

# 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.

**Solemnity of the Holy trinity**

For the next few weeks, I will be using articles pertaining to each week's Feast. These are by Fr. Paul Turner whom I have quoted over the years. Today's reflection centers in on Baptism and the Baptismal Garment. Throughout the year, our parish has designated weekends to celebrate Baptisms during the Masses. Each of us was baptized with the Trinitarian Formula – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Below are the weekends for the new Pastoral Year which begins July 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 – June 30, 2018.

“Easter bonnets and other finery perk us all up for the feast, but the most significant article of clothing in the Easter season is the white garment worn by the newly baptized."See in this white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity. With your family and friends to help you by word and example, bring that dignity unstained into the everlasting life of heaven." Those words accompany the giving of the white garment, after the flowing of baptismal water.

This custom dates back to the earliest days of our church. Adults and children who presented themselves for baptism were led naked into a pool of water. Rising up, they were rubbed with the sweet-smelling oil of chrism and then clothed with a white garment, a sign of their new life in Christ. They wore that garment to church like a uniform, every day for a week. On the Sunday after Easter (which used to be called Dominica in albis, or the Sunday of the white garments), they wore them for the last time till Pentecost, or "Whitsunday," when they closed the Easter season by wearing them one last time. Today the custom is more ceremonial than pragmatic. The white garment used to serve two practical purposes: It re-clothed the naked body coming up out of the font, and it identified the newly baptized for the sake of the community.

Today's white garment is often minimized to a simple ceremonial bib or stole, placed on the fully-clothed child or adult after pouring water. Only when the child or adult is immersed for baptism does a new, dry, ample, pure white garment fully play its role.

Ironically, in the case of infants, our custom is to dress the baby in white before coming to church for the baptism. The garment identifies the child to be baptized, but we lose the symbolism of receiving a garment during the ritual as a sign of new life.

The symbol returns poignantly at the end of the Christian life. At the funeral, when the casket arrives at the door of the church, it is draped in a white cloth. This cloth calls to mind the baptismal garment which identifies Christians when their journey of faith begins. Now it escorts them on their final journey. The white garment of baptism renews Easter's promise of eternal life.”

**Baptism Weekends for the new Pastoral Year:**

2017 – August 19 &20, October 7 & 8  
2018 – January 13 & 14, April 7 & 8, May 27 & 28.

**Congratulations** to the children and parents who were baptized this weekend. God's blessings are with you. Let today be an opportunity to offer thanks for the faith began in our own baptism.

Peace,

**MONDAY, June 12**

**TUESDAY, June 13**

6:30 p.m. – Word & Eucharist  
7:00 p.m. – CCW Dinner

**WEDNESDAY, June 14**

8:30 a.m. – Word & Eucharist  
9:00 a.m. – St. Joseph Guild – Parish Center  
10:00 a.m. – AA – Room 1 & 2  
7:00 p.m. – Youth Group

**THURSDAY, June 15**

12:00 – 5:45 p.m. – Blood Drive – Goodrich United Methodist Church

**FRIDAY, June 16**

**Hospital Visits**

**SATURDAY, June 17**

**Nametag Weekend**

8:30 a.m. – Youth Group Color Run  
4:30 – 5:15 p.m. – Confessions – Church  
5:30 p.m. – Mass: People of the Parish / Parish

**SUNDAY, June 18**

**Nametag Weekend**

8:00 a.m. – Mass: World Peace / Parish  
9:30 a.m. – Mass: Deceased and living fathers / Parish  
9:30 a.m. – Children's Liturgy of the Word  
10:30 a.m. – Parish breakfast

**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, 6/12: 2 Cor 1:1-7; Ps 34:2-9; Mt 5:1-12  
Tue, 6/13: 2 Cor 1:18-22; Ps 119:129-133, 135;  
Mt 5:13-16  
Wed, 6/14: 2 Cor 3:4-11; Ps 99:5-9; Mt 5:17-19  
Thu, 6/15: 2 Cor 3:15 — 4:1, 3-6; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14;  
Mt 5:20-26  
Fri, 6/16: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 116:10-11, 15-18;  
Mt 5:27-32  
Sat, 6/17: 2 Cor 5:14-21; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12;  
Mt 5:33-37  
Sun, 6/18: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20;  
1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58

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

**Never Throw Away Newspapers** – Make sure to recycle your old newspapers - 69% (or 44 million newspapers) of the newspapers printed in the USA are thrown away every day. Even if you recycle only once per week, half a million trees could be saved. Or even better, why not avoid newspapers altogether and read the online versions!

