

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.

**World Wide Evangelization Appeal
Share your Faith in Latin America**

Last Year, Pope Francis wrote a letter commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Collection for the Church in Latin America. In it, Pope Francis said, "I write to thank you...for this outstanding sign of communion and solidarity with the Church in South America and the Caribbean." Continued support of this collection is an important sign of solidarity between our local Church and that of our brothers and sisters in Latin America. Supporting this organization makes a real difference in the lives of the faithful in these regions.

For example, in Nicaragua, members of the deaf community are often unable to participate in Mass or proper sacramental formation because resources are not available in sign language. With a grant from the Collection for the Church in Latin America, the Archdiocese of Managua is increasing the number of workshops, Masses and educational materials in sign language. The generosity of others provided these resources to train over 200 ministers to serve the deaf community. At one of these events a mother told the story how she realized her daughter was deaf and what she then had to do to make sure her daughter would know Jesus Christ and share her faith.

There are many challenges facing the Church in Latin America and the Caribbean. Issues include the lack of education in the faith and the lack of access to resources to strengthen the faith. This collection helps alleviate this problem by funding many programs such as catechetical programs, youth ministry and leadership training for priests, seminarians, religious and lay ministers.

Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa

We have an opportunity to stand with our brothers and sisters in Africa as they grow in their faith. While the Church experiences dramatic growth in the region many dioceses do not have the means to provide for the pastoral needs of their communities. By supporting them, you are fostering the faith on this continent in a very real way.

Migration is one of the most dramatic challenges the Church faces in Africa. For example, as the Church in Ethiopia struggles to welcome thousands of refugees from neighboring Eritrea, the pastoral care of this vulnerable population severely tests the meager pastoral resources and ecclesiastical structures. As harassed refugees struggle to find a new home, chaplains work to help them deepen their relationship with Christ and find peace and hope in him. Support of them helps provides retreats, workshops, bible studies, and liturgies that give refugees the space and support needed to pray and find their spiritual home.

The people of Africa are joyous and faith filled, but they also often face challenges due to poverty, the high incidence of disease, food shortages, and migration. This fund provides an opportunity to stand with the people of Africa as they face these challenges and to support them as they build lasting foundations of hope, peace and reconciliation.

These are just two of the organizations included in our **World Wide Evangelization Appeal Collection** this weekend. Let us be united with our brothers and sisters around the world in support of our Global Catholic Church.

Peace,

MONDAY, January 30**TUESDAY, January 31**

6:30 p.m. – Word & Eucharist

WEDNESDAY, February 1

8:30 a.m. – Word & Eucharist

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

10:00 a.m. – AA – Room 1 & 2

6:00 p.m. – RCIA – Room 1 & 2

7:00 p.m. – Youth Group – Parish Center

THURSDAY, February 2

7:00 p.m. – Choir Practice – Church

FRIDAY, February 3**First Friday & Hospital / Home Visits**

8:30 a.m. – Mass: People of the Parish / Parish

9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. – First Friday Adoration

SATURDAY, February 4**WORLD MARRIAGE DAY CELEBRATION**

7:00 a.m. – Men's Fellowship – Parish Center

1:00 p.m. – Marriage Enrichment Event – Parish Center

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

5:30 p.m. – Mass: +Maria-Theresa Abaya / Marvin Abaya

SUNDAY, February 5**WORLD MARRIAGE DAY CELEBRATION**

9:30 a.m. – Mass: +Cathy Chmiel / Alford Family

9:30 a.m. – RCIA – Rite of Dismissal

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

10:30 a.m. – Hospitality Hour – Parish Center

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – REF Grades K-5

11:00 a.m. – Parent Meeting 1st Eucharist – Parish Center

5:30 p.m. – Mass: World Marriage Day / Parish

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, 1/30: Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20

Tues, 1/31: Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-28, 30-32; Mk 5:21-43

Wed, 2/1: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a;
Mk 6:1-6

Thur, 2/2: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40

Fri, 2/3: Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mk 6:14-29

Sat, 2/4: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34

Sun, 2/5: Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

Welcome to our new parishioners!

Please welcome our new parishioners John & Mary Dobias.

Marriage Enrichment - Feb. 4

Looking for the perfect Valentine's Day gift? How about focusing on enriching your marriage? John & Julie Nielsen are presenting a Marriage Enrichment at St. Mark, Feb. 4, 1 to 5:15 p.m. Themes: Your Marriage as a Sacrament, What God Wants for Your Marriage, and Keeping the Flame Burning Brightly. Sign up in the Gathering Space or Parish Office. Questions contact Julie & John at 810-423-6119.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time THE CHOSEN REMNANT

Zephaniah is one of the least-known of the Old Testament prophets. He speaks in today's first reading of impending judgment. But the Lord will leave a "remnant" in Israel. This image of a remnant, or remainder, was to become vital to both Judaism and Christianity.

Paul's letter to Corinth makes obvious his deep concern for the Christians there. They are too self-confident, he says, too sure of themselves. He admonishes them to remember that Christ has given them all they have.

