


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.

Easter Sunday

As Christians committed to a more just and peaceful world, we are called to take a clear stand for creative and active nonviolence and against all forms of violence. With this conviction, and in recognition of the Jubilee Year of Mercy declared by Pope Francis, people from many countries gathered at the Nonviolence and Just Peace conference sponsored by the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace and Pax Christi International on April 11-13 2016 in Rome.

The assembly, people of God from Africa, the Americas, Asia, Europe, the Middle East and Oceania included lay people, theologians, members of religious congregations, priests, and bishops. Many of us live in communities experiencing violence and oppression. All of us are practitioners of justice and peace. We are grateful for the message to our conference from Pope Francis: "your thoughts on revitalizing the tools of nonviolence, and of active nonviolence in particular, will be a needed and positive contribution".

Last week I reflected on the Pax Christi conference and mentioned the Catholic Nonviolence Initiative. The Nonviolent Just Peace movement's purpose is to replace the Just War Theory that says sometimes war is deemed to be morally or theologically justifiable.

A few quotes on Peacemaking and "Just War" by religious clergy and leaders:

"The {Just War} theory was formulated to show that some wars might be an exception to the law of the Gospel. Instead, it has become a theory used to justify every war that comes along. Instead of justifying an exceptional war it is used to make all wars acceptable." Richard McSorley, S.J.

"There is no way to follow Christ, to love as Christ loved, and simultaneously to kill other people. It is a lie to say that the spirit that moves the trigger of a flamethrower is the Holy Spirit of Jesus Christ. It is a lie to say that learning to kill is learning to be Christ-like. It is a lie to say that learning to drive a bayonet into the heart of another is motivated from having put on the mind of Christ. Militarized Christianity is a lie." Fr. George Zabelka – World War II Veteran - Deceased priest Diocese of Lansing

"Peace is a precious gift, which must be promoted and protected... never has the use of violence brought peace in its wake. War begets war, violence begets violence." Pope Francis

Easter Sunday begins the great 50 days of Easter Season. The word that is repeated over and over is Peace. We will hear Jesus say "my farewell gift to you is Peace". The discussion at Pax Christi International in Rome as well as Pax Christi State Conference in Detroit was centered on the concept of Just Peace. When I first heard the two words put together, it made all the sense in the world. We can have JUST Peace in all of our relationships.

The conversion of those quoted above others throughout the centuries whether Christian or Non-Christian believers moved each individual from a stance of Peace. In the following weeks I will continue reflecting on the readings that emulate the Gospel of Peace using Jesus' words.

Happy Easter!

MONDAY, April 17

TUESDAY, April 18

10:00 a.m. – Shawl Ministry – See Parish Office
6:30 p.m. – Mass: National CCW / Parish
7:00 p.m. – Commission Chair Meeting – Parish Center
7:00 p.m. – CCW Meeting – Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, April 19

8:30 a.m. – Mass: Dignity of Workers / 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

THURSDAY, April 20

FRIDAY, April 21

SATURDAY, April 22

Baptism Weekend

4:30 – 5:15 p.m. – Confessions – Church
5:30 p.m. – Mass: Deceased Benefactors / Parish
6:30 p.m. – Parish Appreciation Reception Time & Talent – Parish Center

SUNDAY, April 23

Baptism Weekend

9:30 a.m. – Mass: People of the Parish / Parish
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
1:30 p.m. – Confirmation Practice – St. John Davison
5:30 p.m. – Mass: REF Families / Parish
6:30 – 8:00 p.m. – REF Grades 6-8
6:30 p.m. – 8th Grade Confirmation Parent Meeting

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, 4/17: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11;
Mt 28:8-15
Tue, 4/18: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22;
Jn 20:11-18
Wed, 4/19: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35
Thur, 4/20: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48
Fri, 4/21: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27;
Jn 21:1-14
Sat, 4/22: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15
Sun, 4/23: Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24;
1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

Thank you to Michael Goetz, Director of Music for his ministry. Thank you to our Choir, Bell Choir and Joyful Noise group for their enhancement of music at all our Liturgies. Thank you to all who prepared the Art & Environment for our Liturgies. Thank you, Colleen Seymour, Coordinator of Liturgical Ministers, for organizing the different Liturgies. Your dedication is a valued ministry throughout our Liturgical Year!

