

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.

“Let Joe Do It” It’s an old adage we know all too well. Imagine what our world would be like if Jesus had said those very words to the Father. In life, there are times when we are presented with the opportunity to make a difference, yet sometimes we hesitate to meet the challenge and hope someone else will. The *Witness to Hope* campaign gives us the opportunity to change lives. If we want to be like Jesus, it requires sacrifice.

Each of us has the power to enhance our own faith and the faith life of our other parishioners and Catholics throughout our diocese. The facility renovations at our parish are for all. No matter what your age or your level of involvement, these facilities will be available to our entire parish community. These improvements will accommodate the varied and numerous events here, as well as address important parish needs.

To achieve this, we need your support to make it happen. **Your personal participation is the key! Your support is needed and is important to the success of this endeavor, now and for the future.**

In the last few months there have been individual and group meetings where the Witness to Hope Capital Campaign for the diocese and our parish were discussed. There have been neighborhood gatherings where the presentation included an opportunity for questions and answers. Attendees also received their personal packet which included a pledge form.

Some members have already made their sacrificial gift and for this I am sincerely grateful. Others have received the information and are considering their best support. I ask these parishioners to make their consideration a priority and return your pledge gift card. To date 14 parishioners have pledged a total of \$173,500, which is 20% of our goal. The thermometer poster in the gathering space is a visual to see the commitment and momentum thus far. Each week this will be updated with our progress.

For all other parishioners, I encourage you to plan to attend one of the “Witness to Hope” Q & A sessions after each Mass next weekend to learn more. You will also receive your packet for your prayerful discernment and decision. Our Witness to Hope campaign concludes on November 20th which is Christ the King Sunday. Participation in this campaign is building the Kingdom of God here at the parish and diocesan level. Together we can do great things.

Pastoral Council members met on Tuesday and the Finance Council is meeting this Tuesday. Both councils continued the discussion concerning this campaign and our 10 year pastoral plan. My years of ministry have proven the importance of parish pastoral planning. I am grateful to previous and current members that enhance the life and mission of our parish vision.

Please keep the intention of our parish campaign in your personal prayer.

Peace,

MONDAY, October 17

7:00 p.m. – Capital Campaign Committee Meeting – Parish Center

TUESDAY, October 18

10:00 a.m. – Shawl Ministry – Contact Parish Office
6:30 p.m. – Mass: Capital Campaign / Parish
7:00 p.m. – Finance Council – Parish Center
7:00 p.m. – Commission Chair Meeting – Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, October 19

8:30 a.m. – Mass: Rev. Ed Ertzbischoff / Parish
9:00 a.m. – St. Joseph Guild – Parish Center
10:00 a.m. – AA – Parish Center
6:00 p.m. – RCIA – Parish Center

FRIDAY, October 21

Hospital Visits
Diocesan Assembly: Called by Name

SATURDAY, October 22

National Collection: World Mission Sunday
4:30 – 5:15 p.m. – Confessions – Church
5:30 p.m. – Mass: +Delphine LaVelle / Bill LaVelle.
6:30 p.m. – Capital Campaign Q & A

SUNDAY, October 23

National Collection: World Mission Sunday
9:30 a.m. – Mass: +Cal Story / CCW
9:30 a.m. – Children’s Liturgy of the Word
10:30 a.m. – Capital Campaign Q & A
10:30 a.m. – Hospitality Hour – Parish Center
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – REF Grades K-5
2:15 – 5:15 p.m. – 9th grade confirmation mini session #1
5:30 p.m. – Mass: People of the Parish / Parish
6:30 p.m. – Capital Campaign Q & A
6:30–8:00 p.m. – REF Grades 6-8

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, 10/17: Eph 2:1-10; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 12:13-21
Tues, 10/18: 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9
Wed, 10/19: Eph 3:2-12; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lk 12:39-48
Thurs 10/20: Eph 3:14-21; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19; Lk 12:49-53
Fri, 10/21: Eph 4:1-6; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 12:54-59
Sat, 10/22: Eph 4:7-16; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 13:1-9
Sun, 10/23: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; Ps 34:2-3, 17-19, 23; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14

Stewardship weekend – Oct. 29 and 30

At all liturgies the weekend of Oct. 29 and 30, each of us will be invited to renew our stewardship commitments of Time, Talent & Treasure. This opportunity shows our gratitude for God’s many blessings for every one of us.

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time DEPENDING ON GOD

"Getting by with a little help from our friends" is not an idea that began with the Beatles. Certainly the idea of "getting by with a little help from God" goes back at least to the first reading today from Exodus. How we get that help, however, is the key to this weekend's scriptures.

