

St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Community

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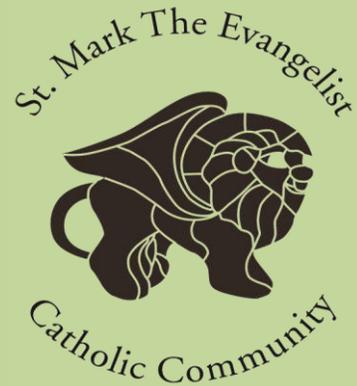
PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

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.

Christ the King Sunday marks the ending of the Church's Liturgical Year. This important Feast is about a hundred years old in our Catholic tradition. The declaration of this Feast Day underscores the reality that no one is "King on the Mountain" (like the game says) but Jesus. Our baptism calls each of us to be about building up the Reign of God by our daily living as disciples of Jesus Christ. While doing my daily prayers and readings last week, I came across the following reflection:

"Speaking in Quiet... I myself shall give you wisdom in speaking... Luke 21:15

When Jesus speaks of the end times, he assures his disciples they need not be concerned about what to say in defense of themselves or his teachings. When I am with people who approach their own or a loved one's "end times" through terminal illness, I turn to Jesus' counsel - do not worry about what to speak. Trusting in divine guidance is always a necessity when finding myself with anyone coming to terms with mortality. I pray for the wisdom to leave behind a desire to defend God when someone is bereft with questions about life's unfairness or why a miracle of healing has not been given. I have learned that words are not always the most helpful. "Speaking" sometimes means keeping quiet, not trying to fix another's pain by what I say but by listening with the heart, entering into their sorrow, surrendering to the Compassionate One's caring presence and entrusting the hurting one to this great love." *Sr. Joyce Rupp, O.S.M.*

I believe there is great wisdom in her words. We are concluding the month of November when we remember our beloved deceased in our families and friendships. As we go forth into the new "Church Year," let us remember that silence can be golden. In all the precious encounters that lie ahead, pause in prayer asking for God's grace and guidance in the difficult moments of grief.

The Year of Mercy culminates this weekend. In his wisdom, Pope Francis offered to the World community, time to be about Mercy. We are inundated with the realities of suffering by technology that beckon for greater awareness and answers for hope. While the year has brought wonderful responses, I pray the momentum builds daily creating a mantra bringing greater acts of Mercy. The world is in great need for prophetic parishioners to respond locally, nationally and globally!

Thanksgiving Prayer

All powerful God, we appeal to your tender care that even as you temper the winds and rains to nurture the fruits of the earth you will also send upon them the gentle shower of your blessing. Fill the hearts of your people with gratitude that from the earth's fertility the hungry may be filled with good things and the poor and needy proclaim the glory of your name.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

As your Pastor, I offer thanksgiving for all the dedicated parishioners who give joyfully of their Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure. May you have a Blessed Thanksgiving!

Peace,

TUESDAY, November 22

6:00 p.m. – RCIA – Parish Center
6:30 p.m. – Word & Eucharist

WEDNESDAY, November 23

8:30 a.m. – Mass: +Germaine Boehme / Karen Mackey
9:00 a.m. – St. Joseph Guild – Parish Center
9:00 a.m. – A & E Thanksgiving– Church
10:00 a.m. – AA – Parish Center
6:30 p.m. – Thanksgiving Mass: For the Marginalized Poor / Parish
7:00 p.m. – Youth Group – Parish Center

Thursday, November 24

THANKSGIVING

Parish Office closed

FRIDAY, November 25

Hospital Visits

9:00 a.m. – A & E – Advent Preparation

SATURDAY, November 26

4:30 – 5:15 p.m. – Confessions – Church
5:30 p.m. – Mass: +Germaine Boehme / Karen Mackey

SUNDAY, November 27

9:30 a.m. – Mass: +Kathleen Chmiel /CCW
9:30 a.m. – Children's Liturgy of the Word
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. – Altar Server Training – Church
5:30 p.m. – Mass: People of the Parish / Parish

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, 11/21: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 21:1-4
Tues, 11/22: Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10-13; Lk 21:5-11
Wed, 11/23: Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1-3ab, 7-9; Lk 21:12-19
Thur, 11/24: Sir50:22-24; Ps145:2-11; 1Cor1:3-9; Lk17:11-19
Fri, 11/25: Rv 20:1-4, 11 - 21:2; Ps 84:3-6a,8a; Lk21:29-33
Sat11/26: Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-7ab; Lk 21:34-36
Sun,11/27: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Rom 13:11-14;Mt 24:37-44

Thanksgiving Mass & Blessing of Bread – Nov. 23

The Parish Thanksgiving Liturgy is Wednesday, Nov. 23 at 6:30 p.m. We will also be blessing breads. You are invited to bring your own bread from home that you would like blessed for your table.

