

# 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.

## Padre's Portion

July 9, 2017

## Weekly Calendar

Summer days seem to pass quickly; I hope that your Fourth of July included some rest and relaxation. Lately, I hear many people saying how summer seems half over, yet we have two months roughly until Labor Day. I spoke at the Masses last weekend about my retreat and vacation in Senegal, West Africa. While we are in ordinary time, liturgically, my experience there was extraordinary. Yes, the time flew by quickly.

**Week 1:** I arrived and stayed with the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart (MSC) at the retreat house located on property of the Diocese of Kaolack, which was founded by the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart. The altar was in the shape of the Sacred Heart and during my entire prayer, I felt as though I was being held by a Sacred Heart. My retreat is always a valued time and the days spent allowed me to discern many areas of my life and ministry. Each day, the Sacred Scriptures revealed encounters past, present, and future that reflect and parallel my life and the lives of those around me. The temperatures were in the mid-nineties to above one hundred so I was grateful that I like the heat! Mass each day was in French, Wolof, or Sari, depending on who attended the 7 a.m. liturgy. For exercise, I helped rake mango leaves before the first rains began. My meals were typical of the region: eggs, bread, yogurt, mango, and fish. The retreat house is located about 20 minutes outside the city, which means there was no internet or Wi-Fi. I didn't mind that, but the power outages determined my bedtime.

**Week 2:** During my time, I met the catechists at their annual retreat day, and I met with the priests of the Diocese, who gathered for their quarterly regional meeting. Many of the catechists and priests spoke some English. Most of them speak 4-7 languages, which I always find amazing! I now have a challenge to learn some French. During the weekend of June 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, I participated in Fr. Jean Marie's (MSC) priesthood anniversary Mass, reception and family dinner. Each encounter was incredible. The choir and assembly sang in three languages, and I felt as if I were in a concert. Their enthusiastic worship was an inspiration. I was very moved when Jean Marie gave his thank-you's after communion. He was emotional and couldn't speak. The choir immediately chimed in with a song of support. His mother, who recently lost her sight, stood up and began to dance in the main aisle in support of her son. Needless to say, there was not a dry eye in the church. The reception at his home parish was beautiful. The attention to detail was amazing; from the setting of the tables, to the service and the meal: all simple, but elegant. The last event was scheduled in the family compound located outside of the town. There was a dance that expressed their identity. I have never seen people with so much energy, movement and rhythm. I did participate in a few, which drew cheers because the "foreigner" was willing to dance, with spirit if not skill. These beloved memories will last for a lifetime.

In general, as a Jesuit priest mentioned to me, Senegal could be the model for interreligious dialogue. The Christian population is only 6% and the remainder Muslim. Within Jean Marie's family, there are Christian and Muslim members who live together in harmony. I hope that a more peaceful coexistence can be the norm for our world. We pray for dialogue and toleration.

Peace,

**MONDAY, July 10**

**TUESDAY, July 11**

6:30 p.m. – Mass: Benedictine Communities / Parish

**WEDNESDAY, July 12**

8:30 a.m. – Mass: People of the Parish / Parish

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

10:00 a.m. – AA – Room 1 & 2

7:00 p.m. – Youth Group

7:00 p.m. – Gardening Group

**THURSDAY, July 13**

**FRIDAY, July 14**

**Hospital Visits**

**SATURDAY, July 15**

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

5:30 p.m. – Mass: +Jerry Papciak / Vince & Joyce Maysura & Carol Orton

**SUNDAY, July 16**

8:00 a.m. – Mass: Victims of National Disasters / Parish

9:30 a.m. – Mass: +Ken Szyarto / Nothhelfer 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 Sick:** Those who are homebound, in the hospital or another healthcare facility.

**For Prayer Ministry Requests:** Contact Joan Turner,  
[joanturner38@sbcglobal.net](mailto:joanturner38@sbcglobal.net) or 248-410-2286.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Mon, 7/10: Gn 28:10-22a; Ps 91:1-4, 14-15ab;  
Mt 9:18-26

Tue, 7/11: Gn 32:23-33; Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b, 15;  
Mt 9:32-38

Wed, 7/12: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a;  
Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19; Mt 10:1-7

Thu, 7/13: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Ps 105:16-21;  
Mt 10:7-15

Fri, 7/14: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28,  
39-40; Mt 10:16-23

Sat, 7/15: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Ps 105:1-4, 6-7;  
Mt 10:24-33

Sun, 7/16: Is 55:10-11; Ps 65:10-14; Rom 8:18-23;  
Mt 13:1-23 [1-9]

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

**Shorten Your Shower Time** – Probably not one to go hand-in-hand with the above point, shortening your shower time by just two minutes can save more than ten gallons of water. If everyone saved just one gallon, it would be two times more water saved than is currently drawn daily from the Great Lakes.