No matter how inadequate Moses felt to the task God had given him, he persevered—even though he needed help from the people around him. The Israelites especially depended on God for freedom. The woman in the Gospel, desperate and destitute, had no one to depend on, but still she would not give up. She could not afford to bribe the unscrupulous judge, but she pestered him into weariness until finally he met her demands.

We sometimes need to turn to others to help us through difficult times; but if we always turn to God, we won't be disappointed, for our help, the psalm assures us, is from the Lord.

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE

October 8 and 9

Weekly Collection	\$ 4,657.00
Online Giving	\$ 3,160.00
Children	\$ 15.00



World Mission Sunday – Oct. 22 & 23

Next week we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. This year's theme is "Mercy Changes the World." Pope Francis invites the Church to support the young mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve some of the poorest of the poor. Please keep the Missions in your prayers and be generous in the next week's collection for the Society of the Propagation of the Faith.

Fall Parish Clean-up – Oct. 29

Cleanliness is next to Godliness – help your community by participating in cleaning the parish buildings, church and grounds on Saturday, Oct. 29, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., to be followed by a light lunch. Sign up in the gathering space after masses or contact the Parish Office.

UPDATE Friday Morning Euchre – Nov. 4

Euchre for October was changed to the first week of November. Join us for Euchre at 10:00 a.m. on **Nov. 4** with a light lunch to follow. Cost is \$5.00. Please contact Ruth and Mike Petroski at teacuplady47@hotmail.com or 810-344-7293 to sign up so we can plan accordingly.

Parish Dinner – Nov. 5

Plan to attend the Parish Dinner on Saturday, Nov. 5 after the 5:30 p.m. Mass. Don't miss out on a hot turkey dinner with your parish family! You can sign up in the Gathering Space or by contacting the Parish Office.

Heartbeat of Greater Flint – Need Volunteers & Items

Children's clothing sizes 3T to 10/12, diapers sizes 5 and 6, maternity clothing, car seats, cribs, strollers and baby furniture are needed. Volunteers are also needed, hours are Mon-Fri. 10am-2:45pm. Please contact Barbara Daniel on Fridays at the Heartbeat office (810) 232-3101.

FAITH FORMATION

Deacon Ron Kenney, Director of Faith Formation

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I always end our youth gatherings by praying together as a community of young people. I tell them, "Let's share our prayers out loud and make those prayers stronger." I want them to realize the importance of praying for each other and praying in numbers. When God's people pray, the weak are made strong. There is power and strength in the number of people who are praying.

We need a prayer community even when we are not in Church. When someone has a sick child, that person needs the support of others to stay strong. Or maybe a loved one has just died and we can hardly think yet alone pray. We need others to help us to pray. We need each other. Sometimes a friend says to another friend, "I'll always be there for you." This is what we do for each other in our prayer life. We are there for each other, helping each other continue in prayer. Like Moses, with Aaron and Hur, we hold each other's arms up through tough times, in prayer, as God gets us through the challenges of life.

Walk the talk. Be Peace! – Deacon Ron

Adult Faith Formation

- **Book Club:** *YOUR GOD IS TOO BORING* By: Jon Leonetti. Next Discussion Oct. 25th – 7pm Chapters 5-9.
- **Men's Fellowship:** 1st Sat. of each month – Next Fellowship Nov. 5th. All Men invited!
- **Advent Awakenings!** A four session small group faith sharing experience grounded in the Sunday Gospel readings. Reflect on how to be more open to Jesus' presence in your life, deepen your faith, and meet new friends. Sign up in Gathering Space. Contact Dcn. Ron if you are interested in being a Small Group Facilitator.

REF Children and Youth

- 10/23 – REF All (K-5th, 11-12:30pm)(6th – 8th, 6:30- 8pm)
- 10/23 – Confirmation Mini Session #1 (2:15-5:15pm)
- 10/26 – High School Youth Group (7-9pm)

Diocese of Lansing High School Youth Jamboree

- **Lost & Found!** Saturday November 6, 2016 Lansing Center. Join over 800 High School Youth from around the Diocese in a celebration of Faith. Keynotes, Workshops, Fun and Games, Mass with Bishop Boyea. Sign up at Youth Group or the Faith Formation Office.

St. Mark Youth Group

- **Corn Maze Fun At Diehl's Orchards!** Saturday, October 22nd, 6-10:30pm. All Middle School and High School Youth welcome. We will join other Youth Groups at Diehl's Orchards in Holly for some fun. Cost \$25 Sign up at YG or contact Parish Office.

November – Book of Remembrance

All Souls' Day, Nov. 2, we remember those who have died this past year but also all our loved ones who we have lost. During the month of November, the Book of Remembrance will be next to the Baptismal Font in the Gathering Space. In November you may remember a deceased family member or friend by writing their name in this book. As a Parish, we will hold all of these people in our prayers, especially throughout the month of November.