

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.

This Sunday is **Laity Sunday**; it is dedicated to recognizing the ministry of the Laity. In Church Canon Law there are both ordained and lay members that form our church communities. Included in the Laity are professed Brothers and Sisters in a multitude of Religious Congregations worldwide. Below is an article on the role of the laity from Ignatius Press:

The Role of the Lay Faithful in the Church

“The Church’s teaching on the laity is one of the most unknown pieces of good news in the world. By “laity” the Church means the following:

Laity—“all the faithful except those in Holy Orders and those who belong to a religious state approved by the Church. That is, the faithful, who by Baptism are incorporated into Christ and integrated into the People of God, are made sharers in their particular way in the priestly, prophetic, and kingly office of Christ, and have their own part to play in the mission of the whole Christian people in the Church and in the World.”

Catechism of the Catholic Church 897

Many of the common understandings of laity are mistaken because they are often defined by what we *are not*. This is misguided because it is an entirely *negative* definition and focuses strictly on what laypeople are not. They aren’t priests. They aren’t religious. Therefore many assume they don’t have a vocation, that they don’t have a mission.

The Church defines laity by what *we are*:

- sharers in Christ’s office of priest, prophet, and king,
- holders of an important vocation, and
- critical participants in fulfilling the mission of the Church.

In short, the lay vocation is an *office*, not a vacuum. Because of this, it is a huge mistake to consider that only those called to religious or clerical life have a vocation.

Laity’s mission and vocation is derived from our Baptism. It is critical to realize that, according to the Church itself, our vocation and mission as laypeople derives from our Baptism and is strengthened through Confirmation. In other words, our place and work in the body of Christ is given to us directly, by the Holy Spirit, not indirectly through the ordained office.

“[The laity] are assigned to the apostolate by the Lord Himself. They are consecrated for the royal priesthood and the holy people not only that they may offer spiritual sacrifices in everything they do, but also that they may witness to Christ throughout the world.”

1 Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity, Pope Paul VI, November 18, 1965,

Each of us has been called by God to our own specific vocation and mission. As laity, we are called to share in the mission of Christ’s Church by living in the midst of the world and addressing all its problems and concerns with the divine message of salvation.”

As an ordained Pastor, my ministry has been shaped by many laity as I experience their response to living the life and mission within our parish communities.

Peace, 

MONDAY, October 10

TUESDAY, October 11

- 6:30 p.m. – Mass: Capital Campaign / Parish
- 7:00 p.m. – CCW Meeting – Parish Center
- 7:00 p.m. – Pastoral Council – Parish Center
- 7:00 p.m. – Garden Group – Parish Grounds

WEDNESDAY, October 12

- 8:30 a.m. – Mass: +Daniel Jose Rodriguez / Monica Hockman
- 9:00 a.m. – St. Joseph Guild – Parish Center
- 10:00 a.m. – AA – Parish Center
- 7:00 p.m. – High School Youth Group

THURSDAY, October 13

- 7:00 p.m. – Choir Practice – Church

FRIDAY, October 14

Hospital Visits

- 6:00 p.m. – midnight – CCW Fall CROP – Parish Center

SATURDAY, October 15

- 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. – CCW Fall CROP – Parish Center
- 4:30 – 5:15 p.m. – Confessions – Church
- 5:30 p.m. – Mass: +Germaine Boehme / Karen Mackey

SUNDAY, October 16

Nametag Sunday

- 9:30 a.m. – Mass: +Isabel Pearce / John & Patty Candiloro
- 9:30 a.m. – Children’s Liturgy of the Word
- 10:30 a.m. – Parish Breakfast – Parish Center
- 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – REF Grades K-5
- 5:30 p.m. – Mass: People of the Parish / Parish
- 6:30–8:00 p.m. – REF Grades 6-8

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, 10/10: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1; Ps 113:1b-5a, 6-7; Lk 11:29-32
- Tues, 10/11: Gal 5:1-6; Ps 119:41, 43-45, 47-48; Lk 11:37-41
- Wed, 10/12: Gal 5:18-25; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:42-46
- Thurs, 10/13: Eph 1:1-10; Ps 98:1-6; Lk 11:47-54
- Fri, 10/14: Eph 1:11-14; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13; Lk 12:1-7
- Sat, 10/15: Eph 1:15-23; Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-7; Lk 12:8-12
- Sun, 10/16: Ex 17:8-13; Ps 121:1-8; 2 Tm 3:14 - 4:2; Lk 18:1-8

Calling all snowbirds!

