

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.

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 Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord is August 6th. In the liturgical cycle this year, the readings for the feast preempt ordinary time. The Gospel reading from Matthew 17:1-9 has Jesus speaking to Peter, James and his brother John. This is a familiar story to all of us. Peter says to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." Jesus responds by saying, "Rise and do not be afraid." As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus charged them, "Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead." Jesus' directive applies to our lives as well. It would be nice to stay on the mountaintop where everything is cast in an ideal light, but eventually, we must all come down to the day-to-day living out our lives for God's mission.

The First weekend in August is referred to as 'Peace Sunday.' This is in acknowledgment of the atomic bombings of the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in Japan that were conducted by the United States during the final stages of World War II on August 6 and 9 in 1945. These two events are the only use of nuclear weapons in a war to date. This Sunday is an excellent opportunity to reflect upon how each one of us is called to peace making.

Today's feast invites us to open ourselves, "to transfiguration". Recognizing the violence in our world, we must often begin with our own heart, trusting in the goodness and mercy of God. As I've done before, I invite you to consider taking a one-year vow to practice the non-violence of Jesus. The Second Reading from 2 Peter verse 19 says, "You will do well to be attentive to it, as to a lamp shining in a dark place until day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts."

Before God the Creator and the Sanctifying Spirit, I vow to carry out in my life the love and example of Jesus

- **by striving for peace within myself and seeking to be a peacemaker in my daily life;**
- **by accepting suffering rather than inflicting it;**
- **by refusing to retaliate in the face of provocation and violence;**
- **by persevering in nonviolence of tongue and heart;**
- **by living conscientiously and simply so that I do not deprive others of the means to live;**
- **by actively resisting evil and working non-violently to abolish war and the causes of war from my own heart and from the face of the earth.**

God, I trust in Your sustaining love and believe that just as You gave me the grace and desire to offer this, so You will also bestow abundant grace to fulfill it.

Mission Appeal – This year our Mission Appeal is August 19 & 20. It is for Fr. Taposh Sonjit Halder's Diocese of Khulna in Bangladesh. He was scheduled to present at our Parish, but due to a scheduling conflict, I will be preaching on his behalf. Many of you will remember meeting him in September 2016. He completed his license in Pastoral Theology June 2017 in Rome and will begin his Doctorate at the San Giovanni Lateran University.

Peace,

MONDAY, August 7

TUESDAY, August 8

6:30 p.m. – Mass: World Peace / Parish
7:00 p.m. – 40th Anniversary Committee Meeting

WEDNESDAY, August 9

8:30 a.m. – Mass: Victims of Violence / Parish
9:00 a.m. – St. Joseph Guild – Parish Center
10:00 a.m. – AA – Room 1 & 2
7:00–9:00 p.m. – Youth Group
7:00 p.m. – Gardening Group

THURSDAY, August 10

12:00–5:45 p.m. – Blood Drive – Goodrich United Methodist Church

FRIDAY, August 11

Hospital Visits

SATURDAY, August 12

11:00 a.m. – Youth Group Mushball in Lansing
4:30–5:15 p.m. – Confessions – Church
5:30 p.m. – Mass: +Fr. Gary McInnis / Parish

SUNDAY, August 13

8:00 a.m. – Mass: People of the Parish / Parish
9:30 a.m. – Mass: +James Rengers / Zagone Family
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 or 248-410-2286.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon, 8/7: Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-17; Mt 14:13-21
Tue, 8/8: Nm 12:1-13; Ps 51:3-7, 12-13;
Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
Wed, 8/9: Nm 13:1-2, 25 — 14:1, 26-29a, 34-35;
Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-23; Mt 15:21-28
Thu, 8/10: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26
Fri, 8/11: Dt 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-16, 21; Mt 16:24-28
Sat, 8/12: Dt 6:4-13; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; Mt 17:14-20
Sun, 8/13: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9-14;
Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

Mass for Feast of the Assumption – Aug. 15

There will be Mass for the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Tuesday, Aug. 15 at 8:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. It is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Outdoor Mass & Annual Parish Pig Roast – Aug. 26

Our annual Parish Pig Roast will take place on Saturday, Aug. 26, beginning with an outdoor Mass at 5:30 p.m. Parish Life sponsors this annual celebration in remembrance of the first parish Mass celebrated 38 years ago. Bring your lawn chairs or picnic blankets and join your parish family for a fun evening of celebration. Sign up in the Gathering Space.

