

# St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Community

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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Monday – Thursday 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

## NEW PARISHIONERS:

Welcome! Individuals who actively participate with us are asked to register by contacting the Parish Office.



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## MISSION STATEMENT

*St. Mark the Evangelist Parish is  
a growing community of faith which strives  
to help its members follow Christ's commandment:  
"Love one another, as I have loved you."  
John 15:12*

## SACRAMENTAL LIFE:

### Weekend Liturgies:

Saturday 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday 9:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

### Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day:

Saturday 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.

### Weekday Liturgies:

Tuesday 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday 8:30 a.m.  
First Friday of the month 8:30 a.m.  
Eucharistic adoration 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Christmas, Easter, and Holy Days: see bulletin

Penance Saturday, 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Infant Baptism Contact Parish Office

Matrimony Contact Parish Office  
(9 months in advance)

Anointing of the Sick Contact Parish Office  
(After Masses, at home, or in hospital)

**BULLETIN DEADLINE:** Monday Noon

## CONTACT INFORMATION:

If you move, have a seasonal address, or change of address, phone or e-mail, please contact the Parish Office.

**Blessed Teresa of Calcutta** is canonized as St. Teresa of Calcutta today September 4<sup>th</sup>. She was born in Yugoslavia on August 27, 1910. She had a comfortable upbringing in her early years. At age 18, she went to Ireland to become a nun. After making her vows, she was assigned to teaching girls in Calcutta, India. She spent 15 years teaching the daughters of the wealthy in Calcutta. During this time, her true calling from God steered her down a different path. She had to get different permissions and approvals to leave the convent but up hold her vows. After taking some medical classes, she found herself working independently on the streets helping the poorest of the poor out of a hovel she rented.

**Mother Teresa** was teaching the children, sometimes even using sticks and dirt to help teach reading. She was helping the sick and hungry as best as she could. She was soon joined by many others who seemed to be waiting for someone like her to open these new doors. She had people providing food, clothing, supplies, and money. She founded a new charity, *Missionaries of Charity*, which grew by leaps and bounds worldwide. Their mission is to take care of the unwanted, unloved and unclean and to give them the love of Christ through helping better their livelihoods.

Today, as the Catholic Community celebrates her canonization, it is only right that we reflect on her messages to us. She expressed the importance of being humble, having daily prayer, and spreading joy. Her actions often were far more effective than her words. No matter how popular she became worldwide, her humility kept her grounded and able to continue her great work. You could still find her cleaning the toilets with the rest of the sisters always living amongst the poor. She stayed strong and never wavered with her mission. Daily prayer was where she drew her strength. It was how she was able to continue each day. Working among the poor can be discouraging. The Missionaries of Charity had to find and get joy from their daily work. It might not always be easy seeing so many who suffer, but it was pertinent to remain jubilant and bring the light of hope to those in their care. The words from John's Gospel "Love one another as I have loved you" are engraved on Mother Teresa's tomb. Her last and greatest message is Love.

Interestingly enough Mother Teresa's epitaph is in our Parish Mission Statement. On this Labor Day Weekend it is very fitting that we look at how we "Labor" in the love of Jesus Christ. May her example always give us inspiration to bring greater awareness, acceptance, and availability for our sisters and brothers here and around the world.

The Canonization prayer handed out today is below:  
*Loving and gracious God, you called forth Mother Teresa from humble means to be a strong witness to the transforming power of your Son, Jesus.  
 Help us to be like her, Lord, to dedicate our lives to caring for the poor and suffering, to listen to your eternal Word, to be the face of Christ for everyone we meet. Grant that, through her intercession we might shine the light of your love in our daily lives so that all people may come to know, love and serve you. Amen*

