

St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Community

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 Mary McFarlane (810) 344-9859

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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.

Our new labyrinth – Last weekend, parishioner Matthew Leyes, an Eagle Scout candidate, led the installation of a prayer labyrinth on St. Mark's grounds, near the new path along Gale Road. You might recall that he shared the following information with the parish a few months ago, and I'd like to share it with you again now that the labyrinth has been completed:

"A prayer labyrinth is a spiritual journey with God. It is a path which leads to the center of an intricate design and back out. Unlike a maze, it is designed for ease of navigation and to be impossible to get lost within. Labyrinths have been used in a wide variety of cultures for over 3500 years, with evidence of use in Crete, Egypt, Italy, Scandinavia and North America. 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.

"There is no right or wrong way to walk the labyrinth. You want to empty your mind of concerns and worries. During the journey, you are in a prayerful state. If you are with a group, you can feel free to pass each other. Make your time meaningful."

The labyrinth that Matthew has provided the parish is based on the labyrinth at St. Mary's at the University of Notre Dame and is about 30 feet in diameter. I invite you to visit and pray at the labyrinth. I did so last Sunday night. On behalf of the parish, I thank Matthew and his team for creating this wonderful new prayer space. The blessing will be on Pentecost Sunday, May 20 after the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Please plan to attend along with Matthew's family.

Senegal, West Africa was where I made my retreat and had vacation time. The hospitality I received was a great gift that I cherish. I do not speak French, Walif or Serer but felt welcomed and included as a foreigner. I did speak Spanish to a couple of the college students who belong to the Our Lady of Angels Parish in Nioro. The region is called Kaolack, which is around 5 hours from the capital of Dakar. They are in the dry season, which made for heat and dust. I was able to be in an "outpost chapel" near the Gambia border. I participated in a variety of Masses and meetings at the parish. The country is about 6% Christian which is mainly Roman Catholic. I look forward to on-going relationships with the people there. There is a great deal to ponder and reflect upon my return.

Clustering process was one of the topics at last Tuesday night's Finance Council meeting. Msgr. Jerry Vincke was present and had the opportunity to meet parishioners and learn more about the life and mission of our parish. He attended the Pastoral Council meeting and has been invited to the parish commission meetings on May 15.

The Diocesan Services Appeal (DSA) continues. Pledges can be put in the collection at Mass or turned into the parish office. Thank you for your generosity.

Peace,

TUESDAY, May 8

6:30 p.m. – Mass: Evangelization / Parish
7:00 p.m. – CCW – Parish Center – Rooms 1 & 2
7:00 p.m. – Buildings & Grounds Committee – Parish Center – Room 6

WEDNESDAY, May 9

8:30 a.m. – Mass: World Peace / Parish
9:00 a.m. – St. Joseph Guild
10:00 a.m. – AA – Parish Center – Rooms 1 & 2

THURSDAY, May 10

7:00 p.m. – Choir practice – Church

FRIDAY, May 11

Hospital visits

SATURDAY, May 12

Youth Group Bottle Drive and Mother's Day Carnation Sale

10:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m. – Household Hazardous Waste Collection at Grand Blanc High School parking lot

4:30–5:15 p.m. – Confessions – Church

5:30 p.m. – Mass: +Judy Oginsky / Oginsky Family

SUNDAY, May 13

Youth Group Bottle Drive and Mother's Day Carnation Sale

8:00 a.m. – Mass: Deceased and Living Mothers / 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

6:30 p.m. – Art and Environment take down

LET US PRAY:

For Peace; for Women/Men in the Military Service:

SSG J Gillett; Maj. S Halleaux; Capt. 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, 5/7: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a

Tue, 5/8: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11

Wed, 5/9: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15

Thu, 5/10: Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20

Fri, 5/11: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23

Sat, 5/12: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28

Sun, 5/13: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17- 23 or Eph 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]; Mk 16:15-20

Mass schedule change starting May 26

Starting the weekend of May 26 and 27, which is also Memorial Day weekend, the **permanent** Mass schedule of weekend Masses will be

- **5:30 p.m.** on Saturdays and
- **9:30 a.m.** on Sundays.

