

# 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.

**Holy Family Sunday & New Year's** share a weekend this year. Our Christmas celebrations this year last a shorter length of time than usual due to our liturgical calendar, but this doesn't mean that our spirits feel any less the glory and gift of our Lord Jesus' birth. As families gather together, I invite you to pray together the below as a reflection and thanksgiving for the blessings we enjoy.

**Holy Family Blessing Prayer**

We bless your name, O Lord,  
For sending your own incarnate Son  
To become part of a family,  
So that, as He lived its life,  
He would experience its worries and its joys.

We ask you, Lord,  
To protect and watch over this family,  
So that in the strength of your grace  
Its members may enjoy prosperity,  
Possess the priceless gift of your peace,  
And, as the Church alive in the home,  
Bear witness in this world to your glory.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*(Book of Blessings, USCCB)*

**New Year's Blessing Prayer**

Lord, You who live outside of time, and reside in the imperishable moment, we ask Your blessing this New Year's Day (Eve) upon Your gift to us of time. Bless our clocks and watches, You who kindly direct us to observe the passing of minutes and hours. May they make us aware of the miracle of each second of life we experience. May these our ticking servants help us not to miss that which is important, while You keep us from machine-like routine. May we ever be free from being clock watchers and instead become time lovers.

Bless our calendars, these ordered lists of days, weeks and months, of holidays, holy days, fasts and feasts – all our special days of remembering. May these servants, our calendars, once reserved for the royal few, for magi and pyramid priests, now grace our homes and our lives. May they remind us of birthdays and other gift-days, as they teach us the secret that all life is meant for celebration and contemplation.

Bless, Lord, this new year, each of its 365 days and nights. Bless us with new moons and full moons. Bless us with happy seasons and a long life. Grant to us, Lord, the new year's gift of a year of love. Amen.

*(Prayers for the Domestic Church, Edward Hays)*

**New Year's Day** ushers in contemplation of resolutions. While we often hear that we make and dissolve resolutions quickly, I invite you to be realistic in your resolutions. It seems if we make two or three at a time, that there is room for adding or changing these resolutions throughout the year – there is room for growth. When we overwhelm ourselves with many resolutions, we can become discouraged and give up all the good intentions we had.

My prayers are with you as we begin a new calendar year. My hope is that in all the experiences, whether planned or unplanned, we open ourselves to God's grace and guidance.

Peace,

**MONDAY, January 1 – Office Closed**

10:30 a.m. – Solemnity of Mary Mass: World Peace / Parish

**TUESDAY, January 2**

6:30 p.m. – Mass: Evangelization / Parish

7:00 p.m. – Pastoral Council

**WEDNESDAY, January 3**

8:30 a.m. – Mass: 10 Year Pastoral Plan / Parish

9:00 a.m. – St. Joseph Guild – Parish Center

10:00 a.m. – AA – Room 1 & 2

6:00 p.m. – RCIA

**THURSDAY, January 4**

7:00 p.m. – Choir practice

**FRIDAY, January 5**

**First Friday Home & Hospital Visits**

8:30 a.m. – Mass: World Youth / Parish

9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. – First Friday Adoration

**SATURDAY, January 6**

7:00 a.m. – Men's Fellowship

4:30–5:15 p.m. – Confessions – Church

5:30 p.m. – Mass: People of the Parish / Parish

6:30 p.m. – Parish Epiphany Potluck

**SUNDAY, January 7**

8:00 a.m. – Mass: +George Yancho / John & Patty Candiloro

9:30 a.m. – Mass: +Patricia Galetto / Nola Cowan

9:30 a.m. – Children's Liturgy of the Word

10:30 a.m. – Hospitality Hour

10:30 a.m. – Bell Choir practice

11:00 a.m. – REF: Gr K-5

12:00 p.m. – Children's Epiphany Lunch

6:00 p.m. – REF: Gr 6-12

6:30 p.m. – A&E

**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, 1/1: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Tue, 1/2: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28

Wed, 1/3: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34

Thu, 1/4: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42

Fri, 1/5: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 1:43-51

Sat, 1/6: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]

Sun, 1/7: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

**New Year's Masses** – The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (January 1) is not observed as a Holy Day of Obligation this year because it falls on a Monday.

+ **New Year's Eve** at 4:30 p.m.

+ **New Year's Day** at 10:30 a.m.

## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph BEARERS OF THE WORD

The Church has placed a number of notable feast days immediately after Christmas. The feasts of Stephen, John the Evangelist, and the Holy Innocents form a summary of the life lived in Christ, the Word made flesh. What do these have to do with the feast of the Holy Family, which crowns the Octave of Christmas? These feasts remind us that suffering will occur in fulfilling the mission of Christ, and that we are all called to be bearers of this Word whose birth we celebrate.