If you plan to spend the winter away, please let the Parish Office know your contact information, so we can keep in touch.

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

GRATITUDE

Surely we can all recall at least a few days in our lives when things were going so well that nothing could put us in a bad mood. Maybe it was the day a very special person asked us to the senior prom, or perhaps it was our wedding day. Maybe it was the day we learned that we were expecting a long-awaited child, or the day we got an overdue promotion. There was elation in our hearts and lightness in our step, an extraordinary vitality throughout the day. We probably got on the phone right away to tell at least a few key people about our good fortune.

This is surely how Naaman and the leper must have felt when they were rid of their terrible diseases. They were hard-pressed to contain their gratitude, and although they were both unfamiliar with the customs of a foreign land, they had the good manners to thank the people responsible for their cures.

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE

October 1 and 2

Weekly Collection	\$ 4,205.01
Online Giving	\$ 2,868.00
Children	\$ 8.50
Youth	\$ 0



Gardening Group – Oct. 11

Calling all gardeners and other volunteers! The parish needs your help on Tues., Oct. 11 after the evening mass, on several gardening and landscaping projects. Hope to see you there! Contact Sharon Roberts at the Parish Office to volunteer or for more information.

CCW Annual Fall Scrapbook CROP – Oct. 14-15

Here is your opportunity to catch up on organizing those pictures! Contact Cindy Bell to register at 248-660-4931 or 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). Snacks will be provided on Friday and breakfast, lunch & dinner 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 our Parish

Friday Morning Euchre – Oct. 28

It's time for Euchre at 10:00 a.m. on Oct. 28 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.

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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Today Jesus heals 10 lepers. And the story tells us that only 1 returned to give thanks and praise to God. What happened to the other 9? The question is why didn't they return? Maybe they were angry, angry that they had gotten so sick to begin with. Their anger blinded them from seeing their healing as a gift. Maybe they were upset that they had missed so much in life because they were ill. They were people who probably saw the glass as half empty, not half full. Or, maybe some of them were completely self-absorbed. Maybe some were like a child who was never taught to say, "Thank you," as though they were entitled to the good things in life.

It is surprising to think that some people could be so angry, or so self-centered that they fail to see the blessings in their lives. Unfortunately, that is exactly what happens. People who only see the negatives in life cannot appreciate the gifts of God. People, who see only their own world, struggle to comprehend why they should be grateful to anyone or anything for the goodness in their lives. Today we should reflect upon our own attitudes about gratitude. Maybe we need to stop living with such anger and negativity and look beyond our own world and see the blessings that GOD gives each and every day of our lives.

Walk the talk. Be Peace!

Deacon Ron

REF Children and Youth

- **10/16 REF All** (K-5, 11-12:30pm)
(Middle School YG, 6:30-8pm)
- **10/12 High School Youth Group** (7-9pm)
- **10/23 Confirmation Mini Session #1** (2:15-5:15pm)

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 \$25 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.

Adult Faith Formation

- **Men's Fellowship:** 1st Sat. of each month – Next Fellowship Nov. 5th. All Men invited!
- **Book Club:** Next Book - YOUR GOD IS TOO BORING By: Jon Leonetti. Next Discussion October 25th, 7pm Chapters 5-9.
- **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. Sign up in Gathering Space. Contact Dcn. Ron if you are interested in being a Small Group Facilitator.