

# 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.

Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is honored this weekend. His bravery and fierce beliefs in justice for all impacted his country and the world. He called people to action and urged them to step out of the side lines and start caring more about equality for all rather than just maintaining harmony.

This reflection from a History professor brings to life how we can use the "I Have a Dream" speech in regards to current issues we still face... "In King's memorable "I Have a Dream" speech, he said: "1963 is not an end but a beginning." Yet, 50 years later poverty is more pronounced. Indeed, could King have anticipated the nation's changing demographics for as he also said in that 1963 speech: "For many of our white brothers, as evidenced by their presence here today, have come to realize that their destiny is tied up with our destiny. And they have come to realize that their freedom is inextricably bound to our freedom. We cannot walk alone."

*Juliet E. K. Walker, professor, Department of History; founder-director Center for Black Business, History, Entrepreneurship, and Technology; IC2 Institute Jack D. Wrathier Jr. Centennial Fellow; IC2 Gerhard J. Fonken Endowed Research Fellow*

His other popular speech was his Letter from Birmingham Jail. He received criticism for leaving Georgia and taking up peaceful protest for those in Alabama where he in turn gets arrested. While in jail many spoke out that he should have waited and given Alabama time. His response to that was a lengthy 7,000 word letter where he calls out "the white moderate, who is more devoted to "order" than to justice; who prefers a negative peace which is the absence of tension to a positive peace which is the presence of justice." To those who said waiting was the answer he replied, "This 'Wait' has almost always meant 'Never' and justice too long delayed is justice denied."

If Martin Luther King were alive, he would still be fighting for justice. His call for economic justice was a foresight into our future. He said, "... our struggle is for genuine equality, which means economic equality. For we know that it isn't enough to integrate lunch counters. What does it profit a man to be able to eat at an integrated lunch counter if he doesn't earn enough money to buy a hamburger and a cup of coffee?" Today too, our schools are no longer segregated by color but the limits are by wealth and income.

We can all step up and fight for justice. I urge you to read Dr. Martin Luther King's message. As Annie, an REF child said, "Epiphany is showing up not going away"!

- [http://www.nobelprize.org/nobel\\_prizes/peace/laurates/1964/king-bio.html](http://www.nobelprize.org/nobel_prizes/peace/laurates/1964/king-bio.html)
- <http://www.thekingcenter.org/about-dr-king>
- <http://www.history.com/news/kings-letter-from-birmingham-jail-50-years-later>

**World Wide Evangelization Appeal** is the weekend of January 29. This is an opportunity to fulfill dreams around the world. At home and abroad evangelization is paramount in fulfilling our mission as Roman Catholics.

Peace,

**MONDAY, January 16****TUESDAY, January 17**

10:00 a.m. – Shawl Ministry – Contact Parish Office  
6:30 p.m. – Mass: People of the Parish / Parish  
7:00 p.m. – Parish Commissions Mtg – Parish Center

**WEDNESDAY, January 18**

8:30 a.m. – Mass: Christian Unity Week / Parish  
9:00 a.m. – St. Joseph Guild – Parish Center  
10:00 a.m. – AA – Room 1 & 2  
7:00 p.m. – Youth Group – Parish Center

**THURSDAY, January 19**

7:00 p.m. – Choir Practice – Church

**FRIDAY, January 20****SATURDAY, January 21**

4:30 – 5:15 p.m. – Confessions – Church  
5:30 p.m. – Mass: +Jacqueline June Tallman / Bill LaVelle

**SUNDAY, January 22****Baptism Weekend**

9:30 a.m. – Mass: +Ed Bohlen / Alford Family  
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  
11:30 a.m. – Parent Faith Chat – Parish Center  
5:30 p.m. – Mass: March for Life / 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, 1/16: Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22  
Tue, 1/17: Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c;  
Mk 2:23-28  
Wed, 1/18: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6  
Thur, 1/19: Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12  
Fri, 1/20: Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8, 10-14; Mk 3:13-19  
Sat, 1/21: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Mk 3:20-21  
Sun, 1/22: Is 8:23 — 9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14;  
1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 [12-17]

**Marriage Enrichment – Feb. 4**

St. Mark is hosting a Marriage Enrichment afternoon Saturday, February 4 from 1:00 pm - 5:15 pm, followed by Mass at 5:30 pm. John & Julie Nielsen will be presenting. Sign up in the Gathering Space or with the Parish Office. You can call them directly for info. (810) 695-8415.

**Men's Retreat at St. Francis – Feb. 24 – 26**

The men's annual retreat is at the St. Francis Retreat Center from Friday, Feb. 24 through Sunday, Feb. 26. The theme is "**Mass Matters: We are Called to Glory.**" Suggested offering is \$175.00. Register at the Retreat Center at (517) 669-8321 or website at [www.stfrancis.ws](http://www.stfrancis.ws).

## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time THREE MISSIONS

Today we begin with one of the “servant songs” from the book of Isaiah, a song prophetic of Jesus’ ministry of service. Isaiah’s mission is not only to bring back the children of Jacob to gather in Israel; it is also to be “a light to the nations” (Isaiah 49:6). Jesus Christ, as servant, will be the fulfillment of the ancient prophecy and the basis of the new.

