

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.

Advent begins the new **2017 Liturgical Year** today. The Sunday Scripture readings for the year will be from the Gospel of Matthew and the daily readings from Year 1. It always seems a bit strange when this happens on Thanksgiving weekend.

In another month, we celebrate the New Year 2017. I ran across an article describing people and believe it can offer some insight and reflections for each one of us. We can begin today with resolutions to use each day letting them become habits that foster positive living. May we **be** and **have** the kinds of people mentioned in the article below:

***15 Sets of People you must meet in your LIFE.**

1. ***The Encouragers*** - even in discouraging situations of life, these people keep you going with encouraging words;
2. ***The hand lifters***- They are those whose hands are strong enough to hold yours up when you are weak
3. ***Destiny Helpers***- They provide shoulders upon which you ride to fulfilling your dream and destiny;
4. ***The Givers***- They will give of their time, talent, and treasure to you in your hour of need;
5. ***The Receivers***- They are different from routine takers and serial beggars. You can't be blessed if you don't give, and you can't give if there is no one to receive. Not all lands bring forth fruits, and not all hands that receive command blessings. You need those whose receiving hands will trigger abundant blessings unto you;
6. ***The Prayer Champions***- You need more than prayer warriors in 2017. Many Prayer warriors pray from their heads only; Prayer champions pray from their heart and Win;
7. ***The Recommenders***- These are the ones who mention your name in quarters where your skills and talents will be celebrated;
8. ***The Correctors***-These are the ones who honestly tell you when you are wrong; they prevent you from digging a grave of mistakes that may bury your destiny;
9. ***The Committed***- Whether things are up or down, these ones are standing with you
10. ***The Loyal***- They work with you with all of their hearts to make things work in your life;
11. ***The Truth-Tellers***- They will not call night day, and day night;
12. ***The Altruists***- They believe that life is not just about them, it is about you too;
13. ***The Reliable***- You can count on them when it counts most;
14. ***The Contented***- They are not greedy, they are satisfied with whatever they get from you and they bless you from their heart for it;
15. ***Lovers of God & Godly Life***- They are always connected to God;

Peace,

MONDAY, November 28

7:00 p.m. – Advent Awakenings – Parish Center

TUESDAY, November 29

6:30 p.m. – Mass: World Peace / Parish

WEDNESDAY, November 30

8:30 a.m. – Mass: Deceased Benefactors /Parish

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

10:00 a.m. – AA – Room 1 & 2

6:00 p.m. – RCIA – Parish Center

THURSDAY, December 1

6:30 p.m. – Choir Practice – Church

FRIDAY, December 2

First Friday & Hospital / Home Visits

8:30 a.m. – Mass: U.S. women killed in El Salvador / Parish

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

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

SATURDAY, December 3

National Collection: Retirement Fund

7:00 a.m. – Men's Fellowship – Room 1 & 2

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

5:30 p.m. – Mass: +Red Lawson / Fr. Mike

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

SUNDAY, December 4

National Collection: Retirement Fund

9:30 a.m. – Mass: +Cal Story /Margie Wells

9:30 a.m. – CLW and RCIA Rite of Acceptance

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. – Altar Server Training – Church

11:00 a.m. –12:30 p.m. – REF Grades K-5

1:30 p.m. – Advent Tea – 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 Deceased: Raymond Kubik, father of Sue Grant

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, 11/28: Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tue, 11/29: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

Wed, 11/30: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22

Thur, 12/1: Is 26:1-6;Ps 118:1,8-9,19-21,25-27a; Mt 7:21,24-27

Fri, 12/2: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Sat, 12/3: Is 30:19-21,23-26; Ps147:1-6;Mt 9:35 - 10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sun, 12/4: Is 11:1-10;Ps 72:1-2, 7-8,12-13,17;Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

Giving Tree

Share hope and joy by taking a tag off the Giving Tree in the Gathering Space beginning this weekend 11/26.

Return the wrapped gift, with tag, to the tree by Dec. 18.

Alternative Giving Weekends – Dec 3/4 & 10/11

Christmas is a time of giving and we want to remember those in need. We have information in the gathering space for an alternative to wrapped gifts, a gift that shares with those less fortunate well beyond the Christmas season!

