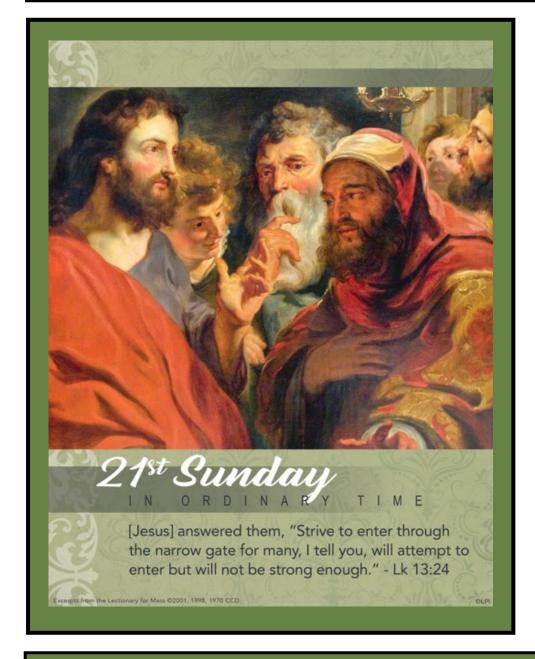
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# Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sunday, August 24, 2025

#### **Weekday Mass Schedule**

Friday 8:10 am St. Mark

Monday NO Mass
Tuesday 8:00 am St. Therese
Wednesday 8:00 am St. Therese
Thursday 8:10 am St. Mark

#### **Weekend Mass Schedule**

Saturday 4:00 pm St. Mark
Saturday 5:30 pm St. Therese
Sunday 8:00 am St. Mark
Sunday 10:00 am St. Therese

#### **Reconciliation Schedule**

Saturday 3:30 pm St. Mark
Saturday 10:00 am St. Therese
Sunday 7:30 am St. Mark
Sunday 9:30 am St. Therese

# **Liturgical Ministry**

# Saint Mark

### Saint Therese

#### **Liturgical Ministry**

SignUp Genius is available on the St. Mark Website

#### Saturday, August 30 4:00 pm

Servers: Jeff B. Lectors: Al R. Ushers: Don B.

Extraordinary Ministers: Phyllis B., Margee and Al R.

Musicians: Diane/Christine

#### Sunday, August 31 8:00 am

Servers: Jeremiah B. and Ryan R.

Lectors: Christine L. Ushers: Margaret K.

Extraordinary Ministers: William S., Cecilia W., John P.

Musicians: M.Martin/Mikki

#### **Marian Shrine Candle**

Week of August 24



#### **Liturgical Ministry**

#### Saturday, August 30 5:30 pm

Servers:

Lectors: Phyllis

Ushers:

Extraordinary Ministers: Phyllis, Jim, Rich

#### Sunday, August 31 10:00 am

Servers: Lectors: Barb Ushers:

Extraordinary Ministers: Barb, Jean & Steve K.

#### **Sanctuary Lamp**

Week of August 24-30

Cynthia Kondzela



# Mass Intentions

Thursday, August 28 8:10 am Penny Du Chateau Friday, August 29 8:10 am

Saturday, August 30 4:00 pm Kay Nyberg

Sunday, August 31 8:00 am

# **Mass Intentions**

Tuesday, August 26 8:00 am Wayne Smith Wednesday, August 27 8:00 am Donna Grzywacz

Saturday, August 30 5:30 pm Eugene Wanta

Sunday, August 31 10:00 am For the Parish Family

# **Eucharistic Adoration**

# **Eucharistic Adoration**

Friday 9:00 am—Noon, followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet

Tuesday—Thursday 8:45 am—8:00 pm

#### Readings for the week of August 24, 2025

Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2 (Mk 16:15)/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30 Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6/Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8 (429)/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12/Mk 6:17-29

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Mt 25:14-30

Next Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 (1a)/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14

# From the Diocese

The Renewal Project: Simple, Achievable, Life-Changing. The Renewal Project is not a checklist or a program—it's a personal invitation for you to engage with your faith on your time and on your terms. Rooted in prayer and community, this diocesan-wide effort encourages each of us to take a simple step deeper in our relationship with Jesus Christ. You will find a variety of invitations to help you reflect, grow, and respond to the Lord in your daily life—whether as parents, couples, singles, or students. It's about opening your heart to His presence and letting Him renew you from the inside out. To learn more and begin your journey, use your smartphone's camera to scan the QR code to the right. Come and see what the Lord desires for you.



