

# St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Community

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Mary McFarlane

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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.

**2017 Emmaus Convocation 39<sup>th</sup> Year**

Each year in the fall, the Diocese of Lansing has a Priests' Convocation. It is called Emmaus, after the scriptural passage of Jesus on the road to Emmaus. Over the years, there has been a variety of presenters and themes for the ongoing faith formation of the priests of our Diocese. These days include time for personal reflection as well as sharing in common with each other. Each day offered Morning Prayer, Eucharist, Presentations, Personal Time and meals together.

This year's presenter spoke on Catholic Social Teaching. Dr. Constance Nielsen received her B.S. in English Literature and Classical Humanities from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and her M.A. and Ph.D. in Religious Studies from Marquette University. Specializing in the Church's social teaching, she has taught theology at Marquette University and worked in the Respect Life Office at the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Dr. Nielsen has also served as a lecturer for the Madison Diocesan Lay Institute and the Seat of Wisdom Diocesan Institute. She is an adjunct professor at Edgewood College and serves as Bishop Morlino's representative on the local Catholic Campaign for Human Development Committee.

Social Justice has been a dominant theme in Catholic Social Teaching. As I listened to the different presentations, I was very grateful for the course I had in the seminary on Catholic Social Teaching. The text we used then, which is still applicable today, was "The Gospel of Peace and Justice" by Joseph Gremillion. I appreciated Dr. Nielsen's comprehensive integration of one's faith in action. More and more, we are seeing how Pope Francis (along with previous Popes) is calling Roman Catholics to integrate their faith into their daily deliberations, decisions and *devotions*. It is always a concern of mine as a Pastor when Catholics/Christians separate their understanding of peace and justice as a liberal agenda only, instead of recognizing the Church's ownership of Gospel values in social justice. Jesus, during his lifetime, presented a ministry that was very prophetic with dominant themes of peace and justice. He continually called the powers that be to look at how they were using their positions for the common good. Social media today focuses on the myriad of world concerns regarding equality. You might have seen the expressway billboard quoting Pope Francis: "The measure of the greatness of a society is found in the way it treats those most in need, those who have nothing apart from their poverty!"

**World Mission Sunday**, our annual worldwide Eucharistic celebration for the Missions and missionaries of the world, will be on **October 22**. This collection is a unique, global effort for the entire Church to provide for the building up of over one thousand local churches in Asia and Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe. Through the work of these churches, and their witness to Christ, the poor receive practical help and experience God's love and mercy, His hope and peace.

This year, we are reminded by Pope Francis that Mission is at the Heart of Christian Faith and are invited to reach out to Pope Francis to learn more about his Missions.

Peace,

**MONDAY, October 9**

**TUESDAY, October 10**

6:30 p.m. – Mass:  
7:00 p.m. – CCW  
7:00 p.m. – Pastoral Council Meeting – Parish Center

**WEDNESDAY, October 11**

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

**THURSDAY, October 12**

7:00 p.m. – Choir practice

**FRIDAY, October 13**

**Hospital Visits**

**SATURDAY, October 14**

**Anointing of the Sick**  
4:30–5:15 p.m. – Confessions – Church  
5:30 p.m. – Mass: Evangelization / Parish

**SUNDAY, October 15**

**Anointing of the Sick**  
8:00 a.m. – Mass: People of the Parish / Parish  
9:30 a.m. – Mass: +Cynthia Mallory / John & Patty  
Candiloro  
9:30 a.m. – Children's Liturgy of the Word  
10:30 a.m. – Parish Breakfast  
10:30 a.m. – Bell Choir practice  
11:00 a.m. – REF: Gr K-5  
6:00 p.m. – REF: Gr 6-12

**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, 10/9: Jon 1:1 — 2:2, 11; Jon 2:3-5, 8; Lk 10:25-37  
Tue, 10/10: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-4ab, 7-8; Lk 10:38-42  
Wed, 10/11: Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4  
Thu, 10/12: Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:5-13  
Fri, 10/13: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6, 16, 8-9;  
Lk 11:15-26  
Sat, 10/14: Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12;  
Lk 11:27-28  
Sun, 10/15: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20;  
Mt 22:1-14 [1-10]

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

**Garden Manually** – Use a watering can to concentrate on the areas you need watering. Water first thing before the sun is up to reduce water wasted to evaporation. Rake old clippings by hand or leave them to fertilize your soil. Use vinegar on weeds instead of harsh weed killers.

**Diocesan Annual Attendance Counts**

Every October, parishes in our Diocese track attendance during each weekend Mass. As always, your attendance is appreciated as is your participation!

## Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time BEARING THE RIGHT KIND OF FRUIT

Today's readings focus our attention on vineyards. Isaiah's song concerning his friend's vineyard begins with inspiring and poetic images of an idyllic vineyard where the choicest harvest is expected. Instead, the vineyard yields wild grapes, which causes the owner to abandon it. The psalmist cries out to God, asking that God once again take care of the vineyard, which is the house of Israel. The parable told in today's Gospel offers a stern warning that those who commit treachery in the hopes of attaining personal wealth will be "put . . . to a wretched death" (Matthew 21:41). Jesus warns his listeners not to act like the murderous tenants in the vineyard. Instead he exhorts them to produce the kind of fruit that will lead them to the kingdom of God.

