


# 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.

This week, the **Ascension of the Lord** and the **Seventh Sunday of Easter** leads us to completing the Great 50 Days of the Easter Season. My hope and prayer is that we have opened ourselves to God's grace. In the north, we experience the blossoming of springtime, observing the beauty of nature around us. The reflection for today in the Little White Book is about the **Purpose of Creation**:

"I live in a society that's product and or service-oriented. It's an expansionist economy. We plan for the economy to get bigger and better each year. The Gross National Product has to improve. Car sales have to increase. They just have to.

Picture asking God: "What is the purpose of creation, of life? In other words, God, what were you thinking when you started this whole thing in the first place? What is the ultimate product you had in mind?"

Picture God responding: "Well, there isn't any product." (That's a stunning answer, especially in today's product oriented society.) If pressed for further clarification, God would probably say: "Do you think I need a task force to accomplish something I want done? Do you think I need to come up with a product? I am God."

As to the purpose of creation, God might simply say: "That they may have life and have it to the full."

God might use an analogy: "Learn something from the birds of the air. They are out there being birds. That's what I made them to be. Learn something from the flowers of the field. They are out there being flowers. You could learn a thing or two from them."

Think about springtime and flowers in the Easter season. Flowers are true to themselves where in light or darkness, whether in sunshine or rain. They are called to be beautiful and true to their nature, even if someone comes to step on them or cut them. Their task is simply to be flowers.

Whatever the season, my task is that I may have life and have it to the fullest. For what is the kingdom of God other than all people and all things being what they are, together in harmony?"

**Memorial Day** didn't become a federal holiday until 1971, but Americans embraced the notion of "Decoration Day" immediately after the Civil War. That first year, more than 27 states held some sort of ceremony, with more than 5,000 people in attendance at a ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery. By 1890, every state in the Union had adopted it as an official holiday. But for more than 50 years, the holiday was used to commemorate those killed just in the Civil War, not in any other American conflict. It wasn't until America's entry into World War I that the tradition was expanded to include those killed in all wars, and Memorial Day was not officially recognized nationwide until the 1970s, with America deeply embroiled in the Vietnam War.

"God of power and mercy, you destroy war and put down earthly pride. Banish violence from our midst and wipe away our tears that we may all deserve to be called your sons and daughters. Keep in your mercy those men and women who have died in the cause of freedom and bring them safely into your kingdom of justice and peace.

We ask this though Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen"  
—from Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers

Peace,

**MONDAY, May 29**  
**Memorial Day**  
**Parish Office closed**

**TUESDAY, May 30**  
6:30 p.m. – Word and Eucharist  
7:00 p.m. – A&E for Pentecost

**WEDNESDAY, May 31**  
8:30 a.m. – Word and Eucharist  
9:00 a.m. – St. Joseph Guild – Parish Center  
10:00 a.m. – AA – Rooms 1 & 2

**THURSDAY, June 1**  
7:00 p.m. – Choir Practice – Church

**FRIDAY, June 2**  
**First Friday Home and Hospital Visits**  
8:30 a.m. – Mass: Prayer of Thanksgiving/  
Dora Hoelscher  
9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. – First Friday Adoration – Church

**SATURDAY, June 3**  
7:00 a.m. – Men's Fellowship  
4:30 – 5:15 p.m. – Confessions – Church  
5:30 p.m. – Mass: +Dick Daly /Daly Family  
6:30 p.m. – Parish Dinner – Parish Center

**SUNDAY, June 4**  
8:00 a.m. – Mass: People of the Parish / Parish  
9:30 a.m. – Graduation Mass: +Virginia Hill / John and  
Patty Candiloro  
9:30 a.m. – Children's Liturgy of the Word  
10:30 a.m. – Graduation Mass Reception – Parish Center

**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](mailto:joanturner38@sbcglobal.net) or 248-410-2286.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Mon, 5/29: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab;  
Jn 16:29-33
- Tue, 5/30: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21;  
Jn 17:1-11a
- Wed, 5/31: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16;  
Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lk 1:39-56
- Thu, 6/1: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11;  
Jn 17:20-26
- Fri, 6/2: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab;  
Jn 21:15-19
- Sat, 6/3: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7;  
Jn 21:20-25
- Sun, 6/4: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34;  
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

**Memorial Day Mass – May 29**

A Memorial Day Mass will be celebrated on Monday, May 29 at 10:00 a.m. at Old Calvary Cemetery, on Chatfield Street off of North Ballenger Highway in Flint.

