

# 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.

**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 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.  
followed by Eucharistic adoration from  
9:00 a.m. to 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.

**Pentecost Sunday** always follows the Easter Season. This feast day refers to the early Christian Community receiving the spirit of God. We hear in the scripture readings today:

1<sup>st</sup> Reading - Acts of the Apostle: "each one heard them speaking in their own language"

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading - 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians: "there are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same gift; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone"

Gospel of John: "Jesus stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you... and when he had said this, he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

**Pentecost Sunday** – here we annually offer the Pentecost "Tongues of Flame" representing the 7 gifts of the Holy Spirit (Fortitude, Understanding, Knowledge, Fear of the Lord, Wisdom, Reverence, and Counsel). Each parishioner chooses one from the baskets passed and is invited to place the red flame in their home for prayer and reflection. I have had people say, "I got the same flame this year." My answer is, "That has happened to me and I took it as God continuing to have me reflect upon a certain gift of the Holy Spirit. It is not about getting it right as much as receiving God's grace for us."

Like the early Christian Community, we today as a universal church accept the gifts of the Holy Spirit so that we as members of the Roman Catholic universal church continue the life and mission of Jesus Christ!

**Pentecost Sunday** has a sung sequence before the Gospel Reading. Below is the text:

Come, Holy Spirit, come! And from your celestial home shed a ray of light divine! Come, Father of the poor! Come, source of all our store! Come, within our bosoms shine. You, of comforters the best; You, the soul's most welcome guest; Sweet refreshment here below; In our labor, rest most sweet; Grateful coolness in the heat; Solace in the midst of woe. O most blessed Light divine, Shine within these hearts of yours, And our inmost being fill! Where you are not, we have naught, nothing good in deed or thought, nothing free from taint of ill. Heal our wounds, our strength renew; on our dryness pour your dew; Wash the stains of guilt away. Bend the stubborn heart and will; Melt the frozen, warm the chill; Guide the steps that go astray. On the faithful, who adore and confess you, evermore In your sevenfold gift descend; Give them virtue's sure reward; Give them your salvation, Lord; Give them joys that never end. Amen. Alleluia.

**Graduate Prayer**

*God, we pray for our young people, growing up in an unsteady and confusing world. Show them that your ways give more life than the ways of the world, and that following you is better than chasing after selfish goals. Help them to take failure, not as a measure of their worth, but as a chance for a new start. Give them strength to hold their faith in you, and to keep alive their joy in your creation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

– Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers

Peace,

**MONDAY, June 5**

**TUESDAY, June 6**

10:00 a.m. – Shawl Ministry – Contact Parish Office  
6:30 p.m. – Mass: World Peace / Parish  
7:00 p.m. – Pastoral & Finance Council – Parish Center  
7:00 p.m. – Gardening & Mulching

**WEDNESDAY, June 7**

8:30 a.m. – Mass: Paul & Sue Marciszewski's 59<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary / Paul & Sue  
9:00 a.m. – St. Joseph Guild – Parish Center  
10:00 a.m. – AA – Room 1 & 2  
7:00 p.m. – Gardening & Mulching

**THURSDAY, June 8**

**FRIDAY, June 9**

**Hospital Visits**

**SATURDAY, June 10**

**Baptism Weekend**

4:30 – 5:15 p.m. – Confessions – Church  
5:30 p.m. – Mass: Fr. Michael Kuchar on his birthday / Parish

**SUNDAY, June 11**

**Baptism Weekend**

8:00 a.m. – Mass: Those baptized this weekend / Parish  
9:30 a.m. – Mass: +Matt Mersino / John & Patty Candiloro  
9:30 a.m. – Children's Liturgy of the Word  
10:30 a.m. – Liturgical Ministry Formation

**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, 6/5: Tb 1:3; 2:1a-8; Ps 112:1b-2, 3b-6; Mk 12:1-12  
Tue, 6/6: Tb 2:9-14; Ps 112:1-2, 7-9; Mk 12:13-17  
Wed, 6/7: Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a; Ps 25:2-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mk 12:18-27  
Thu, 6/8: Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 12:28-34  
Fri, 6/9: Tb 11:5-17; Ps 146:1b-2, 6c-10; Mk 12:35-37  
Sat, 6/10: Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20; Tb 13:2, 6efgh, 7, 8; Mk 12:38-44  
Sun, 6/11: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; Dn 3:52-55; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18

**Caring for Creation – Ways to Help the Planet**

**Use All of the Paper** – If you jot a note down on paper, save it and use the rest of the sheet for your notes. American business wastes 21 million tons of paper per annum! Ideally, try to have your business as paperless as possible. When it is absolutely necessary, print on both sides of the page and don't forget to recycle it!

