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MEANDERINGS OF THE INTERIM

Taking an Inventory of ourselves. My father was in retail all his life. Normally following Christmas, it would be time to “take inventory” in the store. It was laborious and hard. Counting shirts, socks, ties, everything you could imagine in a men’s store while also waiting on customers. Now it is done with computers.

Annual inventory helps store buyers assess what the needs are for each particular season. With an appropriate assessment of the stock, you can supply your customers needs and be successful.

Is it any different for the followers of Jesus? Before each Sunday how often to we “take an inventory” before coming to church? Before we say the confession and hear the absolution are we of the mind to seek reconciliation and repentance?

Below are the, slightly modified, 12 Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous. They are a good pre-confession tool.

The 12 Steps are:

1. We admitted we were powerless over [sin] — that our lives had become unmanageable.
2. Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.
3. Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him.
4. Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.
5. Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.
6. Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.
7. Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.
8. Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.
9. Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.
10. Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.
11. Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God, as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.
12. Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these Steps, we tried to carry this message to [sinners], and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

Blessings and Peace,

Chris+

Chas. Christopher Thompson+
Transitional Priest-in-Charge

PARISH RELATED NEWS

We celebrate the confirmation of:

Freya Brokken, Matilda Drew, Katherine Hauswirth, Annabelle Leibowitz, Anna Markwardt, CJ Milburn, Elisa Rheinscheld, Alexander Skoracki, and Theodore Warren into the Episcopal Church on Sunday, May 23rd.

We offer condolences to the family of:

Mary Kridler, a longtime member of Saint Mark's. Mary passed away on May 4th.

PARISH RELATED NEWS reprises the tradition at Saint Mark's to share important information that may be of interest to members of the parish. If you know of the birth or marriage of someone related to the parish (but not a member as recorded in the parish register), a job change, retirement, achievement, student news, etc, we invite you to share it with us (and with the permission of the individuals involved, of course!) so we may pass along the good news. Information may be sent to Robbie Hurley at hurley.robetta@yahoo.com or to the [Parish Office](#).

World Refugee Day

June 20, 2021

World Refugee Day (WRD) has been designated by the United Nations to honor and celebrate refugees around the world. It is an opportunity to highlight the journeys refugees face, their dreams and hopes for a better future, and our responsibility to advocate for pathways to protection for all people forced to flee their home.

Join our National Church's Episcopal Migration Ministries (EMM) and Saint Mark's Migration Ministries during the month of June as we celebrate World Refugee Day through education, dialogue, prayer and advocacy.

Episcopal Migration Ministries will host a virtual prayer vigil for WRD on Sunday, June 20, 7 – 8 pm. The prayer vigil, broadcast on EMM's Facebook page will offer a time of prayer, reflection and celebration in honor of refugees worldwide. A downloadable vigil order of service will be available prior to the event. This is the link to participate: facebook.com/EMMRefugees

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Saint Mark's Migration Ministries

Saint Mark's Migration Ministries welcomes the stranger in our midst

Our Mission:

To support refugees, asylum seekers, and immigrants,
To serve, engage, learn, and educate.

Currently, our committee meets virtually once a month, usually on the 4th Tuesday at 7 p.m. We would love to have you join us.

For more details or to add your name/email for our news and meeting information, please contact Joyce Acton – 614-560-9219 or actongroup@gmail.com.

From the Music OfficeMatthew Bester

The general availability of the COVID vaccine for those 12 years of age and over is dramatically reshaping the societal norms with which we have had to live during the long months of the pandemic. Restrictions and limitations on many gatherings and activities are beginning to loosen for those who have been vaccinated, and guidelines seem to be changing by the week. Among the activities that have been most restricted over the past year is singing. Thankfully, voices that have been silenced since March 2020 are beginning to be unloosed at last!

Diocesan guidelines have allowed a limited amount of in-person singing since September, with restrictions based on the county's public health alert level. Due to the dispersal risk from singing, we have trod carefully at Saint Mark's, limiting singing to just a single cantor from October through March. In April, with the return of in-person Eucharist, the number of cantors was increased to two as the amount of solo singing increased.

The widespread availability of the vaccine for all adults since late March has been a complete game changer. In May, once I and all the staff singers had been fully vaccinated, we were able to begin having a full quartet of singers present on Sunday mornings. For the first time since March 2020, our singers were able to sing together in the same space for hymns, service music, and anthems. Following diocesan guidelines, the singers were masked and spread 10 feet apart. Our first anthem was Giuseppe Pitoni's setting of the text "Cantate Domino canticum novum," or "Sing to the Lord a new song."

