


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 Pax Christi Conference also brought up a book by Karen Armstrong: *Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life*. This book talks about our perilously divided world, and the one thing that can bring us all together: compassion. In her book, she outlines the *Twelve Steps* to become a more proficient practitioner of compassion. The steps are presented here in paraphrased form:

- 1) an expanded understanding of compassion
- 2) examination of your individual world
- 3) compassion for yourself
- 4) empathy
- 5) mindfulness
- 6) taking corrective action
- 7) realization of limitations of personal knowledge
- 8) communicating with rather than talking at each other
- 9) cultivation of concern for all humanity
- 10) developing knowledge of diverse cultures
- 11) recognizing shared traits and values
- 12) extending agape love toward our enemies

The Charter for Compassion – *charterforcompassion.org*
“The principle of compassion lies at the heart of all religious ethical and spiritual traditions calling us always to treat all others as we wish to be treated ourselves. Compassion impels us to work tirelessly to alleviate the suffering of others, to dethrone ourselves from the center of our world and put another there, and to honor the sanctity of every single human being, treating everybody, without exception, with absolute justice equity and respect.

It is also necessary in both public and private life to refrain consistently and empathically from inflicting pain. To act or speak violently out of spite, chauvinism or self-interest, to impoverish exploit or deny basic rights to anybody and to incite hatred by denigrating others—even our enemies—is a denial of our common humanity. We acknowledge that we have failed to live compassionately and that some have even increased human misery in the name of religion.

We therefore call upon all; to restore compassion to the center of morality and religion; to return to the ancient principle that any interpretation of scripture that breeds violence, hatred or disdain is illegitimate; to ensure that youth are given accurate and respectful information about other traditions, religions and cultures; to encourage a positive appreciation of cultural and religious diversity; to cultivate an informed empathy with the suffering of all human beings, even those regarded as enemies.

We urgently need to make compassion a clear luminous and dynamic force in our polarized world. Rooted in a principled determination to transcend selfishness, compassion can break down political dogmatic ideological and religious boundaries. Born of our deep interdependence, compassion is essential to human relationships and to a fulfilled humanity. It is the path to enlightenment and indispensable to the creation of a just economy and a peaceful global community.”

May 1st - **St. Joseph the Worker** is a day recognized worldwide for the dignity of workers. Let us pray for all workers who are under employed or under paid in their labor. Pray for economic justice rooted in compassion!

Peace,

MONDAY, May 1

TUESDAY, May 2

10:00 a.m. – Shawl Ministry – See Parish Office
6:30 p.m. – Mass: Stewardship / Parish
7:00 p.m. – Finance Council Meeting – Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, May 3

8:30 a.m. – Mass: People of the Parish / Parish
9:00 a.m. – St. Joseph Guild – Parish Center
10:00 a.m. – AA – Room 1 & 2
2:00 p.m. – Basket Weaving – Parish Center
6:00 p.m. – RCIA – Room 1 & 2
6:30 p.m. – Basket Weaving – Parish Center

THURSDAY, May 4

7:00 p.m. – Choir Practice – Church

FRIDAY, May 5

First Friday & Hospital / Home Visits

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

SATURDAY, May 6

9:00 a.m. – Men’s Fellowship – Parish Center
10:00 a.m. – 1st Communion Liturgy – Church
4:30 – 5:15 p.m. – Confessions – Church
5:30 p.m. – Mass: +Joseph Schmitt / Bill LaVelle Family
6:30 p.m. – Parish Dinner Cinco De Mayo – Parish Center

SUNDAY, May 7

9:30 a.m. – Mass: +Ken Szyarto / Nothhelfer Family
9:30 a.m. – Children’s Liturgy of the Word
10:30 a.m. – Cinco De Mayo Breakfast– Parish Center
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – REF Grades K-5 & Registration
5:30 p.m. – Mass: REF Families / Parish
6:30–8:00 p.m. – REF Grades 6-8 & Registration

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, 5/1: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-30; Jn 6:22-29
Tues, 5/2: Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
Wed, 5/3: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14
Thur, 5/4: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
Fri, 5/5: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
Sat, 5/6: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69
Sun, 5/7: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

Welcome New Parishioners

We would like to welcome the Bogen family; Thomas & Nicole and Tommy to our parish.

Caring for Creation – Ways to Help the Planet

Use A Clothesline – Do your clothes a favor and switch off the dryer. Hang clothes outside to dry naturally. The material will last longer, it will smell and feel fresher and of course, you are saving on that power usage!

