

# St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Community

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Mary McFarlane

Powers Catholic High School (810) 591-4741

**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.

**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 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.  
followed by Eucharistic adoration from  
9:00 a.m. to 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 Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ** is our Feast this Sunday. As part of a series by Rev. Paul Turner, today's reflection is titled: The Body of Christ.

"The distribution of communion has seldom changed. In the earliest Christian centuries, the faithful simply took the bread and cup-in-hand as at any meal. The Church in the middle ages reserved the communion cup for the clergy. The laity, if they received communion at all, were limited to the reception of the host on the tongue. Now, for the first time in history, the church formally offers the option of taking communion on the tongue or in the hand.

No matter which method we choose, reverence for the Eucharist should guide us. Those who choose communion in the mouth experience the gift of God unmediated by the touch of their own hand. Those who choose communion in the hand see God's gift in hands which serve others. Either way, we come to the table like beggars with open mouths and open hands not taking the food ourselves but begging it from another human being.

Too often we rush this intimate moment. Sometimes we resemble fast food more than banquet.

Think of taking communion in five distinct parts: positioning, looking, proclaiming, responding and taking.

First, the worshiper gets into position. If you're distributing communion, wait for the next person to stop walking. If you're receiving, take a moment to prepare.

Next, look at the bread or the cup. And look at each other. The two of you are the mystery you are about to proclaim.

Then the minister proclaims the mystery: The Body of Christ! The Blood of Christ! (Say it with an explanation point!) Christ who existed before existence, Christ the eternal Word who became flesh in Bethlehem, Christ whose flesh and blood were nailed to a cross, Christ whose body rose from the dead in a new form, Christ who left his body and blood in the Eucharist, Christ whose body we are this is the Christ we proclaim.

Amen! Respond with faith, joy and hope. Imagine you're saying "Thank you" ("Eucharist") for the gift you've always wanted, saying "I love you" to the one you love the most, saying "I believe" to a world confused by sin.

Then, only then, take communion. Join in communion with the body of Christ, risen and present all around you. The Body of Christ. Amen."

**Father's Day Prayer**

God our Father,  
In your wisdom and love, you made all things.  
Bless these men, that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers.  
Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.  
Grant that we, their sons and daughters may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect.  
Grant this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

God's blessing and peace to all Father's!

Peace,

**MONDAY, June 19**

**TUESDAY, June 20**

6:30 p.m. – Word & Eucharist  
7:00 p.m. – Commission Chair Meeting –Parish Center

**WEDNESDAY, June 21**

8:30 a.m. – Word & Eucharist  
9:00 a.m. – St. Joseph Guild – Parish Center  
10:00 a.m. – AA – Room 1 & 2  
7:00 p.m. – Youth Group

**THURSDAY, June 22**

**FRIDAY, June 23**

10:00 a.m. – Euchre & Luncheon

**SATURDAY, June 24**

4:30 – 5:15 p.m. – Confessions – Church  
5:30 p.m. – Mass: Evangelization / Parish

**SUNDAY, June 25**

8:00 a.m. – Mass: Dignity of Workers / Parish  
9:30 a.m. – Mass: People of the Parish / Parish  
9:30 a.m. – Children's Liturgy of the Word

**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, 6/19: 2 Cor 6:1-10; Ps 98:1, 2b, 3-4; Mt 5:38-42  
Tue, 6/20: 2 Cor 8:1-9; Ps 146:2, 5-9a; Mt 5:43-48  
Wed, 6/21: 2 Cor 9:6-11; Ps 112:1bc-4, 9;  
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
Thu, 6/22: 2 Cor 11:1-11; Ps 111:1b-4, 7-8; Mt 6:7-15  
Fri, 6/23: Dt 7:6-11; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 10;  
1 Jn 4:7-16; Mt 11:25-30  
Sat, 6/24: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17;  
1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17  
Day: Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1-3, 13-15;  
Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80  
Sun, 6/25: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35;  
Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33

**Caring for Creation – Ways to Help the Planet**

**Re-Think Your Water Consumption** – Bottled water is handy when you're on the go, but why not buy one bottle and then refill it from the tap or your work's water cooler. Around 90% of water bottles end up decomposing in landfills rather than being recycled.

**Has your Contact Information Changed?**

Just like every other organization, we like to keep our records current. Please send any changes to your mailing and/or e-mail address or phone number to the Parish Office at [stmarkparish1@hotmail.com](mailto:stmarkparish1@hotmail.com) or call 810-636-2216.

