

# St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Community

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## PARISH PASTORAL MINISTERS:

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## PARISH COUNCILS:

Pastoral Council: stmarkpc@hotmail.com

Finance Council: stmarkfc@hotmail.com

## PARISH – VICARIATE MINISTRIES:

AA Meetings (Wed., 10:00 a.m.)  
AA Hotline (810) 234-0815

Catholic Charities (810) 232-9950

Council of Catholic Women (810) 344-9859  
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.

**Parish Appreciation Reception**

Our annual parish appreciation reception on Saturday for the "Time and Talent" of Stewardship gives pause to acknowledge all the efforts that enhance the Mission of Jesus in our parish. There are countless expressions of goodness that bring life not only to us but to others. Certainly, during this 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year, there is always gratitude to the "Charter Members" that had the stamina and vision to begin a new parish. Forty years later we are about the continuation of those faithful men and women.

The Finance and Pastoral Council members throughout the pastoral year give their witness for the welfare of our parish. The 10-Year Pastoral Plan (July, 2010- June, 2020) gives the 'roadmap' to be able to accomplish the important and necessary **Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy:**

*Corporal Works of Mercy* are feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, visiting the sick, visiting the imprisoned and burying the dead.

*Spiritual Works of Mercy* are admonishing the sinner, instructing the ignorant, counseling the doubtful, comforting the sorrowful, and bearing wrongs patiently, forgiving all injuries and praying for the living and the dead.

The Parish Pastoral Commissions – Education/Formation, Parish Life, Social Justice and Spiritual Development members help make possible the wonderful variety of activities that happen at our parish through their committed witness. The next parish commissions meeting is Tuesday, May, 15 after the 6:30 p.m. Mass. You are invited to come and see the valuable ministry each commission is about.

**The 10-Year Pastoral Plan** has the goal to encourage full participation of all members in our parish community. The three major areas of concentration accented are Discipleship, Leadership and Stewardship.

*Discipleship* objectives: to become a welcoming community, to become a Community of inclusiveness and to develop a social justice consciousness.

*Leadership* objectives: to develop Pastoral Staff, Councils and Commissions, to work with Councils/Commissions to expand Parishioner Involvement, and to develop a youth/young adult ministry (High School/Young Adults – 18 to 35 years of age).

*Stewardship* objectives: to implement a comprehensive understanding of Stewardship, to increase Weekly Sunday Offerings (treasure), and to design a comprehensive plan for future Capital Improvements (land, buildings & equipment).

The complete 10-Year Pastoral Plan with all of the goals, objectives and strategies is available on the parish website. As I am writing this article, there is great satisfaction in seeing how much of this plan has been realized. As one of my friends says, "So many times 10-Year Pastoral Plans just get put on a shelf". Thanks to all of you who have written the current history. Your dedication to the life and mission of our parish is appreciated.

**Administrative Assistant** Caitie Essenmacher, who is expecting her first baby in July, is choosing to remain at home. She finished her service here last Friday. Karen Mackey is returning to this position on Monday, having worked here previously. I am grateful to both for making this transition easier for all of us.

Peace,

**MONDAY, April 30**

**TUESDAY, May 1**

10:00 a.m. – Shawl Ministry  
6:30 p.m. – Mass: +Jack Hoelscher / Dora Hoelscher  
7:00 p.m. – Finance Council Meeting / Parish Center

**WEDNESDAY, May 2**

8:30 a.m. – Mass: Caitie Essenmacher / Parish  
9:00 a.m. – St. Joseph Guild – Parish Center  
10:00 a.m. – AA – Room 1 & 2

**THURSDAY, May 3**

7:00 p.m. – Choir practice

**FRIDAY, May 4**

**First Friday Hospital / Home Visits**

8:30 a.m. – Mass: 10 Year Pastoral Plan / Parish  
9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. – Adoration

**SATURDAY, May 5**

7:00 a.m. – Men's Fellowship  
10:00 a.m. – 1<sup>st</sup> Communion  
4:30–5:15 p.m. – Confessions – Church  
5:30 p.m. – Mass: +David Kennedy / Jeanne Hagan  
6:30 p.m. – Cinco de Mayo Parish Dinner

**SUNDAY, May 6**

8:00 a.m. – Mass: People of the Parish / Parish  
9:30 a.m. – Mass: +Margaret Ridenour / John & Angela Polasek  
9:30 a.m. – Children's Liturgy of the Word  
10:30 a.m. – Cinco de Mayo Parish Breakfast  
10:30 a.m. – Bell Choir practice  
11:00 a.m. – REF: Gr K-5  
11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. – REF Parent Meetings / Early Registration  
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, 4/30: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26  
Tue, 5/1: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a or (for the memorial) Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58  
Wed, 5/2: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8  
Thu, 5/3: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14  
Fri, 5/4: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17  
Sat, 5/5: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21  
Sun, 5/6: Acts 10:25-36, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1-4; 1 Jn 4:7-10 or 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 15:9-17 or Jn 17:11b-19

**Looking Forward:**

**June 10<sup>th</sup> Open House Reception for Fr. Mike**

"Celebrating 65 years of Life & 38 years of Ordination" June 10th, 2018, 1:00 to 4:00 P.M at the Parish Center.