**44th Annual Rural Life Day, September 22nd at 10am, 3365 Auger Road, Warrens, WI.** The 44th Annual Rural Life Day will be held at the Wetherby Cranberry Co., in Warrens on Monday, September 22th. Join Bishop Battersby for Mass at 10:00 am followed by awards, the blessing of farm animals, crops and machinery and a delightful lunch. Wetherby Cranberry Co. is located at 3365 Auger Road, Warrens, WI. This is your chance to celebrate rural life, enjoy the beauty of God's creation and maybe even leave with a craving for cranberries!

Jubilee Year of Hope 2025, Need Hope? Take a Minute to Get to Know "the God of All Hope" (Rom 15:13) In the Book of Genesis, when Adam and Eve were tempted by the devil, they let their trust in their Creator die in their heart and, abusing their freedom to do good, they disobeyed God's command. All personal sin committed subsequently is disobedience toward God and lack of trust in His goodness. God is perfect goodness and only wants what is best for us. After this Original Sin, God did not stop loving our first parents, as shown through His promise of a Savior who would rescue us from the consequence of being separated from our Heavenly Father. The promise was kept as Jesus came to rescue us from Satan, sin and eternal death. Let us ask Jesus to strengthen the gift of hope in us, to trust in His goodness.



# **Liturgy & Life**

Recently, I had the opportunity to watch our grandson compete in a half-marathon. He spent time training prior to the competition. One has to be in relatively good shape to compete and he had set some goals for himself regarding this race.

We can make some comparisons regarding our physical readiness and our spiritual readiness as we prepare for our end of life in bodily form. Jesus was asked who will be saved. Jesus indicated that one should be ready to enter through a narrow gate. Entering the narrow gate, the gate which enables us to reach the finish line requires that we become spiritually disciplined. We need to prepare ourselves. Although it seems it might be enough to listen to Jesus by way of the Scriptures, to attend Mass and to pray, it still takes more. Our spiritual readiness comes as our commitment is rooted in action. It is a life-long process which involves knowing how to love others through forgiveness and acceptance. This is the way God loves and it is the way we are to love others. When we are committed in this way, God will not deny us as we knock on the door of fullness with God. God will see our commitment and our discipline in being followers of his son, Jesus Christ.

There is the implication that although we believe in our salvation through the mercy and goodness of God, in some way we have to act on this belief. Last week we meditated on being followers of Christ. When Jesus concluded his response to those who asked him who will be saved, he replies that people from the east and the west, the north and the south will be at the heavenly table of God. "For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." God is a God of mystery and generosity. It is not our place to judge others regarding their commitment.

If we are to take something from this Gospel of the community of Luke, we can go back to the necessity of being spiritually vigilant. We should prepare ourselves by practicing spiritual disciplines which make us strong in our love of God. Included in this discipline is time learning of Jesus Christ by studying the Scriptures, by prayer, both public and private and by good works. Following Jesus Christ as we become his disciples will lead us through the narrow gate to enjoy God's great love for all people. This is a life-long process. We should never be surprised by the vastness of God's love.

Helen Ackermann, Retired Parish Minister, St. Mark Parish

# **Parish Announcements**

# **Saint Mark**

#### Notes from the Pastoral Musician Mary Martin:



Parish Choir Degins .....
Thursday, September 11, at 6:00 pm, in the church building. Music ministry provides beauty, joy, comfort, inspiration, and musical prayer for

our liturgies and various parish celebrations. This is possible due to the generous sharing of time and talent of diverse members. If you can carry a tune and want to learn, come sing with us! Call Mary for more information at 715-359-5206.

The Parish Office will be closed Monday Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> in observance of Labor Day.

The St. Mark Circle of Joy facilitates the distribution of staple food items and daily life necessities to those with temporary needs within the "area" of St. Mark Parish. Our pantry shelves are getting low we specifically need: canned fruit, peanut butter, jelly, mac & cheese, pasta, spaghetti sauce, tomato products, breakfast cereal/ bars, pancake mix/syrup, hearty soups, apple juice. Other needs include: rice, baked beans, cooking oil, salad dressing, mayo, mustard, ketchup, sour pickles, crackers, brownie/cake mixes, dish soap/detergent, toilet paper/tissues/paper towel, deodorant, shampoo, and conditioner. We appreciate any donations that can be made.



# **Saint Therese**

Sunday morning Breakfast will begin again starting Sept 7<sup>th</sup>. Every 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month after the 10:00am Mass. Join us for great food and fellowship. Free will offerings will be accepted.

Thank You to my fellow St. Therese Family for all the prayers and cards wishing me a speedy recovery, rosaries and Masses are being said around the U.S. I am slowly healing and my door is open - stop in for a visit. Thank you, Barb Olson

The Parish Office will be closed Monday Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> in observance of Labor Day.