## Holy Trinity Sunday THE INEXPRESSIBLE MYSTERY

The God of the universe is mysterious. Science has not been able to solve the mystery of how the universe came into being or explain exactly what continues to give it creative energy and masterful design. No religion asserts that it has found words to name fully the ineffable mystery of God, for no matter what name we use, God always transcends our limited ability to understand. God is a mystery to be believed, not known. And yet, we Christians believe that our name for God best expresses that inexpressible mystery: God is the Most Holy Trinity of three persons united in a communion of love, pouring forth that creative, saving, sanctifying love into the world. Today's scriptures celebrate the mystery of the Trinity and give us clues for living that mystery in our lives.

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### PARISH STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE

June 3 and 4

Weekly Collection.....	\$4,684.15
Online Giving.....	\$4,930.00
Children.....	\$ .50
Youth.....	\$ 0.00



### Capital Campaign Payments

**Accelerated Payments** – You can pay online per instructions given the first time: [www.witnessstohope.net](http://www.witnessstohope.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 \$15,645.

**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, \$11,600 (corrected) pledges have 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).

### CCW Dinner – June 13

All women of the parish are members of CCW and are invited to dinner with the CCW on June 13. We go to 6:30 p.m. Word & Eucharist and then to dinner at Sam's in Rankin. Feel free to bring along a friend. Please RSVP to Joan Turner at [joanturner38@sbcglobal.net](mailto:joanturner38@sbcglobal.net).

### Parish Breakfast – June 18

Our final Parish Breakfast before the summer is Sunday June 18th. Come and bring your family to enjoy strawberry pancakes, sausage, ham, yogurt, and granola.

### Euchre & Luncheon – June 23

It's time for Euchre on Friday, June 23 at 10:00 a.m., followed by a light lunch. Cost is \$5.00. Contact Ruth and Mike Petroski at [teacuplady47@hotmail.com](mailto:teacuplady47@hotmail.com) or 810-344-7293 by June 20 to sign up, so we can plan accordingly. Bring your friends – all are welcome!

## FAITH FORMATION

### Deacon Ron Kenney, Director of Faith Formation

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While watching different sporting events on television you have probably observed that somewhere in the flock of fans is someone holding a sign up that says John 3:16. The verse, "God so loved the world that he gave his only son so that all who believe will live and not die," are words that the sign holder hopes will be searched out in the Bible by those who catch a glimpse of it. Those that originated this action and who continue it today have a simple mission in life; get their signs on national TV as often as possible and to spread the word of the God. The theory is that maybe someone will start looking things up in the Bible to figure out what's going on, and before you know it, they may stumble upon a changed life. I guess the simple effort can be summed up in this way; we plant the seeds and God can change a willing heart.

The power of God is at work every day, maybe in us, maybe in others. We need to do what we can and maybe just maybe that willing heart will change a life.

Walk the Talk! Be Peace! –

Deacon Ron

### Father's Day Popcorn Sale

- Next weekend members of the Youth Group will be selling Popcorn Packets to help support their Mission Trip 2017 to West Virginia. Honor your Pop and help them prepare to serve others.

### 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.

### Vacation Bible School

- **St. Mark VBS** – Save the Date: August 1-4, 6-8pm- Maker Fun Factory: Created By God! All K-5th graders are invited to sign up, registration available at our website or through the parish office. 6th- 12th graders and any adults who would like to volunteer email Dcn. Ron.

### Adult Faith Formation

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

### St. Mark Youth Group

- **Summer Youth Group:** Every Wednesday, 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 our website [www.stmarkgoodrich.org](http://www.stmarkgoodrich.org) or St. Mark Faith Formation Office. All ages, families, kids, adults!

### Great Faith Formation Websites for Summer Growth!

- [www.catholicfamilyfaith.org](http://www.catholicfamilyfaith.org), [Catechist.com](http://Catechist.com), [www.familyformation.net](http://www.familyformation.net), [familyformationblog.net](http://familyformationblog.net), [www.loylapress.com](http://www.loylapress.com) ›Our CatholicFaith› Family, [www.pinterest.com/lmeds/catholic-faith-formation](http://www.pinterest.com/lmeds/catholic-faith-formation)