The month of May also brought updated guidance from the CDC, which recently announced that vaccinated persons can now gather and sing safely indoors. In response to these new guidelines, the Diocese of Southern Ohio updated its own guidelines for public worship late this month, allowing congregational singing for the first time since the beginning of the pandemic and eliminating restrictions on the size of choirs. The new diocesan guidelines call on singing to remain masked for the time being, however, owing to the fact that the CDC still regards indoor singing as a risky activity for unvaccinated individuals, including those under 12 who cannot yet get the vaccine.

As a result, congregational singing returned to Saint Mark's on the Feast of Pentecost on May 23. It was a great thrill to hear congregational singing fill the nave once again, particularly for the feast of Pentecost and for the afternoon service of confirmation that same day! In addition to this, plans are being made to reunite the adult choir for certain Sundays during the summer, as singers' schedules permit. For the safety of all involved, all participants in the choir will have to be vaccinated and sing with masks for the time being. This also will allow us to sing a little closer together than social distancing would otherwise permit.

As we move forward into June, I also want to draw your attention to one other minor change in liturgy and music. Prior to the pandemic, it was our usual practice for the organ prelude to begin prior to the official start time of the service, with the intention that the opening hymn would begin as close to the start time as possible. During the pandemic, when much of our worship was available only online, we instead have been having the organ prelude begin at the start time of the service. Beginning May 30, we will go back to the pre-pandemic norm of starting the prelude before 10:30 on Sunday mornings. Our livestream will start about five minutes before the prelude is set to begin. If you wish to hear the opening voluntary, either in person or on the livestream, I recommend that you arrive / connect no later than 10:25, since the length of the prelude can vary from three to five minutes depending on the piece.



This past month, several of the members of the Outreach Ministry took a trip to McArthur, Ohio to deliver layette items to Trinity Episcopal.



The team from Trinity will work with the local Help Me Grow Agency to identify local mothers to be in need, although at times names are left in the office door by members of the community that are aware of a need. The Trinity team prepares a bag of layette items for the baby. So far this year, the number of mothers referred to them has increased by 50%.

Earlier this year we gave Trinity a grant to purchase diapers for the bags. We also purchased the bags they use to hold everything. On this visit, a number of the items delivered were handmade by the knitting and sewing group including 148 bibs, 148 burp clothes, 39 hat/bootie sets, 45 knitted toys, 53 pacifier clips and 62 washcloths. In addition to the handmade items the team collected and took 49 blankets, 14 books, 21 bibs, 9 outfits, 49 pairs of

socks, 16 sleep sacks, 86 onesies, 12 hairbrush sets, 4 towels and 14 cold weather suits. This should help our partners at Trinity provide layettes for the next 6 months.

If you have a baby items you would like to donate, please contact Leslie Winters at mslesliewinters@gmail.com. If you would like to sew or knit items we would love to have your participation. Only the most basic of skills are necessary, and we'd be happy to teach you how to make some of the items.



HELPING TO STOP HUNGER- HIS PLACE DINNER AND STREET CHURCH LUNCH

Members of Saint Marks took a bagged dinner to St. John's Town Street to distribute on May 12. The meal was enjoyed by those attending. It was also fun for our team to be able to connect with The Rev. Christopher Richardson at his new assignment.

On May 30, Saint Mark's provided the lunch to the attendees of Street Church. For those new to Saint Mark's, Street Church is sponsored by St. John's Town Street. A service is held in a vacant lot at Broad and Central, an area church then provides attendees a lunch.

If anyone would like to assist with either of these activities in the future contact [Roberta Morton](#) (Street Church) or [Sally Rechner](#) (His Place).





FREEDOM A LA CART RECOGNIZES SAINT MARK'S

What a busy few weeks it has been here at Freedom a la Cart! We're excited to have opened the café + bakery and welcome the community into our new home.

Because Saint Mark's Episcopal Church is such a valued partner and advocate of Freedom a la Cart, I wanted to reach out to notify you of our new commemorative art piece installed in our café in recognition of annual major donor support. For this art piece, Freedom selected unique wooden spoons of different shapes, sizes and colors to tie our culinary roots together with our central mission: empowering survivors from different walks of life and all stages of recovery along their journey toward freedom and self-sufficiency.

