

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.

Passion Sunday begins Holy Week which is a wonderful time to reflect on our faith tradition.

Last weekend I attended the 36th annual State Conference Pax Christi Michigan. One keynote address centered on the Catholic Nonviolence Initiative. This project of Pax Christi International is affirming the vision and practice of active nonviolence at the heart of the Catholic Church.

In April 2016, Pax Christi International and the Pontifical Council for Justice & Peace brought together more than 80 people – members of the clergy (including two archbishops and four bishops), women religious, academics and peace practitioners from around the world – to Rome, Italy for an unprecedented gathering to discuss the Catholic Church's history of and commitment to nonviolence.

"[I] call on all people of good will to recognize what Christians profess as a consequence of faith: that it is only by considering our peers as brothers and sisters that humanity can overcome wars and conflicts. ... Your thoughts on revitalizing the tools of nonviolence and of active nonviolence, in particular, will be a needed and positive contribution." – Pope Francis

The conference's final document, *An Appeal to the Catholic Church to recommit to the centrality of Gospel nonviolence*, is a commitment to further Catholic understanding and practice of active nonviolence on the road to just peace and calls on the Church to:

- Continue developing Catholic social teaching on nonviolence. In particular, we call on Pope Francis to share with the world an encyclical on nonviolence and Just Peace;
- Integrate Gospel nonviolence explicitly into the life, including the sacramental life, and work of the Church through dioceses, parishes, agencies, schools, universities, seminaries, religious orders, voluntary associations, and others;
- Promote nonviolent practices and strategies (e.g. nonviolent resistance, restorative justice, trauma healing, unarmed civilian protection, conflict transformation, and peace building strategies);
- Initiate a global conversation on nonviolence within the Church, with people of other faiths, and with the larger world to respond to the monumental crises of our time with the vision and strategies of nonviolence and Just Peace;
- No longer use or teach "just war theory"; continue advocating for the abolition of war and nuclear weapons;
- Lift up the prophetic voice of the church to challenge unjust world powers and to support and defend those nonviolent activists whose work for peace and justice put their lives at risk.

More information about the Catholic Nonviolence Initiative can be found at www.nonviolencejustpeace.net. Please keep this initiative in your prayer and reflection. I will be speaking more about this in the coming months.

I look forward to sharing the Triduum with you. Please see schedule on opposite page.

Peace,

MONDAY, April 10**TUESDAY, April 11**

6:30 p.m. – Mass: Benefactors of the Parish / Parish

WEDNESDAY, April 12

8:30 a.m. – Mass: Daniel Sullivan / Fr. Michael Kuchar

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

9:00 a.m. – A & E Holy Thursday – 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

7:00 p.m. – Choir Practice – Church

THURSDAY, April 13**Holy Thursday**

7:00 p.m. – Holy Thursday Mass: Catholic Relief Services / Parish

CRS Rice Bowl Collected

8:00–11:00 p.m. – Eucharistic Adoration – Parish Center

FRIDAY, April 14**Good Friday****Holy Land Collection**

12:30 p.m. – Celebration of the Lord's Passion

2:00 p.m. – Stations of the Cross

6:30 p.m. – Art & Environment prepare for Easter

SATURDAY, April 15**Easter Vigil**

10:30 a.m. – RCIA – Vigil Rehearsal

12:00 p.m. – Blessing of Easter Food

8:30 p.m. – Easter Vigil Mass: + Doris Phipps / Ron & Sharon Roberts

SUNDAY, April 16**Easter Sunday**

8:30 a.m. – Mass: Newly Baptized & Confirmed / Parish

10:30 a.m. – Mass: People of the Parish / Parish

10:30 a.m. – Children's Liturgy of the Word

No 5:30 p.m. Mass this Sunday Only

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 Deceased: Pat Martin, wife of Edward Martin, and Joe Schmitt, husband of Trudy Schmitt

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, 4/10: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

Tues, 4/11: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wed, 4/12: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25

