Saturday)

St. Simon and St. Jude (first century)

We observe a feast day honoring these two saints. The Scriptures say very little about either of them. The Gospel of Luke refers to Simon as a zealot. He would have been a person of strong beliefs and actions. According to legends it is said that Simon spread the gospel in Egypt. In the gospels of Matthew and Mark, Jude is called Thaddeus. He is called Jude to distinguish him from Judas Iscariot, who betrayed Jesus. He is called the patron saint of hopeless cases. It is believed that they traveled to Persia where they were martyred. They are buried in Rome at St. Peter's.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION/FORMATION

Religious Education —Mary Hart

Youth Night: the Middle School Youth Night was a big success. Thank you to Rob Hughes and Laura Mukerji who led the students in a night of prayer, discussion, and activities based on "accepting differences." Thank you to the Ladies Council who provided a taco bar and desserts for supper.



Halloween Candy Wanted – If you have any left-over candy from Halloween we'd be happy to put it to good use. We will add the candy to the care packages we send to our college freshman at exam time. All donations of candy will be greatly appreciated and can be dropped off at the parish office.

We will be making up 12 care packages this year and would happily accept these items for the care packages also:

- packs of gum
- hot chocolate
- pocket size Kleenex packs
- small bottles of hand sanitizer
- snack size bags of chips, crackers, cookies
- microwave popcorn packs

All donations can be dropped off at the parish office – Thank you!

This week in Religious Ed...

- October 24: 5:00p.m. Gr. 6-9 Raking Service Event
- October 25: No Religious Ed. Sessions
- October 29: 10:00 a.m. Rite of Recognition for First Reconciliation during the 10:00 Liturgy
- November 1 6:30 p.m. All Saints Day Mass for families Gather in the church not school

Upcoming Youth Events:

NCYC 2023 - Fully Alive:

What: NCYC (National Catholic Youth Conference) is a powerfully unique three-day experience of prayer, community, evangelization, catechesis, service and empowerment. This is a premier national Catholic teen event which hosts over 25,000 teens each year. The schedule includes keynote speakers, workshop sessions, liturgy, reconciliation, prayer, worship, recreation and other special activities.

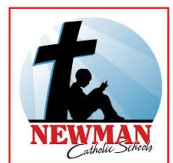
Who: Teens entering Grades 9 - 12 in the fall of 2023 are invited to join us for a trip to Indianapolis, IN.

When: Thursday, Nov. 16 through Sunday, Nov. 19, 2023. Cost: \$750 per teen (parish will offer scholarships to defray the cost.) We will take a bus to Indianapolis, IN with other local teens. For more information contact Mary Hart and check out the website diolc.org/ncyc

Newman Catholic Schools

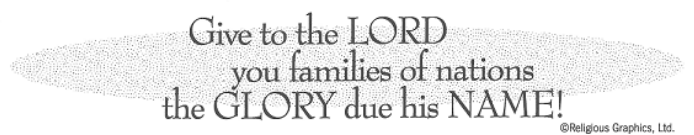
The NCS Mission Statement reads:

Newman Catholic Schools provides excellence in education in a Catholic environment and enhances the personal and spiritual growth of our students to meet life's challenges.



NCES: St Mark

- October 26 No School
- October 27 No School





THANK YOU for your continued support of the **St. Mark Parish Circle of Joy**. If you know a person or family who is in need of assistance, contact the Parish Offices (715-359-5206).



Pro Life Committee
Respect Life October

Women in crisis pregnancies need help to choose life. There are over 70 pro-life pregnancy centers across the state of Wisconsin. Locally, we have Hope Life Center and Catholic Charities. Catholic Charities offers free adoption services and a parent list of resources for clothing and other needs.

Hope Life Center offers a full range of onsite free services including pregnancy testing, STD testing and treatment, post-birth support and a baby boutique with new clothing, diapers, car seats and more. They also provide an abortion recovery program for both women and men.

Catholic Charities Wausau: 715-849-3311 (Ask for Chelsie)
 Hope Life Center: 715-843-4673

FAMILY LIFE

Pastoral Care

We contact the area hospitals regularly but there are times when parish members can be in the hospital for several days and names do not make their way to the parish lists of Aspirus Wausau Hospital and the Marshfield Medical Center. If you are anticipating a hospital stay or by circumstance are a patient, call or have a family member call the parish offices (715.359.5206). If you choose, the Sacrament of Anointing can be celebrated prior to planned surgeries.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

World Mission Sunday

Embrace the Pope's Missions with "Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move" this World Mission Sunday!

Today, Pope Francis echoes the universal call of our Baptism - to be Christ's witnesses to the world. As we gather with global Catholics on this World Mission Sunday, our prayers and contributions to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith bolster the Pope's missions, enabling:

- Over 844,000 catechists to share the faith
- 258,540 Religious Sisters to tend to families and children
- 38,140 seminarians to journey towards the priesthood
- Education for 26 million children
- Medical assistance in 12,000 clinics
- Comfort in 8,750 homes for the orphaned and elderly

By supporting this cause, we truly live out the call to be the spark that transforms lives. May your prayers and gifts create ripples of love and transformation. Thank you for your missionary zeal!