We at Freedom a la Cart are so appreciative of your commitment to our work, our mission, and most importantly, the women we serve. The next time you're at the café I'm excited for you to see "Saint Mark's Episcopal Church" etched in a wooden spoon as part of this meaningful art installation.

Thank you for standing with us to bring freedom to survivors throughout Central Ohio.

I look forward to seeing you soon!!!

Better TOGETHER,
Paula



A group of Outreach members met to measure, bag and label spices for meal kits for NNEMAP. NNEMAP will be putting together meal kits for their clients to encourage more use of vegetables. The clients will get a bag with all of the ingredients along with an instruction sheet on how to make the main dish meal. Saint Marks agreed to do the spice packs for the meal kits. Hopefully, the meals will prove popular and this will be an ongoing activity. It was good to be able to do some hands on activities.

Several of our Outreach team members have gone back to working in the pantry. Others are helping with the delivery of food to homebound clients. If you would like to help with an activity, contact [Barb Keyes](#) or [Bill Karl](#).



CATCH COURT

Last month Outreach was once again able to start taking lunches to the CATCH Court participants. The team prepared and delivered sack lunches to Goodale Park where the ladies were able to have an outdoor lunch and social hour before court. Outreach will now be doing a CATCH Court lunch on the second Thursday of each month. Contact [Pat Iams](#) if you would like to help with preparation, delivery or baking of cookies (our homemade cookies are the most popular item we take to the lunches). Unfortunately, we are not yet able to attend court sessions.





THANK YOU NOTES FOR DONATIONS MADE ON YOUR BEHALF



I'd like to thank you for your recent donation of \$ \$2,000.00 to Freedom a la Cart. Last year along 420 local human trafficking survivors were provided support services or

employment due to support from community members like you. Your support makes a tangible impact on the lives of human trafficking survivors in Central Ohio.

It is the generosity of donors like you that make our work possible- empowering survivors of human trafficking to

build new lives of freedom and self-sufficiency. Freedom a la Cart is so much more than a nonprofit, but a sisterhood of survivors supporting one and other through life's circumstances. Still curious about our tangible impact? Gain perspective from one of our workforce development participants below:

"Freedom has shown me how to be on time, and to work well with others. They have shown me how to budget, open my first bank account , be self-sufficient, and have helped me get a reliable car. Freedom a la Cart i s more than just a job though, for me. Honestly, the support and the unity I have with my co- workers, kitchen staff, and management is amazing!"

Once again thank you for your partnership.

Better together,
Paula Haines, CEO



As we begin seeing signs of warmer days and new life of spring, we ae grateful to countinue to provide Central Ohio families new beginnings through homeownership and home repair opportunities. Thank you for your generous donation of \$1000 received on 4/20/21, supporting the Northwest Adopt-a -Home. Your gift helps provide hope to families like Muhammad and Sahra's through safe, decent and affordable housing.

Due to civil war, Muhummad and Sahra fled their home country of Somalia, and after spending time in refugee camps, they immigrated to the United States. While they have faced many challenges including learning a new language and culture, they also discovered Habitat for Humanity from friends and decided to explore the possibility of becoming homeowners. Their five daughters were very excited to hear they are soon moving to a new five-bedroom home in Linden. The family is thankful they will no longer have to live in a small apartment or need to move year after year. They appreciate that they will have a safe place to raise their children and a place for them to grow.

Financial support by faith groups has always been at the heart of Habitat's mission, and we are so thankful for the ongoing support you provide to help us achieve our vision of eliminating substandard housing in Central Ohio, one family at a time. Thank you again for including Habitat in your ministry to give hope to deserving low-income families and building God's kingdom here on earth.

Sincerely,
E.J. Thomas, President and CEO



NNEMAP would like to thank you for your recent donation of \$3000.00 date March 19, 2021. Your gift is gratefully acknowledged.

Your generous support of our mission helps keep healthy food on the table of thousands of customers throughout Columbus. Thank you for helping NNEMAP Food Pantry continue to be a place people can count on in their time of need.

Gratefully,
Sean Becker, Director of Marketing and Development



the Open Shelter
Staying behind with those left behind.

Thank you to the St. Mark's Episcopal Church Outreach Committee for your kind words & gracious donation of \$1000.00 to The Open Shelter, Inc. We would be unable to help so many without this support. Because of this donation, we are able to stay behind with those left behind; homeless and marginally housed men, women and children in Central Ohio.