Peace,

**MONDAY, September 5****Labor Day**

*Office Closed*

**TUESDAY, September 6**

10:00 a.m. – Shawl Ministry – Contact Parish Office

6:30 p.m. – Word & Eucharist

**WEDNESDAY, September 7**

8:30 a.m. – Word & Eucharist

9:00 a.m. – St. Joseph Guild – Parish Center

10:00 a.m. – AA – Parish Center

**THURSDAY, September 8**

7:00 p.m. – Choir Practice – Church

**FRIDAY, September 9****Hospital Visits****SATURDAY, September 10**

4:30 – 5:15 p.m. – Confessions – Church

5:30 p.m. – Mass: +Jared DeWitte / Ron & Sharon Roberts

**SUNDAY, September 11****Grandparents Day**

9:30 a.m. – Mass: +Kathy Chmiel / John & Julie Nielsen

9:30 a.m. – Children's Liturgy of the Word

10:30 a.m. – Hospitality Hour

5:30 p.m. – Mass: Students & Teachers / Parish

**LET US PRAY:****For Peace; for Women/Men in the Military Service:**

SSG J Gillett; Maj. S Halleaux; Capt. C Kaighen;

SPC T Kenney; S/Sgt. D Kendall; CPL M Zagone

**For Our Sick:** Those who are homebound, in the hospital or another healthcare facility.

**For Prayer Ministry Requests:** Contact Joan Turner, joanturner38@sbcglobal.net or 248-410-2286.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Mon, 9/5: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7, 12; Lk 6:6-11

Tues, 9/6: 1 Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 6:12-19

Wed, 9/7: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17; Lk 6:20-26

Thur, 9/8: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6;  
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]

Fri, 9/9: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3-6, 12;  
Lk 6:39-42

Sat, 9/10: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18;  
Lk 6:43-49

Sun, 9/11: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19;  
1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32 [1-10]

**Regular Mass Schedule Resumes – Sept. 10 and 11**

Starting the weekend of Sept. 10 and 11, the Mass schedule will return to Saturday at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday at 9:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Welcome to Fr. Robert Mphiwe from the Diocese of Pretoria South Africa. He along with Fr. Taposh Halder from Bangladesh will be residing for the month of September in our Parish. There will be opportunities for you to welcome them. Both are Diocesan Priests in their respective Dioceses. Please keep them and their intentions in your prayers.

## Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time INVITED

The Good News is that we have all been invited—invited to the Kingdom, invited to be disciples. It's a life-changing invitation, and like so many other such invitations, it requires a great deal of deliberation and discernment. Whether we choose marriage, ordination, single life, or community life, we know the serious planning and consideration that accompany these profound decisions. Like the tower-builder in the Gospel, we have weighed both the monetary and emotional cost. We have pondered and planned our lives in the direction to which we believe God has called us. And while we pray for guidance and acceptance of God's will, we often fail to understand so much. Like Solomon, we turn to God for wisdom and counsel in our life-changing decisions.

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### PARISH STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE

August 27 and 28

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| Weekly Collection..... | \$ 3,581.00 |
| Online Giving .....    | \$ 1,400.00 |
| Children .....         | \$ 3.50     |
| Youth.....             | \$ 0        |



### **Parish Hospitality Hour and Breakfast – Sept. 11 & 18**

Hospitality Hour Resumes on Sunday Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> after 9:30 a.m. Liturgy. Also our Sunday Parish Breakfast will be September 18<sup>th</sup> after the 9:30 a.m. Liturgy.

### **Talk by Dr. Mona the Whistleblower – Sept. 15**

Dr. Mona, the pediatrician from Hurley whose research broke the Flint Water Crisis and who consequently was number 20 on Time Magazine's 100 most influential people, will be speaking at St. Matthew Catholic Church at 706 Beach Street in Downtown Flint on **Thursday, September 15th at 6:00 p.m.** Her talk is entitled "What Now: My Story and Why it Matters to the Next Stage of the Water Crisis."

