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Ken (810) 636-7677

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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.

Padre's Portion

May 07, 2017

Weekly Calendar

As Pastor of St. Mark the Evangelist, I am proud of all we accomplished during the Witness to Hope Campaign. Many of our Parishioners, after becoming aware of the needs of our Parish and the needs of the greater Diocese, were very generous in their pledges. As of mid-April, we have raised an impressive \$645,490. This is short of our total goal of \$900,000, which would have allowed both Phase I (parking lot) & Phase II (church interior). Additional gifts continue to be received in the form of funeral gifts, memorials and pledges. Excluding three parishes that received one or more individual pledges of at least \$100,000, St. Mark had the highest average Parishioner pledges of all the participating Parishes at \$3,960 each. This results in a 41.5% participation contribution rate of Parishioners' in the Witness to Hope Campaign.

Many Parishioners, knowing we need cash on hand to initiate Phase I - Parking Lot & Drainage System project, paid a significant portion or all of their pledge during the first year and others contributed one year gifts hopeful that their situation would allow for continued giving. This is amazing! We can be very proud of our faith commitments that make us a vibrant parish community.

We continue to work with the architect, engineers and governmental permit agencies to obtain the remaining approvals, final plans and specifications to allow for the bidding of the project at the earliest possible date. We have approvals from the Genesee County Road Commission, Genesee County Drain Commission and the Diocese Committee for Liturgical Design. The Diocese is prepared to loan St. Mark up to 40% of the project costs. This comes by recognizing our growing parish family and increased stewardship that is reflected in our Sunday and Holy Day collections. There will be more information forthcoming as progress happens.

Equally, we have completed a great deal of projects on the parish grounds through dedicated Time & Talent. The fruits of these efforts have provided a decrease in the expenses of the annual Parish budget. As a result, for the last 8 years, the Parish has been able to complete several deferred maintenance projects while ending the annual budget in the black.

As your Pastor, I appreciate your prayerful reflection and all of the very generous giving to this point. St. Mark has reached the threshold in this campaign where everything you donate will go entirely to the Parish. Therefore, if you have an opportunity to accelerate any portion of your current pledge payments, increase your current pledge, or make a pledge if you have not already done so, these will help the campaign. Any increased paid or future pledge will expedite the completion of the Parking Lot & Drainage System project.

Thank you to all the parishioners who helped with the Parish Cleanup last Saturday. Many semi-annual exterior and interior projects were completed. This is a fine example of how Time & Talent hours contribute to a cost savings in the Parish budget.

Peace,

MONDAY, May 8

TUESDAY, May 9

6:30 p.m. – Mass: +Deceased CCW Members / Parish

7:00 p.m. – CCW Meeting – Parish Center

7:00 p.m. – Gardening Group – Parish Grounds

WEDNESDAY, May 10

8:30 a.m. – Mass: World Peace / Parish

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

10:00 a.m. – AA – Room 1 & 2

THURSDAY, May 11

7:00 p.m. – Choir Practice – Church

FRIDAY, May 12

Hospital Visits

SATURDAY, May 13

Mother's Day Flower Sale and Bottle Drive

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

5:30 p.m. – Mass: +Sherry Lavelle / Bill Lavelle

SUNDAY, May 14

Mother's Day Flower Sale and Bottle Drive

9:30 a.m. – Mass: Deceased and Living Mothers / Parish

9:30 a.m. – Children's Liturgy of the Word

10:30 a.m. – Hospitality Hour – Parish Center

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, 5/8: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:11-18

Tue, 5/9: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30

Wed, 5/10: Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8;
Jn 12:44-50

Thu, 5/11: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27;
Jn 13:16-20

Fri, 5/12: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6

Sat, 5/13: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14

Sun, 5/14: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19;
1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

Marriage Banns

2nd publication: Caitlin Yancho and Brian Essenmacher

Please note: Anointing of the Sick will be offered after all Masses the weekend of May 20 and 21.

Caring for Creation – Ways to Help the Planet

Launder Sensibly – For your own pocket, and the good of the environment, don't wash half loads. Wait until there's enough to do a load and cut your laundry in half. Also, think about the water temperature. If every household in the USA switched from a hot to a warm cycle, it could save the equivalent of 100,000 barrels of oil per day.

**Fourth Sunday of Easter
THE CALL OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

The Twenty-third Psalm, today's responsorial psalm, is arguably the best known of all the psalms. The line that reads "Even though I walk in the dark valley / I fear no evil; for you are at my side / with your rod and your staff / that give me courage" (Psalm 23:4) connects this week's scriptures to the wonderful story of the road to Emmaus, which we heard last week. The Lord Jesus, our Good Shepherd, is constantly at our side. He calls us each by name, beckoning us into a deeper relationship with him. That call, issued to each of us at the moment of our baptism, carries with it the promise of the Good Shepherd: "I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly" (John 10:10).