The Little Flower Council will begin meeting for the 2025-2026 season on Monday Sept. 8<sup>th.</sup>. We will start with the Rosary at 6:30pm followed by the business meeting at 7:00pm. All ladies of the Parish of all ages are welcome. If you have not been to a meeting before we'd love to have you join us, bringing new ideas and insight. Coffee and snacks are provided!

#### St. Therese August Fest Thank You's

Bucket Raffle. Thank you to all who supported the bucket raffle at this year's picnic! The basket donations had a great variety of items with something for everyone! Thanks to all who bought tickets and congratulations to the winners! We are always so thankful to all who help with their time to make the raffle a huge success year after year! Once again, thanks to all, and we look forward to seeing what baskets we will have next year! Mary Klumpyan and Margaret Hlava

Bingo. A big THANK YOU to those that worked at our bingo event during the picnic. Bingo went well again and those that played seemed to have enjoyed themselves.

We were blessed to have a few new people as well as some seasoned veterans that volunteer so enthusiastically every year. Thank you again for another great bingo event at our picnic.



# Saint Mark and Saint Therese

Fr. Jose Edayadiyil V.C., a Vincentian and Fr. Joseph Pendaram V.C., Missionary Priest, will be in our parishes the weekend of August 30 & 31 to participate in our Annual Missionary dooperation Plan. They will preach at the weekend Masses and make an appeal on behalf of the Vincentian Missions. A spetial mission collection will be taken, we ask you to be generous in your offerings.

gaged in Mission Work in all parts of India, Sri Lanka, Nepal and South Africa.

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Please keep Fr. Jose and Fr. Joseph and all the Vincentian Missionaries and seminarians in your prayers.

# **Parish Support**

# **Saint Mark**

August 17, 2025				
Adult Offering	\$5,962.00 \$592.00	\$53,257.00 \$2,008.81		
Mission Restricted Debt Reduction		\$232.54 \$550.00		
Tithe Budgeted per Week Received this Week		\$9,461.54 \$5,962.00 -\$3,499.54		
Received Weeks Budgeted YTD		\$53,257.00 \$66,230.78 \$ -12,973.78		

#### Inspired by the Spirit Campaign

Goal: \$735,000.00 Amount Received: \$589,572.07

**Diocesan Annual Appeal** 

Goal: \$86,400.00 Amount Received: \$37,705.00

# **Saint Therese**

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Tithing		\$ 4148.25
Offertory		\$ 651.15
Children Envelopes		\$ 3.00
CAPEX		\$ 100.00
Church Upkeep		\$ 25.00
Youth Ministries		\$ 5.00
Fuel		\$ 15.00
Catholic Life		\$ 25.00
ACH Tithing		\$ 595.00
Credit Card Tithing		\$ 578.81
Mailed Tithing		\$ 717.50
Votives		\$ 147.00
	TOTAL	\$ 7,010.71

Capital Improvement Expenditure (CAPEX)

Current total to date is \$ 57,443.00



August 17, 2025

Inspired By The Spirit Campaign
Campaign Goal: \$ 520,000.00
Amount Received: \$ 438,676.63
We are at 84.36% of our Goal

Diocesan Annual Appeal

 Target Goal
 \$ 72,955.00

 Amounted Collected
 \$ 56,149.00

 TOTAL Under Goal
 \$ 16,806.00



# **Faith Formation**

# **Saint Mark**

**Religious Education Director: Mary Hart** 

<u>Registration for Faith Formation</u> is underway. If you haven't registered yet - It's not too late! Mail the forms or drop them off at the parish office this week.

Sessions begin:

- September 14: Confirmation Preparation
- September 17: Parent Meeting and First night of Sessions for Grades 1-9
- October 5: Sunday School

Registration materials can be found on the parish website at smproths.org

Thank you to everyone who has answered the call to be part of the Faith Formation Team! We are blessed to have faith-filled people, who have said "yes" to share their faith story with the youth of our parish! Might you join them? We currently have openings in the following areas:

- One Middle School Catechist

   plan and teach a
  lesson alone or team up with a friend and alternate
  Wednesday evenings.
- Confirmation Co-Catechist Team teach a lesson one Sunday morning a month.
- Catechist Aides be an extra hand to assist the catechist

Contact Mary Hart at <a href="maryhh@smproths.org">maryhh@smproths.org</a> or 715-359-5206 for more information on this ministry opportunity.

# **Saint Therese**

**Religious Education Director: Steve Martin** 

Catechists Needed for our Faith Formation Program: We really need your help! Please pray and consider sharing your faith with our children. We have volunteer opportunities open for the coming fall sessions.