Witness to Hope – Deadline November 20th

Reminder that all funds we receive from this point forward go exclusively for our parish projects. At this point 93 families have pledged a total of \$495,800. Our Capital Campaign deadline is November 20th. Please return pledge card envelopes as you reach your decision to the parish office or in the sacristy at Mass. Your prayerful decision is vital to this campaign.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

KINGSHIP

The book of Samuel recounts for us today the anointing of David as king of Israel. It was the elders of Israel who declared David king that day, but it was God who called David to shepherd Israel. Thus mandated by the citizens of his kingdom and by his God, David took his place in a long line of kings.

The apostle Paul speaks to us of kingship as well, but on a much higher plane: the kingship of Jesus our Lord. As great as David was, he and all earthly monarchs who came before and after him in their kingdoms around the world are minor kings by comparison to the true King. And lastly, we hear the story of that true King in perhaps his weakest moment: near death, hanging on a cross, taunted by a common criminal and by the world at large.

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE

November 12 and 13

Weekly Collection.....	\$ 4,073.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,740.00
Children	\$ 24.50
Youth.....	\$ 0
Christian Service.....	\$ 1,379.00



Catholic Campaign Human Development – Nov. 19 & 20

The collection this weekend for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) provides funding for groups that make lasting change and uplift the poor in the United States. CCHD's grants improve education, support economic development, and create affordable housing in low-income neighborhoods. Help us defend human dignity and build communities of solidarity by giving to CCHD.

Stuff the Truck Charity Drive – Nov. 23

Help Catholic Charities fill a truck the day before Thanksgiving with non-perishable food items, toiletries, and winter wear to give Catholic Charities a warmer holiday season. Wednesday, Nov. 23, 5pm-7pm at Dort Federal Event Center 3501 Lapeer Rd, Flint. Donate 3+ items or 1 coat/blanket to receive a free ticket to the 11/23 Flint Firebirds 7pm game!

Parish Dinner – Dec 3

Warm up with a hot roast beef dinner with your parish family. Join us Saturday, Dec. 3 after the 5:30 p.m. Mass in the Parish Center. Sign up in the Gathering Space after Masses this weekend and next.

CCW Advent Tea – Dec. 4

Prepare your heart and mind for the birth of Christ by joining us for an afternoon of friendship, scripture and a luncheon during the Advent by Candlelight Tea on Sunday, Dec. 4 from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. Host a table and invite your own guests, or simply sign up and be our guest. Hostess packets and sign-up will be available after Masses. Questions? Contact Debi Foerster at 810-694-5983.

FAITH FORMATION

Deacon Ron Kenney, Director of Faith Formation
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We are confronted with many choices throughout our lives. Choices that sometimes we agree with and sometimes choices we do not agree with. We can make the cautious choice, that which will give us the greatest support among others. Or we can make the Christian choice, the choice that answers the question, What Would Jesus Do? We often sell out or compromise our beliefs because we want and need the support of others. What Jesus would do is not always popular or supported by others because it seeks a concern for others especially those less fortunate. The Jesus choice is usually challenging us NOT to be self-centered but rather self-less.

Today we celebrate Christ the King Sunday. A time to really evaluate the choices we make. Do we make choices that are self-serving? Or, do we make choices with a concern for all. Jesus Christ is our King. His kingdom is about all people and for US his followers to be ready to serve his kingdom. We can, and we must serve Him.

Walk the talk. Be Peace! – Deacon Ron

Adult Faith Formation

- **Advent Awakenings!** During the weeks of Advent. 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.
- **Men's Fellowship:** 1st Sat. of each month – Next Fellowship Dec. 3rd. All Men invited!

REF Children and Youth

- 11/23 High School Youth Group (7-9pm)
- 11/27 NO REF Thanksgiving Weekend
- 11/27 Altar Server Training after 9:30am Liturgy
- 12/4 All (K-5, 11-12:30pm)(Middle School YG, 6:30-8pm)

Altar Server Training

- All 4th graders and above. Sunday, November 27th, 10:30am-11:30am (In the Church). All those who would like to serve at the Altar of the Lord during our Sunday Liturgies. Sign up forms available from the Faith Formation Office or contact Dcn. Ron at stmarkdff@hotmail.com.

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.

Giving Tree

Share Advent hope and Christmas joy by taking a tag off the Giving Tree in the Gathering Space beginning 11/26. Return the wrapped gift, with tag, to the tree by Dec. 18.

Communal Penance Service – Dec. 11

Plan to attend the Advent Communal Penance Service on Sunday, Dec. 11 at 3:00 p.m. in the church. This is a great sacrament to receive in preparation for Christmas.