

# St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Community

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Council of Catholic Women  
Sue Griffith (248) 627-3100

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.

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

The theme of this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is "**Reconciliation-The Love of Christ Compels Us.**" (cf. 2 Cor 5:14-20). There are two accents for the Prayer for Christian Unity. One, a celebration of God's love and grace, the 'justification of humanity through grace alone', reflecting the main concern of the churches marked by Martin Luther's Reformation. Two, to recognize the pain of the subsequent deep divisions which afflicted the Church, openly name the guilt, and offer an opportunity to take steps toward reconciliation.

The theme finds its origins in Pope Francis' 2013 Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium* ("The Joy of the Gospel") when it used the following quote: "The Love of Christ Compels Us" (Paragraph 9). The theme finds its scriptural context in 2 Corinthians. (5:14). There will be a particular emphasis on the ecumenical worship service for the Week while at the same time commemorating the Lutheran Reformation.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity has a history of over 100 years in which Christians around the world have taken part in an octave of prayer for visible Christian unity. By annually observing the WPCU, Christians move toward the fulfillment of Jesus' prayer at the Last Supper "that they all may be one." (cf. *John 17:21*)

Ecumenism, from the Greek word "oikoumene," meaning "the whole inhabited world," is the promotion of cooperation and unity among Christians. The Ecumenical movement today has been brought about by the conviction that a divided Christianity is a scandal to the world. Underlying the Catholic Church's pursuit of ecumenism is its recognition that elements of sanctification and truth are found in other churches.

It can be said that the Ecumenicity of the Church is another way of expressing her radical catholicity or universality. Since the 1960's, following Vatican II, breakthrough agreements have been reached between Catholics and other communions including statements on Baptism, Eucharist, and Ministry.

*2017 United States Conference of Catholic Bishops*

This biblical text emphasizes that reconciliation is a gift from God, intended for the entire creation. "God was reconciling the world (kosmos) to God's self in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation" (v.19). As a result of God's action, those who have been reconciled in Christ are called in turn to proclaim this reconciliation in word and deed: "The love of Christ compels us" *Graymoor Ecumenical & Interreligious Institute (GEII)*.

Especially for Christians, being united through Christ as one, is what this week is all about. Spend time to pray for our reconciliation amongst all of our Christian faith communities. Pray for God's calling to faithfulness. Our baptismal calling is one that evolves and deepens as each of us grows in strength and wisdom. This week can offer the opportunity to speak with family and friends about their faith and how that makes a significant difference in daily living. Enjoy the possibilities ahead!

Peace,

**MONDAY, January 23**

**TUESDAY, January 24**

6:30 p.m. – Word & Eucharist  
7:00 p.m. – Book Club – Parish Center

**WEDNESDAY, January 25**

8:30 a.m. – Word & Eucharist  
9:00 a.m. – St. Joseph Guild – Parish Center  
10:00 a.m. – AA – Room 1 & 2  
6:00 p.m. – RCIA – Room 1 & 2

**THURSDAY, January 26**

7:00 p.m. – Choir Practice – Church

**FRIDAY, January 27**

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

**SATURDAY, January 28**

**WORLD WIDE EVANGELIZATION APPEAL**

4:30 – 5:15 p.m. – Confessions – Church  
5:30 p.m. – Mass: +Timothy Wisniewski / Wisniewski Family

**SUNDAY, January 29**

**WORLD WIDE EVANGELIZATION APPEAL**

9:30 a.m. – Mass: +Cal Story / 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  
11:00 a.m. – Parent Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist – 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](mailto:joanturner38@sbcglobal.net) or 248-410-2286.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Mon, 1/23: Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1-6; Mk 3:22-30  
Tues, 1/24: Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11;  
Mk 3:31-35  
Wed, 1/25: Acts 22:3-16; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18  
Thur, 1/26: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10;  
Mk 4:21-35  
Fri, 1/27: Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40;  
Mk 4:26-34  
Sat 1/28: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-75; Mk 4:35-41  
Sun 1/29: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; Ps 146:6-10;  
1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a

**Marriage Enrichment - Feb. 4**

Looking for the perfect Valentine's Day gift? How about a few hours away together focusing on enriching your marriage? John & Julie Nielsen are presenting a Marriage Enrichment at St. Mark, February 4<sup>th</sup> (1 to 5:15 p.m.) Themes: Your Marriage as a Sacrament, What God Wants for Your Marriage, and Keeping the Flame Burning Brightly. Sign up in the gathering space. Questions or for more info, contact Julie & John at 810-423-6119.

## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time LIBERATION AND REFORM

While you might have to reach for an atlas to determine that Isaiah is speaking about Galilee, today's first reading (part of which was read at Christmas) is prophetic of Jesus' future ministry in that province. The light that brings salvation and rejoicing is, ultimately, Christ. Liberation is the theme: liberation from both ignorance ("darkness") and sin (the "yoke").

As Isaiah identifies a place, so Paul describes an attitude: the attitude that develops, even among good people, of equating their own will with the common good. This always brings dissension, and so it has done in Corinth. Paul will not allow this; we are all members of "Christ's party." The gospel is not to divide us.

Matthew quotes from Isaiah in today's Gospel, presenting Jesus as the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecies. The theme is "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matthew 4:17). To spread this message, Jesus begins to select disciples, four of whom we meet today: Peter, Andrew, James, and John.

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### PARISH STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE

January 14 & 15

Sunday.....	\$ 4,198.25
Online Giving .....	\$ 2,248.00
Children .....	\$ 6.40
Youth.....	\$ 0

## RECONCILIATION-

The Love Of Christ Compels Us

1 CORINTHIANS 5:14-26

### Euchre & Luncheon – Jan. 27

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

### World Wide Evangelization Appeal – Jan. 29

Next weekend, we will take up a special collection for the Worldwide Evangelization Appeal, which supports the Church's mission in Latin America, the Holy Land, Central and Eastern Europe and Africa. Please prayerfully consider what you can give to help our brothers and sisters in these regions to grow in faith.

### Parish Mission – Feb. 13-15

Holy Family Parish Grand Blanc is hosting a Parish Mission with Catholic Evangelist James "Butch" Murphy.

Mon, Feb. 13, 6:45 pm **Alive: Living Water**

Tues, Feb. 14, 6:45 pm **Breath of God**

Wed, Feb. 15, 6:45 pm\* **Spirit and Fire**

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

St. Mark the Evangelist Men are invited to a retreat at the St. Francis Retreat Center Fri., Feb. 24 – Sun., Feb. 26. The theme is "Mass Matters: We are Called to Glory." Suggested offering is \$175.00. Register at (517) 669-8321 or visit their website at [www.stfrancis.ws](http://www.stfrancis.ws).

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

8th grade students are invited to visit Powers on Friday, Feb. 3, from 9:30am – 2:00pm. Receive information about school, enrollment, and ways to reduce tuition. RSVP by Jan. 30 at [admissions@powerscatholic.org](mailto:admissions@powerscatholic.org) or (810) 591-4741, ext 6.

## FAITH FORMATION

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

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One of the most difficult things in life to do is to follow what someone else asks of you. Face it, we all have our selfish moments and we want to do what we want to do. It's so much easier and besides isn't that what is going to make us happy, to do what we want to do? That works in some situations in life, but when it comes to FAITH, when it comes to GOD, we need to put our focus in one direction, HIS WILL, NOT OUR OWN!

Psalm 40 speaks these very powerful words, "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will." I often end most of my prayers with the simple words, "Let me do your will and not my own." The more I focus on what I want, I get distracted and further away from what God asks of me daily. Try a little more in your daily life to speak the words of Psalm 40 by saying over and over again, "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will." And see what this does for your life, your relationships and your faith!

Walk the Talk! Be Peace!

– Deacon Ron

### **REF Children and Youth**

- **1/29** – REF All (11-12:30pm K-5, 6:30-8pm 6-7-8)
- **1/29** – First Eucharist Parent Meeting (11-12:15pm)
- **2/1** – High School Youth Group (7-9pm)

### **Parent Faith Chat**

- Parents are invited today, 1/22, to join Dcn. Ron in the church during REF for a Faith Chat. The theme of this chat is: A Parents Guide: Teaching the truth and beauty of Human Sexuality.

### **St. Mark Youth Group Soup-Bowl Collection Weekend**

- St. Mark Youth Group members will be taking up their annual Soup-Bowl Collection on Super Sunday Weekend February 4-5, 2017. This annual collection helps support their Summer Mission Trip to help the less fortunate. Thank you in advance for your support.

### **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.
- Looking ahead to Lent. Plan to join other Parishioners for a Lenten journey that will help us LIVE LENT! Monday evenings during Lent. Sign up begins in February.

### **CCW Annual Spring Scrapbook CROP – March 24 & 25**

Here is your opportunity to catch up on organizing those pictures! Don't wait. Contact Cindy Bell to register at 248-660-4931 or [cabsandkids@aol.com](mailto:cabsandkids@aol.com). Registration includes plenty of space, snacks, vendors and prizes. The CROP will be held Friday from 6:00 p.m. to midnight (\$12) and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. (\$35). Snacks will be provided on Friday and breakfast, lunch & dinner served on Saturday. Bring your friends and spend a relaxing day being waited on!