

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.

Passion Sunday – Palm Sunday

Holy week every year brings with it a great deal to think about especially in prayer and reflection. Over the years, from childhood to adulthood, there have been many variations in how this week was lived out. Certainly, as a priest, my presence has been one of leading a parish in communal prayer. The different church buildings and environments have expressed the deep meaning of the reality our Sacred Scriptures empathize. Today, Hosanna to the King is sung around the world. For Christians, this is Jesus' entrance into his final days on earth. There is excitement and exhaustion as we experience the different music, scripture, and theology. The vast expressions in Art & Environment speak to our senses to help us remember the intensity of this Holy Week.

The Little Black Book this year has been on almsgiving. 1st Sunday = What to give up - Almsgiving above all else requires money, but even this shines with a brighter luster when the alms are given from our poverty. The widow who paid in the two mites was poorer than any human, but she outdid them all. – St. John Chrysostom.

2nd Sunday = Almsgiving and time – Let not your hand be open to receive and clenched when it is time to give. – Sirach 4:31

3rd Sunday = Gift of something new – The guarantee of one's prayer is not saying a lot of words. The guarantee of one's petitions is very easy to know: how do I treat the poor? Because that is where God is. – Archbishop Oscar Romero

4th Sunday = Crossing the bridge of justice – Alms are an inheritance and a justice which is due to the poor and which Jesus has levied upon us – St. Francis of Assisi.

5th Sunday = Almsgiving all year long – Give alms from your possessions. Do not turn your face away from any of the poor, and God's face will not be turned away from you. Give alms in proportion to what you own. If you have great wealth, give alms out of your abundance; if you have but little, distribute even some of that. But do not hesitate to give alms – Tobit 4:7-8.

Palm Sunday = Lent is about giving – Palm Sunday ushers in the final week of preparation for the elect, who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil.

All of the reflections offered for our reading and reflection have me asking the question, "How do I live a Passion for alms?" It is one thing to carry a palm today in my hand and another to offer my hand to the varied opportunities that Jesus' death and resurrection demand of me as a Catholic Christian.

Announced last week - Community gets defined in many ways. This week at the Commission Meetings there will be a discussion regarding the transition happening in the next pastoral year that begins on July 1st. I will be completing nine years as pastor and moving into retirement/senior status on June 27th. Holy Family and St. Mark parishes will begin the transition of a cluster between the two parishes. In a "cluster" process both parishes keep their same name and maintain Pastoral and Finance Councils and Commissions. Monsignor Jerry Vincke will be named pastor for both parishes. The Mass schedules will need to be looked at and modified. The process of clustering parishes can allow for the joint use of resources whether that is personnel or other. There will be more information shared as the weeks move toward the transition in July, the new Pastoral Year (2018-2019). I invite all of us to continue to have our parish in our daily prayer and reflection.

Peace,

MONDAY, March 26

7:00 p.m. – Live Lent

TUESDAY, March 27

6:30 p.m. – Word & Eucharist

7:00 p.m. – Book Club

WEDNESDAY, March 28

8:30 a.m. – Mass: People of the Parish / Parish

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

10:00 a.m. – AA – Room 1 & 2

THURSDAY, March 29 – Holy Thursday

7:00 p.m. – Holy Thursday Mass: Catholic Relief Services / Parish – *Rice Bowls Collected*

8:00-11:00 p.m. – Eucharistic Adoration / Parish Center

FRIDAY, March 30 – Good Friday, Pontifical Holy Land Collection, Hospital Visits

8:30 a.m. – North End Soup Kitchen

12:30 p.m. – Celebration of the Lord's Passion

2:00 p.m. – Stations of the Cross

7:00 p.m. – A&E in the Church

SATURDAY, March 31 Easter Vigil

10:00 a.m. – RCIA Vigil Practice

12:00 p.m. – Blessing of Easter Food

8:30 p.m. – Easter Vigil: Lucy Mader / Jim & Nancy Ellis

SUNDAY, April 1 Easter Sunday

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

10:30 a.m. – Mass: +Margaret Ridenour / John & Angela Polasek

10:30 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, 3/26: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

Tue, 3/27: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wed, 3/28: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25

Thu, 3/29: Chrim Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21 Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Fri, 3/30: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42

Sat, 3/31: a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22; b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-11; c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18; d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6; f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ps 19:8-11; g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Mk 16:1-7

Sun, 4/1: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or (at an afternoon or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35

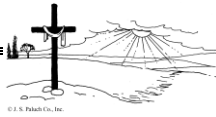
**Palm Sunday
PASSION**

The contrast between the processional reading in today's liturgy and the proclamation of the Passion is striking. We are given a glimpse of how profoundly the word of God is fulfilled in Jesus.

