

# 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.

**Congratulations** to our couples on their Special Wedding Anniversary of 25, 30, 40, 50, 60, and 70 years. This celebration of Wedding Anniversaries coincides with Valentine's Day, which is celebrated on Wednesday of this week. Saint Valentine's Day, commonly shortened to Valentine's Day is a holiday observed on February 14th honoring one or more early Christian martyrs named Saint Valentine. It is traditionally a day on which one expresses their love for others by presenting flowers, candy or sending greeting cards. Certainly, many couples encompass all that the wedding vows entail. For example, in the marriage ceremony, couples state 'for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to death do us part.' This sentence really is for all of us living a Catholic/Christian response from our Baptismal calling. Let all of us make a concerted effort not only on Wednesday (February 14<sup>th</sup>) but every day of the year.

**United Lenten Appeal** - Our Genesee Region within the Diocese of Lansing for decades has had a United Lenten Appeal. We are the only Region with such an Appeal. Our date for this collection is February 14 (Ash Wednesday), which you will find in your Stewardship envelopes or on-line giving. Extra contribution envelopes are available in the Gathering Space. This local Appeal centers on the adult parishioners for area needs. Our children and youth will participate once again in the 'Operation Rice Bowl' annually sponsored by Catholic Relief Services (CRS) during Lent.

On **Boy Scout Sunday** last weekend, Matt Leyes presented at all Masses his Eagle Scout project which he will complete in the spring. The Labyrinth model is taken from the one at St. Mary, Notre Dame, IN. As he mentioned, this spiritual space will add opportunities for parishioners as well as those passing on the new bike/walking path on Gale Rd. We have been talking about such a project for years. I am grateful to Matt and his family for fulfilling this dream during our 40<sup>th</sup> Parish Anniversary. The 2<sup>nd</sup> collection netted \$2002.00. Thank you for interest and support of Matt's Eagle Scout Project.

**Lenten Season** – Lent is beginning early this year with Ash Wednesday on Valentine's Day and Easter Sunday will be April 1<sup>st</sup>. We hear in Sacred Scripture, ""Rend your hearts, not your garments". On Ash Wednesday we receive ashes on our foreheads reminding us that we return to ashes upon death. We hear turn from sin and receive the gospel. These words are easy to say in a few seconds but can take a lifetime to achieve. I believe more than ever that there is a great need to be still and know that God is present. The amount of verbal access is more than I can stand right now. I am looking forward to having more integrative time with God in prayer. May this Lenten Season bring greater awareness of God's infinite presence available at our asking!!!

**The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes** is February 11<sup>th</sup>. Today is a good day to ask for healing in your life. It could be psychological, physical, emotional and spiritual. Praying the rosary allows us to enter the different mysteries of Jesus' life. Reflective personal devotion leads to quiet time. Silence is a gift we can afford ourselves free of charge. In this age of "free shipping", ship yourself a promise to deepen your spirituality during the 40 days of Lent. Pray for healing for others as well.

Peace,

**MONDAY, February 12**

**TUESDAY, February 13**

6:30 p.m. – Mass: World Peace

7:00 p.m. – CCW

**WEDNESDAY, February 14 Ash Wednesday**

8:30 a.m. – Mass: +George Yancho / Family

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

10:00 a.m. – AA – Room 1 & 2

6:30 p.m. – Mass: People of the Parish

**THURSDAY, February 15**

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

6:00 p.m. – RCIA

7:00 p.m. – Choir practice

**FRIDAY, February 16**

**Hospital Visits**

**SATURDAY, February 17– NC: Black & Indian Home Mission**

7:00 a.m. – Lenten Men's Fellowship

4:30–5:15 p.m. – Confessions – Church

5:30 p.m. – Mass: +Samuel Kuchar / Fr. Mike Kuchar

**SUNDAY, February 18 – NC: Black & Indian Home Mission**

8:00 a.m. – Mass: +Margaret Ridenour / John & Angela Polasek (Saltarelli)

9:30 a.m. – Mass: +Margaret Ridenour, on the anniversary of her birthday / Family

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

10:30 a.m. – Parish Breakfast

10:30 a.m. – Bell Choir practice

**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, 2/12: Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mk 8:11-13

Tue, 2/13: Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21

Wed, 2/14: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thu, 2/15: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

Fri, 2/16: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Sat, 2/17: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

Sun, 2/18: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

**Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule**

Wednesday, February 14

- **Morning Mass:** 8:30 a.m.
- **Evening Mass:** 6:30 p.m.