**Seventh Sunday of Easter  
THE CALM BEFORE THE STORM**

This seventh Sunday of Easter is somewhat like the proverbial “calm before the storm.” The Lord Jesus has ascended into heaven and Pentecost has not yet occurred. Rather than immediately taking up Jesus’ command to go out to all the nations, the disciples gather in the upper room “with some women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers” (Acts 1:14). There they all devote themselves to prayer. The Gospel recounts the great prayer for the disciples that Jesus offered to his Father in heaven. If the words of Jesus while he was on earth finally began to sink in for the disciples, then gathering to pray was certainly the right choice, for the second reading lets us all know that to follow Christ means to have a share in his sufferings.

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**PARISH STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE**

May 20 and 21

Weekly Collection.....	\$ 2,790.32
Online Giving.....	\$ 1,250.00
Children.....	\$ 7.00
Youth.....	\$ 101.00



**Capital Campaign Payments**

**Accelerated Payments** – You can pay online per instructions given the first time: [www.witnessstohope.net](http://www.witnessstohope.net) and click on Donations at the bottom. Checks made payable to: Witness to Hope, with St. Mark the Evangelist in the memo line. Put in collection or to Parish Office. To date, the total of accelerated payments is \$11,745.

**New Pledges or One time Payments** – Please use envelopes and cards that were provided by Witness to Hope. These are in the Gathering Space or Parish Office. To date, \$21,000 in new pledges has been received.

**Installment Payments** – Reminder letters will go out if you made a pledge with installments. These letters will include payment envelopes and instructions.

**Questions** – Any questions about tax forms, notifications or etc. Call Colleen Andrews at 517-342-2461 (diocese).

**Thank you!**

The parish would like to thank the family and friends of Joseph Schmitt for their contribution of \$945.00 to our Capital Campaign in memory of Joseph.

**First Friday Adoration – June 2**

Spend an hour of prayer and reflection with the Lord on Friday, June 2, in Church. Sign up on the sheet located in the back of the church.

**Parish Dinner – June 3**

Join us on the first Saturday Parish Dinner on Saturday, June 3, after the 5:30 p.m. Mass. Bring your family! Sign up by May 31 in the Gathering Space or call the Parish Office 810-636-2216.

**New Weekend Mass Schedule**

Starting Memorial Day weekend (May 27 and 28), our new and permanent weekend Mass schedule will be as follows: Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. and Sundays at 8:00 and 9:30 a.m.

**FAITH FORMATION**

**Deacon Ron Kenney, Director of Faith Formation**

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I am always amazed to watch athletes who have risen to the top. Be it the Olympics or a professional sport, there is a resolve that accompanies their success. It is that passion and devotion that enables them to rise above and be the best.

During the Easter season we read from the Acts of the Apostles stories about the early Christians who had that resolve, that dedication, that passion to push on even when they still weren't sure what the road of faith meant for their future. Today it says, “All these DEVOTED themselves with one accord to prayer.” Their lives were challenged with imprisonment and death for following Jesus, but what was clear was a passion for their faith. Don't quit, don't give up, keep on keeping on! The road will be tough, but a life with Christ is more life giving than anything you can imagine.

Walk the Talk! Be Peace!

Dcn. Ron [stmarkdff@hotmail.com](mailto:stmarkdff@hotmail.com)

**REF Children and Youth**

- **Early Registration** – Registration is taking place in the Parish Office through the month of June.

**St. Mark Youth Group**

- **Summer Youth Group** – It all begins June 7, 7:00–9:00 p.m. at the Pavilion for fun, prayer and pizza. All 6th-12th graders are invited to participate; please bring \$3 for pizza. We have a summer full of fun, soup kitchen trips, movie nights, and lots more.
- **St. Mark Youth Group COLOR FUN RUN!** Saturday, June 17 at 8:30 a.m. – all ages, families, kids and adults are welcome. All proceeds go to St. Mark Youth Mission Trip 2017. Register through St. Mark Faith Formation Office or our website [www.stmarkgoodrich.org](http://www.stmarkgoodrich.org).

**Graduation Mass and Reception**

- **High School graduates** – Please join us on Sunday, June 4 at the 9:30 a.m. Liturgy (please arrive by 9:15 a.m. with your cap and gown for the procession). A reception will follow in the Parish Center. Please RSVP by May 28 for you and your family in the Gathering Space or by calling the Parish Office.

**Vacation Bible School**

- **St. Mark VBS** – Save the dates August 1-4, 6:00-8:00 p.m. More information to follow.

**Adult Faith Formation**

- **St. Mark Men's Fellowship** – Held the first Saturday of the month, 7:00–8:00 a.m. Next date: June 3.

**Liturgical Ministry Formation – June 11 and 12**

Following up on the presentations made at all Masses the weekend of May 20 and 21, there will be Liturgical Ministry Formation on Sunday, June 11 at 10:30 a.m. and Monday, June 12 at 7:00 p.m. This formation is for all parishioners considering serving as a reader, Eucharistic Minister, usher/greeter and/or altar server. Choose which date is best for you.