

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.

Year of Mercy 2016 comes to an end with our Liturgical Year next week. It has been quite a year with a great deal of God's grace and guidance present in our lives helping us be more MERCIFUL. The intent is that now that our awareness has increased the year, we will continue those good habits of mercy whether the **Corporal Works of Mercy** (feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, visiting the imprisoned, and burying the dead) **or Spiritual Works of Mercy** (admonishing the sinner, instructing the ignorant, counseling the doubtful, comforting the sorrowful, bearing wrongs patiently, forgiving all injuries, and, praying for the living and the dead). The Mercy cards we've been using all year are available after Nov. 20. Just in case you may want it on your computer files here it is below:

**Prayer for the Jubilee Year of Mercy –
December 8, 2015 to November 20, 2016**

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him. Show us your face and we will be saved. Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money; the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things; made Peter weep after his betrayal; and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.

Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman: "If you knew the gift of God!" You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified. You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilees of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind. We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen!
By Pope Francis – December 8, 2015

Book of Remembrance holds all the names we write in for remembering our deceased. We celebrated All Saints on Nov. 1st and All Souls on Nov. 2nd. Those Masses are celebrating people who have completed their faith journey. The question today is how are we "caring for our soul"? The recent insert in the bulletin spoke to that in Growing in Faith – The care and keeping of the Soul. The article suggested daily, weekly, monthly and annually ideas:
Daily= Let your first conscious thoughts be of gratitude. Do something kind, do something uncomfortable.
Weekly= Begin with Mass, talk about God with at least 3 people each week, be encouraging, contribute time
Monthly= Develop your own ministry, meet with a spiritual mentor, get involved at your parish, Confession
Yearly= Go on retreat, donate to Catholic Charities

Peace,

MONDAY, November 14

7:00 p.m. – A & E Meeting – Parish Center

TUESDAY, November 15

10:00 a.m. – Shawl Ministry – Contact Parish Office
6:30 p.m. – Mass: Evangelization / Parish
7:00 p.m. – Parish Commissions Meetings – Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, November 16

8:30 a.m. – Mass: Safety in hunting/travel / Parish
9:00 a.m. – St. Joseph Guild – Parish Center
9:00 a.m. – A & E Christ the King Prep– Church
10:00 a.m. – AA – Parish Center
6:00 p.m. – RCIA – Parish Center

Thursday, November 17

7:00 p.m. – Choir Practice – Church

FRIDAY, November 18

Hospital Visits

SATURDAY, November 19

BIBLE BLESSING & BAKE SALE WEEKEND
NAT'L COL: Catholic Campaign Human Development
4:30 – 5:15 p.m. – Confessions – Church
5:30 p.m. – Mass: Jesuit Martyrs in El Salvador / Parish

SUNDAY, November 20

BIBLE BLESSING & BAKE SALE WEEKEND
NAT'L COL: Catholic Campaign Human Development
9:30 a.m. – Mass: + Cal Story / Jimmy & Charlotte Mann
9:30 a.m. – Children's Liturgy of the Word
10:30 a.m. – Parish Breakfast – Parish Center
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – REF Grades K-5
11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. – Parent Faith Chat – Church
5:30 p.m. – Mass: People of the Parish / Parish
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; Maj. 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, 11/7: Ti 1:1-9; Ps 24:1b-4ab, 5-6; Lk 17:1-6
Mon, 11/14: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 18:35-43
Tues, 11/15: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 19:1-10
Wed, 11/16: Rv 4:1-11; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 19:11-28
Thur, 11/17: Rv 5:1-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 19:41-44
Fri, 11/18: Rv 10:8-11; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131;
Lk 19:45-48
Sat, 11/19: Rv 11:4-12; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Lk 20:27-40
Sun, 11/20: 2Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-5; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

Witness to Hope – Deadline November 20th

We are excited to be half way towards goal. The funds we receive from this point forward go exclusively for our parish projects. We have reached 50% of our goal from 73 families. Our Capital Campaign deadline is November 20th. Please return pledge card envelopes as you reach your decision to the parish office or in the sacristy at Mass. Your prayerful decision is vital to this campaign.