**Fifth Sunday of Easter  
LIVING BRANCHES**

The Gospel and second reading for this Fifth Sunday of Easter emphasize the need for us to remain in Christ, and he in us. This shared life finds expression in the image of the one vine and many branches. We become living branches of the vine, members of the Body of Christ through baptism, Eucharist, and confirmation, sacraments of sharing God's own life. The First Letter of John describes the fruit of this vine as active love of neighbor: "And his commandment is this: we should believe . . . and love one another" (1 John 3:23).

Our first reading from Acts shows us an example of someone who shares in Christ's life in the person of Saint Paul. Paul's fearless witness, even at the risk of his life, is proof to everyone that the risen Lord's Spirit truly fills him with life and is bearing fruit in him.

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**PARISH STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE**

April 21 & 22

Weekly Collection.....	\$ 3,962.00
Online Giving.....	\$ 1,415.00
Children.....	\$ 2.00
Youth.....	\$ 0.00



**DSA Follow up**

Thank you to everyone who has made a gift or pledge commitment to our Diocesan Services Appeal. Our gifts to DSA enable our diocese to provide services crucial to our parish. If you have not yet made a gift or a pledge, I invite you to do so today. Gift envelopes are available in church or the parish office. Or you may submit your gift online at [www.dioceseoflansing.org/dsa](http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/dsa). Your DSA gift will support the vital services and ministries that help bring the love of Christ to all we encounter.

**Cinco de Mayo Celebrations – May 5 and 6**

Join your parish family on Saturday, May 5, after the 5:30 p.m. Liturgy for a Cinco de Mayo Dinner of Mexican Cuisine. RSVP by signing up in the Gathering Space or calling the Parish Office. The celebration continues on Sunday, May 6, with a Cinco de Mayo Breakfast after the 9:30 a.m. Liturgy. No RSVP is needed for breakfast.

**Women at Risk International – May 5**

"Party with a Purpose" at Goodrich United Methodist Church. Join us between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to learn about domestic and global human trafficking and the risks women are facing today. Shop beautiful jewelry and other hand-made gifts crafter by rescued and at-risk women. Every \$300 in sales supports a woman in a safe house for one month!

**Grandma's Old Fashion Chicken Dinner – May 6**

Join the Knights of Columbus at their 3rd Annual Chicken Dinner at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Davison, May 6th from 12:30-4:00 p.m. Adults are \$10 & children 4-11 years of age are \$6. For more information, contact Sara at 810-744-1948 or Mary at 810-515-1270.

**Bulletin Ads**

If you would like to advertise in our bulletin, please contact Sue Griffith at the Parish Office (810) 636-2216 or by email at [stmarkparish2@hotmail.com](mailto:stmarkparish2@hotmail.com).

**FAITH FORMATION**

**Deacon Ron Kenney, Director of Faith Formation**  
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**Congratulations 2018 St. Mark the Evangelist Confirmation Class**

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

- 5/6 Final REF and Parent Meeting and Early Registration (11am)

**St. Mark Youth Group**

- **Youth Group COLOR FUN RUN:** Saturday, June 23rd, 8:30am. Pre-Register at the Parish Office or contact [stmarkdff@hotmail.com](mailto:stmarkdff@hotmail.com). All proceeds go to support St. Mark Youth Group Mission Trip 2018 to Owensboro, Kentucky.
- **EAT AT SAM'S!!!:** Thursday, May 17th, 5-10pm at Sam's Italian Restaurant (Frank and Joanne Salvati owners and Parishioners) in Rankin members of our Youth Group will be helping to serve dinner. 20% of receipts will go to support our Summer Mission Trip 2018 to Owensboro, KY.
- **Cedar Point Trip:** Wednesday, June 27th. All 6th-12th graders of St. Mark and their friends. Sign up at Youth Group or contact Dcn. Ron
- **Summer Youth Mission Trip: July 22-28, 2018** in Owensboro, Kentucky to build a house with Habitat for Humanity. Mark the date. For all High School Aged Youth. If you are interested contact Dcn. Ron.

**Adult Faith Formation**

- **Men's Fellowship** (1st Sat, 7-8am) Next: May 5th

**Free Household Hazardous Waste Collection – May 12**

Grand Blanc High School and Flint East Water Service Center are the locations for waste collection May 12<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. For more information contact: 810-762-7744 or [recycle@co.genesee.mi.us](mailto:recycle@co.genesee.mi.us).

**CCW Spring Tea – May 20**

The Catholic Council of Women is hosting their annual spring tea on Sunday, May 20 from 1:30 to 4 in the Parish Center. Please join us for tea, a light lunch and fellowship. Tickets sales will be after all masses the weekends of May 6 & 7 and 12 & 13. Adults - \$5 Children - \$2. Questions? Call Lori Amos at 810.516.0895.