### **Senior Appreciation Mass and Dinner – Sept. 20**

The Annual Senior Appreciation Mass and Dinner will be at St. John the Evangelist, Davison on Sept. 20. Mass is at 11:00 a.m. with Luncheon following. Tickets must be purchased by *September 10th*. To reserve your ticket, please call Margaret Story at 810-636-2844. Thank you to all for your continuing support of this worthy charity.

### **Retreat for the Women of St. Mark – Sept. 23-25**

The women of St. Mark are invited to attend a retreat at the St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt, MI the weekend of Sept. 23-25. The theme of the retreat has been changed and is "Mass Matters: We Are Called to Glory" For more information, see the posters around the parish or visit <http://www.stfrancis.ws/our-parish-retreats.html>. Please let the Parish Office know if you plan to attend.

### **Catholic Charities 75 Years Celebration – Sept. 29**

Come Celebrate with Catholic Charities Sept. 29 at 5:30p.m. in Holy Redeemer's Family Life Center. Cost: \$30/person or \$50/couple. For more information contact Sheila Shegos at: (810)232-9950 ext. 222 or click the events tab on our website – [www.catholiccharitiesflint.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesflint.org)

## FAITH FORMATION

### Deacon Ron Kenney, Director of Faith Formation

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Let me begin by saying, "We need to hate all that keeps us from the Lord and love all that brings us closer." With that in mind open your mind to Jesus' words today in the Gospel of Luke. At face value it seems he is telling us that we must hate our father, mother, wife, children and siblings and follow him. Those are Jesus' words, but you see, our Lord likes to stir in us an uncomfortable emotion that challenges us to look at how we are living our lives. Hate is very strong, but it makes us think about what is truly the most important aspect of being a Christian and that is, Christ Jesus at the center of all that we are, say and do, PERIOD! Our relationship with Christ begins first and foremost with him and then all else flows from there. In church we try to reflect Christ to others. In life sometimes we do and sometimes we don't. Our goal; hate those things that don't reflect Christ and strive to change that reflection, so that in your life, no matter who you are, who you are with, what you do, with your family, with your friends, with your co-workers... Christ is reflected in you.

Walk the talk. Be Peace! – Deacon Ron

### Religious Education Formation (REF) (K-12)

- **Registration for REF:** Taking place now in the Parish Office. Or go to [www.stmarkgoodrich.org](http://www.stmarkgoodrich.org) and download a Registration Form. All Sessions for 2016-2017 REF begin September 25<sup>th</sup>.
- **REF Registration Weekends:** After all masses September 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Weekends.

### St. Mark Youth Group

- **Youth Group is a part of REF:** We do have Faith Formation for Middle School (6th, 7th & 8th graders) and High School (9th -12th grades). Middle School meets every Sunday, 6:30 – 8 p.m. beginning September 25<sup>th</sup> and High School meets every other Wednesday, 7 – 9 p.m., beginning September 28<sup>th</sup>. Register during our REF Registration Weekends (9/10-11 & 9/17-18).

### Adult Faith Formation

- **Men's Fellowship:** Next Saturday, Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>, 7 – 8 a.m.
- **Book Club:** *YOUR GOD IS TOO BORING* By: Jon Leonetti. Some say, "Catholicism is outdated. It's behind the times. It's boring." I say we've forgotten our story. It's time to rediscover that there is genius in Catholicism. This book looks at the big picture of who God is, what he has revealed to us, and how that will radically impact our lives if we let it. Book available in the Parish Office. Discussion Dates September 27<sup>th</sup> & October 25<sup>th</sup> 7 p.m. in the Parish Center. Contact Dcn. Ron for more info.

### RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Are you interested or do you know someone who is interested in completing the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) and learning more about becoming Catholic. Contact Pam Bachner (Director of RCIA) [hpbach@charter.net](mailto:hpbach@charter.net) or Dcn. Ron at [stmarkdff@hotmail.com](mailto:stmarkdff@hotmail.com). Sessions will begin in September.