

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.

Padre's Portion

March 12, 2017

Weekly Calendar

The second Sunday of Lent prepares us for reflecting on the fullness of Jesus' passion leading to his death. The Gospel reading this week speaks to reconciliation in all aspects of different relationships. In the process of reconciliation, it is assumed that individuals hear or listen to one another. Today's theme *Being Called* addresses that various aspect. The symbol of oil for this weekend addresses the healing and hope that are offered when true reconciliation is present.

THEME: BEING CALLED

Each of us has experienced being called, called to help someone, called to a new job, called to listen to a person in need, called to serve the community in a leadership position. In each case, we listen and decide how to respond. Whether we respond graciously, grudgingly, or not at all, our response changes us. Our lives are altered by calls to give of ourselves to others.

We cannot hear calls if we do not listen. Some people hear more readily than others. They listen for unspoken invitations to respond. Others decide not to listen. They do not want such interferences in their lives. Each call asks for a change in us. Some calls require transformation. All calls challenge us to growth.

Lent is a time for listening to Christ's call to us to respond as a faithful people to God, to one another, to those in need. As we respond, we change. In Lent, we hear the church's invitation to reflect on our baptismal call, a call to live out in our daily lives the death-resurrection of Christ.

SYMBOL: OIL

Consider the many ways we use oil. Oil heals and soothes wounds. It makes babies' skin soft and comfortable, protects swimmers, loosens stiff muscles. Perfumed bath oil enhances the body and moisturizes the skin.

Oil protects the skin from the elements. It heals burned and blistered skin. Dozens of brands of suntan oil promise users a beautiful, long-lasting tan. Some oils advertise body tanning even without the sun.

Oil is used in cooking. Deep-fried potatoes, chicken, and fish are popular foods in the United States. Oil lubricates cars, machinery, and even squeaky door hinges. Oil energizes, gives heat to our homes.

In the Hebrew Scriptures, oil symbolizes leadership and authority. The kings were anointed with oil at their consecration. They were called to be healing leaders, authorities who protected and energized their people. They were sealed with oil as a sign of their dedication to God and to the people.

The Israelites looked forward to the true Messiah, "the anointed one." Peter named Jesus "the Christ." "Christ" means "the anointed one," the one called by God for leadership. Christians are "anointed ones," a people called by God for a healing and energizing mission.

As we journey, please keep in prayer our elect, Rachel Welch, and Laura Bellinger. Their pictures are on the banner in the gathering space.

Peace,

MONDAY, March 13

7:00 p.m. – LIVE Lent – Rm 1 & 2

TUESDAY, March 14

6:30 p.m. – Mass: CCW Members / Parish

7:00 p.m. – CCW Meeting – Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, March 15

8:30 a.m. – Mass: +Jerome Kuchar / 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

6:30 p.m. – Soup, Stations & Substance

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

THURSDAY, March 16

7:00 p.m. – Choir Practice – Church

FRIDAY, March 17

Hospital Visits

SATURDAY, March 18

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

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

5:30 p.m. – Mass: +The Deceased Members of the Daly & McGovern Families / The Dalys
RCIA 1st Scrutiny

SUNDAY, March 19

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

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

10:30 a.m. – Parish Breakfast – Parish Center

11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. – 1st Eucharist Parent/Child Meeting

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

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,
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon 3/13: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38

Tues, 3/14: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23;
Mt 23:1-12

Wed, 3/15: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28

Thur, 3/16: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

Fri, 3/17: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21;
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Sat, 3/18: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12;
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sun, 3/19: Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8;
Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

Caring for Creation – Ways to Help the Planet

Don't Pre-Rinse the Dishes – If you can't live without your dishwasher, then at least cut the pre-rinse. With a decent detergent, your dishes will be just as clean and you can save an average of twenty gallons of water per load!

**Second Sunday of Lent
THE JOURNEY OF TRANSFIGURATION**

“We used to be such good friends. How is it that you’ve moved so far away?” one man asked another. “Perhaps,” the other replied, “you have moved away. By standing still.” This exchange very well could have happened between Peter and Jesus, had Peter been allowed to erect tents to stay on the mount of the Transfiguration. He nearly succumbed to the temptation to stay in a place of wonder and light. But Jesus knew the hard truth: we are on a continual journey when we are walking the paths of God’s will. It is not good for us to stay in one place on our faith journey. Equally unhealthy is staying put in times of joy and wonder to avoid life’s difficulties, or to wallow in our trials and temptations and fail to be companions for our sisters and brothers who are also suffering—or celebrating! The pilgrim Church is required to do one thing on its Lenten journey: to walk continually with Christ as his Body born of water and the Spirit, seeking God’s will, helping the reign of God to be known on earth, being led to the end of our journey, transfigured for all time into the company of heaven.

