

# St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Community

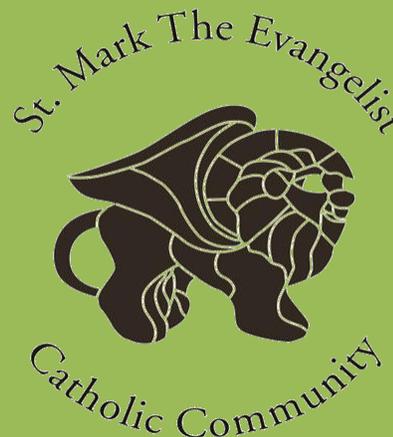
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Mary McFarlane

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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.

**Pastoral Year July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018**

Each year, at the end of June, assignment changes take place throughout our Diocese of Lansing. It is the time of saying "good-bye" and saying "hello" to each other. These transitions take a great deal of energy for both the priests and the parishes. I invite you to pray for the many parishes and priests that are in this transition period.

**Mission and Money** - You have often heard me speak about this topic many times. All Mission activity we call ministry needs Money to fund the necessary work of the Gospel. The Corporal Works of Mercy are the concrete ways we build up the reign of God on earth and in our "corner of the world." So Mission with Money makes a great difference on the individual, communal and global levels. Money without a Mission results too often in poor choices made by those who have wealth, but no plan as to how to responsibly manage it. Their lives become shambles and often end up in criminal cases.

This is the final reflection by Rev. Paul Turner in this series. **The Collection** is about how we use our Money toward Mission in our Weekend and Holy Day collection.

"The weekly collection humbly expresses the community's faith. The silent routine accompanies the spirit of selflessness that unites believers. Whether your gift is large or small, the collection expresses what we have in common a desire to share.

In the Mass, the collection occurs at the beginning of the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Its placement is significant. It is not an admission fee to get into the building. It is part of the heart of the Mass. Every Mass celebrates the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. That sacrifice unfolds before our eyes as the gifts we bring, the bread and wine, are transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ and offered to God.

This sacrificial action begins when we carry bread and wine to the altar during the preparation of the gifts. With the bread and wine, we bring our gifts for the poor. This procession moves through the community because these gifts come from us and represent us. They represent our offering to God and our communion with God. Just as the Body and Blood of Christ bring heavenly nourishment to our community, so the collection brings material aid.

That material aid is no small matter. Your church depends on your gift. Parishes receive money like beggars, not like clerks. People give not to receive a product; they give to make a gift.

The charity which underlies the collection results from faith. We believe that what we have comes from God and we know it was given for the enjoyment of all. A habit of giving comes from a heart that has learned the satisfactions of generosity. A habit of giving offers us peace that we are doing our part to make the world a better, more generous place.

The Scriptures recommend a tithing 10 percent of what we earn to charities. By giving from what we receive, we share God's love with the world."

Have a good time celebrating the 4<sup>th</sup> of July!

Peace,

**MONDAY, July 3**

**TUESDAY, July 4**

**Independence Day – Office Closed**

**WEDNESDAY, July 5**

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

7:00 p.m. – Youth Group

**THURSDAY, July 6**

**FRIDAY, July 7**

**First Friday Home and Hospital Visits**

8:30 a.m. – Mass: Safe travels during vacations / Parish

9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. – First Friday Adoration – Church

7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – Youth Group Bonfire / Movie Nite

**SATURDAY, July 8**

7:00 – 8:00 a.m. – Men's Fellowship

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

5:30 p.m. – Mass: +Sue Pike / Ron & Sharon Roberts

**SUNDAY, July 9**

8:00 a.m. – Mass: People of the Parish / Parish

9:30 a.m. – Mass: +Spencer Alford / The Candiloro family

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:*** Laura Ott, wife of Gary Ott

***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, 7/3: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc-2; Jn 20:24-29
- Tue, 7/4: Gn 19:15-29; Ps 26:2-3, 9-12; Mt 8:23-27;  
or, for Independence Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Country or a City," nos. 882-886, or "For Peace and Justice," nos. 887-891
- Wed, 7/5: Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Ps 34:7-8, 10-13; Mt 8:28-34
- Thu, 7/6: Gn 22:1b-19; Ps 115:1-6, 8-9; Mt 9:1-8
- Fri, 7/7: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Ps 106:1b-5; Mt 9:9-13
- Sat, 7/8: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Ps 135:1b-6; Mt 9:14-17;
- Sun, 7/9: Zec 9:9-10; Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30

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

**Turn The Tap Off When Brushing** – When brushing your teeth, turning the tap off while brushing can save five gallons of water per day – the equivalent of 1.5 billion gallons of water across the USA.