**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
REJOICE AND BE GLAD**

“This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad” (Psalm 118:24). Let us remember that these words of today’s responsorial psalm are not only sung from the hearts of those gathered in our parish. They are also sung by the poor in tiny barrios throughout Central and South America. They are sung by those denied religious freedom in our world; these Christians lift their voices in clandestine places of worship. These words are sung by people who have lost loved ones to acts of terrorism and war around the globe. Even in the midst of conflict and division, Christians still come together to declare that poverty, loneliness, violence, and division will never, ever have as much power as the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Indeed, let us rejoice this day and be glad!

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE	
April 08 & 09	
Weekly Collection.....	\$ 4,259.00
Online Giving.....	\$ 3,090.00
Children	\$ 9.00
Youth.....	\$ 0
Christian Service.....	\$ 901.00



Good Friday Pontifical Collection – Apr. 14

Thank you for your generosity for the Christians in the Holy Land. You helped bring peace worldwide.

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.

CCW – Paint & Pray – Apr. 24

CCW will once again host Paint & Pray – Monday, Apr. 24, 6:30-9 pm, Parish Center. Cost is \$25 and includes all supplies and beverages. You may bring a snack. Enjoy a wonderful evening of creative fun and best of all...no experience necessary. Sign-up is in the Gathering Space or Parish Office by Monday April 24th. You can pay at the door.

Parish Clean-up Day – Apr. 29

Mark your calendars for our spring Parish Clean-up Day on Saturday, April 29 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. There will be indoor and outdoor projects. Please bring your own gardening tools, but the parish will supply everything else, including lunch. Sign up in the Gathering Space.

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) - Rice Bowl: Thank You

Each year, CRS helps everyone encounter an individual in another culture. The Lenten daily prayer offered an option for personal growth and spirituality. St. Mark through our prayer and sacrifice helps change lives. CRS Rice Bowl thanks you! Now, if you haven’t already turned yours in, please bring it to the Sacristy or at the Parish Office. Again, all participation helps the giver and receiver to thrive.

FAITH FORMATION

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JESUS CHRIST HAS RISEN! The tomb is empty. And now WE remain, to be the risen Christ for others. We are Catholic when we are so united to Jesus Christ that His life, His death and Resurrection radiate through every action of our lives. You see, we are not Catholic for ourselves. We are Catholic for others.

There are many people who are struggling with sickness and poor health. They feel too weak to carry on. Through the compassion of so many in the health professions they experience the healing hands of Christ working through others. There are many people who feel lost and forgotten in our communities. They are tolerated, but not really accepted because they seem different to others. When they walk into a Church and people welcome them, they realize they are welcomed by Jesus Christ. There are those who have been devastated by sin, either their own or someone in their life. Perhaps substance abuse has lead them to self-destructive lives. Maybe they are in prison or they have committed crimes that warranted punishment. They wonder if there is any hope. When people reach out to those who are struggling and tell them that Jesus died for them, loves them and wants to share His Life with them, they begin to find the Lord in those who live His compassion. Remember, we are Catholic for others.

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Deacon Ron

REF Children and Youth

- 4/23 – REF (K-5: 11-12:30pm, 6,7,8: 6:30-8pm)
- 4/23 – 8th Grade Confirmation Parent Meeting -6:30pm
- 4/26 – HS Youth Group (9th-12th, 7-9pm)
- 5/7 – Final REF – Mandatory ALL REF PARENT MEETING and early registration.

Adult Faith Formation

- **St. Mark Book Club:** Next Book – *In Search of Belief* (Liguori) – Sr. Joan Chittister, OSB: *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. Discussion dates: April 25th and May 23rd 7-8:30pm

St. Mark Youth Group

- **St. Mark Youth Group COLOR FUN 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!

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 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