1<sup>st</sup> Grade - Lead Teacher 3<sup>rd</sup> grade – Lead Teacher & Aid 5<sup>th</sup> Grade – Lead Teacher 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Lead Teacher & Aid 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Lead Teacher & Aid

Our Faith Formation program cannot serve the children in the parish without the help of volunteers. If you have any interest in volunteering your time to teach, or if you would like more information about the time commitment and responsibilities, please contact Steve Martin in the Religious Education Office.

#### CCD/Faith Formation registration was due August 1st.

Classes start September 17th! Thank you to everyone who already registered your children. If you haven't turned in your registration, please get it in A.S.A.P.

### **Area Events**

**HOPE offers** *Deeper Still*—a free, three-day retreat for women and men impacted by abortion. The next retreat takes place the weekend of **September 5th**, and registration is always open.

Retreats provide a safe and confidential space to process the emotional and spiritual weight of abortion and begin the journey toward healing and restoration. Many who attend say it was a life-changing experience. Each retreat is facilitated by trained, compassionate team members who walk with participants every step of the way.

**Learn more or register at** <u>hopewi.org/deeper-still</u> or call/text **Christina at 715-843-4673**. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

Sacred Heart Cassel Chicken Dinner and Bazaar Sunday Sept 14, 2025 10:00am - 3:00pm Come and enjoy a charcoal chicken dinner with all the fixings, BINGO, kid's games, basket raffles, 50/50, refreshments, and live music. Located at 222761 Hwy S



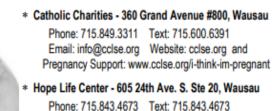
# St. Agnes Catholic Church:

Come join us for the St. Agnes Sports Banquet, September 20, 2025 at the Central Wisconsin Expo Center in Cedar Creek.

Admission Tickets are \$95 each and include dinner, free beer/soda chance to win 1 of 60 door prize guns. You also get an opportunity to purchase additional tickets to win side raffles which include diamonds, meat, TV's, cash, Stihl products, log splitter and much more.

To purchase admission tickets please call Deb in the St. Agnes office at 715-359-5675. We hope to see you there! Good Luck!

#### Pregnant and in distress? Confidential Help is Available From:



Email: info@hopewi.org Website: hopewi.org

For additional resources and locations,
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# NCYC 2025: NCYC

**What:** NCYC (National Catholic Youth Conference) is a powerfully unique three-day experience of prayer, community, evangelization, catechesis, service and empowerment that hosts over 20,000 teens each year.

**Who**: Teens entering 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall are invited to join us for a trip to Indianapolis, IN.

When: Thursday, Nov. 20- Sunday, Nov 23, 2025. We will take a bus to Indianapolis, IN with other local teens. Join us for an unforgettable encounter with Christ. Learn more at <a href="mailto:diolc.org/ncyc">diolc.org/ncyc</a> or contact Mary Hart at maryhh@smproths.org

KNIGHTS FOR LIFE—BLOOD FOR LIFE
The Knights of Columbus Sacred Heart Council serving St. Mark, St Agnes and St Therese Parishes is sponsoring a Blood Drive. The "Knights for life – Blood for Life" blood donation drive will be held on Thursday, August 21<sup>st</sup> from 2:30–7:00pm in Abts Hall at St Agnes's in Weston. The Blood Bank's levels are very low and they are in need of blood for our community. We are asking families and friends to help support this effort by donating blood to give life to those in need. You can go to the website of the "Blood Center of Northcentral Wisconsin" for more information regarding donating blood. <a href="https://www.bcnwi.org/">https://www.bcnwi.org/</a> You can call the Blood

Bank to make an appointment 715-842-0761. Thank you so much for your support in this time of need.



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Thank you to all parishioners for supporting Newman Catholic Schools!

# **NCES: Saint Mark**

Pam Fochs-Principal



We are still looking for a part-time music teacher. School begins Monday, August 25. If you or someone you know can help out, please call the school office.

**Volunteer** in the schools: Do you have a couple of hours that you would like to share with children? Maybe reading, practicing math, serving food? We would love to make that dream come true. Please contact 715-359-9662 to start your dream!! Our process includes a background check and other Newman Catholic Schools safe environment needs.

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Thank you to all the service-minded people who helped with getting the woodchips onto our playground. Your help with getting the woodchips here, to tractor hauling, shoveling and raking, filling wheel barrels and dumping them, blowing the woodchips off the blacktop, and all the while keeping the humor! Your service does not go un-noticed. We are able to begin the year with a safe playground once again.

# **Parish Staff**

# **Saint Mark**

Pastor: Rev. Janusz Kowalski, Ph. D.

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# **Saint Therese**

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