

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.



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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 9:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day:

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.
Eucharistic adoration 9:00 a.m. – 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.

American Evangelization / Help Spread the Faith Appeal

It is more important than ever for us to evangelize and inform. We need to connect people to Jesus and the Church. We need to make it easy for them to learn the truth of our faith. We need to reach them in their homes, through their computers, radios, TVs and mobile devices.

When we do this we make it easy for people to evangelize. They leave FAITH magazine in a doctor's office or share a video about GFAITH in Flint on Facebook, or email an online article on marriage to a coworker. We have a term for this kind of evangelization: content evangelization.

FAITH's content evangelization uses print, online movable and broadcast media through the following: FAITH magazine to every Catholic home, FAITHpub.com, FAITHpub social media, the MYParish app, FAITHpub tablet apps, digital editions, FAITHpub's YouTube video channel and more. Plus the Outreach Mass is on each week on television, online and radio.

Your parish's ongoing support and The Help Spread the FAITH appeal makes all this possible and it's working.

FAITH Magazine Readership Survey Results say 2/3 of readers spend more than 15 minutes reading an issue. 85% say the magazine makes me feel more connected to my Catholic faith. 86% say the magazine improves my understanding of the mission and teachings of the Church. Seventy one percent say, "The magazine helps me to explain my Catholic faith to family and friends."

We are Called Conference – Oct. 21 & 22

The 2016 Diocesan Assembly will ask in addition to clergy and parish staff, parishioners who have hearts for evangelization and are leaders in small groups, commissions, councils and other ministries. The objective is to equip and inspire dynamic disciples to welcome fallen away Catholics home by implementing the best practices in evangelization.

Prayer – Called By Name

Lord Jesus Christ, you sent your Holy Spirit to empower us as co-workers in your vineyard. Send us an extra portion of your Holy Spirit to equip, guide and protect us as we seek out the lost sheep of your fold. Continue to work within our hearts and prepare the hearts of those who have wandered away from your church. Prepare and bless all the individuals and parishes who will participate in the Called by Name Assembly. Use us as instruments for making this an event that will glorify you forever. Jesus we trust in you. Amen.

Catechists for our Religious Education Formation are being commissioned this weekend for our children and youth. This handing on of the faith is an integral ministry of every parish community. Please keep them in prayer as they endeavor to impart their faith within our parish. I am grateful for their dedication for the development and faith formation that they by the grace of God give so freely. God's blessing be with them and our REF!

Peace,

MONDAY, September 19

7:00 p.m. – RCIA Inquiry – Parish Center
7:00 p.m. – Art & Environment Meeting – Parish Center

TUESDAY, September 20

10:00 a.m. – Shawl Ministry – Contact Parish Office
11:00 a.m. – Senior Appreciation – St. John Davison
6:30 p.m. – Mass: Intention of Fr. Mike's Priesthood / Parish
7:00 p.m. – Parish Commission Meeting – Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, September 21

8:30 a.m. – Mass: People of the Parish / Parish
9:00 a.m. – St. Joseph Guild – Parish Center
9:00 a.m. – Art & Environment Fall Preparation – Church
10:00 a.m. – AA – Parish Center

THURSDAY, September 22

7:00 p.m. – Choir Practice – Church

FRIDAY, September 23

Hospital Visits
St. Francis Women's Retreat
10:00 a.m. – Euchre – Parish Center

SATURDAY, September 24

St. Francis Women's Retreat
National Collection: Help Spread the Faith Appeal
3:00 p.m. – Kilbreath / Taft Wedding – Church
4:30 – 5:15 p.m. – Confessions – Church
5:30 p.m. – Mass: +Cal Story / Bill LaVelle

SUNDAY, September 25

St. Francis Women's Retreat
National Collection: Help Spread the Faith Appeal
9:30 a.m. – Mass: +Janet Connolly / Gail & Frank Connolly
9:30 a.m. – Children's Liturgy of the Word
10:30 a.m. – Hospitality Hour – Parish Center
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – REF K-5 & Parents
5:30 p.m. – Mass: Religious Education Formation / Parish
6:30 – 8:30 p.m. – REF Middle School 6 – 7 – 8 & Parents

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, 9/19: Prv 3:27-34; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 8:16-18
Tues, 9/20: Prv 21:1-6,10-13; Ps119:1,27,30,34,35,44;
Lk 8:19-21
Wed, 9/21: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13
Thurs, 9/22: Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc; Lk 9:7-9
Fri, 9/23: Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4; Lk 9:18-22
Sat, 9/24: Eccl 11:9;12:8; Ps 90:3-6,12-14,17;Lk 9:43b-45
Sun, 9/25: Am 6:1a,4-7; Ps 146:7-10; 1Tm 6:11-16;Lk 16:19-31

Capital Campaign – Witness to Hope

Frank Byrne from Greater Mission will give the **Witness to Hope** presentation at the commissions meeting on Tuesday, September 20. All members of all commissions are encouraged to be in attendance."