First Sunday of Advent BE PREPARED

Be prepared. It's that simple. As this Advent season opens before us, the Lord Jesus summons us to stand ready for his coming. At this time of year much of our attention is focused on being prepared for the details that accompany the holiday season. We purchase gifts; we decorate our homes, inside and out; we prepare foods that we eat only during the holidays; we write and send Christmas cards; we attend holiday concerts; we prepare either to welcome family and friends into our homes or arrange for visits to their homes. We really can't escape the details that make up the season. Perhaps this Advent is a time to attend to all those details with a different spin. As we prepare to celebrate the feast of Christmas, why not be deliberate about acknowledging the presence of the Lord as we go about these tasks? The Lord often comes to us in wonderfully surprising ways. Let us be prepared.

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE

November 19 and 20

Weekly Collection.....	\$ 4,647.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,000.00
Children	\$ 5.50
Human Development Collection	\$ 540.00



First Friday Adoration – Dec. 2

Friday, Dec. 2, is the First Friday of the month: Adoration is from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Sign up for a one-hour slot; we need one or more individuals per hour. This is a wonderful way to spend time with the Lord this Advent.

Parish Dinner – Dec 3

Warm up with a hot roast beef on Saturday, Dec. 3 after the 5:30 p.m. Mass in the Parish Center. Sign up in the Gathering Space after Masses this weekend.

CCW Advent Tea – Dec. 4

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

Immaculate Conception – Dec. 8 Holy Day

There will be Masses for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on Thursday, Dec. 8 at 8:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Liturgical Minister Formation – Dec. 8

All adult parishioners interested in being a Liturgical Minister (reader, usher/greeter, Eucharistic minister, server) are invited to a formation session. Stay after the Holy Day Masses on Dec. 8 for the Formation Session in the church.

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.

Capital Campaign Witness to Hope – Thank You

Thank you for your support with our Capital Campaign. It is not too late to turn in your pledge card, if you haven't already please do so as soon as possible. At this point we have pledged a total of \$508,300 or 56% from 99 families.

FAITH FORMATION

Deacon Ron Kenney, Director of Faith Formation

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How often in a day do you check your watch, the clock on the wall, the time on your phone? We are creatures of time and space and we are always looking for when something is going to start or end. Be it our work day, the clock in a sports contest, how much time until dinner is served, how long the homily is running, we find ourselves checking the seconds, minutes and hours left in that "event". St. Paul tells us today, "You know the time." Jesus in the Gospel tells us, "We don't know the time." That sounds a bit confusing and contradicting. Next to each other they are confusing, but our Lord and one of our greatest Apostles are saying virtually the same thing.

We don't know the end times when Jesus is coming again. But, we can know the time that we are living in, living for the Lord, choosing his way, his love, his kindness or what we are supposed to be living. When we choose his way, striving to be more like Christ to others, the end time will not concern us. The challenge this Advent is to find ways to make our time HIS time. I challenge you, to take 10 minutes each day and sit in silence asking God to help you put him first this day. See how your time changes. The Advent journey begins...

Walk the talk. Be Peace! – Deacon Ron

Adult Faith Formation

- **Advent Awakenings:** Mondays, Nov.28th, Dec. 5th, 12th, 19th, 7pm in the Parish Center
- **Men's Fellowship:** 1st Sat. of each month – Next Fellowship Dec. 3th. All Men invited!
- **Advent Men's Breakfast:** Sat., Dec.17th, 8-9:30am, join other men in the parish as we reflect on the Advent Season and how we can become more faith-filled men, husbands, fathers, grandfathers and sons. Sign up in Gathering Space or by contacting the Parish Office.

REF Children and Youth

- **12/4** – K-5, 11-12:30pm & Middle School YG, 6:30-8pm
- **12/7** – High School Youth Group (7-9pm)
- **12/10** – Celebration of First Reconciliation 10am

Children's Christmas Eve Pageant

- All Children, ages 4-11 are invited to be a part of the Christmas Story that takes place at the 4:30pm Christmas Eve Liturgy. Sign up forms are available at REF or by contacting the Parish Office. Practice will be on Sunday, December 18th, 11am-12:30pm.

Retirement Fund for Religious – Dec. 3 & 4

Show your appreciation for the senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests who made a positive difference in so many lives. Please give generously to next weekend's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious

Thank you – Catholic Campaign Human Development

Thank you for your support of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. You helped provide funding for groups that make lasting change and uplift the poor in the U.S.

Thank you – Council of Catholic Women (CCW)

A special thank you to all parishioners who participated as bakers and/or buyers at our CCW bake sale on 11/19 & 20. With your help CCW had the most successful bake sale in recent history. We wish you and your family blessings.