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE	
March 4 & 5	
Weekly Collection	\$ 4,611.57
Online Giving.....	\$ 4,845.00
Children	\$ 6.50
Youth.....	\$ 1.00
United Lenten Appeal.....	\$ 1,086.00
Home Mission Appeal.....	\$ 530.50



Home Mission Collection – Mar. 4

Thank you for your generosity. We contributed to building the Church in African-American, Native American and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast.

Soup, Stations and Substance – Mar. 15

Join us for Soup, Stations and Substance on Wed. during Lent. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m., followed by Stations of the Cross at 7:00 with faith discussions immediately following.

St. Patrick’s Day Mass & Celebration – Mar. 17

St. Patrick’s Day Mass & Celebration is on Friday, March 17th. Mass is at 12:02 p.m. at St. Michael Church, 5th Ave & Saginaw St, Flint with Bishop Boyea presiding. After Mass, there is a Family Walk to McFarlan Park in memory of deceased family members. Then join the Hibernians and Parade Committee for scones, rolls, juice and coffee- at St. Matthew Church Hall, 701 Church St. followed by a vegetarian buffet luncheon. There will be music by Equinox, Irish dancers, bar, and lots of free secure parking. If interested in carpooling, please contact the parish office.

Parish Breakfast – Mar. 19

Join us for our monthly Parish Breakfast after Sunday 9:30 a.m. Mass on March 19th. Come hungry for: pancakes, ham, sausage and fruit

CCW Annual Spring Scrapbook CROP – Mar. 24 & 25

Catch up on organizing your pictures! Contact Cindy Bell to register at 248-660-4931 or cabsandkids@aol.com. This includes space, snacks, vendors and prizes. The CROP is FRI. 6 p.m. - midnight (\$12) & SAT. 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. (\$35).

FAITH FORMATION

Deacon Ron Kenney, Director of Faith Formation
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2nd Week of Lent: Encounter Nutrition

We encounter Evelina in Zambia as she and other mothers in her community learn new ways to provide nutritious meals for their growing children and families. How do we ensure that those who are hungry have not only food but true nourishment? Visit crsicebowl.org for more info. What have you sacrificed this week to help your Rice Bowl grow and help others like Evelina?

Walk the Talk! Be Peace!

Deacon Ron

REF Children and Youth

- 3/15 – HS Youth Group (9th-12th, 7-9pm)
- 3/ 19 – REF (11-12:30pm K-5th)(6:30-8pm 6th-8th)
- 3/19 – 1st Eucharist Parent/Child Gathering (11-12:15pm)

Adult Faith Formation

- **LIVE LENT!** Mondays 7-8:30pm Parish Center
- **Lenten Men’s Fellowship:** Men’s fellowship is designed to help you meet that challenge! All Men of St. Mark are invited to join us for Reflection, Prayer and Challenge every Saturday morning during the Lenten Season. Be the kind of man, husband, father, son, brother and friend you want to be and God intends you to be! The 40 Days of Lent provide Men of Faith an excellent opportunity to Walk with Christ, Learn from Christ and Pray with Christ. Join Dcn Ron in the Parish Center for one hour, the topics and discussions are more worthwhile than giving up meat on Friday!

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. For more info contact Dcn. Ron.
- **High School Youth Group.** Meets every other Wednesday, 7-9pm throughout the school year. All 9th-12th graders are invited for FAITH, FUN and FRIENDS. Contact Dcn. Ron for more information.

Communal Penance Service – Mar. 26

Plan to attend one of the following Lenten Communal Penance Services: Mar. 26 at 3:00 p.m. here at St. Mark, or Mar. 29 at 10:30 a.m. and Apr. 2 at 6:30 p.m. at St. John the Evangelist, Davison.

Pax Christi Conference – Apr. 1

The Catholic peace movement Pax Christi (Peace of Christ) Michigan is holding its 36th annual State Conference on Saturday, Apr. 1 at Sts. Simon & Jude Church, Westland. See the Parish Center bulletin board brochure or visit www.paxchristimi.org to register.

Annual Easter Candy Sale – Apr. 1 & 2

The Music Ministry will be selling Easter Candy after all Masses on April 1 and 2. Proceeds help fund the purchase of new music for our choir and church. Contact Deb Foerster at 810-694-5983 with any questions.