

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.

In his book, Through the Seasons of the Heart, Fr. John Powell, S.J. writes: "Our lives are shaped by those who love us, and by those who refuse to love us. I teach at Loyola University in Chicago. I am especially interested in two types of students. I look for those who seem to need special help, but I am also very interested in those who are well. I am as interested in knowing the sources of personal health and happiness as I am in the sources of human damage and destruction.

A few years ago a young woman was enrolled in my class who appeared to be the personification of personal health. She had a marvelous attitude toward everything and everyone. One day, as she was leaving the classroom, I asked her: "Noreen, how did you ever get the way you are?" She knew I meant this as a compliment, and replied: 'Whatever way I am, it is because of my family. I have a wonderful family. You will have to meet them sometime.' I eagerly accepted.

The occasion was a party, a celebration. I could feel the atmosphere of contagious affirmation everywhere. Everyone seemed to appreciate and affirm everyone else. A verbalization of the messages exchanged in various ways would have been: 'You really count. When you come into this house, you are special. Everyone here is special.' It was a beautiful experience. I left feeling about ten feet tall. As I was leaving, I said to the parents: 'You are really doing a great thing here in your family. I am very grateful to have an experience like the one I had tonight.' Noreen's father replied rather modestly, 'Well, we are doing what we can. You know what I tell these kids? I tell them that we don't have much else, but **we** are the riches in this family. *We are.*' I left thinking: 'You're right, Noreen. It's your family!'"

Family is defined in many ways. The aspect that is inherent in the word is **belonging**. Within the family, each member has his/her responsibilities. The needs of our parish are met through Time, Talent and Treasure of Stewardship. If you were elsewhere last weekend, 148 adults completed their T, T and T cards at Mass. Blank cards are available in the parish office and sacristy. All adults are invited to belong.

The first ever Capital Campaign for the Diocese of Lansing and St. Mark the Evangelist is also about addressing the needs of our Diocesan and Parish family.

Our Diocesan goal is met. All further gifts go toward the parking lot. Our **Witness to Hope** campaign has reached 43% of goal, from 43 families. It is a great start and with every family making their best sacrificial gift, we can accomplish all the projects outlined. Importance of participation is **key**. Everything we can accomplish we do collectively as a parish community. At this point we have fulfilled our parish obligation to the diocesan elements of the campaign, and now all additional funds will be directed solely to the completion of our projects right here at St. Mark. If you have your packet, please pray and decide what you can do and return it to the parish office. For those who have not yet received a packet, please contact the office so we can get you the information.

Peace,

TUESDAY, November 8**ELECTION DAY**

6:30 p.m. – Mass: Newly Elected Officials / Parish

WEDNESDAY, November 9

8:30 a.m. – Mass: + Daria Arague / Monica Hockman

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

7:00 p.m. – CCW Meeting – Parish Center

Thursday, November 10

7:00 p.m. – Choir Practice – Church

FRIDAY, November 11**Hospital Visits****SATURDAY, November 12**

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

5:30 p.m. – Mass: +Dick Daly /Margaret Daly

SUNDAY, November 13

9:30 a.m. – Mass: +Ed Zawislak / Ann Donnelly

9:30 a.m. – RCIA – Rite of Dismissal

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 Child/Parent Session – Parish Center

2:15 – 5:15 p.m. – 9th Grade Confirmation Mini Session #2 – Parish Center

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; Maj. 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, 11/7: Ti 1:1-9; Ps 24:1b-4ab, 5-6; Lk 17:1-6

Tues, 11/8: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Ps 37:3-4, 18, 23, 27, 29;
Lk 17:7-10

Wed, 11/9: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9;
1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

Thur, 11/10: Phlm 7-20; Ps 146:7-10; Lk 17:20-25

Fri, 11/11: 2 Jn 4-9; Ps 119:1-2, 10-11, 17-18;
Lk 17:26-37

Sat, 11/12: 3 Jn 5-8; Ps 112:1-6; Lk 18:1-8

Sun, 11/13: Mal 3:19-20a; Ps 98:5-9; 2 Thes 3:7-12;
Lk 21:5-19

Religious Articles

There is an assortment of religious crosses, necklaces and jewelry in the parish center perfect for all occasions. You purchase these items through the Parish Office.

