

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.

Stewardship Sunday is a weekend for annual renewal by adult parishioners committing to how they want to contribute to the Time, Talent and Treasure of their parish community. It is what makes any parish thrive in the various ministries throughout the year. It is each baptized parishioner's way of participating as best they can to help the life and mission of the 10 Year Pastoral Plan. Time is the most valued gift in our culture right now. When we can give of our time by intentionally being present for a need in the parish community we are building the reign of God one step at a time. People often say that prayer, study and action are the design for getting things done.

Here at St. Mark, the **Pastoral Council** members have put great effort into developing a 10 Year Pastoral Plan that is addressing the concerns and commitments that are needed to maintain a positive parish. There is a place for everyone who wants to give of their Time & Talent. The real key is matching individual's passions with the project/process that will be completed. The parish commissions of *Education -Formation, Parish Life, Spiritual Development and Social Justice* endeavor to utilize the gifts and strengths of all to bring Christ's presence into daily living out of ministries. The **Finance Council** members are responsible for the monetary aspects that are vital to the day to day "running" of the parish income and expenses. The committees of *Budget, Buildings & Grounds, Personnel & Policy and Stewardship* attend to being vigilant for our annual financial year. All are invited to discern how you can invest in the current pastoral year.

Stewardship Sunday readings speak to the way each adult responds to living their faith. The second letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians states: "Brothers and sisters, we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and powerfully bring to fulfillment every good purpose and every effort of faith, that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, in accord with the grace of our God and of our Lord Jesus Christ." The Gospel of Luke states: "But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, 'Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over.' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house.'"

My prayer for all of us here and around the world is that we will take the mandate of Jesus into consideration each day in our prayerful reflection for deciding how to live each day. Certainly, while the Year of Mercy will soon be coming to an end on November 20th, the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy remain as critical actions of faith that will make the difference of how our Catholic presence is responding to human needs. October every year in our Catholic Church is Respect Life month. It has been an opportunity to heighten our awareness of all issues concerning life from conception to natural death.

As Pastor, I thank you for your responses to ministerial needs locally, nationally, and internationally. Together we are all baptized into Christ to receive his grace and guidance for utilizing our gifts to the common good of our sisters and brothers.

Peace,

MONDAY, October 31

9:00 a.m. – A & E set up for All Saints

TUESDAY, November 1

ALL SAINTS DAY

8:30 a.m. – Mass: Evangelization / Parish

10:00 a.m. – Shawl Ministry

6:30 p.m. – Mass: +Doris & Art Martell / Dora Hoelscher

7:30 p.m. – Capital Campaign Meeting – Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, November 2

ALL SOULS DAY

8:30 a.m. – Mass: Family and Friends / Frank Connolly

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

10:00 a.m. – AA – Parish Center

6:00 p.m. – RCIA – Parish Center

6:30 p.m. – Mass: +Thomas Hereford / Delores Hereford

7:00 p.m. – All Souls Day Reception – Parish Center

Thursday, November 3

7:00 p.m. – Choir Practice – Church

FRIDAY, November 4

First Friday & Hospital / Home Visits

8:30 a.m. – Mass: Diocesan Seminarians/ Parish

9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. – First Friday Adoration

10:00 a.m. – Euchre & Luncheon – Parish Center

SATURDAY, November 5

Military Services Collection

7:00 a.m. – Men's Fellowship – Parish Center

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

5:30 p.m. – Mass: +Patrick Doherty / Doherty Family

6:30 p.m. – Parish Dinner – Parish Center

SUNDAY, November 6

Military Services Collection

9:30 a.m. – Mass: +Edward Siemon / 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: 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, 10/31: Phil 2:1-4; Ps 131:1bcde-3; Lk 14:12-14

Tues, 11/1: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

Wed, 11/2: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11; Jn 6:37-40,

Thurs, 11/3: Phil 3:3-8a; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 15:1-10

Fri, 11/4: Phil 3:17 — 4:1; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 16:1-8

Sat, 11/5: Phil 4:10-19; Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6,8a, 9; Lk 16:9-15

Sun, 11/6: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14; Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15;

2 Thes 2:16 — 3:5; Lk 20:27-38 [27, 34-38]

Calling all snowbirds!