## The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ TRUST IN JESUS

Today's feast celebrates another central mystery of our faith—the mystery of the Eucharist. Like the mystery of the Trinity, the real presence of the Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharist can never be fully understood, but can only be believed. Just as the Israelites in the desert were invited to put their trust in God's word to them, we are invited to trust wholly in the word of Jesus. In today's Gospel Jesus promises to give us a share in his very own flesh and blood, and a share in eternal life besides. We are called to take him at his word and open our hearts to receive true nourishment and life from our participation in the Eucharist.

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### PARISH STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE

June 10 and 11

Weekly Collection .....	\$ 3,178.00
Online Giving .....	\$ 3,185.00
Children .....	\$ 6.50
Youth.....	\$ 1.00



### 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 \$15,645.

**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, \$13,100 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).

### **FaithFest – June 24**

On Saturday, June 24, there is a Family Festival of Faith in DeWitt, MI. Come enjoy a Christian Music Festival, Vigil mass with Bishop Boyea and Fireworks. Gate opens at 10:00 a.m. For more information and to purchase tickets visit <http://www.faithfest.com>.

### **Euchre & Luncheon – June 23**

It's time for Euchre on Friday, June 23 at 10:00 a.m., followed by a light lunch. Cost is \$5.00. Contact Ruth and Mike Petroski at [teacuplady47@hotmail.com](mailto:teacuplady47@hotmail.com) or 810-344-7293 by June 20 to sign up, so we can plan accordingly. Bring your friends – all are welcome!

### **Online Giving**

St. Mark offers online giving for parishioners who prefer to donate through automatic draft, a secure and personalized way to give to the parish. Find instructions on the St. Mark website or call the Parish Office for information and help.

## FAITH FORMATION

### Deacon Ron Kenney, Director of Faith Formation

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Have you ever heard the expression, “You are what you eat”? Well, as I sit here I have yet to turn into a pizza or a bowl of Fruity Pebbles. Yes, you now know one of my secrets. I guess the expression does tell us how eating the right things will have a direct effect on our physical health and being. We do become what we eat.

I think about this expression a great deal when I reflect on the Eucharist and what partaking in the Eucharist each week can and should do for our individual lives. I come forward to receive Jesus in the Eucharist and am overtaken with humility to know that I am as close as I can get to my Lord here on earth. It is astounding to say the least. As I take in that moment, I pray to my Lord asking for the help to become more like him in my everyday living as a dad, a son, a brother, a friend, a minister, a co-worker, a stranger. I seek to do nothing more than to try each day TO BE CHRIST in this world of ours. That is a daunting task, but one that each of us is called to do. “You are what you eat.” Partake of the living bread, the Eucharist and watch what effect that has on the world around you.

Walk the Talk! Be Peace! –

Deacon Ron

### Vacation Bible School

- **St. Mark VBS** – Save the Date: August 1-4, 6-8pm- Maker Fun Factory: Created By God! All K-5th graders are invited to sign up, registrations available at our website or through the parish office. 6th- 12th graders and any adults who would like to volunteer to be a part of the VBS Team email Dcn. Ron [stmarkdff@hotmail.com](mailto:stmarkdff@hotmail.com).

### St. Mark Youth Group

- **Summer Youth Group:** Every Wednesday, 7-9pm meet at the Pavilion. Fun, Prayer & Pizza, all 6th-12th graders invited to participate, bring \$3 for pizza.
- **Youth Group Movie Nite!** Under the Pavilion, bring your own chair and a snack to share, 7-9pm, all 6th -12th graders welcome, bring a friend.
- **Youth Group at the Northend Soup Kitchen:** Friday, July 21st, meet at 8:15am at St. Mark and we will return by 1:30pm. Sign up at Youth Group.

### Adult Faith Formation

- **St. Mark Men's Fellowship** – 1st Saturday of the Month, 7-8am. Next date: July 8th.

### REF

- **Early registration** – Registration for St. Mark Religious Education Formation program is taking place in the Parish Office through the end of June. REF is for K-12 and begins September 24, 2017.

### Great Faith Formation Websites for Summer Growth!

- [www.catholicfamilyfaith.org](http://www.catholicfamilyfaith.org), [Catechist.com](http://Catechist.com), [www.familyformation.net](http://www.familyformation.net), [familyformationblog.net](http://familyformationblog.net), [www.loyolapress.com](http://www.loyolapress.com) ›Our CatholicFaith › Family, [www.pinterest.com/Imeds/catholic-faith-formation](http://www.pinterest.com/Imeds/catholic-faith-formation), [amazingparish.org/children's-faith-formation](http://amazingparish.org/children's-faith-formation)