

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.

Boy Scout Sunday is February 4th. Annually throughout the Diocese, there is a celebration of Boy Scouts of America. This year we will feature Matthew Leyes who is going to be speaking at all the Masses on February 3 & 4. Matt and his family are members of the Parish. He has chosen to do his Eagle Scout project here, at St. Mark, as part of the 40th Anniversary Year. His project is a labyrinth that will be on the parish grounds, and we have been meeting to discuss plans. The labyrinth will be located out by the bike path between the baseball diamond and the road, which will make it accessible for folks using the path. He plans to include a bench along with information of how to pray a labyrinth. I recently watched a show on Labyrinths. You can go to the website labyrinthjourneys.com for more information.

In conjunction with Matt's presentation, there will be a second collection that will help raise funds for the Labyrinth. I'm looking forward to hearing all about Matt's plans for the labyrinth on February 3 & 4.

Background on Boy Scouts of America:

The Boy Scouts of America is one of the nation's largest and most prominent values-based youth development organizations, providing programs for young people that build character, trains them in the responsibilities of participating citizenship and develops personal fitness. For more than 100 years, Boy Scouts of America has helped build future leaders by combining educational activities and lifelong values with fun.

The program consists of 7 ranks (Scout, Tenderfoot, 2nd Class, 1st Class, Star, Life, and Eagle). Each rank requires the mastery of certain Scouting skills along with earning merit badges. To complete Eagle, a Scout must earn a total of 21 merit badges, hold leadership positions within his Troop, and complete an Eagle Project. This is a capstone project of the Scout's experience that he must propose, plan, and execute to benefit an organization of his choosing.

Prayer Labyrinth Information:

For his Eagle Scout Project, Matthew Leyes has chosen to build a prayer labyrinth at St. Mark to give its parishioners another opportunity to get closer to the Lord and deepen their faith. A prayer labyrinth is a spiritual journey with God. It is a path that leads to the center of an intricate design and back-out. Unlike a maze, it is designed for ease of navigation and impossible to get lost within one. In the Middle Ages, the Catholic Church adapted the labyrinth for its own purposes within cathedrals. Within Catholicism, the labyrinth could symbolize several things including the hard and winding road to God, a mystical ascension to salvation and enlightenment, or a pilgrimage to Jerusalem for those who could not make the actual journey. The labyrinth at St. Mark will be ~30 ft. in diameter and be constructed of round stone pavers and landscape rocks.

Background on Matthew Leyes:

Matthew has been involved with Scouting since the 1st grade when he joined Cub Scouts. He is currently a Life Scout and a member of Troop 368 out of the First Congregational Church in Grand Blanc. Matthew is 13 years old and an 8th grader at Grand Blanc East Middle School. He has been an active member of St. Mark's Parish Community for the last several years. In addition to Scouting, Matthew participates in both football and lacrosse.

Peace,

MONDAY, January 22

TUESDAY, January 23

6:30 p.m. – Word & Eucharist

WEDNESDAY, January 24

8:30 a.m. – Word & Eucharist

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

10:00 a.m. – AA – Room 1 & 2

THURSDAY, January 25

6:00 p.m. – RCIA

7:00 p.m. – Choir practice

FRIDAY, January 26

Hospital Visits

10:00 a.m. – Euchre Luncheon

SATURDAY, January 27

NC: World Wide Evangelization Appeal

4:30–5:15 p.m. – Confessions – Church

5:30 p.m. – Mass: +Timothy Wisniewski / Family

SUNDAY, January 28

NC: World Wide Evangelization Appeal

8:00 a.m. – Mass: World Peace / Parish

9:30 a.m. – Mass: People of the Parish / Parish

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

11:00 a.m. – First Communion Parent Meeting

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 or 248-410-2286.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon, 1/22: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20-22, 25-26; Mk 3:22-30, or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer

Tue, 1/23: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7-10; Mk 3:31-35

Wed, 1/24: 2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30; Mk 4:1-20

Thu, 1/25: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18

Fri, 1/26: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 51:3-7, 10-11; Mk 4:26-34

Sat, 1/27: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17; Mk 4:35-41

Sun, 1/28: Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

Caring for Creation – Ways to Help the Planet

Keep Your Fireplace Damper Closed – If you're not using your fireplace at any given time, keep the damper closed. Having the damper open is like having a forty-eight inch window open all the time! Image the hundreds of dollars you are wasting on heating air that then gets sucked up your chimney.

Welcome to our new parishioners!

Please welcome our new parishioners Richard and Pam Wiles and their 4 children.