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### PARISH STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE

September 30 & October 1

Weekly Collection.....	\$5,008.75
Online Giving.....	\$3,755.00
Children.....	\$ 1.00
Youth.....	\$ 2.00



### America Needs Fatima – Oct. 14th

At noon on Saturday Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>, America Needs Fatima will be praying 20,000 public rosaries. Please pray the rosary in a public place in support of a culture of life. Prayer for St. Mark will be in our Peace Prayer Garden. All are welcome to join in the prayer vigil.

### 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Pilgrimage Meeting – Oct. 15

There will be a final meeting on Sunday, Oct. 15 at 3 p.m. If you are interested, please attend the meeting or contact the parish office. Countries to be visited are Portugal and Spain. Cities include *Lisbon, Fatima, Santiago de Compostela, Madrid and Barcelona*.

### CCW Annual Fall Scrapbook CROP – Oct. 20-21

E-mail Cindy Bell at [cabsandkids@aol.com](mailto:cabsandkids@aol.com). Registration includes plenty of space, snacks, vendors and prizes. Friday 6:00 p.m. – midnight (\$12) and Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. (\$35). Breakfast, lunch & dinner served on Saturday.

### Genesee County Recycle Day – Oct. 21

The Fall Recycle Day is Saturday, Oct. 21 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Bentley High School. Bring your electronics, batteries, tires, appliances and more! Visit [www.gcmpc.org](http://www.gcmpc.org) or call 810-762-7744 for more information.

### 40 Days for Life – Sept. 27 – Nov. 5

Christians throughout Genesee County are invited to take part in the international **40 Days for Life** effort from Sept. 26 through Nov. 5. In addition to 40 days of peaceful prayer and fasting for an end to abortion, please spread the word to others about this important life-saving effort! To get more information, or to volunteer to help, contact Tina Phillpotts at 810-892-FLNT or [info@prolifeflint.com](mailto:info@prolifeflint.com).

### Euchre & Luncheon – Oct. 27

It's time for Euchre at 10:00 a.m. on Oct. 27 with a light lunch to follow. Cost is \$5.00. Please contact Ruth and Mike Petroski at 810-344-7293 or [teacuplady47@hotmail.com](mailto:teacuplady47@hotmail.com) to sign up so we can plan accordingly.

## FAITH FORMATION

**Deacon Ron Kenney, Director of Faith Formation**  
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In today's world, to renounce all of your wealth and power and go and follow the Lord sounds crazy and absurd. In fact, if one of my children came to me and told me that is their plan, I would probably ask them to really think about their decision. This last Wednesday we celebrated the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. This is exactly what he did 800 years ago because he felt so strongly in following Christ with all of his heart, mind and soul. He set out to do one thing: bear fruit for God. So before the leaders in his community and in the presence of his father, he renounced all his possessions and embraced a life of bearing fruit for God. **IN HIS POVERTY, FRANCIS BECAME THE RICHEST MAN IN THE WORLD** and through his actions he preached the Gospel daily. In Francis we find a Saint that didn't just follow Christ; he WAS Christ to others.

Jesus' Parable this week in Matthew speaks of the tenants in the vineyard. It is a story about complacency and self-serving motives. Jesus tells the "church leaders" and those that are just like you and I, if we aren't producing fruit, then the kingdom of God WILL be taken away from us. St. Francis is a great example for us. I am not saying we must renounce ALL things, but what's in your life that is keeping you from BEING JESUS to others? That's what you need to renounce, TODAY!

Walk the Talk! Be Peace! – Deacon Ron

### **Religious Education Formation (REF) Serve One Another Through Love – Galatians 5:13**

- See the Weekly Calendar in bulletin for REF dates
- **St. Mark Middle School and High School REF/Youth Group**
  - **St. Mark Youth Group at Spooky Trails:** The Youth Group is going on a Hayride, a spooky one! Saturday, Oct. 21st 6:30-9:30pm. Registration Forms available at Sunday YG or contact Dcn. Ron. All 6th-12<sup>th</sup> graders of St. Mark and their friends are invited.
  - **Praise, Prayer and Pizza:** Once a month 6-7:30pm in the Church. Encountering Jesus through Praise and Worship helps us to grow in our everyday lives. Once a month we will gather for song, prayer, witness and community. Begins Sunday, Oct. 29th, 6-7:30pm in the church. Bring \$3 for pizza afterwards.
  - **UNASHAMED: Diocese of Lansing High School Youth Conference 2017.** Sunday, Nov. 5th, Lansing Center, Lansing. All 9th-12th graders, a day to celebrate our Catholic Faith as Young People in the Diocese of Lansing. For more info contact Dcn. Ron.

### **Adult Faith Formation**

- **Book Club:** Meets Tuesday, Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>, 7pm  
Book: Mr. Blue by Myles Connelly.
- **Men's Fellowship:** Meets the First Saturday of each month, 7-8am. Next meeting Nov. 4.

### **Parish Office Census**

Look for an email or letter from our Parish Office the first week of October. As part of our efforts to continually update our records, we are asking each parishioner to review their information and let our office know of any changes that need to be made. Thank you for your help with our efforts!