Blessing of Bibles – Nov. 19 and 20

Personal Bibles will be blessed at all Masses on Nov. 19 and 20. Please bring your Bibles to Mass for the blessing.

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIFE EVERLASTING

The second book of Maccabees tells a powerful story, and a rather gruesome one at that. But central to it, beyond the horrible deaths inflicted upon the brothers and their mother, is their belief in the promise of resurrection and life everlasting in God.

Paul asks the Thessalonians to pray for him as he spreads Christ's message of love, so that he might be delivered from other nonbelievers anxious to do him harm. The apostle is confident in such prayer, just as he is confident in the everlasting support of Jesus and God the Father.

And there's that "everlasting" word again. The Sadducees, not buying the idea, ask Jesus an interesting—albeit meaningless—question about the status of married life at the Resurrection. He tells the non-believers that marriage isn't an issue for the risen children of God. More importantly, he assures them that their ancestors do live on in God, even as evidenced by the Father's words to Moses.

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE

October 29 and 30

Weekly Collection	\$ 3,875.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,038.00
Children	\$ 12.39
Youth.....	\$ 0



November – Book of Remembrance

In November 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 during the month of November.

Military Services Collection – Nov. 5 & 6

This week we will support our parishioners and their families who serve or have served this nation with distinction as members of the U.S. military. The Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA will provide the Gospel, the sacraments and other spiritual support to men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces and to veterans who are in VA medical centers. Please consider a contribution to this special collection last taken in 2013.

Liturgical minister training – Nov. 12 and 13

If you are interested in becoming a Liturgical Minister (Eucharistic Minister, Reader, Server or Usher/Greeter) and learning more about the ministries, please attend a training session for **new** Liturgical Ministers after all Masses the weekend of Nov. 12 and 13. If you are interested but cannot attend, contact the Parish Office.

CCW Bake Sale – Nov. 19 and 20

CCW hosts the annual fall bake sale the weekend of Nov. 19 & 20 after all Masses. We are looking for donations of baked goods to help make our sale a success. Please drop off your items before any Mass that weekend. Call Donna Brothers at 810-636-7041 or Mary McFarlane 810-344-9859 with questions. Stop and shop the goodies for sale that weekend!

Parish Breakfast – Nov. 20

Join your parish family for a pumpkin pancake breakfast on Sunday, Nov. 20 in the Parish Center, after 9:30 a.m. Mass.

FAITH FORMATION

Deacon Ron Kenney, Director of Faith Formation
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As a Deacon I have often shared with you the joy I experience in being able to minister to people at their highest moments in life and their lowest. A low for sure is to be with people when a loved one has died. I see this as an opportunity to help people celebrate life and to help them experience hope in eternal life that comes with having faith. But, with any loss of a loved one, there are always the questions that come up about the sins that they have died with and what does that do for their eternity. We often turn our attention to life after death and our deepest hopes. I always say I can't give you an exact answer, I just know in my own belief and faith what God has revealed to me through scripture and our church. I often tell them we must pray for those that have died.

The Books of Maccabees, for which our first reading today comes from, speaks a great deal about dying for the faith. It tells of the persecution some faced for the faith. It also speaks about how some of the soldiers who died for the faith, may have died not always being faithful. We are told that we must pray for the fallen and know that our God is a God of Mercy for all. The Books of Maccabees tell us that it is a good thing to pray for the dead. During the Month of November, we pray for our loved ones that they might be healed of the effects of sin in their lives and be admitted into the eternal love of the Lord. And so we pray in beautifully poetic language: Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen!

Walk the talk. Be Peace! – Deacon Ron

Adult Faith Formation

- **Men's Fellowship:** 1st Sat. of each month – Next Fellowship Dec. 3th. 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

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

Witness to Hope – Deadline November 20th

Our Capital Campaign deadline is November 20th. We have commitments of \$478,000 from 43 families. Your prayerful consideration and gift is an important part to addressing Diocesan and Parish needs. Help be the key to building our diocese and parish for generations to come. Please return pledge cards as you reach your decision to the parish office or in the sacristy at Mass.

Hope in a Box for November

Donated items for November - **Dish Soap and Blankets & Coats.** Place in the **Hope in a Box** containers.