

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.

The 5th Sunday of Lent will conclude this series of themes and symbols. I hope that your Lenten Days have been renewing.

THEME: Life and death

The cycle of life-death-life is graphically seen in the winter-death and spring-life of this season. What appeared to be motionless and dead in winter comes to new life in spring. The turbulence of the elements, spring snow, ice, and rain storms combine with warm breezes and longer days to bring forth new life.

Lent and Easter also witness to death and life. Fasting, a Christian tradition during Lent, is as it was in Judaism a ritual expression of grieving, a dying to self. Just as a person who is saddened or overwhelmed by grief often becomes preoccupied and loses his or her appetite, so the religious person fasts and imitates this "loss of appetite" as a way of focusing on the world's pain and grief. By vicariously identifying with the suffering of others, those who fast seek to imagine ways of relieving this suffering. The fasting community experiences the pain of the "hungering world" and recommitts itself to alleviating this pain and bringing life to others.

Symbol: Grapes and wine

Wine is the result of a process of growth and destruction. It begins with a new vine coming from the earth. The grapes, in turn, are crushed to produce new wine. After a period of fermentation, the wine is ready to drink. During each stage of the process, an element gives itself away to become something new. In each stage, it is human labor that causes this death and this new life. It is human hands that make the many grapes become one wine.

Wine has always signified celebration, gladness, and joy. Wine is shared at special occasions when family and friends gather at the table. Wine is a sign of welcome and hospitality when shared with strangers.

It is significant that Jesus drank wine with his friends before he died. But the significance lay in the explanation he gave to his friends of what his impending death would mean: His death would be wine poured out for the sins of men and women. He identified his life and death with the wine poured out. He promised that when he drank with them again it would be in the reign of God.

When Christians share the Eucharistic cup, they remember Jesus' promise and know that their lives are already caught up in God's reign. They remember Jesus' death, they proclaim him as Lord and become one with him. Christians who share the cup commit themselves to work with Christ's Spirit in building up the body, which is the work of the new reign.

March 27th is the death anniversary of Bishop Kenneth Untener who is the original author of the "Little Books" from the Diocese of Saginaw. I hope you had the opportunity to read March 27th. I find his prayer very compelling which brings a great deal of contentment to me.

At **Palm Sunday** next week, all Liturgies will begin in the Parish Center with the Blessing of Palms and procession into Church. Please wear red for the color of the day.

Peace,

MONDAY, April 3

7:00 p.m. – LIVE Lent – Rm 1 & 2

TUESDAY, April 4

10:00 a.m. – Shawl Ministry – Contact Parish Office
6:30 p.m. – Mass: 10 Year Pastoral Plan / Parish
7:00 p.m. – Pastoral Council – Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, April 5

8:30 a.m. – Mass: Evangelization / Parish
9:00 a.m. – St. Joseph Guild – Parish Center
9:00 a.m. – A & E Palm Sunday – Parish Center
10:00 a.m. – AA – Room 1 & 2
6:30 p.m. – Soup, Stations & Substance

THURSDAY, April 6

7:00 p.m. – Choir Practice – Church

FRIDAY, April 7

First Friday & Hospital / Home Visits

8:30 a.m. – Mass: Victims of Violence / Parish
9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. – First Friday Adoration

SATURDAY, April 8

7:00 a.m. – Men's Fellowship – Parish Center
4:30 – 5:15 p.m. – Confessions – Church
5:30 p.m. – Mass: People of the Parish / Parish

SUNDAY, April 9

9:30 a.m. – Mass: Kerrie Milkiewicz / Ron & Sharon Roberts
9:30 a.m. – Children's Liturgy of the Word
5:30 p.m. – Mass: Youth / Parish
NO REF NO HH

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, 4/3: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11
- Tues, 4/4: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
- Wed, 4/5: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42
- Thur, 4/6: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59
- Fri, 4/7: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
- Sat, 4/8: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56
- Sun, 4/9: Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11-54]

First Friday Adoration – Apr. 7

Friday, April 7, is the First Friday of the month: Adoration is from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Sign up for a one-hour slot; we need one or more individuals per hour. This is a great way to spend time with the Lord as we start Holy Week.

Caring for Creation – Ways to Help the Planet

Always Recycle Glass – Did you know that unrecycled glass can take up to a million years to decompose? Always make sure to recycle your glass. It can reduce related water pollution by up to fifty percent and related air pollution by up to twenty percent.