We also see this manifested in the lives of Joseph and Mary, both of whom took social and religious risks in obedience to the will of God, and both of whom were open to the word of God sent to them from on high. In these ways they prefigured the life of Jesus himself.

Most likely, few of us found ourselves at Mass this past Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, but the essence of these feasts and the essence of the holiness of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus remain central, a holiness we celebrate today.

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### PARISH STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE

December 23 & 24

Weekly Collection .....	\$2,884.25
Online Giving .....	\$1,600.00
Children .....	\$ 2.00
Youth .....	\$ 0.00
Christmas Collection .....	\$5,785.22



### First Friday Adoration – Jan. 5

Start 2018 right by spending an hour with Our Lord during the First Friday Eucharistic Adoration on Friday, Jan. 5 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Sign up for an hour of prayer in the Gathering Space. We need one or more individuals an hour.

### Epiphany Potluck Dinner – Jan. 6

Mark your calendars for the Epiphany Potluck Dinner on Saturday, Jan. 6 after mass. We will be celebrating the Epiphany by sharing our favorite ethnic food and recipes with each other. Please plan to join us in the Parish Center. Warmers to keep hot dishes at the right temperature during Mass are available.

### Epiphany REF Luncheon – Jan. 7

The Epiphany Luncheon is Sunday, Jan. 7 at Noon. The REF children will enjoy a kid friendly lunch in celebration of the Three Wise Men's visit to the Christ Child and the return of REF sessions.

### CCW Blanket Making – Jan. 9

During the CCW meeting in January CCW will also be making No Sew Blankets to donate to Catholic Charities and Heartbeat. All are welcome to participate in helping make blankets. Come join them on Jan. 9 at 7:00 p.m.

### Parish Breakfast – Jan. 21

Come to the next Parish Breakfast, to be held on Sunday, Jan. 21, after the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Please join your Parish family for a special meal of homemade breakfast casserole, fruit & yogurt!

## FAITH FORMATION

### Deacon Ron Kenney, Director of Faith Formation

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Another year is about to pass and I stand here wondering, have I served God the way he wants me to yet? Have I served God at all? Am I doing the will of God or the will of Ron? Am I living God's Word? Am I living for others or for me? Is my ministry about building the kingdom or just building St. Mark? Am I spreading the Good News? Is Jesus a part of everything I do? Is Jesus a part of my family, my work, my social life? Have I forgiven those who have hurt me? Have I said I am sorry to those I have hurt? Have I helped the poor, the marginalized, the oppressed? Do I stand for justice and peace in all I do? Do my words, my actions reflect my faith, my morals, my values? Am I being a good steward of God's creation? Am I a part time Catholic or a 24/7 Catholic? Is God first for me? Do I live as I say I believe? Do I start each day saying... "Today I'm Going To Put God First!"? Do I walk the talk?

Be Peace! Happy New Year! – Deacon Ron

*Thank you to all the young children who shared in the Story of the Birth of Jesus at the 4:30pm Christmas Eve Liturgy. And thank you to all those that helped behind the scenes, Alexis, Jessica and Elsie Velazquez, Anna Boomer, Kelly Alford, Tim Gainey, Mike Goetz and Joyful Noise and Justine McLeod.*

### REF Children and Youth

- 1/7 REF All (K-5, 11-12:30pm)( MS/HS YG, 6-7:30pm)
- 1/5-7 HS Retreat at Subiaco

### REF Epiphany Lunch

- To celebrate the Epiphany of our Lord, the Feast that celebrates the visit of the Magi to the child Jesus, we will enjoy lunch together on January 7<sup>th</sup> for the children in REF. Our traditional blessing of the doorways will take place at the beginning of REF.

### Adult Faith Formation

- **Men's Fellowship:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of each month 7-8am. Next Fellowship Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>.

### St. Mark High School Youth Group Retreat

- Jan. 5-7, 2018, Subiaco Retreat Center Oxford. All High School Youth 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to spend a fun and faith-filled weekend together reflecting on Life and Faith. Permission Forms available at Youth Group or through the Faith Formation Office.

### Calling all snowbirds!

If you plan to spend the winter away, please let the Parish Office know your alternate address so we can keep in touch through mailings.

### Mass intentions and presentation of gifts

Mass intentions are a great way to remember the special people in your life, both living and deceased, or an event. Those who have a Mass intention are also invited to take up the offertory gifts at the Liturgy. Contact the Parish Office.

### Online Giving Now Made Easier!

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