The Transfiguration of the Lord EYEWITNESSES

Today, the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord is a day of eyewitness accounts. The first, a vision reported by the prophet Daniel, was well known to Jesus and his apostles. The vision account was written in quite mystical and figurative language. It is a vision of heaven, powerful and memorable. There are flames of fire, burning wheels, the Ancient One, and a Son of Man. Clearly, Daniel saw something. But was it a dream? Was it real? Was it merely a clever myth?

Peter wants no such confusion about his vision! We are told in Matthew's Gospel what he and his friends James and John saw when they went up on the mountain with Jesus one day. Jesus warned the three witnesses to tell no one until "the Son of Man has been raised from the dead" (Matthew 17:9). Lest readers of one of the Gospels discount the story or simply write it off as a pious myth, Peter gives his own account of the Transfiguration of Jesus in his second letter to the church. He writes with authority, as an eyewitness. He reports this message from God concerning Jesus: "This is my Son, my beloved, with whom I am well pleased," and he assures us that the message is "altogether reliable" (2 Peter 1:17, 19).

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE

July 29 & 30

Weekly Collection	\$3,687.00
Online Giving	\$3,996.00
Children	\$ 3.60
Youth	\$ 10.00



Capital Campaign Payments

Accelerated Payments – You can pay online per instructions given the first time: 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 the Parish Office. To date, the total of accelerated payments is \$25,295.

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, \$15,433 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).

Peter's Pence – Aug. 5 and 6

In the second collection today, we have the opportunity to be a witness of charity and support Pope Francis in his charitable works in the Peter's Pence Collection.

Welcome to our new parishioners!

Please welcome our new parishioners Earl and Elizabeth Ekquist.

FAITH FORMATION

Deacon Ron Kenney, Director of Faith Formation

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I have been fortunate to have had some experiences in my life where I have indeed felt like I was standing on Holy Ground and that God was truly present. I have climbed to the top of Mt. Sinai, swam in the Dead Sea, waded in the Jordan River, fished in the Sea of Galilee and even prayed at the Tomb of our Lord. Those were all strong moments in my life where I sat back and felt a presence like no other. But, even with those Mountain Top experiences where I felt like God was truly present, there have been many others where I felt like God was not there. Does it mean I stopped believing or even turned away? No. Like the Apostles at the moment of the transfiguration, we have our highs and lows in knowing God is present, but it is in each moment, whether strong or not, that we keep living our lives, giving thanks that God is there all the time, whether felt or not. St. Theresa of Avila wrote that she went thirty years feeling empty and dry. St. Theresa of Calcutta wrote something similar. She said that for many, many years she never felt God's Presence, but He was there all the same.

Religion must be more than those wonderful experiences we may or may not have. The very word religion comes from the Latin, religo, and means being tied to God. If we Catholics are serious about our faith, we need to be tied to our Lord in every aspect of our lives. As we read in 2 Corinthians, "we walk by faith not by sight." Walk the Talk! Be Peace! – Deacon Ron

St. Mark Youth Group

- **Youth Group Movie Nite!** Under the Pavilion, bring your own chair and a snack to share, August 18th, 7-9pm, all 6th -12th graders welcome, bring a friend.
- **Youth Group at the Crim Finish Line Water Station!** St. Mark YG will be working the finish line water station at the Crim Festival of Races on Saturday, August 26th, 6am-1pm. All youth and families are welcome to join us. Sign up at Summer YG or email stmarkdff@hotmail.com.

Vacation Bible School

- Thank you to the volunteers that helped in some way to make VBS another great year. Thank you to the Parish Life for providing our annual VBS family cookout and thank you to all the participants for celebrating God's greatest creation ... YOU!

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

- Are you interested or do you know someone who is interested in completing the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) and learning more about becoming Catholic? Contact Pam Bachner (Director of RCIA) hpbach@charter.net or Dcn. Ron via email. Sessions will begin in September.

Adult Backpacks Needed

The Social Justice Commission will be collecting adult backpacks starting in August and continuing through the fall for Catholic Charities. They are to be used for the homeless. Sales for backpacks often begin this time of the year. A collection bin will be in the Gathering Space.