Today's Gospel comprises the opening of Jesus' "Great Sermon." As God gave Moses the law on Sinai, so now Jesus gathers his disciples on a hillside to teach them the new law. Each of these Beatitudes contrasts the humiliation of the present with the glory of the future: poverty vs. the riches of God's kingdom, hunger for holiness vs. fulfillment in the Spirit, persecution vs. the reign of God. Jesus is here speaking to God's chosen "remnant."

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE

January 21 & 22

Sunday.....	\$ 4,342.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,260.00
Children	\$ 15.50
Youth.....	\$ 0



World Wide Evangelization Appeal – Jan. 29

This weekend, we take up a special collection for the Worldwide Evangelization Appeal in support of the Church's mission in Latin America, the Holy Land, Central and Eastern Europe, and Africa. Your gift lets our brothers and sisters in these regions know that we are in solidarity with them.

8th Grade Visitation at Powers Catholic – Feb. 3

8th grade students are invited to visit Powers on Friday, Feb. 3, from 9:30am – 2:00pm. Receive information about school, enrollment, and ways to reduce tuition. RSVP by Jan. 30 at admissions@powerscatholic.org. or (810) 591-4741, ext 6.

Parish Mission – Feb. 13-15

Holy Family Parish Grand Blanc is hosting a Parish Mission with Catholic Evangelist James "Butch" Murphy.

Mon, Feb. 13, 6:45 pm **Alive: Living Water**

Tues, Feb. 14, 6:45 pm **Breath of God**

Wed, Feb. 15, 6:45 pm* **Spirit and Fire**

RCIA 2017

Our RCIA candidate and catechumen are continuing their learning with taking a closer look at the sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. In addition, the Sacrament of the Eucharist is being examined more closely by observing the vessels that are used for Eucharist with the assistance from a mass coordinator. *Christ gives us His own body and blood in the Holy Eucharist: first to be offered as a sacrifice commemorating and renewing for all time the sacrifice of the cross; second, to be received by the faithful in Holy Communion; third, to remain ever on our altars as the proof of His love for us, and to be worshipped by us.* (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2nd edition)

FAITH FORMATION

Deacon Ron Kenney, Director of Faith Formation

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I love to watch sports. I enjoy the competition, the perseverance of the athletes, the determination, the athleticism and I am a keen observer of the athletic attitude of sportsmanship. I easily get disillusioned by the athlete who chooses self over team and one who relishes in their own abilities rather than give praise where praise is due. To this day one of my favorite athletes to have watched on the field was the former Lion's running back Barry Sanders. He was one of, if not the, greatest of all time. He had many an opportunity to boast and pat himself on the back for all of his accomplishments. But yet, he did not. He was as humble an athlete as I have ever witnessed. He walked away from a score without a taunt, a dance or even that much of a word. He handed the ball to the Referee as to say, "Thank you."

This is at the heart of all the readings this weekend. Humility brings us glory, maybe not right at this moment, but yes in time, God's time. The spirit of a Christian is one of a humble heart seeking to serve because that is what we are called to do, not because we want the pat on the back. Today, we should look at our lives, our work, and our relationships and see if some of the struggles we experience are because we boast too much and focus on ME and not enough about We. Zephaniah tells us, "Seek Humility." Jesus tells us, "Your reward will be great in Heaven." So..... Walk the Talk! Be Peace!

– Deacon Ron

REF Children and Youth

- **2/5** – REF (11-12:30pm K-5) – NO M.S. REF
- **2/1** – High School Youth Group (7-9pm)

St. Mark Youth Group

- **St. Mark Youth Group Soup-Bowl Collection:** Next Weekend February 4-5 is the Super Bowl Sunday collection that supports their Summer Mission Trip to Charleston, West Virginia to work with the poor.
- **St. Mark Youth Group Mission Trip 2017:** High School youth are invited to sign up for our annual Mission Trip. We are going to Charleston, West Virginia June 25-July 1, 2017. Info is available in the Faith Formation Office or by contacting Dcn. Ron. Limited space available.
- **Winter Jam 2017:** All Middle School and High School Youth are invited to go with Youth Group to Winter Jam Feb. 11 at the Palace of Auburn Hills. An evening concert of some of the Top Christian Musical artists around. Cost is \$10, info available in the Faith Formation Office.

Adult Faith Formation

- **Men's Fellowship:** 1st Sat. of each month 7-8am – Next Fellowship February 4th.
- **Looking ahead to Lent...** Plan to join other parishioners for a Lenten journey that will help us LIVE LENT! Monday evenings during Lent. Sign up in February.

CCW Annual Spring Scrapbook CROP – March 24 & 25

Here is your opportunity to catch up on organizing those pictures! Don't wait. Contact Cindy Bell to register at 248-660-4931 or cabsandkids@aol.com. Registration includes plenty of space, snacks, vendors and prizes. The CROP is Friday from 6:00 p.m. to midnight (\$12) and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. (\$35).