This Sunday we begin a series of readings from Paul’s letter to the Corinthians. Here Paul is identified by his mission: he is an apostle of Jesus Christ. The church at Corinth to whom he addresses this letter is also identified: it is part of the universal church of God. The Corinthians are called to holiness, as are all Christians.

Though the feast of the Baptism of the Lord was celebrated last Monday, today’s Gospel also alludes to the importance of that event. The reading emphasizes that Jesus “outranks” John: his baptism in the Spirit will eradicate sin. Jesus accepts John’s baptism, even though it is he himself who is the Lamb of God.

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### PARISH STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE

January 7 & 8

Sunday & Christmas Collection.....	\$ 3,125.00
Online Giving .....	\$ 2,203.00
Children .....	\$ 10.50
Youth.....	\$ 0
Christian Service.....	\$ 912.00



### Called and Gifted Workshop – Jan. 20 – 21

God is calling you to a unique purpose in life, a work of love that only you can do. This Workshop will teach participants about the charisms given to you by the Holy Spirit at Baptism and start you on a process of life long discernment. Join us at St. John the Evangelist, Fenton on Jan. 20-21 Friday 7:00 – 9:30 pm and Saturday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm. See [www.diocesesoflansing.org/](http://www.diocesesoflansing.org/) for registration.

### Powers Catholic High School Winterfest 2017:

Bring your friends and join us for the party of the year! January 21, 7 pm -11 pm at Powers Catholic High School. Wear your favorite college gear for a night of drinks, dancing and fun! Admission is \$30 and includes food and drink tickets. Tickets are limited! Please call the Advancement Office for more information or to purchase tickets! 810-591-0100 [advancement@powerscatholic.org](mailto:advancement@powerscatholic.org).

### Euchre & Luncheon – Jan. 27

Euchre with a light lunch is on Friday, January 27 at 10:00 a.m. Cost is \$5.00. Contact Ruth & Mike Petroski at [teacuplady47@hotmail.com](mailto:teacuplady47@hotmail.com) or 810-344-7293 to sign up.

### Register For Human Trafficking Conference – Feb. 11

Human trafficking is often hidden in our communities. Learn more about anti-trafficking efforts. Attend ***From Darkness to Light: Human Trafficking and Our Response*** on Sat., Feb. 11 at Lansing Catholic High School. Participants will interact with organizations and learn what they can do to raise awareness. Breakfast / lunch included in a \$25 registration cost, register at [www.micatholic.org/fromdarknesstolight/](http://www.micatholic.org/fromdarknesstolight/). Annie Bennett at [abennett@micatholic.org](mailto:abennett@micatholic.org) or 517-316-3588.

## FAITH FORMATION

**Deacon Ron Kenney, Director of Faith Formation**

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Whenever I reflect on the stories in the Gospels where Jesus calls the Apostles to come follow him, I begin to think about my own calling and vocation to follow him. I was about 19 years old helping out on a youth retreat and while going to confession, the Priest grabbed my hand and said, emphatically, “God’s youth need you to help them find their place in the church.” I didn’t exactly know what that meant at the time, but 2 years later I began serving the young people of St. Robert as their youth minister. 31 years later I am still at it in some form or fashion.

Since that time I have continually looked for ways to lead ALL people to the doors of the church and invite them IN to help them find their place to encounter Christ. I have never looked at my ministry, what I am called to do in serving his people and his church, as a job. I have always felt blessed to be one of his ministers, helping to lead people to encounter Christ. Like I always say, “I do, what I do, because I love Christ, I love people and I love trying to bring the 2 together.”

Our challenge each day is to continually do the same in our own lives by trying to see how we, in our own vocations, religious, married life, single life can lead people to encounter Christ. Like the call in Matthew today, we need to be fishermen, or fishers of all helping others to experience what we have experienced in him.

Walk the Talk! Be Peace!

– Deacon Ron

### **Parent Faith Chat**

- Parents are invited to join Dcn. Ron in the church during REF for a Faith Chat. The theme of this chat is: A Parent’s Guide: Teaching the truth and beauty of Human Sexuality.

### **REF Children and Youth**

- **1/15** – NO REF MLK Weekend (K-5)( Middle School YG)
- **1/18** – High School Youth Group (7-9pm)
- **1/22** – REF All (11-12:30pm K-5, 6:30-8pm 6-7-8)
- **1/29** – First Eucharist Parent Meeting (11-12:15pm)

### **Adult Faith Formation**

- **Men’s Fellowship:** 1st Sat. of each month 7-8am – Next Fellowship February 4th.
- **Book Club:** Our next book club discussion will be January 24, 2017. Our book will be *The Shack*, by William Young. We will have 2 discussions on the book, 1/24 and 2/28. Contact Dcn. Ron for more info.

### **8th Grade Visitation at Powers Catholic – Feb. 3**

8th grade students are invited to experience Powers Catholic on Friday, Feb. 3, from 9:30am – 2:00pm. This is a great opportunity to help make a decision about high school. All students will receive information about school, enrollment, and ways to reduce tuition. Please RSVP by Jan. 30 to Ms. Valaria Sunday, Director of Admissions, at (810) 591-4741, ext 6 or [admissions@powerscatholic.org](mailto:admissions@powerscatholic.org). Please include student’s name, current school, and parish. It will be a Spirit Day at PCHS, so jeans are acceptable with an orange and/or blue top (no holes or tears). Pizza lunch will be provided.