"FREEDOM CONSISTS NOT IN DOING  
WHAT WE LIKE, BUT IN HAVING THE  
RIGHT TO DO WHAT WE OUGHT."

*St. John Paul the Great*

**Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
THE RICHNESS OF LIFE IN CHRIST**

Today we have the beautiful story of the woman promised a child, the wonderful exhortation about life in Christ, and a powerful instruction from Jesus. An embarrassment of riches? Not if we take Jesus' words about "welcome" to heart. The many challenges and blessings offered to us today by Elisha, Paul, and Jesus should be cause for rejoicing, and welcomed heartily into our lives. And, like the great treat that they are, they should be enjoyed and shared generously with others.

Today's reading from Romans was chosen very early in the liturgical life of the Church to be the sole apostolic instruction received by candidates for baptism at the Easter Vigil. This illustrates its importance as a core belief, and as a means of comprehending the story of the Resurrection. Christ's resurrection is not merely a story about something that he underwent once upon a time, but it is our story, the story of how we joined the other members of the one Body of Christ, the church. We were not only dead, but we were buried; not ultimately buried, but raised to eternal life with Christ.

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**PARISH STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE**

June 24 and 25

Weekly Collection.....	\$3,328.00
Online Giving.....	\$1,005.00
Children.....	\$ 9.00
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. 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 \$18,045.

**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, \$13,183 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).

**Brick Pavers Order – August 1**

Brick Pavers for the Peace Prayer Garden are available through the Parish Office or by filling out forms in the breezeway. Bricks are \$35.00 each. Text on the pavers can commemorate special occasions or can be a meaningful quote to inspire others.

**Gardening Group Changes Meeting Days**

The Gardening Group will be meeting on Wednesdays instead of Tuesdays starting July 12<sup>th</sup>.

**FAITH FORMATION**

**Deacon Ron Kenney, Director of Faith Formation**

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How did you enter church today? Did you come into church with the, "Let's get this over with" attitude? Did you come today hoping that father would move along quickly because you have a lot to do today? Are you thinking about why you are here or are you thinking about what you could be doing instead of spending this one hour wasting your time? Did you come here out of obligation or did you come here because you really wanted to? Did you come into the church hoping to be entertained or to experience God?

I am sure there are many reasons why you are here today and what attitude you came here with. One thing is for sure, how you come to church opens the door for what is going to happen to you once you leave. Being ready for worship, in mind and soul, will help you to worship. There will be no more "ho hum" experiences. I guarantee you that your experience of celebrating the Eucharist will never be the same when you realize once and for all that church is about you and your community standing before your Lord and saying "I love You, let's see what we can do with me this week Lord." Sounds corny, but it's true. Let yourself go in what is happening, listen to the prayers; don't just recite them. Listen to the words of the songs, don't just repeat them. Watch the faces of the faithful, don't just ignore them. Truly partake of the Body and Blood, don't just eat the bread and wine.

Come..... excited, ready, prepared, open-minded, in-love, faith filled, weak or strong, just come ready to worship God and watch the change that takes place!

Walk the Talk! Be Peace! –  
Deacon Ron

**St. Mark Youth Group**

- **Summer Youth Group:** Every Wednesday, 7-9pm at the Pavilion. Fun, Prayer & Pizza, 6th-12th graders invited to participate, 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 and we will return by 1:30pm. Sign up at Youth Group.
- **Youth Group at Goodtimes in Goodrich!** Saturday, August 5th the youth of St. Mark will be helping with the community celebration. Kid Zone and Movie Night. Come to Summer Youth Group and Sign up to help. Great Service Hours.

**Vacation Bible School**

- **St. Mark VBS** – Save the Date: August 1-4, 6-8pm-Maker Fun Factory: Created By God! All K-5th graders invited to sign up, registration available through our website or 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.