

St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Community

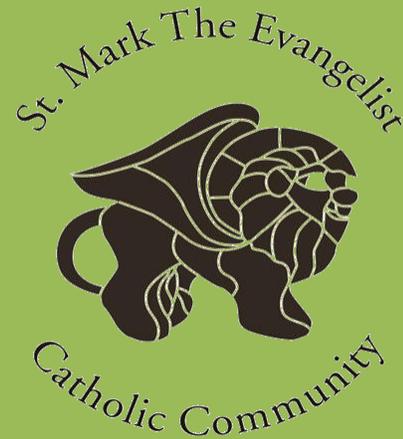
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

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.

This Sunday we return to **Ordinary Time** in our Liturgical Calendar. Today's reflection in this series by Rev. Paul Turner is about Hearing Scripture. It is something we have the opportunity to participate in at every liturgy where we are present. The Sacred Scripture readings we have been hearing are **Year A – St. Matthew** in the three-year cycle of Sunday readings.

“Imagine you're with a group of friends swapping stories about recent trips. But each of you brings a written copy for everyone else. When it's your turn, you don't tell the story while everyone listens. Instead, everybody pulls out your written account and reads along with you while you speak. Sound like fun? Sorry, that's not how we tell stories.

Listening is an art as rich as reading. We still do it in classrooms, seminars, phone conversations and the living room. Lively interaction between speaker and listener means the speaker proclaims ideas and the listener gives attention. In that low-tech communication, human beings connect.

The proclamation of Scripture recaptures the age-old art of speaking and listening. God's presence appears in the assembly as word. In actively listening to the word of God, as we naturally do in conversation, we open our hearts to wonder. Technology has made the mass production of written materials more available now than ever. With little effort, Scripture readings can be placed in the hands of every worshiper. Advocates of this practice say it permits the worshiper to use sight, not just hearing. However, it's like having everyone read your trip story while you tell it. It can let the air out. The event requires both the proclamation of the reader and the eagerness of listeners. Hearing the word together bonds and expresses our community. If everyone reads the text silently, we become individuals again, with noses in our laps and faces turned down from one another.

We'll hear the word of God with better attention if we prepare. Worshipers can read the texts prior to coming to Mass and pray over them throughout the week before. We may also discuss them with family and friends. Then our ears will be open to listen attentively to the Word of God. All eyes will be fixed on the one who reads. And our hearts will be joined as one body of believers. When the divine word resounds in our assembly --- heads up! And listen.”

I have completed my annual retreat and I am having some vacation days afterward. Each year I value greatly the silent retreat days of prayer and reflection. Discernment is integral in all our lives. For me, it is the most important week of my year!

I encourage you to consider going on one of the retreats offered for Men (February 23-25, 2018) or Women (September 22-24, 2017) at St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt. These are the designated weekends for our parish. It is a great gift you can give to yourself.

I am grateful to Fr. Carl Simon, one of our senior priests, who was available and presided at the weekend liturgies for our community. It is good that there are “retired” priests nearby to be present.

Peace,

MONDAY, June 26

TUESDAY, June 27

6:30 p.m. – Word & Eucharist

7:00 p.m. – Gardening Group

WEDNESDAY, June 28

8:30 a.m. – Mass: +Jack Hoelscher / Dora Hoelscher

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

10:00 a.m. – AA – Room 1 & 2

THURSDAY, June 29

FRIDAY, June 30

Hospital Visits

8:30 a.m. – North End Soup Kitchen

SATURDAY, July 1

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

5:30 p.m. – Mass: +John Phipps / Ron & Sharon Roberts

SUNDAY, July 2

8:00 a.m. – Mass: Our Country / Parish

9:30 a.m. – Mass: People of the Parish / Parish

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

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 Deceased: Spencer Alford, Father of Kelly Alford, Karen Wallace, and Sue Pike, wife of Daniel Pike

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, 6/26: Gn 12:1-9; Ps 33:12-13, 18-20, 22; Mt 7:1-5

Tue, 6/27: Gn 13:2, 5-18; Ps 15:2-4ab, 5; Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wed, 6/28: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mt 7:15-20

Thu, 6/29: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 19:2-5; Gal 1:11-20; Jn 21:15-19

Day: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

Fri, 6/30: Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22; Ps 128:1-5; Mt 8:1-4

Sat, 7/1: Gn 18:1-15; Lk 1:46-50, 53-55; Mt 8:5-17

Sun, 7/2: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Ps 89:2-3, 16-19; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42

Caring for Creation – Ways to Help the Planet

Opt for A Shower – Switching your bath for a shower can make a huge difference. Baths use approximately double the amount of water a shower uses. This not only saves water, but it saves you money on heating the excess water too.