**Sixth Sunday of Easter
LOVE ONE ANOTHER**

In the Gospel for the Sixth Sunday of Easter, we are met with an extraordinary challenge: Jesus commands us to "love one another as I love you" (Jn 15:12). The letter from John echoes this command. Of course, we are to love those in our family, those we work with, those we like. But the scriptures make clear that we are also to love those we never notice, those we purposely avoid, and even those we are tempted to despise. In this Sunday's selection from the Acts of the Apostles, Peter shows us how far God's love extends, and how far our love should extend in response. Peter realizes that God no longer "shows partiality" to the Jews, sharing divine love exclusively with them. Christ has revealed that God's love extends to all people, and so should ours. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE	
April 28 and 29	
Weekly Collection	\$ 3,519.00
Online Giving	\$ 985.00
Children	\$ 12.50
Youth	\$ 0.00



DSA Follow up

Thank you to everyone who has shared the many blessings they have received with your generous gift to our Diocesan Services Appeal. We are at 31% of our \$29,686 goal, with an average gift of \$277. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, you can still take an active role in the mission of the Church in the Diocese of Lansing. If you typically give online, you can schedule your DSA gift that way.

Free Household Hazardous Waste Collection – May 12

Safely dispose of your household hazardous waste at Grand Blanc High School and the Flint East Water Service Center on Saturday, May 12 between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. For more information, call 810-762-7744 or visit recycle@co.genesee.mi.us.

CCW Spring Tea – May 20

St. Mark's Council of Catholic Women is hosting their annual spring tea on Sunday, May 20 from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. Please join us for tea, a light lunch and fellowship. Tickets will be sold after all Masses the weekends of May 6-7 and 12-13; cost is \$5.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children. Questions? Call Deb Forester at 810-694-5983 or Lori Amos at 810-516-0895.

Polka Mass at St. Mark – June 9

As part of the celebration of our 40th Anniversary, St. Mark the Evangelist will be having a Polka Mass on Saturday, June 9 at our 5:30 p.m. liturgy, featuring Virgil Baker and the Just for Fun Band. Following the Mass, we will have dinner at 6:30 p.m. and dancing from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Tickets for the dinner and dance are \$10.00 at the door in our Parish Center.

Bulletin Ads

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

FAITH FORMATION

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Do you ever feel like sometimes God is trying harder than usual to try and speak to you? The other day I was walking in the mall with a friend. I noticed a mother pushing her daughter in a wheel chair. It was obvious that the child was severely mentally and physically disabled. I commented to my friend how sad this was and said that I sometimes wonder why God does such things, leaving this girl and mother with so much pain. It made me think of my own children and how I might react if put in that same life experience.

My friend agreed with me, but at the same time looked at me and said, "Maybe God is looking back at us and answering our question by saying, 'What's the problem, THIS IS MY CHILD, isn't she beautiful?'" Wow! I thought. That is so true and so ignorant on my behalf. I can just see God gleaming with pride as this child enters into this world saying, "I'm going to teach you how to love just a little bit more. I'm going to show you how to help just a little bit more. I'm going to show you what the beauty of my creation is all about."

One thing that I learn as I get older is that God's way is not always my way, but one thing I can count on is that God's way is right! It is funny how sometimes it is outside of church that God reveals himself to us. It is a matter of being open to God at every moment of every day and living in a God Fearing way, in awe, wonder and reverence for God.

Walk the talk. Be Peace! – Deacon Ron

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

- Early registration for the 2018-19 REF year is taking place now. Registration forms are available on the parish website; please check out the online payment option for REF fees.

Graduation Mass and Reception

- High School graduates: please join us on Sunday, June 4 at the 9:30 a.m. Liturgy (please arrive at 9:15 a.m. with cap and gown for the procession). A reception will follow in the Parish Center. Please RSVP by May 28 for you and your family in the Gathering Space or by calling the Parish Office.

St. Mark Youth Group

- **Summer Youth Group begins Wednesday, June 13!** 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Pavilion. All those entering the 6th through 12th grades in fall 2018 are invited.
- **Youth Group COLOR FUN RUN – Saturday, June 23** at 8:30 a.m. Pre-register at the Parish Office or contact stmarkdff@hotmail.com. All proceeds go to support our Mission Trip 2018 to Owensboro, KY.
- **EAT AT SAM'S – Thursday, May 17**, 5:00 to 10:00 p.m. at Sam's Italian Restaurant (owned by parishioners Frank and Joanne Salvati) in Rankin. Members of our Youth Group will be helping to serve dinner, and 20% of receipts will go to support our Mission Trip.
- **Cedar Point Trip – Wednesday, June 27** – All those entering 6th through 12th grades in fall 2018 and their friends are invited. Sign up at a Youth Group meeting or on the parish website, or contact Deacon Ron.