

# 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.

Valentine's Day is attributed to St. Valentine. While little is known about him, the day is celebrated worldwide. "The association of St. Valentine with pink hearts, boxes of chocolates, and the exchange of romantic fancies has no intrinsic source in the character or life of the saint. The origin of "St. Valentine's Day" – a day beloved of greeting card companies – is not entirely clear, but it seems to have taken root in England, a cold country where the signs of spring are eagerly anticipated. As far back as Chaucer, it was commonly observed that birds began to pair and mate around the feast of St. Valentine, that is, from the middle of February. In any case, the Valentine whose name is oddly commemorated was apparently a Christian priest in Rome who assisted martyrs during the persecution under Emperor Claudius II. He was eventually arrested and sent before the prefect of Rome. When he refused to renounce his faith, he was beaten and beheaded. Thus, by offering his head, he proved himself a true devotee of the God of Love." (*All Saints* by Robert Ellsberg)

Valentine's Day like the Spirit of Christmas should be lived all year. Some days it's easy to love and other times it's not. I believe the following article in "Through Seasons of the Heart" is an expression of sacrificial loving:

I remember it well. I was a little boy, my own family had to scrape to get along. But the family next door was "very well off." The little boy in that family was my age, and his daddy had bought him a toy car. It was a real "beauty. It had pedals but you could push it. It must have been worth at least fifty dollars! Bobby and I had a great time with it. We would whiz up and down the street, as fast as our little legs could carry us. It was altogether a magnificent car and a magnificent time of life. Then one day Bobby broke the news to me. He was going to give our beautiful car away: to the children at the orphanage. "Why?" I asked, "Is it busted or something?" "No," he replied calmly but confidently, "I wouldn't give it to them if it was busted." So I scratched my head and asked, "Then why are you giving it to them?" Bobby explained "Well you know, those kids up at the home... they don't have mothers or fathers the way we do." So I suggested, "So why are you giving them our car? Why don't you give them a mother or a father?"

Bobby and I took turns pushing each other on our way to the orphanage. Just before we got there, I asked one last time: "Bobby are you sure you want to do this?" Bobby explained that his Mom and Dad had only asked him to think about it. They left the final decision to him and it was his decision we carried out. It was a sad day, but I have been glad ever since for that lesson: Values are caught, not taught. I learned something that day about the value of love, of giving to someone else less fortunate, of asking myself the most important of all questions: "what is the loving thing to do?" I learned a lot that day about love. (*From the video program, Families John Powell, S.J.*)

My hope for each of you reading this is that you take the opportunity to give and receive. Depending on how your heart (happy, broken, satisfied, hungry, angry, sad, etc.) is today, we know that with God's help, we can experience the various seasons of the heart.

Peace,  
*Padre*

**MONDAY, February 13**

**TUESDAY, February 14**

6:30 p.m. – Mass: Deceased CCW Members / Parish  
7:00 p.m. – CCW Meeting – Parish Center

**WEDNESDAY, February 15**

8:30 a.m. – Mass: World Peace / Parish  
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 16**

7:00 p.m. – Choir Practice – Church

**FRIDAY, February 17**

**Hospital Visits**

**SATURDAY, February 18**

4:30 – 5:15 p.m. – Confessions – Church  
5:30 p.m. – Mass: +Samuel Kuchar / Parish

**SUNDAY, February 19**

9:30 a.m. – Mass: People of the Parish / Parish  
9:30 a.m. – Children's Liturgy of the Word  
10:30 a.m. – Parish Breakfast – Parish Center  
5:30 p.m. – Mass: For our President / 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](mailto:joanturner38@sbcglobal.net) or 248-410-2286.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Mon, 2/13: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13
- Tues, 2/14: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21
- Wed, 2/15: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-15, 18-19; Mk 8:22-26
- Thur, 2/16: Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mk 8:27-33
- Fri, 2/17: Gn 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-15; Mk 8:34 — 9:1
- Sat, 2/18: Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13
- Sun, 2/19: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

**Social Justice Commission – Feb. 1 – 20th**

Social Justice Commission will be collecting coats, gloves, mittens, scarves, and hats all through February until the 20th - World Social Justice Day. They will be taken to Catholic Charities warming center. Bring new or used items and place them in the box in the Gathering Space.

**CCW Annual Spring Scrapbook CROP – March 24 & 25**

Here is your opportunity to catch up on organizing those pictures! Contact Cindy Bell to register at 248-660-4931 or [cabsandkids@aol.com](mailto:cabsandkids@aol.com). Registration includes plenty of space, snacks, vendors and prizes. The CROP will be held Friday 6:00 p.m. to midnight (\$12) and Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. (\$35). Snacks will be provided on Friday and breakfast, lunch & dinner served on Saturday.

## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time CHOICE

"If you choose you can keep the commandments," Sirach tells us. God "has set before you fire and water; to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand" (Sirach 15:15, 16). This is a great mystery: God does not control us so completely that we cannot choose our own path. We have certain boundaries, of course, but no one but we can choose our way within those boundaries.