Online Giving

St. Mark offers online giving for parishioners who prefer to donate through automatic draft or credit card, a secure and personalized way to give to the parish. Find instructions on the St. Mark website or call the Parish Office for information and help.

**Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
FEAR NOT**

How do people find hope in the face of suffering and death? That is the question addressed by today's scriptures. We hear of the suffering of Jeremiah and the psalmist. We hear of the death that "reigned from Adam to Moses" (Romans 5:14). We hear of the fears of the Twelve as Jesus sends them out into the world to preach and heal.

Through all this tribulation, one message rings out loud and clear—"Do not be afraid!" The God who saved Jeremiah and the psalmist and Jesus is fully present to save us through the gracious gift of Jesus Christ. We have nothing and no one to fear.

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE	
June 17 and 18	
Weekly Collection	\$ 6,020.00
Online Giving.....	\$ 2,105.00
Children	\$ 2.50
Youth.....	\$ 1.00



Capital Campaign Payments

Accelerated Payments – You can pay online per instructions given the first time: www.witnessstohope.net and click on Donations. Pay with check to Witness to Hope, with St. Mark the Evangelist in the memo line. Put in collection or the Parish Office. To date, the total of accelerated payments is \$17,645.

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, \$13,100 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).

St. Mark at North End Soup Kitchen – June 30

Friday, June 30, the fifth Friday of the month, is our parish's assigned day to serve lunch at the North End Soup Kitchen. If you wish to volunteer, please call the Parish Office. We gather at 8:30 a.m. by the Parish Office entrance in the parking lot for carpooling. After preparing and serving lunch, everyone returns to the Parish. Come make a difference!

Summer Scripture Days – Aug. 15–17

Fr. David Rosenberg, Director at St. Francis Retreat Center, will be presenting "Live to Inspire". The retreat is August 15–17 at St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt. Register by July 15 and receive \$10 off! Space is limited. Brochures are in the parish office or contact Diane at 517-342-2465 or darzberger@dioceseoflansing.org.

Thank You Youth Group

Chris Schwind would like to thank the Youth Group for helping spread mulch around our grounds!

FAITH FORMATION

Deacon Ron Kenney, Director of Faith Formation

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We are a people who long for hope and peace. Our lives are always in pursuit of what can bring us peacefulness. We look forward to special occasions; it might mean a day off. We anticipate our vacations. We look ahead and try to plan for that "time off" we think we need to bring a little peace and quiet to our hectic lives. That "time off" I'm afraid, is not going to take care of all the hectic turmoil forever. It all still awaits. That forever peace is found only in a faith in Christ.

We begin by surrendering ourselves to our God and placing our faith, our lives, our being in him. We do not know what that may bring, but genuine faith brings a feeling of peace and hope for what lies ahead. We are set free from the burdens of life as we look forward and realize that God is walking with us. Have you ever seen the attitude of a truly faith-filled person, nothing seems to shake them. They embrace life with God at their side and no matter what trial or tribulation they face, hope is present because God is present. They are able to live by the thought, "You can't always change your place in life, but you can change the way you look at it." God helps us to see things different, God helps us to face the tough times with a hope-filled heart and peace does come.

A "time off" is good, but when God's name is inscribed on our hearts and is what we are all about, "hectic" becomes just a moment of our day, not what consumes us.

Faithfulness to our God will set us free!
Walk the Talk! Be Peace! – Deacon Ron

Color Fun Run 2017

- Thanks to all those that participated and helped make our first ever Color Fun Run a great success. Proceeds support Summer Mission Trip 2017!

St. Mark Youth Group

- **Summer Youth Group:** Every Wednesday, 7-9pm meet at the Pavilion. Fun, Prayer & Pizza, all 6th-12th graders invited, bring \$3 for pizza.
- **Youth Group Movie Nite!** Under the Pavilion, bring your own chair and a snack to share, July 7th, 7-9pm. 6th -12th graders welcome, bring a friend.
- **Youth Group at the Northend Soup Kitchen:** Friday, July 21st, meet at 8:15am at St. Mark. We will return by 1:30pm. Sign up at Youth Group.

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 for VBS Team 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 Mission Trip 2017

- *Please keep the 17 of us in your prayers this week as we venture south to work with Youthworks and serve the needs of the underprivileged in Charleston, WV. Look for us daily on GoodrichStMark Facebook page.*