

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.

October is designated as **Respect Life Sunday**. This year the theme is **Moved By Mercy**. The Respect Life Program sponsored by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, started in 1972 and begins anew each October – the month set aside by the U.S. bishops as “Respect Life Month.” The program promotes respect for human life in light of our intrinsic dignity as having been created in God’s image and likeness and called to an eternal destiny with him.

New materials are designed each year to assist those in various roles within the Church to help Catholics understand, value and become engaged with supporting the dignity of every person, especially by cherishing God’s gift of life. Go to www.usccb.org/respectlife to download or order materials. Please avail yourself of their resource guide, pamphlets and suggested reading that is available online. Please use the following suggested intentions for Respect Life Month.

For all Catholics: May we be channels of God’s mercy by loving each person and celebrating the gift of his or her life; we pray to the Lord.

For women and men suffering after abortion: May the Church’s post – abortion healing ministry help them find peace through God’s limitless mercy; we pray to the Lord.

For those nearing the end of life: May God strengthen their faith and comfort them through others’ loving support; we pray to the Lord.

For those doubting their own worth: May they find lasting reassurance in the truth of God’s love for them; we pray to the Lord.

For those longing for a child of their own: May they find comfort in the assurance of God’s loving plan; we pray to the Lord.

For parents placing their children for adoption: May they encounter the outstretched hands of the Father’s love through our words and actions; we pray to the Lord.

For the criminal justice system: May it be rooted in mercy and healing and affirm the sacredness of each person’s life; we pray to the Lord.

For those diagnosed with a terminal illness: May each hour of their lives be cherished with care that honors God’s gift of life; we pray to the Lord.

For all people: May the Lord soften our hearts with compassion, that we may treat each person with respect that affirms the gift of his or her life; we pray to the Lord.

Oct. 7th is Our Lady of the Rosary Feast Day and our First Friday mass. I would invite you to pray, individually or as a family, the Rosary. There is a cliché “a family that prays together stays together.” The month of October is always dedicated to the Blessed Mother. Pray the Rosary for peace locally, nationally, and internationally.

Peace,

MONDAY, October 3

TUESDAY, October 4

10:00 a.m. – Shawl Ministry – Contact Parish Office
6:30 p.m. – Word & Eucharist
7:00 p.m. – Blessing of Pets

WEDNESDAY, October 5

8:30 a.m. – Word & Eucharist
9:00 a.m. – St. Joseph Guild – Parish Center
10:00 a.m. – AA – Parish Center
6:30 p.m. – RCIA Inquiry – Parish Center

THURSDAY, October 6

12:00 – 6:00 p.m. – Blood drive – Goodrich United Methodist Church
7:00 p.m. – Choir Practice – Church

FRIDAY, October 7

First Friday & Hospital / Home Visits

8:30 a.m. – Mass: World Peace / Parish
9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. – First Friday Adoration

SATURDAY, October 8

Anointing of the Sick Weekend

4:30 – 5:15 p.m. – Confessions – Church
5:30 p.m. – Mass: +Shawn Fatheree / Anne & Jay Boyle

SUNDAY, October 9

Anointing of the Sick Weekend

9:30 a.m. – Mass: +Cal Story / John & Patty Candiloro
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 Grades K-5
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – 1st Reconciliation / Eucharist
Parent Meeting – Parish Center
5:30 p.m. – Mass: People of the Parish / Parish
6:30–8:00 p.m. – REF Grades 6-8
6:30–8:00 p.m. – 9th Grade Confirmation Parent Meeting – Parish Center

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, 10/3: Gal 1:6-12; Ps 111:1b-2, 7-9, 10c; Lk 10:25-37
Tues, 10/4: Gal 1:13-24; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-15; Lk 10:38-42
Wed, 10/5: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Lk 11:1-4
Thurs, 10/6: Gal 3:1-5; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 11:5-13
Fri, 10/7: Gal 3:7-14; Ps 111:1b-6; Lk 11:15-26
Sat, 10/8: Gal 3:22-29; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 11:27-28
Sun, 10/9: 2 Kgs 5:14-17; Ps 98:1-4; 2 Tm 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19

Welcome to our new members of St. Mark the Evangelist

We would like to welcome Joseph & Gemma Battaglia and Steven & Jill and Rachel Petruska to our community!

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

LET GO AND LET GOD

Many twelve-step programs use the phrase “Let go and let God.” In all their simplicity, these five words are the heart of today’s readings. For people who struggle with addictive behavior, these words plainly remind us that we can’t manage, control, or manipulate certain areas of our lives. How many times can we look back in our lives and find evidence of some plan at work other than our own? These are the moments when, for whatever reasons, we let someone greater than ourselves work the plan. We probably didn’t even recognize at the time that we were letting go of anything, but in retrospect, we see God’s hand and loving presence. It is our awareness of these moments that gives us the courage and initiative to let go again later on. It is this courage and initiative that are highlighted in today’s readings. We come to call it “faith.”