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time OUR RESPONSIBILITY FOR OTHERS

The Second Vatican Council has called us to envision the Church as the people of God. As a community of believers we are responsible for our brothers and sisters, their salvation, their journey of faith, their physical well-being. Many of the documents of Vatican II and volumes of work since the mid-1960s give us advice, guidelines, and encouragement to take care of one another: the poor, the elderly, the unborn, the broken, the infirm.

Because Vatican II is part of our recent history—indeed many of us were already born—this may strike us as a new and revolutionary idea. But today's readings show us the agelessness of the issue of social justice. Eight hundred years before Christ was born, Amos warned the wealthy not to cheat the poor. In Paul's first letter to Timothy, he encourages all prayers to be for all people; and finally, the Gospel urges the wise use of money.

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE

September 10 and 11

Weekly Collection	\$ 3,611.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,570.00
Children	\$ 0
Youth	\$ 0
Christian Service	\$ 772.00



Friday Morning Euchre – Sept. 23

It's time for Euchre at 10:00 a.m. on Sept. 23 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.

Annual Evangelization Appeal – Sept. 24-25

The Help Spread the FAITH Appeal makes evangelization efforts possible. With your support of the special collection that will be taken up next weekend, we can use the power of the media to proclaim the Gospel.

CCW Paint and Pray Evening – Sept. 26

All are invited to join local artist, Dana George, with a step-by-step painting project at St. Mark on Mon. Sept. 26 at 6:30 p.m. It's \$25.00/person, which includes your canvas and paint supplies; bring a beverage/snack, and your friends! Reservations are a must; please register in the Gathering Space after Mass or call or e-mail the Parish Office.

Catholic Charities 75 Years Celebration – Sept. 29

Come Celebrate with Catholic Charities Sept. 29 at 5:30p.m. in Holy Redeemer's Family Life Center. Cost: \$30/person or \$50/couple. For more information contact Sheila Shegos at: (810)232-9950 ext. 222 or click the events tab on our website – www.catholiccharitiesflint.org

Catholic Charities Appeal – Thank You

A Thank You from Catholic Charities and Services of Genesee County, for the donation of \$989 for the 2016 Genesee County United Catholic Charities Appeal. Together with our 22 sister parishes, a total of \$42,472.59 was collected. These monies are used to continue the work at Catholic Charities & North End Soup Kitchen, St. Francis Prayer Center, and N.E.W. Life Center at St. Luke. All donations are truly needed and appreciated.

FAITH FORMATION

Deacon Ron Kenney, Director of Faith Formation

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Amos tells us, "God sees, and He will not forget what you are doing." At the root of today's message is the question, "What makes someone a "success"?" And the answer comes from our reflection and understanding about what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. Do we seek the wrong kind of success at all cost, family, friends, the lowly, pain and suffering? Will we take advantage of others because OUR "success" matters more than anything else?

If we just came from sitting in church, we need to ask ourselves what kind of DISCIPLE do we want to be? Do we want to follow him with our whole heart, soul and mind? Or do we just want to do our one hour a week and call it good? Today gives us an opportunity to reflect once again on what all this means in our lives. My advice to you, put GOD FIRST! And all else will flow from that priority. Amos gives us a warning and some good advice too, God does see..... What do you want him to see?

Walk the talk. Be Peace! – Deacon Ron

St. Mark Youth Group

- **Youth Group is a part of REF** – Faith Formation for Middle School (6th, 7th & 8th graders) and High School (9th -12th grades). Middle School meets every Sunday, 6:30-8pm beginning Sept. 25 and High School meets every other Wednesday, 7-9pm, beginning Sept. 28. Register during our REF Registration 9/17 & 18

Adult Faith Formation

- **Men's Fellowship:** Oct. 1st, 7-8am.
- **Book Club:** *Next Book - YOUR GOD IS TOO BORING* By: Jon Leonetti. *Discussion Dates September 27th and October 25th, 7pm in the Parish Center.* Contact Dcn. Ron for more info.

Religious Education Formation (REF) (K-12)

- **Registration for REF** – taking place now in the Parish Office. Or go to www.stmarkgoodrich.org and download a Registration Form. All Sessions for 2016-17 REF begin September 25th.

Diocese of Lansing High School Youth Jamboree

- **Lost & Found!** – Sat. Nov. 6, 2016 at the Lansing Center. Join over 800 High School Youth from around the Diocese in a celebration of Faith. Keynotes, Workshops, Fun and Games, Mass with Bishop Boyea. Sign up at Youth Group or the Faith Formation Office.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Are you interested or do you know someone who is interested in completing the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) and learning more about becoming Catholic. Contact Pam Bachner (Director of RCIA) hpbach@charter.net or Dcn. Ron at stmarkdff@hotmail.com.

St. Mark at North End Soup Kitchen – Sept. 30

Friday, Sept. 30, the fifth Friday of the month, is our parish's assigned day to serve lunch at the North End Soup Kitchen. If you wish to volunteer, please call the Parish Office; we gather at 8:30 a.m. by the Parish Office entrance in the parking lot for carpooling. After preparing and serving lunch, we return to the Parish. Come make a difference!