LADIES COUNCIL OF ST. MARK PARISH

Payer Shawl Ministry. Join us Thursdays from 12:30 to 2:00 pm in the Catechetical Resource Room. **Prayer Shawls are available in the Parish Office.** Donations of yarn (including partial skeins) are greatly appreciated!

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Budget Committee

Stewardship of Time and Talent

Volunteer/community involvement this week by parish members, 78 hours.

Mass Attendance

	24-Sep	01-Oct	08-Oct	15-Oct
4:30	77	92	85	89
8:00	89	69	80	88
10:00	<u>158</u>	<u>152</u>	<u>154</u>	<u>130</u>
Total	324	313	319	307

Operating Income

	15-Oct	1 Jul-'5 Oct	2023	Balance
Adult	8,675.50	157,083.17	585,000	427,916.83
Student	0.00	0.00	600	600.00
Offering	281.00	4,813.23	23,500	18,686.77
Debt Reduction	65.00	2,137.00		
Totals	9,021.50	164,033.40		

Adult Tithe Summary

Tithe Budgeted Per Week	11,250.00
Received this Week	<u>8,675.50</u>
	(2,574.50)
Received Weeks 16-52	157,083.17
Budgeted Weeks 16-52	180,000.00
Budget	-22,916.83

Other Income/Transfers

Circle of Joy		550.00	
Votive Candles		344.73	
World Mission	100.00	150.00	
Inspired By The Spirit 10/16	1810.50	389,419.86	345,580.14
Endowment Trust (Income)	.00	35,994.91	Since 7.1.22

Diocesan Annual Appeal

The 2023-2024 Diocesan Annual Appeal for St. Mark Parish is **\$89,265.00**. The pledge cards you will receive in the mail for the 2023-2024 DAA are coded to your family address and to St. Mark. To keep records in order use your pledge card with the envelope. Your pledge can be mailed.



If you misplace your pledge card, coded cards will be made available in the entrances of the church with envelopes for your convenience. Do not send cash.

Direct questions or concerns to Tracie Olson, Parish Bookkeeper at 715-359-5206.

? **Did you know...** That St. Mark Parish has received BEET Grants? Since 2006 our parish has received several grants from the Bishop's Education Trust (BEET) that is funded by the Diocesan Annual Appeal. We have received grants in the following areas:

- Biblical Studies tuition assistance
- Update Catechetical Resource Library
- Parish Lenten Mission/ Renewal
- Youth Opportunities and Leadership Development Scholarship Money
- Catechetical Program Technology Upgrade; 2 Smart TV's, rolling cart and 2 laptops.
- Sarah Hart Parish Retreat
- Age Appropriate Bibles for Middle School Youth Confirmation Retreat

Inspired by the Spirit Campaign

Total amount returned to Parish as of 9/30/2023:
\$208,113.05

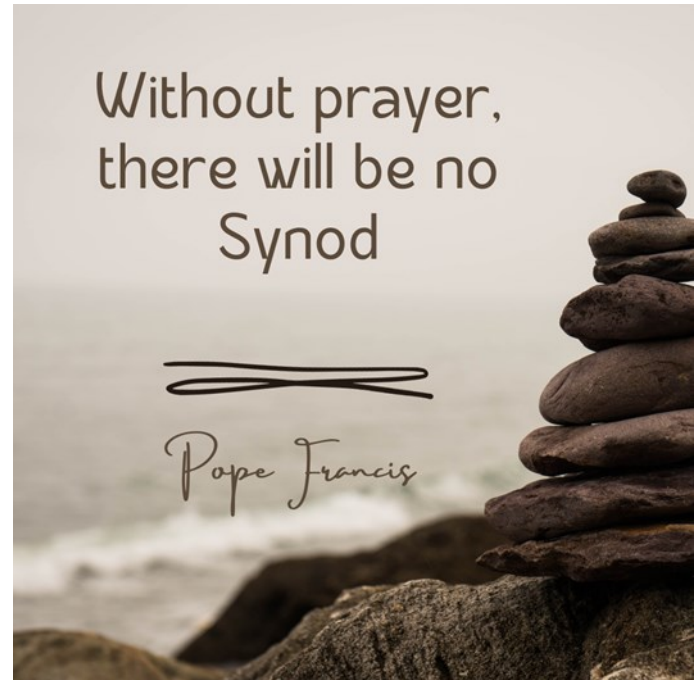
Amount already spent for parish projects \$121,314.51
(Loan payoff & School gym roof)

FROM THE DIOCESE —Diocese of La Crosse

Donate to Help the Victims of Violence in the Holy Land Catholic Relief Services, in conjunction with Caritas partners, are working to meet the desperate humanitarian needs caused by the terrorism and fighting in the Holy Land. To learn how you can help, visit www.crs.org.