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE

September 24 and 25

Weekly Collection.....	\$ 3,525.00
Online Giving	\$ 900.00
Children	\$ 12.26
Youth.....	\$ 5.00
Annual Evangelization Appeal	\$ 239.00



Blessing of Pets – Oct. 4

Oct. 4th is the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. There will be a blessing of pets after the Word & Eucharist on Tuesday. Meet under the pavilion at about 7:00 pm.

Blood drive in Goodrich – Oct. 6

Give blood at the Goodrich United Methodist Church at 8071 S. State St. on Thurs. Oct. 6 from 12:00–6:00 p.m.

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration – Oct. 7

The first Friday of October is Eucharistic Adoration from 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Sign up for an hour of prayer. We need one or more individuals an hour. This is a wonderful way to spend time with the Lord in prayer and meditation.

CCW Annual Fall Scrapbook CROP – Oct. 14-15

Here is your opportunity to catch up on organizing those pictures! E-mail Cindy Bell at cabsandkids@aol.com. Registration includes plenty of space, snacks, vendors and prizes. The CROP will be held Friday from 6:00 p.m. to midnight (\$12) and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. (\$35). Breakfast, lunch & dinner will be served on Saturday.

Parish breakfast – Oct. 16

Mark your calendars for the Parish breakfast on Sunday, Oct. 16 after the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Come enjoy warm Breakfast Casseroles with other families.

Heartbeat of Greater Flint – Need Volunteers & Items

We are currently in need of volunteers, to help mothers and babies. You choose your own availability. Hours are Mon-Fri. 10am-2:45pm. Please contact Barbara Daniel on Fridays at the Heartbeat office (810) 232-3101. We are also in need of gently used children’s clothing sizes 3T to 10/12, diapers sizes 5 and 6, maternity clothing, car seats, cribs, strollers and baby furniture are also accepted.

FAITH FORMATION

Deacon Ron Kenney, Director of Faith Formation

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There are many challenges and crises in our lives. One family is struggling in marriage. A second family is dealing with chronic illness. A third family is dealing with substance abuse. A fourth family faces financial burdens. A fifth family is grieving the death of a loved one. And, each day we see racism, intolerance, violence, misery, destruction, hate, war, and wonder if God is aware of all this? Today in the readings we are assured, "God is aware. Now have faith."

It sounds so simple. Have faith. It is certainly easy to say, "Have faith." But when the world is coming down around us, it is really hard to have faith. We come to Church today seeking faith. We do this every time we pray, but mostly as a community of faith hearing the Word of God and receiving him in the Eucharist. We ask God to help us get through our days with joy. We ask God to help us to be the best we can be. We pray that we might have a faith life that is strong enough, that the difficulties and crises we face, will be challenges more than crises, opportunities for us to place our trust in God. Jesus tells us just a little faith will do more to help you each day of your life. It's not always easy, but begin by just "Having Faith!"

Walk the talk. Be Peace! – Deacon Ron

REF Children and Youth

- 10/9: K- 5 11-12:30pm Middle School YG: 6:30-8pm
- 10/9: 1st Reconciliation/Eucharist Parents Only Meeting: 11-12:15pm
- 10/9 : Confirmation Parent Only meeting (6:30-8pm)
- 10/12 – High School Youth Group (7-9pm)

Adult Faith Formation

- **Book Club:** Next Book - YOUR GOD IS TOO BORING By: Jon Leonetti. Next Discussion October 25th, 7pm in the Parish Center. Contact Dcn. Ron for info.
- **Men’s Fellowship:** 1st Sat. of each month – Next Fellowship Nov. 5th. All Men invited!
- **Looking ahead... Advent Awakenings!** A four – session small group faith sharing experience grounded in the Sunday Gospel Readings. Reflect on how to be more open to Jesus’ presence in your life, deepen your faith, and meet new friends. Facilitator sign up to begin soon, participant sign up in Oct/Nov.

St. Mark Youth Group

- Corn Maze Fun At Diehl’s Orchards! Saturday, October 22nd, 6-10:30pm. All Middle School and High School Youth welcome. We will join other Youth Groups at Diehl’s Orchards in Holly for some fun. Cost \$20 Sign up at YG or contact Parish Office.

Diocese of Lansing High School Youth Jamboree

- **Lost & Found!** Saturday November 6, 2016 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.

Annual Evangelization Appeal – Sept. 24-25

Thank you to all who supported evangelization efforts, like *FAITH* magazine, *FAITHpub.com*, and the televised Outreach Mass, during last week’s special collection.