First he must be hailed as the Messiah, the One who is to come. He must be acknowledged by all, though they do not know what they are saying. They think he is the promised king, a worldly king of the Jews who will free them from the Roman occupation. They do not yet understand, even the disciples, exactly where this triumphal procession is leading. In our lives, we too do not know where we are going. It is in faith that we can follow Christ wherever he may lead us, trusting that death is not the end, nor evil the victor.

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE	
March 17 & 18	
Weekly Collection.....	\$ 2,908.00
Online Giving.....	\$ 2,845.00
Children.....	\$ 2.50
Youth.....	\$ 0.00
Christian Service.....	\$ 858.00



Holy Week

Palm Sunday: Passion of the Lord - Today we celebrated the traditional blessing on palms, procession, and Eucharist.

Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper - The blessed oils for sacramental use are presented, washing of the feet and procession for Eucharistic Adoration in the Parish Center are part of the Liturgy.

Good Friday: Passion of the Lord - Liturgy of the word, veneration of the cross, and reception of communion are part of the Liturgy. Stations of the Cross are prayed.

Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil - Blessing of the fire, procession with candles, Liturgy of the Word and Eucharist, Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) are celebrated.

Easter Sunday: Resurrection of the Lord - Liturgy of the Word, Renewal of Baptismal Vows, and reception of the Eucharist are celebrated.

Holy Thursday Eucharistic Adoration – March 29

Eucharistic Adoration in the Parish Center Schedule is:

- last names beginning A through H: 8:00–9:00 p.m.
- last names beginning I through Q: 9:00–10:00 p.m.
- last names beginning R through Z: 10:00–11:00 p.m.

Good Friday Pontifical Collection – March 30

Good Friday collection is for the Christians in the Holy Land. Be an instrument of peace in a troubled land.

Catholic Relief Services Collection – March 17 & 18

Thank you for your generous support of The Catholic Relief Services Collection and for helping **Jesus in disguise**. Your contributions will make a difference for the poor and marginalized around the world. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Just visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections, and click on the "How to Give" link on the left.

FAITH FORMATION

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What a week it is for.....US, Holy Week. The week of weeks, the week that spells out all of what we are about. It is Holy Week that puts all the others into perspective. It is Holy Week that defines our faith and helps us to understand who and what Jesus is all about. Our belief in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior begins from this point. It was from this point that the Disciples sat back and realized that the man they were following was truly the one that the prophets proclaimed about. Holy Week gives definition to our faith as Christians.

Take some time this next week to experience the stories being told and lived. Make them your stories because they are. The Triduum; Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday are one Liturgical experience meant to help us live the Passion, Death and Resurrection of our Lord. It is a gift to all of us, embrace it. Holy Week puts the exclamation point in the word AMEN!!!!

Walk the Talk! Be Peace!

Our Lenten journey continues..... ~ Deacon Ron

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

- 3/29 **CRS Lenten Rice Bowl** collection: Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm
- NO REF 4/1, 4/8 (Easter and Spring Break)

Adult Faith Formation

- St. Mark Book Club: Things Hidden – Scripture as Spirituality by Fr. Richard Rohr, O.F.M.
- Next Discussion: Tuesday, March 27th, 7-8:30pm, Chapters 2 & 3

St. Mark Youth Group Mission Trip 2018

- Summer Youth Mission Trip will be **July 22-28, 2018** in Owensboro, Kentucky to build a house with Habitat for Humanity. Mark the date. For all High School Aged Youth.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

What is the Easter Vigil?

The Easter Vigil, also called the Paschal Vigil or the Great Vigil of Easter, is a service held in traditional Christian churches as the first official celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus. Historically, it is during this service that people are baptized and that adult catechumens are received into full communion with the Church. It is held in the hours of darkness between sunset on Holy Saturday and sunrise on Easter Day – most commonly in the evening of Holy Saturday or midnight – and is the first celebration of Easter, days traditionally being considered to begin at sunset. Let's continue to pray for David and Jennifer and welcome them into full communion with us as Catholic Christians.

Large Suitcases Needed

Large suitcases can be donated to the Parish Office. These will be used for taking items to the Missions in different countries. Suitcases are also used for those children and adults locally who are being removed from dangerous home environments to store their belongings as they transition to a safe place.