October is Respect Life Month

Many parish resources from the USCCB for October, Respect Life Month, are available at www.respectlife.org. Also visit the Diocesan website, www.diolc.org/respect-life, for information on Pregnancy Resource Centers, Post-Abortion Healing, and much more.



Pope Francis Prayer for the Synod

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

See Important State and Federal Action Alerts from our Bishops:

Visit wisconsincatholic.org/advocacy-network/ to learn how to make your voice heard on both the state and federal levels, regarding Respect Life, Hunger, and other vital issues.

To inquire about what it means to be a priest, contact: Fr. Nate Kuhn, Director of Vocational Recruitment for the Diocese of La Crosse, 3710 East Ave S PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602; or call Fr. Nate at 608.791.2667.

FAITH ENRICHMENT

St. Anthony Spirituality Center, Marathon, for information about retreats and events visit <https://sarcenter.com/events>. Call 715-443-2236 or email info@sarcenter.com to register.

IN THE AREA

Knights of Columbus Council 4628 Sacred Heart meeting Tuesday, October 10, 7:00 pm, St. Therese council chambers. Contact Mark Schaefer 262-225-3258 with any questions.

St. Michael Parish, Junction City; Chicken Dinner, on November 12, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm, drive-thru only. Chicken Dinner with chicken soup and all the trimmings; \$14.00.

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

As Catholics, we want to grow in our understanding that the Eucharist is Jesus. This is the focus of the three-year Eucharistic Revival. God gave you a soul that will live forever.



*Encounter Jesus
in the Eucharist.
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God created you with a body and a soul. Your soul allows you to think and choose. Your soul gives you the power to choose what is right and good, most importantly to choose to love God and be faithful to Him. We choose to receive God’s love when we receive Jesus in Holy Communion at Mass. Let’s pray this right now and every day this week: Heavenly Father, help me always to choose to love and be faithful to You.

For a list of additional proclamations on the Eucharist, click here: diolc.org/eucharist/learn.

Confirmation Prayer Partner Brunch



Religious Ed Grades 6-8 Youth Night



HELP KEEP ST. MARK PARISH RECORDS UP TO DATE

If you’ve recently moved or your address has changed; If you’ve changed or added a phone number or email address, let us know so we can update your parish records. Complete this form and drop it in the tithing basket or bring it to the Parish Office. You can also email secretary@smproths.org with your information. Thank you.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Primary Phone #: _____

Cell Phone #: _____

Email Address: _____

SCRIPTURE TEXTS - Ordinal 30

Opening Prayer: Lord God, as I mediate on your holy word, allow me to know deep in my heart how much I am loved by you through your son, Jesus Christ. He is my Savior and Redeemer and through him I am delivered from all the forces of evil. I make this prayer in his name, he who is Lord forever and ever. Amen

Exodus 22:20-26

Thus says the LORD: "You shall not molest or oppress an alien, for you were once aliens yourselves in the land of Egypt. You shall not wrong any widow or orphan. If ever you wrong them and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry. My wrath will flare up, and I will kill you with the sword; then your own wives will be widows, and your children orphans.

"If you lend money to one of your poor neighbors among my people, you shall not act like an extortioner toward him by demanding interest from him. If you take your neighbor's cloak as a pledge, you shall return it to him before sunset; for this cloak of his is the only covering he has for his body. What else has he to sleep in? If he cries out to me, I will hear him; for I am compassionate."

Psalm 18:2-4, 47, 51

R. (2) **I love you, Lord, my strength.**

I love you, O LORD, my strength,
O LORD, my rock, my fortress, my deliverer.

R. **I love you, Lord, my strength.**

My God, my rock of refuge,
my shield, the horn of my salvation, my stronghold!
Praised be the LORD, I exclaim,
and I am safe from my enemies.

R. **I love you, Lord, my strength.**

The LORD lives and blessed be my rock!
Extolled be God my savior.
You who gave great victories to your king
and showed kindness to your anointed.

R. **I love you, Lord, my strength.**

1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

Brothers and sisters: You know what sort of people we were among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, receiving the word in great affliction, with joy from the Holy Spirit, so that you became a model for all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth not only in Macedonia and in Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has gone forth, so that we have no need to say anything. For they themselves openly declare about us what sort of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and

true God and to await his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus, who delivers us from the coming wrath.

Matthew 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a scholar of the law tested him by asking, "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments."

Reflection Questions:

1. Jesus asks us to love God with our whole mind, heart and soul. Do you find this difficult? What limits your ability to love?
2. How important is it to love yourself? If you do not, can you love others?

What are the ways that we can love others in society?

Concluding Prayer: Lord God, give me the faith to know that I am loved unconditionally. When I am loved in such a way, may I then love others as well. I make this prayer in the name of Jesus, he who is Lord forever and ever. Amen.



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