The Open Shelter provides advocacy efforts and Outreach Services, which are even more necessary now. Every day, there are hundreds of persons who are forced to sleep "on the streets", on park benches and under bushes. The remaining shelters are already full. Those excluded and left behind continue to turn to The Open Shelter, Inc.

The range of assistance sought goes from the most basic needs (tooth brushes toilet paper, clothes and food) to dealing with Social Security applications and appeals, on-going financial planning and payeeship services, housing applications and advocacy to help persons remain sheltered and housed.

Loyal & generous support like yours helps us assist the most vulnerable in our community. We are so grateful Saint Mark's Episcopal Church chose us and those we serve. Please visit our website at www.TheOpenShelter.org to see the latest on how this support helps the most vulnerable in our community.

Yours in Service,
Shelia Mathias, Director



Star House

Thank you for coming to the aid of youth, ages 14-24, who are experiencing homelessness in Central Ohio. While these times may be unprecedented, we remain steadfast in our mission to provide youth experiencing homelessness with a safe respite from the streets and to connect them with a chance to thrive. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, our doors have remained open to youth who are experiencing homelessness in Central Ohio.

Thanks to donors like you, Star House's drop-in center provided essential services to 284 Individual young people during the first quarter of 2021, and in some cases, their small children. Donations allowed us to connect them with food, clothing, hygiene items, laundry facilities, showers, and stabilizing resources, such as therapy, case management, health care, education, employment, addiction services, legal aid, IDs and housing. Through donations like yours, Star House and Finance Fund opened Carol Stewart Village in August 2020 - a supportive neighborhood for youth ages 18 to 24 with 62 efficiency apartments and on-site access to transitional jobs, education, health care, therapy, social connections and more.

Thank you for your support of our mission. There is still much more work to be done. Together we can continue to lift youth out of homelessness and into a lasting place to call home.

Warmly,
Ann Bishcoff, CEO



BIRTHDAY BAGS! BIRTHDAY BAGS!

Women Affirming Women's Respite Program is a mini-vacation for single moms. One of the activities is a surprise birthday party, complete with birthday cake. At that time, the team presents each participant with a Birthday Bag filled with all sorts of goodies just for them. Saint Mark's women have been asked to provide 12 bags by June 26th.

Below is a list of suggestions you might want to include in your bag. Please know that you *don't need to include everything on the list*. They are suggestions only. I will supply the actual bags. Please contact Anice Ellis at 614-529-9597 if you wish to sign up or have questions.

Let's help to make a group of single moms happy!

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| • Shampoo | • Washcloth |
| • Conditioner | • Scrubbies |
| • Body lotion | • Nail polish |
| • Body spray | • Polish remover |
| • Fancy bath soap | • Nail file |
| • Shower cap | • Necklaces |
| • Spa candle | • Bracelets |
| • Sunglasses | • Earrings |
| • Fancy flip-flops | • T-shirts: L & XL sizes |
| • Bath towel | • Scarves |
| • Hand towel | |



FLOWER GUILD NEWS

Flower Guild is able to provide beautiful altar flower every Sunday thanks to the generosity of our parishioners! It is time to sign up for the Sundays in June, July and August. If you would be interested in giving money for flowers in memory of someone or to celebrate something please contact [Diane Hartney](#).

Another area that is supported by all of you are the planters in the front of the church and by the office. Volunteers planted these beautiful planters and will keep them watered. They could use help during the summer making sure the plants are maintained and watered. If you think you might be able to help with this please let [Barb Keyes](#) know.

We are so blessed to have beautiful flowers to enjoy both inside and out here at Saint Mark's.



STEPHEN MINISTRY UPDATE:

This is just a reminder that our church has been blessed to have a Stephen Ministry program. Our Stephen Ministers have been through 50 hours of training in "listening and caring" and they are here to provide regular confidential meetings if you are experiencing long or short term difficulties of health, loneliness, job loss or change, grief or just isolation and reentry difficulties from the pandemic.

Please do not hesitate to talk with Chris Thompson (our interim priest) at the church or one of our Stephen Leaders, Pat Barton (614-457-8055), Dianne Silliman (614-581-8599), Michele Johnson (614-406-2233), or any one of our Stephen Ministers if you know someone or if you yourself are going through a difficult time. Even your inquiry will be kept confidential.