In today's reading from Matthew's Gospel, Jesus reminds us of our freedom and our responsibility for our lives. He calls us to look beyond the words of the commandments, all the way to their meaning. Look beyond the adultery to the selfishness that poisons our love. Look beyond the murder to the anger that eats away at our compassion. Look beyond the perjured testimony to the lies and deception that drive our behavior.

Our vocation is to choose life for ourselves, and to choose a path through our part of the world that helps make life possible and more abundant for others as well.

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### PARISH STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE

February 04 & 05

Sunday .....	\$ 4,285.00
Online Giving .....	\$ 4,775.00
Children .....	\$ 10.25
Youth.....	\$ 0



### 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**

### International Ministry of Hope & Healing – Feb. 23 –24

Fr. Richard McAlear, OMI will be at Holy Family Church Feb. 23 & 24. On Thursday Feb. 23 at 6:30 p.m. is a Teaching Forgiveness & Mercy Talk. On Friday Feb. 24 at 6:00 p.m. there is Mass followed by a Healing Service.

### Men's Retreat at St. Francis – Feb. 24 – 26

St. Mark the Evangelist Men are invited to a retreat at the St. Francis Retreat Center Fri., Feb. 24 – Sun., Feb. 26. The theme is "Mass Matters: We are Called to Glory." Suggested offering is \$175.00. Register at (517) 669-8321 or visit their website at [www.stfrancis.ws](http://www.stfrancis.ws).

### Euchre & Luncheon – Feb. 24

Come join us on Friday, February 24 at 10:00 a.m. for Euchre & light lunch. Cost is \$5.00. Contact Ruth & Mike Petroski at [teacuplady47@hotmail.com](mailto:teacuplady47@hotmail.com) or 810-344-7293.

### St. Mark Youth Group Soup-Bowl-Collection

On behalf of the Youth Group, thank you for your generosity in our annual Soup-Bowl-Collection. \$935.00 was collected. All proceeds go to support our Mission Trip 2017 to Charleston, WV, to work with the under privileged.

## FAITH FORMATION

**Deacon Ron Kenney, Director of Faith Formation**  
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A few years back at a previous parish, I was in charge of putting information up on our parish moniker. I put a message up that stirred a few vibes in some passer-byers. It read, "Your hate BECOMES you." I guess it was the "Hate" word that made someone so upset, they felt it necessary to write a letter telling me I need more Christian messages of love not hate. Of course I didn't respond because the message challenged people to look inside themselves and to see, that what's in our hearts, will eventually become our external actions.

Jesus tells us today, our external actions must be a reflection of who we really are. If what we do is not a reflection of who we are, then we are hypocrites. Hypocrite is a word that we all fear others might say about us. No one wants to be called a hypocrite. To avoid being a hypocrite, our whole attitude in life must be Christian. If our internal thoughts and feelings are so negative, hate filled and condemning, it will eventually cloud our actions and slowly begin to destroy the relationships we have with others. Christianity is extremely demanding upon us all because it calls us to be 100% committed to living in the presence of Christ. That is why we are here today. We are here in prayer to ask God to help us BE Christians, every day, all the time, everywhere. Just think, your faith BECOMES you! Yes I want that. I'm all in!

Walk the Talk! Be Peace!

– Deacon Ron

### **REF Children and Youth**

- **2/15** – High School Youth Group (7-9pm)
- **2/19** – NO REF – Presidents Day Weekend

### **St. Mark Youth Group**

- **St. Mark Youth Group Mission Trip 2017.** High School youth are invited to sign up for our annual Mission Trip. We will be going to Charleston, West Virginia June 25-July 1, 2017. More info contact Dcn. Ron.
- **Middle School Rally 2017.** All 6th, 7th and 8th graders are invited to join over 500 young people from around the Diocese of Lansing for a day of celebrating our faith Saturday, March 18th, Gabriel Richard High School in Ann Arbor. Contact Dcn. Ron for more info.

### **Adult Faith Formation**

- **Lenten Men's Fellowship Breakfast:** Saturday, March 4th 8am-9am
- **Book Club:** The Shack, by William Young. Next Discussion 3/2.
- **LIVE LENT! MAKE THIS LENT ABOUT WHAT YOU DO, NOT WHAT YOU DON'T DO!** During this Lenten season, instead of depriving yourself of some type of food or some form of entertainment, join a small group for 5 weeks and participate in Live Lent, an opportunity to read Scripture and share your faith with fellow parishioners. Mon. 7-8:30pm or Thurs. 10-11:30am. Sign up in the Gathering Space or Parish Office.

The RCIA journey continues...Jesus gave the sacraments to his Church so that He could continue to touch us in our daily lives. In **marriage**, the relationship of the couple is the sacrament that reveals the love of God for people.