

St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Community

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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.



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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.

Diocesan Assembly – Called by Name was Friday, October 21 and Saturday, October 22. This is the second of three major gatherings in our diocese, in response to the Bishop's 2012 Pastoral Letter on the New Evangelization. The first in 2014, ***Announce the Gospel***, focused on building up the household of faith and preparing our parishes for evangelizing. This year's is about the Lost Sheep — our family members, friends, and co-workers who are Catholic, but who have drifted away. The third assembly, in 2018, will prepare us for evangelizing those who are not Catholic, including the many that have no church affiliation..

The following was mentioned: "It has often been noted that Catholics are the largest religious group in the United States, but that self-described ex-Catholics are the second largest group. That's the big number. But the small number is the one that hurts. The small number might be your one or two adult children who no longer practice the faith – even though their salvation is what you care about more than anything else in life. Or the small number might be your four or five grandchildren who don't know how to make the Sign of the Cross; or your former college roommate who thinks a long-ago divorce means she can't be Catholic anymore; or a friend who lacks direction and has no idea what a blessing it would be to go to Confession and Communion; or the co-worker who just seems lost. We feel an ache in our hearts as we watch these good people, raised Catholic, make the tragic decision to forego the graces the Lord wants to give them in the sacraments"

Parish leaders from all over the diocese came together to share practical tips on how to approach those we love, with kindness and gentleness, about returning to the table of the Lord. A simple as "Have you ever thought about attending Mass?" could be the opening of a conversation that could change someone's life forever.

In the future, each one of us will have opportunities to help former Catholics reconsider their faith from our daily encounters. The ***Called by Name*** brochures are for everyone. Each one of us starts by praying and reflecting on **"My Personal Evangelization Plan."** Let the Holy Spirit guide you. You may have an impulse you didn't expect. That's okay. Come Holy Spirit!

The Called By Name Conference will:

- Help you speak with a loved one about faith without "turning them off."
- Help you share your experience of God's love in a way that reflects your personality.

The Called By Name conference will NOT:

- Tell you to go door-to-door, hand out leaflets at the mall, or speak on street corners to evangelize.
- Ask you to approach strangers or do any high-pressure hard sell of faith.

Evangelization is an important response to our Baptismal calling we received on the day of our baptism. Ask God for the grace and guidance to reach out to family and friends that were part of our parishes in the past. In baptism, we were Called by Name and became a member of the Catholic Church.

Peace,

MONDAY, October 24

7:00 p.m. – Choir Practice – Church

TUESDAY, October 25

6:30 p.m. – Word & Eucharist

7:00 p.m. – Book Club – Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, October 26

8:30 a.m. – Mass: People of the Parish / Parish

9:00 a.m. – St. Joseph Guild – Parish Center

10:00 a.m. – AA – Parish Center

6:00 p.m. – RCIA – Parish Center

7:00 p.m. – Youth Group – Parish Center

FRIDAY, October 28

Hospital Visits

SATURDAY, October 29

STEWARDSHIP WEEKEND

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Fall Clean Up – Parish Grounds

4:30 – 5:15 p.m. – Confessions – Church

5:30 p.m. – Mass: +Mary Murphy / Joe & Sally Fumich

SUNDAY, October 30

STEWARDSHIP WEEKEND

9:30 a.m. – Mass: +Ed Czarniak / Jay & Anne Boyle

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

5:30 p.m. – Mass: Deceased Benefactors of our 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 Deceased: Agnes Savage, wife of Leroy Savage

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, 10/24: Eph 4:32 - 5:8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 13:10-17

Tues, 10/25: Eph 5:21-33 or 5:2a, 25-33; Ps 128:1-5; Lk 13:18-21

Wed, 10/26: Eph 6:1-9; Ps 145:10-14; Lk 13:22-30

Thur, 10/27: Eph 6:10-20; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Lk 13:31-35

Fri, 10/28: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16

Sat, 10/29: Phil 1:18b-26; Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef; Lk 14:1, 7-11

Sun, 10/30: Wis 11:22 - 12:2; Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14; 2 Thes 1:11 - 2:2; Lk 19:1-10

Stewardship weekend – Oct. 29 and 30

Next weekend Oct. 29 and 30, each of us will be invited to renew our stewardship commitments of Time, Talent & Treasure. Let's show our gratitude for God's many blessings.

Welcome to our new members of St. Mark the Evangelist

We would like to welcome Terrence & Jennifer Senish and children Laura and David and Jean Gludemans and Elaine Hobbs to our community!