This has been such a difficult year for so many of us in the church and though we are beginning to see the end, our lives have been changed. God is with us to answer our prayers. The Stephen Ministers just walk with you through difficult situations.

YOUTH GROUP

For several years, Outreach has wanted to include the Saint Mark's Youth Group in Outreach projects. In the past, the Youth Group has done smaller projects with Outreach, but always under the direction of the Outreach team. This past year, Outreach allocated money in its budget for a Youth Group service project of their choosing.

The Youth Group did work with Outreach to organize the book drive earlier this year, but they still had the opportunity to organize their own project.

Under the direction of our Youth Warden, Henry M., the Youth Group decided on a project, researched the needs of the recipients, purchased the necessary supplies, and then assembled 175 kits to be taken to the Open Shelter for the homeless. The kits consist of a combination of toiletry and medical supplies that the homeless can carry with them. What a wonderful project. Thank you to all of the Youth Group members that participated in this project. The kits will be appreciated by the people visiting the Open Shelter.



CHILDREN AND YOUTH FORMATION

Weekly Notes for Children Youth and Families is published monthly in June, July, and August.

To receive them by email or to download, visit: saintmarkscolumbus.org/weekly-notes/

CONFIRMATION ON PENTECOST SUNDAY



Pentecost Sunday was particularly special this year with the afternoon Columbus Area Confirmation ceremony followed by an outdoor reception. The Rt. Rev. Wendell Gibbs, Jr. confirmed eight Saint Mark's members along with two members from Saint Matthew's in Westerville, and two members from All Saints in New Albany. In addition, Bishop Gibbs received one member from Saint Patrick's in Dublin.

In addition to formation classes and activities within each church, all confirmands participated in a five-class series of Diocesan classes conducted via Zoom organized and taught by the Diocesan Formation Team, which includes The Rev. Christopher Richardson, The Rev. Jason Oden, and Emma Helms-Steinmetz. Family members still unable to travel due to pandemic restrictions watched the service from all over the country and were so grateful for the beautifully produced livestream by the Saint Mark's Team. Even families who attended the ceremony loved being able to see the blessed moment of confirmation from a different angle in the video. The recording is available on our website.

In his sermon, Bishop Gibbs spoke of all of us being ready for and moved by "the mighty wind of the Holy Spirit." Hail Thee, Festival Day!



LEVELING UP!

Congratulations to the following children who have graduated from these Christian Education levels:

Godly Play (age 3 – Kindergarten)

Jillian B.

Children's Chapel (1st – 5th grade)

Charlotte D.

Ella F.

Natalie F.

Jackson M.

Alex R.

Almighty God, heavenly Father you have blessed us with the joy and care of children: Give us calm strength and patient wisdom as we bring them up, that we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

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SAINT MARK'S 20/21 FORMATION TEAM THANK YOU FOR AN ESPECIALLY GREAT YEAR!

FORMATION LEADERS

Rachel Dwyer-Markwardt

Irina Reed

FORMATION TEACHERS

Joanne Drew

Laura Skoracki

FORMATION ASSISTANTS

Catherine Davis

Jim Keyes

Dave Markwardt

And a Very Special Thank You to the following choristers who provided recorded hymns that we sang along with all year:

Matthew and Stefanie Bester

Matilda D.

Hannah M.

Madalyn R.

Margaret Wells

God Moment #9

Roxy the Dog

Just recently while doing some front yard work, I noticed a dog walking calmly down Bristol Road—all by herself. My first thought was that dog was lost. I decided to catch up with the dog and see if I could help somehow.

Just about the same time, along came a young man walking along, maybe ten yards behind the dog.

“That is not my dog,” he explained. “I am going to catch up with him.”

Why not get the dog, bring him to my backyard where he could play with Lucy? In the meantime, I could contact Franklin County Dog Shelter’s Lost & Found. The thing was that dog had no ID or registration tags on.

The young man agreed.

So Lucy and her new friend took off, immediately went into the house and jumped up on the sofa.

The Animal Care and Control Officers showed up and very calmly gathered up the stray.

The next day while walking Lucy on another neighborhood street, I came upon some folks loading a pickup truck.

And here’s the God part: the young lady asked if my name was Jim Keyes.

It turns out that Roxy, the aforementioned lost dog, was indeed her pet. She thanked me for saving her friend. That dog had a record at Dog Services for running away. The young lady described Roxy as a “frequent flyer.”