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time THE DEMANDS OF DISCIPLESHIP

Today we encounter readings that already have a Lenten feel about them. Nineveh undergoes a forty-day fast, the psalmist reminds us that God alone can show sinners the way, Paul shows us how fleeting the things and events of this world are, and Jesus cries out "Repent!" before he calls his new followers. "Come after me," Jesus says, but if we are to truly live out the commands and demands of our discipleship through baptism, we must first know our need for conversion, our repentance, our need to believe in the gospel fully. Today's Gospel opens with the stark reminder of what befell John the Baptist for completely living out his vocation as the herald of Christ and the gospel: he was arrested, imprisoned, and martyred. Though few of us will experience consequences that extreme, we must all be ready to risk some sort of rejection as, heeding the call of Jesus, we live out the kingdom of God at hand, repent of our sins, and believe in the good news of salvation.

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE

January 13 & 14

Weekly Collection.....	\$ 4,827.00
Online Giving.....	\$ 1,685.00
Children.....	\$ 7.00
Youth.....	\$ 0.00
Christian Service.....	\$ 1,030.16



Euchre & Luncheon – Jan. 26

It's time for Euchre at 10:00 a.m. on Jan. 26 with a light lunch to follow. Cost is \$5.00. Please contact Ruth and Mike Petroski at 810-344-7293 or teacuplady47@hotmail.com to sign up so we can plan accordingly.

NC: World Wide Evangelization Appeal – Jan. 27 & 28

Next week, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America, Central and Eastern Europe, and Africa. Your support to the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, building renovations, pastoral care, as well as other programs to help share our faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more, please visit www.usccb.org.

8th Grade Visitation at Powers Catholic – Feb. 2

8th grade students from area public schools are invited to come experience Powers Catholic on Friday, Feb. 2nd, 2018 from 9:30am – 2:00pm. This is a great opportunity to help you and. For more information, contact our Parish Offices.

Rachel's Vineyard – Feb. 16-18

Healing the Pain of Abortion, One Weekend at a Time

This weekend is designed to help you experience the mercy and compassion of God to focus on the buried emotions of the past and begin healing through a supportive trauma sensitive process. Contact: New Life Center 517-993-0291 or www.RachelsVineyard.org.

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.

FAITH FORMATION

Deacon Ron Kenney, Director of Faith Formation
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When I read the Gospel story about the call of the first Apostles, I often wonder about the ease at which it seems they just abandoned their lives and went and followed Jesus. I consider myself someone who tries daily to follow him. But, I find myself, like many others, struggling to ABANDON the THINGS in my life and to give it all to him. It is much easier to just believe and have faith, but then let the "other people" do the real work of the Lord.

I think as Catholics we sometimes find ourselves just "checking the box" of faith to make sure we at least are doing what the church asks of us. But the real challenge is to not only follow what our church asks of us, but to follow what the Lord asks of us. The word ABANDONED was used in this story. They left behind, they moved on without, they did not look back. That's TRUST. He's asking us to TRUST him too. I like that word ABANDONED because it makes me think about what I don't need and what really gets in the way of my following him or my really TRUSTING HIM. What do you need to ABANDON? What do you need to leave behind? Don't be one of the "other people": he needs you.....to be a fisher of all!
Walk the Talk! Be Peace! ~ Deacon Ron

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

- 1/28 REF All (11-12:30pm K-5, 6:30-8pm 6-7-8)
- 1/28 First Eucharist Parent Meeting Mandatory (11:15-12:15)
- 1/28 PRAISE PRAYER & PIZZA (6-7:30pm)

First Eucharist

- **Parent Only Meeting:** Sunday, January 28th, 11:15-12:15am in the church. All parents of First Eucharist children are required to attend.

Adult Faith Formation

- **Men's Fellowship:** 1st Sat. of each month 7-8am – Next Fellowship February 3rd.
- **Looking Ahead....**
- Live Lent! A Lenten Adult Bible Study – Mondays of Lent 7-8:30pm
- Soup, Stations & Substance – Make Lent meaningful - Lenten Wednesdays 6:30-8:15pm
- Men's Lenten Fellowship – Saturdays of Lent – 7-8am

Confirmation

- The next Mini Session is scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 11th, 2-5pm. This is a Parent and Candidate Session.

Year-end Statements

If you would like a year-end tax statement of your 2017 Stewardship contributions, please call or e-mail the Parish Office to have yours e-mailed or mailed to you.

Men's Retreat at St. Francis – Feb. 23 – 25

The men of St. Mark the Evangelist are invited to their annual retreat at the St. Francis Retreat Center from Friday, Feb. 23 through Sunday, Feb. 25. The theme is "Entering the Heart of God: Praying the Lord's Prayer in Our Day." Suggested offering is \$175.00. Register at the Retreat Center at (517) 669-8321 or by visiting their website at www.stfrancis.ws.