Third Sunday of Easter ON THE ROAD

One central metaphor employed to describe the Christian life is a journey. In today's second reading, Peter addresses the early Christian community: "Conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your sojourning"(1 Peter 1:17). When we think of a journey, we normally think of some kind of movement from point A to point B. The Christian journey, begun in the waters of baptism (point A) has as its ultimate destination eternal life with God in heaven (point B). Unfortunately we find ourselves on all kinds of detours along the way. Because of sin, we make foolish turns and sometimes seem unable to detect the presence of the Lord. Today's story of the two disciples on their way to Emmaus illustrates for us the fact that, even when we are dejected or on one of our many detours, the Lord is there, walking right beside us.

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE

April 22 & 23

Weekly Collection	\$ 4,182.00
Online Giving	\$ 980.00
Children	\$ 34.00
Youth.....	\$ 1.00

Basket Weaving Classes – May 3

Do you have an interest in learning how to weave a basket? Two classes will be offered on Wednesday, May 3: an afternoon session – 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and an evening session – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$24.00 per person, which includes instruction and materials. Sign up with the Parish Office or in the Gathering Space.

Cinco de Mayo Celebrations – May 6 and 7

Join your parish family on Saturday, May 6, after the 5:30 p.m. Liturgy for a Cinco de Mayo Dinner of Mexican Cuisine. RSVP by signing up in the Gathering Space or calling the Parish Office. The celebration continues on Sunday, May 7, with a Cinco de Mayo Breakfast after the 9:30 a.m. Liturgy. No RSVP is needed for breakfast.

Gardening Group – Starting May 9

Calling all gardeners and other volunteers! The parish needs your help every other week on Tuesday after the evening mass, starting on May 9th for several gardening and landscaping projects. A special project scheduled for May 23 & 24 5:30 - 8 p.m. to divide plants. Contact Sharon Roberts at the Parish Office to volunteer.

CCW Spring Tea – May 21

All women of the Parish, relatives, and friends are invited to the Annual Spring Tea, Sunday, May 21st 1:30-4:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. The speaker is Vicki Schultz, Catholic Woman of the Year, from Catholic Charities. You may purchase tickets (\$5.00 Adults & \$2.00 for ages 4-10) after all Masses or call Cindy Bell 248-660-4931.

Enrollment at Powers Catholic High School

Are you interested in Catholic education? Powers Catholic High School has 10 available seats in next year's freshmen class. Contact Valaria in the Admissions Office to reserve a seat or for more information. (810) 591-4741, ext. 6

Marriage Banns

1st publication: Caitlin Yancho and Brian Essenmacher

FAITH FORMATION

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I love the Gospel story of the two disciples walking with Jesus on the road to Emmaus. They haven't got a clue as to who he is and it is at that moment when Jesus breaks bread with them that their eyes are opened and they recognize him, WOW!

I try to imagine what I would have been like on the road with Jesus and sharing the details of the past day's events. I'm sure I would have been so busy sharing details and trying to get the story straight that I too would have looked past the end of my nose and not realized who was right there with me. I'm sure I would have had so much on my mind and putting my two cents in that I wouldn't have looked into the eyes of the visitor and seen who was truly present to me. I'm sure I would have been in such a hurry with life's challenges that I would have missed the gift of my Lord's presence right there with me.

This story is like our walk, our journey up to receive the Eucharist. Don't get so busy, so preoccupied, so in a hurry that you fail to see and recognize that Jesus is truly present to you in the breaking of the bread. The disciples' lives changed when they recognized him how about your life?

Walk the Talk! Be Peace!

Deacon Ron

St. Mark Youth Group

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

Mother's Day Flower Sale!

- Mother's Day weekend the Youth Group will be selling flowers for Mom on her special day. Proceeds help send our Youth to Diocesan Youth Leadership Camp in June.

REF Children and Youth

- 5/7 REF (K-5: 11-12:30pm, 6,7,8: 6:30-8pm)
- 5/7 Final REF and 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 – This examines the Apostles' Creed phrase-by-phrase, offering challenging interpretations of its familiar themes and a provocative way of understanding--and expressing--its tenets.

Next Discussion date: May 23rd 7-8:30pm

First Eucharist

- We have 9 First Communicants who will join us at the table of the Lord this Saturday, May 6th, 10am. Please join us for the celebration of First Eucharist Liturgy.

RCIA continues into the fourth stage called "Mystagogy", from the Greek words meaning "to lead through the mysteries." Traditionally mystagogy extends throughout the Easter season, until the feast of Pentecost. This is the period of accompaniment for our new Catholics, Laura and Rachel, as they discover what it means to fully participate in the sacramental mysteries of the Church. Even though their catechetical preparation has been completed, they are "neophytes" on their journey to live as Catholic Christians.