On my way back to our home, I pondered this coincidence. Was it a coincidence? Or God in action?

If you have a God Moment that you would like to share, please contact Jim Keyes, jimkeyes17@gmail.com.

Tuesday, June 1**1:15 PM:** Clergy Lectionary Study (Youth Lounge)**3:00 PM:** Staff Meeting, Women of St. Mark's**7:30 PM** Vestry Meeting**Wednesday, June 2****7:45 PM:** The Marksmen**Thursday, June 3****6:15 PM & 8:00 PM:** AA (Parish Hall)**Friday, June 4****8:00 PM:** AA Groups (Parish Hall)**Sunday, June 6***Preacher: The Rev. C. Christopher Thompson***8:00 AM: Holy Eucharist, Rite II** (Outdoors, In Person*)**10:30 AM: Holy Eucharist, Rite II** (Indoors, In Person* and Livestream)**8:00 PM:** AA (Parish Hall)**Monday, June 7****5:30 PM:** AA - Men's Group (Parish Hall)**Tuesday, June 8****1:15 PM:** Clergy Lectionary Study (Youth Lounge)**3:00 PM:** Staff Meeting, Women of St. Mark's**Wednesday, June 9****1:00 PM:** Stephen Ministry Meeting**7:45 PM:** The Marksmen**Thursday, June 10****5:30 PM:** Stephen Ministry Meeting**6:15 PM & 8:00 PM:** AA (Parish Hall)**Friday, June 11****8:00 PM:** AA Groups (Parish Hall)**Sunday, June 13***Preacher: The Rev. C. Christopher Thompson***8:00 AM: Holy Eucharist, Rite II** (Outdoors, In Person*)**10:30 AM: Holy Eucharist, Rite II** (Indoors, In Person* and Livestream)**8:00 PM:** AA (Parish Hall)**Monday, June 14****5:30 PM:** AA - Men's Group (Parish Hall)**Tuesday, June 15****1:15 PM:** Clergy Lectionary Study (Youth Lounge)**3:00 PM:** Staff Meeting, Women of St. Mark's**Wednesday, June 16****7:45 PM:** The Marksmen**Thursday, June 17****6:15 PM & 8:00 PM:** AA (Parish Hall)**Friday, June 18****8:00 PM:** AA Groups (Parish Hall)**Sunday, June 20***Preacher: The Rev. C. Christopher Thompson***8:00 AM: Holy Eucharist, Rite II** (Outdoors, In Person*)**10:30 AM: Holy Eucharist, Rite II** (Indoors, In Person* and Livestream)**8:00 PM:** AA (Parish Hall)**Monday, June 21****5:30 PM:** AA - Men's Group (Parish Hall)**7:00 PM:** Sisters in Faith**Tuesday, June 22****1:15 PM:** Clergy Lectionary Study (Youth Lounge)**3:00 PM:** Staff Meeting, Women of St. Mark's**7:00 PM** St. Mark's Migration Ministries**Wednesday, June 23****7:45 PM:** The Marksmen**Thursday, June 24****6:15 PM & 8:00 PM:** AA (Parish Hall)**Friday, June 25****8:00 PM:** AA Groups (Parish Hall)**Sunday, June 27***Preacher: The Rev. C. Christopher Thompson***8:00 AM: Holy Eucharist, Rite II** (Outdoors, In Person*)**10:30 AM: Holy Eucharist, Rite II** (Indoors, In Person* and Livestream)**8:00 PM:** AA (Parish Hall)**Monday, June 28****5:30 PM:** AA - Men's Group (Parish Hall)**Tuesday, June 29****1:15 PM:** Clergy Lectionary Study (Youth Lounge)**3:00 PM:** Staff Meeting, Women of St. Mark's**Wednesday, June 30****7:45 PM:** The Marksmen

* Please visit the [Saint Mark's website](#) for the current status of indoor gathering and distancing information.

** Zoom meeting links can be found on the [Parish Calendar](#).

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5/28/2021—6/11/2021



SAINT MARK'S

Part of the Diocese of Southern Ohio, Saint Mark's held its first worship service in 1951 in a converted Methodist church in Grandview. Ground was broken in 1953 for the Parish Hall (now the Education Building) where services were held until the current Nave and Sanctuary was completed in 1958. Office space in an adjacent building was purchased in 1989. Major renovations of the entire facility occurred in 2004 and 2008 creating a campus today that empowers Christ's ministry within and beyond our parish.

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