## Pentecost Sunday SEND OUT YOUR SPIRIT

Last week we heard that, following the Ascension, the disciples, Mary, and other followers of the Lord retreated to the upper room in prayer. This week we hear that, while praying in that room, the Holy Spirit comes upon them. Jesus' post-Resurrection promise, recounted in today's Gospel, is fulfilled: the power of the Holy Spirit comes upon Jesus' followers. Saint Paul tells us that all of us, in some way, are given gifts of the Holy Spirit, gifts that can be used to spread the Good News. Today is one of the Church's greatest festivals. Let us carry the refrain of the responsorial psalm with us throughout the coming week: "Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth!" (Psalm 104:30).

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### PARISH STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE

May 27 and 28

Weekly Collection .....	\$2,980.00
Online Giving.....	\$1,050.00
Children .....	\$ 3.00
Youth .....	\$ 0.00



### Capital Campaign Payments

**Accelerated Payments** – You can pay online per instructions given the first time: [www.witness-to-hope.net](http://www.witness-to-hope.net) and click on Donations at the bottom. Checks made payable to: Witness to Hope, with St. Mark the Evangelist in the memo line. Put in collection or to Parish Office. To date, the total of accelerated payments is \$11,745.

**New Pledges or One time Payments** – Please use envelopes and cards that were provided by Witness to Hope. These are in the Gathering Space or Parish Office. To date, \$21,000 in new pledges has been received.

**Installment Payments** – Reminder letters will go out if you made a pledge with installments. These letters will include payment envelopes and instructions.

**Questions** – Any questions about tax forms, notifications or etc. Call Colleen Andrews at 517-342-2461 (diocese).

### FaithFest – June 24

FaithFest 2017 is a celebration of faith offering families and young people a day of live music, fun activities and food all centered around a vigil Mass "under the stars." Cost is \$30 per person. Registration is available at <http://www.faithfest.com/tickets.html>.

### Liturgical Ministry Formation – June 11 and 12

Following up on the presentations made at all Masses the weekend of May 20 and 21, there will be Liturgical Ministry Formation on Sunday, June 11 at 10:30 a.m. and Monday, June 12 at 7:00 p.m. This formation is for all parishioners considering serving as a reader, Eucharistic Minister, usher/greeter and/or altar server. Choose which date is best for you.

### New Weekend Mass Schedule

Our new and permanent weekend Mass schedule will be as follows: Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. and Sundays at 8:00 and 9:30 a.m.

## FAITH FORMATION

### Deacon Ron Kenney, Director of Faith Formation

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Congratulations 2017 Graduates! These are just a few thoughts as you begin this next chapter in your lives. Remember, Pray. Study hard and work hard. Play a bit, but don't let that get in the way of your future. Pray again. Call home every week, not just for money. Go to church, you would be surprised how that can change your life. Be good, be smart and be safe. Pray some more. Call your Grandparents; they deserve it. Don't drink, don't do drugs and wait till marriage to have sex. Make sure your family likes your significant other, if not think again. Go to a Bible study or prayer group. Volunteer at a soup kitchen or shelter at least once a month. In seeking a career, make happiness your goal for defining success. Love a little bit more. Put others before things. Be humble. Do what is right. Pray again. Read the bible. Keep going to church. Be forgiving. And always remember, seek God in all you do, say and are.

Walk the Talk! Be Peace! –

Deacon Ron

### Vacation Bible School

- **St. Mark VBS** – Save the Date: August 1-4, 6-8pm- More info to follow

### St. Mark Youth Group

- **Summer Youth Group:** Begins this week June 7th, 7-9pm meet at the Pavilion. Fun, Prayer & Pizza, all 6th-12th graders invited to participate, bring \$3 for pizza. We have a summer full of Fun, Soup Kitchen Trips, Movie nights, and lots more.
- **St. Mark Youth Group COLOR FUN RUN!** Saturday, June 17th, 8:30am. Proceeds go to St. Mark Youth Mission Trip 2017. Register through St. Mark Faith Formation Office or our website [www.stmarkgoodrich.org](http://www.stmarkgoodrich.org). All ages, families, kids, adults!

### REF

- **Early registration** – Registration for St. Mark Religious Education Formation program is taking place in the Parish Office through the end of June. REF is for K-12 and begins September 24, 2017.

### Some great Faith Formation Websites to keep growing during the summer

- [www.catholicfamilyfaith.org](http://www.catholicfamilyfaith.org), [www.familyformation.net](http://www.familyformation.net), [www.loyolapress.com](http://www.loyolapress.com)  
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### Adult Faith Formation

- **St. Mark Men's Fellowship** – 1st Saturday of the Month, 7-8am. Next date: July 8<sup>th</sup>

### Parish Breakfast – June 18

Mark your calendars for our Parish Breakfast on Sunday June 18 after 9:30 a.m. Mass. Come enjoy hot fresh pancakes with your parish family.