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE	
April 29 & 30	
Weekly Collection	\$ 4,144.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,375.00
Children	\$ 4.50
Youth	\$ 1.00



Gardening Group – Starting May 9

Calling all gardeners and other volunteers! The parish needs your help every other week on Tuesday after the evening mass, starting on May 9th for several gardening and landscaping projects. A special project is scheduled for May 23 & 24 5:30 - 8 p.m. to divide plants. Contact Sharon Roberts at the Parish Office to volunteer.

Summer Weekend Mass Schedule – May 27 and 28

Starting Memorial Day weekend (May 27 and 28) through Labor Day weekend (September 2 and 3). Masses are on Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. & Sundays at 8:00 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.

Spring Cleaning Time! – Community Closet

When cleaning, remember Catholic Charities' Community Closet. They need new or gently used men's items, tennis shoes for the whole family, blankets, sleeping bags, towels, sheets and comforters, clothing, furniture, working appliances and household items. You can drop off items at Parish Office or in Church in the Usher's Room.

Mass intentions

Remember your deceased loved ones with a Mass intention. Please contact the Parish Office for more information. Those who set up a Mass intention are invited to take up the offertory gifts at the relevant liturgy. Sign in on the sheet in the Gathering Space.

Enrollment at Powers Catholic High School

Are you interested in Catholic education? Powers Catholic High School has 10 available seats in next year's freshmen class. Contact Valaria in the Admissions Office to reserve a seat or for more information. (810) 591-4741, ext. 6

Catholic Women's Scholarship

The Daughters of Isabella, Regina Coeli Circle 1095 is offering (2) \$500.00 scholarships to any Catholic woman seeking a higher education. If interested, contact Sara St. Martin (810) 744-1948 or Marilyn Hancock (810) 691-9675.

FAITH FORMATION

Deacon Ron Kenney, Director of Faith Formation
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Dear First Communicants,

Congratulations and Welcome to the Table of the Lord! Now that you are here, I hope you stay and come often and tell that to mom and dad. This is special and something that will help to bring meaning and purpose to your life. It is more than just bread and wine; it is our faith, our Life, the real presence of Jesus. Don't put it aside as you grow older like some. Don't put other things like soccer, dance and jobs before it. Make this table you are coming forward to the most important table in your life. If you do, I guarantee a better life for you. Every Sunday no matter where you are at, there is a Catholic Church, there is a table, be there and be proud to be there each week!

Walk the Talk! Be Peace!
 Deacon Ron

Congratulations St. Mark First Communicants 2017

Lana Allen	Maria Baier	John Candiloro
Mason Cowan	Sydney Curtiss	Sophia Glaza
Carly Reid	Madeline Szyarto	Brayden Mullane

Congratulations St. Mark Confirmandi 2017

Olivia Francis	Joey Francis	Margaret Leyes
Allison Hornung	Leigha Koskodan	Jack Kline
Izzy McGrath	Jake Gleason	Taylor Gleason
Libbie Gleason	Jessica Velazquez	Megan Sieloff

Mother's Day Flower Sale!

- Mother's Day weekend Youth will be selling flowers to share with Mom on her special day. Proceeds support St. Mark Youth to Diocesan Youth Leadership Camp.

St. Mark Youth Group

- **St. Mark Youth Group COLOR FUN RUN!** Saturday, June 17th, 8:30am. Proceeds go to St. Mark Youth Mission Trip 2017. Registration forms are available on our website www.stmarkgoodrich.org or our St. Mark Faith Formation Office. All ages, families, kids, adults!

REF Children and Youth

- As we have come to the end of our REF year I want to express my gratitude to all of our wonderful Catechists who give so much of their time to helping our young people come to know and love God. You are a blessing to our parish. May God bless each and every one of you!

Kindergarten: Jen Baier

1st Grade: Shannon Glaza

2nd Grade: Jackie Maul and Kelly Alford

3rd Grade: Megan Leyes and Margaret Leyes

4th and 5th Grade: Deb Foerster and Irene Wisniewski

Middle School and High School: Kelly Alford, Betty Jane Dutko, Elsie Velazquez, Jean Gloudmans, Christa Kline, Laura Lenze, Brenda Boomer

Adult Faith Formation

- **St. Mark Men's Fellowship** – 1st Saturday of the Month, 7-8am