

# 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.

**Celebrate World Marriage Day**

Join the celebration! Here at St. Mark, we celebrated World Marriage Day a week early. On February 4<sup>th</sup> parishioners participated in a Marriage Enrichment retreat. Thank you to all that participated. Our hope is that you have started on a path to make your marriage stronger. Each year World Marriage Day is celebrated on the second Sunday of February. In addition, National Marriage Week is being observed from Feb. 7-14, with the theme "Let's Strengthen Marriage."

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**Why Marriage Matters** *National Marriage Week USA*

Marriage works. It makes people happier, live longer, and build more economic security. Children with married parents perform better in school. In the midst of challenges, we forget how marriage can benefit our personal lives. We are losing our determination and the skills to keep marriages healthy and strong.

Marriage breakdown is costly to our kids and to society at large. Divorce and unwed childbearing cost the U.S. taxpayers a whopping \$112 billion annually. In these economic challenging times, building stronger marriages helps build a stronger nation.

A TIME Magazine article states, "...We should provide the facts about the importance of marriage as a matter of child welfare and economic aspiration. As a society, we have launched highly effective public education campaigns on much less momentous issues, from smoking to recycling... For now, the decline of marriage is our most ignored national crisis..."

"National Marriage Week presents a chance to focus on rebuilding a culture of marriage for this generation." NEWSWEEK magazine.

*Let's Strengthen Marriage & National Marriage Week USA*

Reconciliation and forgiveness are at the heart of good relationships with other people, and also prepare us to offer fitting worship to God (Mt 5:23-24). Strained relationships are particularly difficult in marriages and families; we can ask God for the grace to forgive those who hurt us and to seek reconciliation with others. Pope Francis said, "One cannot live without seeking forgiveness, or at least, one cannot live at peace, especially in the family. We wrong one another every day. ... What we are asked to do is to promptly heal the wounds that we cause, to immediately reweave the bonds that break within the family".

Each year I invite those with special anniversaries to be a part of annual blessing and recognition within our parish. I am amazed at how many couples are into their 60+ years. Here is this year's couple's years of marriage:

60+=6, 60=1, 50=2, 40=5, 30=7, 25=7.

Congratulations to our couple's and their families as they celebrate at various dates throughout 2017. God's blessing and peace be with all of you. Let us keep in prayer those young parishioners preparing for marriage in our parish this year.

Peace,

**MONDAY, February 6****TUESDAY, February 7**

10:00 a.m. – Shawl Ministry – Contact Parish Office  
6:30 p.m. – Mass: Stewardship / Parish  
7:00 p.m. – Finance Council – Parish Center

**WEDNESDAY, February 8**

8:30 a.m. – Mass: People of the Parish  
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, February 9**

7:00 p.m. – Choir Practice – Church

**FRIDAY, February 10****Hospital Visits****SATURDAY, February 11**

4:30 – 5:15 p.m. – Confessions – Church  
5:30 p.m. – Mass: +Clifford Harmon / Ron & Sharon Roberts

**SUNDAY, February 12**

9:30 a.m. – Mass: +Luigi Chiamonti / John & Sue Griffith  
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  
2:15–5:15 p.m. – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Meeting  
Candidate & Parents – Parish Center  
5:30 p.m. – Mass: Confirmation Candidates / 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, 2/6: Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Mk 6:53-56  
Tues, 2/7: Gn 1:20 — 2:4a; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13  
Wed, 2/8: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23  
Thur, 2/9: Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30  
Fri, 2/10: Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 7:31-37  
Sat, 2/11: Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10  
Sun, 2/12: Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 [20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37]

**World Wide Evangelization Appeal – Jan. 29**

Thank you to all who participated in last weekend's Evangelization Appeal. You have made a difference in people's lives around the world.

**Catholic Charities Winter Items Needed – Feb. 1 – 20**

Social Justice Commission will be collecting coats, gloves, mittens, scarves, and hats all through February until the 20th - World Social Justice Day. These will be taken to the Catholic Charities warming center. Please bring new or gently used items either to the parish office or place them in the box in the Gathering Space.

## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE

As children we sang the lively song *This Little Light of Mine*. The words, of course, are based on today's Gospel, in which we are called as disciples to be salt and light for the world. Children are uninhibited about sharing their faith. It's only when we grow older that we prefer to hide our light under a bushel basket because our culture tends not to emphasize discipleship. The message in this week's readings is clear: in order to give glory to God through our discipleship, we must show the light of Christ in our words and deeds. Not an easy thing for inhibited adults. Often we may think of salt and light in terms of what we do for others, but it can be just as important not to do something, such as getting angry with the stranger on the road, or telling an offensive joke.

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### PARISH STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE

January 28 & 29

Sunday .....	\$ 3,533.00
Online Giving .....	\$ 1,240.00
Children .....	\$ 6.50
Youth .....	\$ 0
Worldwide Evangelization Appeal.....	\$ 278.50

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THE SALT  
OF THE  
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### From Darkness to Light Conference – Feb. 11

From Darkness to Light: Human Trafficking and Our Response is just two weeks away! Join in learning more about modern-day slavery at this all-day event, as well as what actions you can take to help combat this crime. It will be held at Lansing Catholic High School (501 Marshall Street, Lansing 48912). There is still time to pre-register online at [www.micatholic.org/fromdarknesstolight](http://www.micatholic.org/fromdarknesstolight). Breakfast and lunch are included in the \$25 registration cost. Contact Annie Bennett at [abennett@micatholic.org](mailto:abennett@micatholic.org) or 517-316-3588 with any questions.

### 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).

### 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!

## FAITH FORMATION

**Deacon Ron Kenney, Director of Faith Formation**  
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A popular mantra in Christian circles is, "God is good .... All the time! All the time..... God is good!" I love that simple message when we are seeking strength and guidance. It reminds me of the words of St. Paul in the 2nd reading today when he tells us, "...so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God." Our motivation of faith needs to rest in the fact that God is greater than anything that comes our way. To believe in that power will help us live as we must, as children of God, bringing his love, his compassion, his power to others.

So what are we? We are children of God. Who are we? We are each unique reflections of God on earth. And why do we do what we do as Christians, as Catholics? Our actions in words and deeds, our reaching out to others as well as our union with God, our charitable life and our prayer life, are ways that we lead others to glorify our Heavenly Father. May we have the courage to be the people God created us to be.

Walk the Talk! Be Peace!

– Deacon Ron

### **REF Children and Youth**

- **2/12** – REF: K-5<sup>th</sup> 11-12:30pm /6th-8th 6:30-8pm
- **2/12** – Confirmation Mini Session (Parents & Candidate)
- **2/15** – High School Youth Group (7-9pm)

### **St. Mark Youth Group**

- **St. Mark Youth Group Mission Trip 2017.** High School youth are invited to sign up for our annual Mission Trip. We will be going to Charleston, West Virginia June 25-July 1. Info is available in the Faith Formation Office or by contacting Dcn. Ron. Limited space available.
- **Middle School Rally 2017.** All 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to join over 500 young people from around the Diocese of Lansing for a day of celebrating our faith at MS RALLY 2017. **Saturday, March 18th**, at Fr. Gabriel Richard High School in Ann Arbor. Sign up at Middle School Youth Group or at the Parish Office.

### **Adult Faith Formation**

- **Lenten Men's Fellowship Breakfast:** Saturday, March 4th 8am-9am
- **Book Club:** The Shack, by William Young. Next Discussion 2/28.
- **LIVE LENT! MAKE THIS LENT ABOUT WHAT YOU DO, NOT WHAT YOU DON'T DO!** During the coming Lenten season, instead of depriving yourself of some type of food or a form of entertainment, join a small group for 5 weeks and participate in Live Lent, an opportunity to read Scripture and share your faith with fellow parishioners. Small groups meet for 90 minutes once a week in the parish center. The faith-sharing also provides meditations to use on the other days of Lent. It's a great way to make Lent a more meaningful season as you prepare to celebrate the resurrection. Mondays 7-8:30pm or Thursdays 10-11:30am. Sign up in the Gathering Space or Parish Office.

### **RCIA**

"Who is JESUS?" is the focus for RCIA. The young ladies will learn, reflect, and pray as to why "Jesus is the Wav. Jesus is the Truth. Jesus is the Life."