**Online giving**

St. Mark offers online giving for parishioners who prefer to donate through automatic draft, 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.

## Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time HUMBLE KING

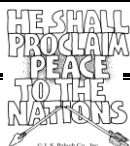
Like a tonal center in music, the note to which we keep returning in today's readings is humility. We wait in joyful expectation for the coming of our Lord as King. But what we are told to expect and rejoice over is a meek and humble king, riding on an ass. Not horses or chariots of the great and mighty, but a humble beast carries the Ruler whose dominion stretches "from the River to the ends of the earth" (Zechariah 9:10). This King comes to banish the tools of the warrior and bring peace. No wonder that a weary world rejoices and gives thanks to God!

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### PARISH STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE

July 1 and 2

Weekly Collection .....	\$4,674.50
Online Giving.....	\$4,005.00
Children .....	\$ 0.00
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). Click on Donations at the bottom. You can also write a check payable to Witness to Hope, with St. Mark the Evangelist in the memo line and put in collection or give to the Parish Office. To date, the total of accelerated payments is \$22,295.

**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).

### St. Francis Retreat – July 25

St. Francis Retreat Center is hosting "Mary: Blessed Are You Among Women" on Tuesday, July 25 from 9:00am-3:30pm by Tony Sperendi. Mary is truly THE Wonder Woman created by God with super-powers of grace and humility! All are welcome. Cost is \$65 or \$55 for seniors 60+. Includes breakfast snacks, lunch, Mass and materials. Bring your Bible. Contact the retreat center at <http://www.stfrancis.ws/> or 517-669-8321.

### Counseling Support for Parishioners

Many individuals struggling with depression, anxiety or anger as well as addictions can find support through Catholic Charities. For counseling and support resources, please visit [www.HaveHopeGetHelp.com](http://www.HaveHopeGetHelp.com). This website is specifically designed to help connect those seeking counseling to local Catholic Charities agencies. Reference cards are available through the Parish Office or church.

## FAITH FORMATION

### Deacon Ron Kenney, Director of Faith Formation

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There are many times when I seem to have a lot on my plate and seem to be overwhelmed with what lies ahead. That pressure of "so many things to do" makes me want to crawl in a corner and just try and hide from all the plates spinning. It is at this point, when I step away from that corner and remember the very Gospel message that Jesus is sharing with us today, "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." Those words are exactly what I need to hear when the river is rising and I feel like I won't make it through the storm.

Our Lord wants us to not just know him, he wants us to let him be in our lives. The good and the not so good. The peaceful moments and yes, the storms. There is nothing more reassuring than to know that our God IS there at all times and moments of our lives. Listen to him when he says, "Come to me....."

Walk the Talk! Be Peace! –  
Deacon Ron

### 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, registrations available at our website or through the parish office. 6th- 12th graders and any adults who would like to volunteer to be a part of the VBS Team email Dcn. Ron [stmarkdff@hotmail.com](mailto:stmarkdff@hotmail.com).

### Adult Faith Formation

- **St. Mark Men's Fellowship** – 1st Saturday of the Month, 7-8am. Next date: August 5th.

### 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.
- **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.
- **Youth Group Movie Nite!** Under the Pavilion, bring your own chair and a snack to share, August 18th, 7-9pm, all 6th -12th graders welcome, bring a friend.
- **Youth Group at the Crim Finish Line Water Station!** St. Mark YG will be working the finish line water station at the Crim Festival of Races on Saturday, August 26th, 6am-1pm. All youth and families are welcome to join us. Sign up at Summer YG or email [stmarkdff@hotmail.com](mailto:stmarkdff@hotmail.com).

### Marriage Banns

1<sup>st</sup> publication: Rebecca Thiel and Edmund Bosas