Thur, 4/13: Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Fri 4/14: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42

Sat, 4/15: Gn 1:1 — 2:2; Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6; Rom 6:3-11; Mt 28:1-10

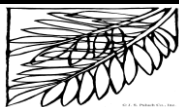
Sun, 4/16: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
SEEING CHRIST CLEARLY**

We start today looking through the portals of Jerusalem, seeing crowds of people, cheering and waving palm branches in the air. The whole atmosphere is one of joy, triumph, and celebration. We can get distracted or enthralled by the scene, and not see clearly the features of Jesus as he enters. But our readings from Isaiah and Paul's letter to the Philippians clarify his features for us. He is the Suffering Servant, meek and mute before his captors and persecutors; he is the very image of the unseen God, yet will not clutch at equality with God before he endures his final confrontation in humility. Isaiah and Paul help us "behold the Lamb of God" before we hear the story of his final and greatest confrontation. It is important that we see Christ clearly before we hear the account of his passion, for we—his Body through baptism, the church—now bear his face. We must, with him, enter into this time of trial so we can, also with him, enter into his final triumph.

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE	
April 1 & 2	
Weekly Collection	\$ 4,065.29
Online Giving	\$ 4,020.00
Children	\$ 3.50
Youth.....	\$ 1.00



Holy Week

Palm Sunday: Passion of the Lord - Today we celebrated the traditional blessing on palms, procession, and Eucharist.

Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper - The blessed oils for sacramental use are presented, washing of the feet and procession for Eucharistic Adoration are part of the Liturgy.

Good Friday: Passion of the Lord - Liturgy of the word, veneration of the cross, and reception of communion are part of the Liturgy. Stations of the Cross are prayed.

Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil - Blessing of the fire, procession with candles, Liturgy of the Word and Eucharist, Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) are celebrated.

Easter Sunday: Resurrection of the Lord - Liturgy of the Word, Renewal of Baptismal Vows, and reception of the Eucharist are celebrated.

Holy Thursday Eucharistic Adoration – Apr. 13

Eucharistic Adoration Schedule is:

- 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.

Good Friday Pontifical Collection – Apr. 14

Good Friday collection is for the Christians in the Holy Land. Be an instrument of peace in a troubled land.

Parish Feast Day Time & Talent Celebration – Apr. 22

The Time & Talent 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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Palm Sunday: Encounter our neighbors – We encounter Jesus this week in Jerusalem, a community he knew well. We prayerfully enter into our own communities too, encountering those who are hungry and thirsty, and others who need our help. How does our Lenten journey motivate us to serve those we meet in our daily lives? Visit crsricebowl.org. How's your Rice Bowl this week?

Walk the Talk! Be Peace!
Deacon Ron

(Bring Rice Bowls to Holy Thursday Liturgy 7:00pm)

Adult Faith Formation

- **St. Mark Book Club:** Next Book – *In Search of Belief* (Liguori) – Sr. Joan Chittister, OSB
- This book challenges readers to reflect upon whether they truly live what they say they believe or whether they have created their own images of God to suit whatever is convenient for their personal and/or social situations. *In Search of Belief* examines the Apostles' Creed phrase-by-phrase, offering challenging interpretations of its familiar themes and a provocative way of understanding--and expressing--its tenets. *In Search of Belief* calls us to a spiritual adulthood... Not for the spiritually faint-hearted; you can never again mumble the Creed complacently, without thought.
- **Book Club:** discussion dates April 25th and May 23rd 7-8:30pm Parish Center.

REF Children and Youth

- **NO REF (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.

Confirmation and First Eucharist

- We have 12 Confirmand and 9 First Communicants. As they come to the last month before receiving their sacrament of initiation please keep them in your prayers.
- **Confirmation Liturgy with Bishop Boyea:** Wednesday, April 26th, 7pm St. John Davison
- **Parish Celebration of First Eucharist:** Saturday, May 6th, 10am

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!