**Fifth Sunday of Lent
JESUS' MINISTRY SUMMARIZED**

The story of the raising of Lazarus from the dead is the single longest story (apart from the Passion) in the Gospel of John. In it we find a summary of most of Jesus' ministry. We see his very human nature as he is moved by Martha and Mary's sorrows and as he himself weeps at the tomb of Lazarus. He is the wisdom of God's Word made flesh as he explains to his followers that the death of Lazarus will serve as a sign of the glory of God. He crowns the miracles he works in John's Gospel (which began with the most "human" miracle of making new wine at Cana's wedding) by raising Lazarus from the dead—a "preview," if you will, of his own death and resurrection to come. This portrait of Jesus reminds us, as we near the end of our Lenten journey, that he is with us, knows us, understands us in every moment of our lives. He knows the joy of our human feasting; he knows the sorrow of our weeping. As we prepare to walk with him through the days of Holy Week, we are filled with faith that—through Christ—God's glory will be with us in every moment of our lives and—with Christ—in our life everlasting.

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE	
March 25 & 26	
Weekly Collection	\$ 4,228.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,038.00
Children	\$ 3.50
Youth	\$ 11.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 507.00



Catholic Relief Services National Collection - Mar. 25- 26

Thank you for your generosity to Catholic Relief Services. We made a difference to those who need Jesus' love.

Jewelry and Religious Items for Purchase

Looking for a rosary, saint pendant or crucifix as a gift for an upcoming sacrament (Baptism, First Communion or Confirmation) or Mother's Day or graduation? See our religious item inventory near the Parish Office and in the gathering space this weekend.

Soup, Stations and Substance – Apr. 5

Our last Soup, Stations and Substance will be on Wed. April 5. Join us at 6:30 p.m. for a soup dinner, Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m. and faith discussions afterwards.

Holy Thursday Eucharistic Adoration – Apr. 13

There will be an opportunity for Eucharistic Adoration in the Parish Center from 8:00 to 11:00 p.m. on Holy Thursday, April 13. Come "pray one hour" with the Lord according to the following schedule, if possible:

- last names beginning A through H: 8:00–9:00 p.m.
- last names beginning I through Q: 9:00–10:00 p.m.
- last names beginning R through Z: 10:00–11:00 p.m.

Parish Feast Day Time & Talent Celebration – Apr. 22

The Time & Talen Appreciation Reception for adult parishioners for their stewardship throughout the year is Saturday, April 22 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. Please RSVP in the Gathering Space or contact the Parish Office.

FAITH FORMATION

Deacon Ron Kenney, Director of Faith Formation
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5th Week of Lent: Encounter Resilience: We encounter Dita in Ethiopia, and see how her newfound entrepreneurial skills are providing

three meals a day for her children – even during a devastating drought. What skills have you discovered this Lent that can be put to good use in building God's kingdom? Visit crsricebowl.org. How's your Rice Bowl this week?

Walk the Talk! Be Peace!
Deacon Ron

Adult Faith Formation

- **LIVE LENT!** Mondays 7-8:30pm Parish Center
- **Lenten Men's Fellowship:** 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! Join Dcn Ron in the Parish Center for one hour, the topics and discussions are more worthwhile than giving up meat on Friday!

REF Children and Youth

- **NO REF (4/2, 4/9, 4/16)**
- **4/12 – HS Youth Group** (9th-12th, 7-9pm)
- **Looking Ahead:** May 7th, Final REF and Mandatory ALL REF PARENT MEETING during REF SESSIONS. We will also hold early registration.

St. Mark Youth Group

- **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.
- **St. Mark Youth Group COLOR RUN!** Mark the date, Saturday, June 17th, 8:30am. All proceeds go to help support St. Mark Youth Group Mission Trip 2017. Registration available through St. Mark Faith Formation Office. All ages, families, kids, adults!

RCIA – The "Scrutinies" of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is celebrated on the third (Mar18), fourth(Mar 26), and fifth(Apr 2) Sundays of Lent. These are ancient rites that are profoundly rooted in our human experience. We need to examine (scrutinize) how we are, the areas of our lives where we are tempted--in what we do and what we fail to do. After the homily, each scrutiny begins with silent prayer, for both the Elect, and the assembly. The assembly prays for them, asking God to protect them and heal them in the weeks ahead. Next, intercessions for the Elect are prayed together, then a special prayer of exorcism, led by the presider, is offered to free them of evil. Next, the priest or deacon lays his hands on the head of each Elect, a solemn act of calling the Spirit of Jesus to be with them and protect them. Finally, the Elect are dismissed to continue to reflect upon the Word (from Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy, the National Conference of Catholic Bishops).