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

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

GOD IS WITH US

The book of Wisdom tells us that the spirit of God is in all things. What a wonderful thought, and what a wonderful image to keep in front of us as we travel down life's road. For if the path is revealed in the treading, it's good to know that God is with us and all around us every step of the way.

But Paul knows that this divine presence is not timid. Instead, God calls out to us, and Paul prays that we, along with the Thessalonians, might be made worthy of that call. And who knows more about God's call than Zacchaeus, the tax collector? Jesus called him out of a tree, for goodness' sake. Or perhaps more correctly, as we reflect upon the end of today's Gospel reading, for heaven's sake.

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE

October 22 and 23

Weekly Collection.....	\$ 4,253.80
Online Giving	\$ 2,065.00
Children	\$ 24.50
Youth.....	\$ 0
World Mission.....	\$ 477.00



November – Book of Remembrance

All Souls' Day, Nov. 2, we remember those who have died this past year, and all our loved ones that we have lost. The Book of Remembrance will be next to the Baptismal Font. You may remember a deceased family member or friend by adding their name to the book. We will hold all of these people in our prayers, especially the month of November.

Witness to Hope

We have commitments of more than \$316,000 from 33 families. Your prayerful consideration and gift is an important part to addressing parish needs. Help be the key to building our diocese for generations to come. Return pledge cards to the parish office or at church by Oct. 31.

All Saints Day – Nov. 1

A reminder, this Tuesday November 1 is All Saints Day. This holy day of obligation is a day dedicated to the Saints of the church. Our mass times are 8:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration – Nov. 4

First Friday, Nov. 4, is Eucharistic Adoration 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sign up for an hour of prayer. We need one or more individuals an hour. Spend time with the Lord in prayer.

Friday Morning Euchre – Nov. 4

Euchre is at 10:00 a.m. on **Nov. 4** with a light lunch to follow. Cost is \$5.00. Contact Ruth and Mike Petroski at teacuplady47@hotmail.com or 810-344-7293 to sign up.

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.

Military Services Collection – Nov. 5 & 6

Next week our parish will take up the Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS). The AMS relies solely on private donors in support of its mission, "Serving those who serve" and its ministry to provide the same pastoral care and services to Catholics overseas as does any other Catholic diocese.

FAITH FORMATION

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On a few occasions one of my kids will stick up for their siblings and *plead* for them not to get punished. Believe me, most of the time they are tattling rather than attempting to save them from punishment. But once in a while it happens. I remember one time Emma felt that Luke didn't deserve the grounding that he was getting and she came to me and said, "Luke didn't really do something that bad." I thanked her but also reminded her that I'm the parent.

That pleading by Emma made me think about a book that I once read that talked about "The pleading presence of Jesus." It talked about how the *pleas* of the poor, the lost, and the forsaken stirred emotion and compassion in Jesus. When Jesus walked this earth he always seemed to find the lost through their *pleas* to him to help save them. And Jesus did. Bartimaeus the blind man, the woman about to be stoned, Nicodemus just to name a few. But something that always seemed to be present in their plea was a sincere desire to be with him and to see him. Zacchaeus today climbs a Sycamore Tree to get a better view of his Lord. It is that desire to want to be with him that made Jesus look at Zacchaeus and say, "Today salvation comes to your house."

What do we seek out Jesus for? Do we come to him with lost hearts seeking salvation or are we trying to get out of trouble? How far will you go to see Jesus and to be with him?

Walk the talk. Be Peace! – Deacon Ron

Adult Faith Formation

- **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. Sign up in Gathering Space. Contact Dcn. Ron if you are interested in being a Small Group Facilitator.

REF Children and Youth

- **11/6 REF** – K-5, 11-12:30pm & Middle School YG, 6:30-8pm
- **11/12** – High School Youth Group (7-9pm)
- **11/13** – 1st Rec. Parent/Child Session #1: 11-12:15pm
- **11/13** – Confirmation Mini Session #2: 2:15-5:15pm

Diocese of Lansing High School Youth Jamboree

- **Lost & Found!** Sat. November 6th – Lansing Center. Please keep members of our Youth Group in your prayers as we join other youth for a celebration of faith.

Powers Community Open House – Nov. 6

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

World Mission Sunday – Thank You

THANK YOU for your generous response to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith last weekend on World Mission Sunday. These missionaries provide essential education and health care, social outreach and advocacy, and pastoral service. Join them in mission every day as you joined them this past World Mission Sunday!