

Parish News
**St. Paul's Episcopal
Church**
Marinette, Wisconsin
April 30th 2025



A disciple of Jesus, named Mark, appears in several places in the New Testament. If all references to Mark can be accepted as referring to the same person, we learn that he was the son of a woman who owned a house in Jerusalem, perhaps the same house in which Jesus ate the Last Supper with his disciples. Mark may have been the young man who fled naked when Jesus was arrested in the Garden of Gethsemane. In his letter to the Colossians, Paul refers to "Mark the cousin of Barnabas," who was with him in his imprisonment. Mark set out with Paul and

Barnabas on their first missionary journey, but he turned back for reasons which failed to satisfy Paul (Acts 15:36–40). When another journey was planned, Paul refused to have Mark with him. Instead, Mark went with Barnabas to Cyprus. The breach between Paul and Mark was later healed, and Mark became one of Paul's companions in Rome, as well as a close friend of Peter's.

An early tradition recorded by Papias, Bishop of Hieropolis in Asia Minor at the beginning of the second century, names Mark as the author of the Gospel bearing his name. This tradition, which holds that Mark drew his information from the teaching of Peter, is generally accepted. In his First Letter, Peter refers to "my son Mark," which shows a close relationship between the two men (1Peter 5:13).

The Church of Alexandria in Egypt claimed Mark as its first bishop and most illustrious martyr, and the great Church of St. Mark in Venice commemorates the disciple who progressed from turning back while on a missionary journey with Paul and Barnabas to proclaiming in his Gospel Jesus of Nazareth as Son of God, and bearing witness to that faith in his later life as friend and companion to the apostles Peter and Paul.

Highlights & Happenings

News from the Pews

Spring Clean Up Day

- * Join us on **Saturday, May 10th at 9:00am** for an all-parish cleanup of the grounds around the church. We will be doing some trimming and getting rid of leaves and other tasks as needed. Please come and help beautify our wonderful parish grounds!



NEW Concert Band to Present Spring Concert

- * The Northeastern Wisconsin Concert Band – of which **John Beldo** is a member - will present its Spring Concert at 3:30pm May 4th in the W.J. Jones Auditorium at Marinette High School. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for students. Hope to see you there!

Jim Smith - Marathon Man!!

- * Congratulations to our own **Jim Smith** for running in - and finishing! - the Eau Claire marathon last Sunday. Jim recorded 'a personal best'. Well done, Jim!

Who's up Next?

Sunday, May 4th, 2025

First Chalice – Dan Kallgren

Crucifer – John Beldo

Lector – John Beldo

Sunday, May 11th, 2025

First Chalice – George Sporie

Crucifer – Lee Goodwin

Lector – Lee Goodwin

The Vestry of St. Paul's Parish

Senior Warden

George Sporie

Junior Warden

Jim Goodman

Clerk of the Vestry

Alyssa Higley

Parish Treasurer

George Sporie

Vestry Members

Alyssa Higley, Susan

Stephen, Jim Goodman,

John Beldo, and Gena

Sorensen

Prayers for Our Time

For this Week:

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever *Amen*.

The Feast of St. Mark:

Almighty God, by the hand of Mark the evangelist you have given to your Church the Gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God: We thank you for this witness, and pray that we may be firmly grounded in its truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives

and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

For the Future of the Human Race:

O God our heavenly Father, you have blessed us and given us dominion over all the earth: Increase our reverence before the mystery of life; and give us new insight into your purposes for the human race, and new wisdom and determination in making provision for its future in accordance with your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

Peace With Our World



Be Good to God's Creation:

Replace your lawn with native plants.
They don't need as much water and they support native wildlife. Plant a pollinator garden to provide food for bees and monarch butterflies!