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

NO COMPARISONS

How many times have we read or heard about someone who's gotten into trouble—maybe even fired from a job—because of a brush with the law? While our “Christian” minds tell us to be sorry and even pray for the person, a little voice inside our heads may also be saying, “I’m glad I would never do anything like that.”

And perhaps we wouldn't. But are there some things we do that are still not pleasing in God's eyes? Today's readings caution us not to look so intently at someone else's wrongdoing that we overlook our own weaknesses and shortcomings. When we measure ourselves against the worst people we can think of, we come out looking pretty good. There is a danger, however, in using someone else's behavior as a way of reflecting our own goodness.

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE

October 15 and 16

Weekly Collection	\$ 3,118.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,743.00
Children	\$ 6.50

WORLD
MISSION
SUNDAY

World Mission Sunday – Oct. 22 & 23

Today is WORLD MISSION SUNDAY! In announcing his decision to declare a Holy Year of Mercy, Pope Francis said, "Dear brothers and sisters, I have often thought about how the Church might make clear its mission of being a witness to mercy." Supporting the young churches throughout the world with your prayers and generous gifts is indeed a merciful witness of this mission. Help missionaries offer the poor of these areas practical help as they share the mercy of God. Ensure the development of local dioceses, and support the work of priest, religious and lay leaders who serve those on the margins and in most need. Extend your merciful witness to the whole world through your gift in today's collection.

Fall Parish Clean-up – Oct. 29

Help your community by participating in cleaning the parish buildings, church and grounds on Sat., Oct. 29, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. followed by a light lunch. Sign up in the gathering space after masses or contact the Parish Office.

Friday Morning Euchre – Nov. 4

Join us for Euchre at 10:00 a.m. on **Nov. 4** with a light lunch to follow. Cost is \$5.00. Please contact Ruth and Mike Petroski at teacuplady47@hotmail.com or 810-344-7293 to sign up so we can plan accordingly.

Parish Dinner – Nov. 5

Attend the Parish Dinner on Sat., Nov. 5 at 6:30 p.m. Don't miss out on a hot turkey dinner with your parish family! Sign up in the Gathering Space or the Parish Office.

Veteran's Appreciation Mass and Celebration – Nov. 5

Sat., Nov. 5, K of C will be hosting Veteran's Appreciation Mass and Celebration at Holy Redeemer in the Family Life Center. All veterans and their guests are invited. Mass begins at 5:00p.m., followed by dinner, Live entertainment by Norton's Men's Choir and "The Veteran of the Year" award. It's \$10 for veterans and \$15 for guest. RSVP by October 28 with their parish office 810-743-3050.

FAITH FORMATION

Deacon Ron Kenney, Director of Faith Formation

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There is a lot of upheaval in our country right now in the world of politics and government. I have not and will not use this space to proselytize about politics. My intent in sharing these thoughts each week has always been to lead others to Christ, as I have been lead. But, the concern in the world of politics as we prepare to elect new leadership has twitched a bit of a nerve in me. If nothing else, this concern has created some good conversation with others, especially with my own children, as the media explodes daily with information for all of us to divulge. It leads to good reflection on what we need for our country right now and in the future.

As I sit here reflecting on all that we are seeing and hearing in our country, one question keeps coming to mind; have I prayed for this election, our country? In all situations, in all that happens, both good and bad, are we praying? The greatest lesson that our Lord has taught me in the Gospels, is first things first, PRAY! Our strength comes from God! Our direction comes from God! Our peace comes from God! Prayer is where we begin.

Walk the talk. Be Peace! – Deacon Ron

Adult Faith Formation

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

REF Children and Youth

- **10/30** – REF All (K-5, 11-12:30pm)
(Middle School YG, 6:30-8pm)
- **10/26** – High School Youth Group (7-9pm)

Powers Community Open House – Nov. 6

Powers Catholic High School invites you to come visit our campus and learn about the possibility of a Catholic education for your student or to just tour our beautiful campus on Sunday, Nov. 6th at 1505 W. Court St. in Flint, from 1:00-4:00 pm. Information, call (810) 591-4741 ext. 6.

Witness to Hope

To address some critical parish needs, and to build the future for our diocese – 30 donors have already stepped forward and made commitments that total \$300,100 or one-third of our goal. A great start for a parish with 400 registered families. Still, to be successful we need everyone to participate.

This campaign is not about equal gifts, but equal sacrifice by each family that will together allow us to achieve our goal and address our needs.

For those who have already received their pledge card, please make your discernment a priority; complete and return your pledge by Halloween if possible.