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time GOD'S HEALING JUSTICE

An old expression holds that the sun-warmed stone heals. Perhaps. But Malachi explains that only dark, sunless days are in store for those who do not find a place for God in their lives. Conversely, he tells us that the warmth and light of God's healing justice await those who fear the Lord. That's a pretty comforting notion—especially now in the already short and growing even shorter days of November. It's the sun-warmed stone, and then some.

Paul speaks to us of justice as well, but points out that it is not a passive thing. To be treated justly, we need to do our fair share. If we are diligent and persevere we will be rewarded with and by the fruits of our labor. Lastly, Luke, too, tells us to persevere—in faith, this time—and our lives will be secure in God regardless of how we are treated by our enemies.

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE

November 5 and 6

Weekly Collection	\$ 4,324.00
Online Giving	\$ 4,075.00
Children	\$ 7.00
Youth	\$ 0
Military Service Collection.....	\$ 20.00



November – Book of Remembrance

In November we remember those who have died this past year and all our loved ones that we have lost. You may remember a deceased family member or friend by adding their name to the Book of Remembrance next to the Baptismal Font. We hold them all in our prayer this month.

Liturgical ministers

If you are interested in becoming a Liturgical Minister (Eucharistic Minister, Reader, Server or Usher/Greeter) and learning more about the ministries but couldn't attend the formation this weekend, contact the Parish Office.

Catholic Campaign Human Development – Nov. 19 & 20

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development funds programs in communities across the U.S. by giving a hand up, rather than a handout, CCHD helps people living in poverty join together to identify problems, make decisions, and find ways to improve their lives and neighborhoods.

Bible Blessing Weekend – Nov. 19 and 20

National Bible Day is next Sunday. All Personal and Family Bibles will be blessed at Masses on Nov. 19 & 20. Please bring your bible for the communal blessing.

Council of Catholic Women Bake Sale – Nov. 19 and 20

CCW fall bake sale is next weekend after all Masses in the breezeway. Donations of baked goods are needed. Drop off your items before Mass that weekend. Call Donna Brothers 810-636-7041 or Mary McFarlane 810-344-9859 with questions. Stop & shop just in time for Thanksgiving week.

Parish Commissions

Meet on Tues. Nov. 15 after 6:30 p.m. Mass.

FAITH FORMATION

Deacon Ron Kenney, Director of Faith Formation
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Today's gospel is challenging. It is challenging because Jesus demands that we give witness in the face of ridicule and persecution, in order to be saved. It is challenging because Jesus tells us to stand up for him, his kingdom and the Christian way of life in this materialistic, self-centered world. It is challenging because he tells us to accept torment from those who mock us. It is challenging because Jesus tells us patient endurance will save us. The reality is, to be a Christian in the world today is not easy, but as a good friend once told me, "What doesn't kill you, will make you stronger."

Today, we need to look to our God and ask for the grace to stand up for what is right and what is just, and to be his disciple in this world.

Walk the talk. Be Peace! – Deacon Ron

Adult Faith Formation

- **Advent Awakenings!** During the weeks of Advent. 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.
- **Men's Fellowship:** 1st Sat. of each month – Next Fellowship Dec. 3th. All Men invited!

Parent Faith Chat

- All parents are invited to join us Sunday, November 20th, 11am-12:15 in the church. Do you find Catholic Parenting Challenging? You might be a young parent and you want to bring up your children with Catholic values, which means, that you value your own Catholic upbringing. Maybe you admire another Catholic family and want to bring up your own children in a similar way. Let's chat about how we can make our Catholic Faith more a part of our daily family life.

REF Children and Youth

- **11/20 – REF** (K-5, 11-12:30pm)(6-8gr. YG, 6:30-8pm)
- **11/20 – Parent Faith Chat** (11-12:15pm Church)
- **11/23 – High School Youth Group** (7-9pm)

Religious Articles

There is an assortment of religious crosses, necklaces and jewelry in the parish center perfect for all occasions. You purchase these items through the Parish Office.

Military Services Collection – Nov. 5 & 6

Heartfelt thanks to those who participated in the collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA. Your prayers and generosity help the ministry to men and women who protect our nation and defend our freedoms.

Parish Breakfast – Nov. 20

The 3rd Sunday breakfast is next weekend. Come and enjoy your parish family at the pumpkin pancake breakfast next Sunday, Nov. 20, in the Parish Center, after 9:30 a.m. Mass. The Parish Life Commission prepares wonderful meals for our enjoyment!