**United Lenten Appeal Collection**

## 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time GIVE GOD THE GLORY

A curious feature of the first half of Mark's Gospel is the pattern of Jesus working a miracle, then telling the recipient of the miracle to keep still about it. Many theories have been offered: Mark is setting the stage for the great "secret" revealed when Peter will proclaim Jesus the Messiah at Caesarea Philippi; more skeptical commentators offer that Jesus, fully aware of human nature, knew that the way to spread the news was to tell people to keep it secret. The insight into this secret-keeping that serves us well, however, is that Jesus was initiating his public ministry according to the pattern that Paul describes. He was doing it for the glory of God—not for his own benefit, but for that of all. Paul would later write in Philippians that Jesus "humbled" himself to become like us. And we see this humility at work in today's healing of the leper. Jesus is trying to reveal the presence of God's reign among the people, not so that he himself might receive the glory, but so that God would be glorified through him. Imitating this pattern, which Paul encourages the Jewish and Greek Christian factions in Corinth to do, still serves us well today.

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### PARISH STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE

February 3 & 4

Weekly Collection.....	\$ 3,287.12
Online Giving.....	\$ 3,595.00
Children.....	\$ 6.00
Youth.....	\$ 0.00



### Ash Wednesday – Feb. 14 and Lenten practices

Ash Wednesday Masses will be at 8:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. The Church teaches that Catholics in good health are to observe the following practices during Lent unless for some serious reason (e.g. pregnancy or illness) they are unable to do so: those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday (Feb. 14 this year) and Good Friday (Mar. 30 this year). Fasting means partaking of only one full meal and two smaller meals that do not equal the main meal. In addition, those 14 years old and older must abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent. Abstinence forbids the use of meat, but not of eggs, milk products or condiments made of animal fat.

### NC: Black & Indian Home Mission – Feb. 17 & 18

Next weekend will be a collection to support the Black & Indian Home Mission. Thanks to the generosity of thousands of Christ's faithful people, the 3 organizations of the Black & Indian Mission Office are able to help build the Church in Native American and African American communities.

### Parish Breakfast – Feb. 18

Come to the next Parish Breakfast, to be held on Sunday, Feb. 18, after the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Please join your Parish family for a special meal of oatmeal, bran muffins, banana muffins & fresh fruit!

### Euchre & Luncheon – Feb. 23

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.

## FAITH FORMATION

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One of the most difficult things in life to do is to follow what someone else asks of you. Face it, we all have our selfish moments and we want to do what we want to do. It's so much easier and besides isn't that what's going to make us happy, to do what we want to do? That works in some situations in life, but when it comes to FAITH, when it comes to GOD, we need to put our focus in one direction, HIS WILL, NOT OUR OWN!

I love reading the Psalms because so often they seem to reflect where I am at in my life. Sometimes when praying with them, it's like God is slapping me in the face with a message that I need to hear right at that moment. This week was no different. Psalm 40 says, "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will." I often end most of my prayers with the simple words, "Let me do your will and not my own." The more I focus on what I want, I get distracted and further away from what God asks of us daily.

Try a little more in your daily life to speak the words of Psalm 40 by saying over and over again, "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will." And see what this does for your life, your relationships and your faith!

Walk the Talk! Be Peace! ~ Deacon Ron

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

- 2/14 ASH Wednesday
- 2/19 NO REF
- 2/25 REF All (K-5: 11-12:30pm, 6-12: 6-7:30pm)

### **Adult Faith Formation**

- **Lenten Men's Fellowship:** All Men of the Parish are invited for a morning of Faith, Prayer and Fellowship. Becoming stronger, faith-filled men in a challenging world. Lenten Saturdays, 7-8am  
– Feb. 17, 24, Mar. 3, 10, 17, 24
- **St. Mark Book Club** (Sign up in the Gathering Space)  
– **Book:** Things Hidden – Scripture as Spirituality  
– **Author:** Fr. Richard Rohr, O.F.M.  
– **Discussion:** Tuesday, February 27th, 7-8:30pm
- **Soup, Stations, Substance**  
– Lenten Wednesdays, 6:30-8:15pm. Feb. 21: The Story of Salvation, Feb. 28: Who is Jesus?, Mar. 7: Why do we need church?, Mar. 14: The Paschal Mystery, Mar. 21: The Last things
- **Live Lent Series:** Lent isn't just about giving up something; it's about becoming a better Catholic Christian. Be challenged in prayer, the Word and great discussions with your parish community. (Sign up in the Gathering Space) Lenten Mondays, 7-8:30pm  
– Feb. 19, 26, Mar. 5, 12, 19, 26

### **Diocese of Lansing Middle School Rally (All 6th, 7th and 8th graders)**

- A day of Faith, Friendships, Fun and Encountering Jesus. Keynote speakers: Paul J. Kim and Amanda Vernon. Liturgy with Bishop Earl Boyea. Saturday, March 10th, 8am-7pm, at Lumen Christi High School, Jackson. Sign up at Youth Group or with Dcn. Ron.