

St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Community

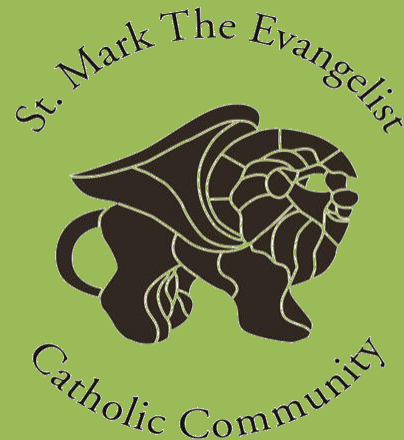
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AA Hotline (810) 234-0815

Catholic Charities (810) 232-9950

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Mary McFarlane

Powers Catholic High School (810) 591-4741

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.

Thank you for making last year's "Help Spread the FAITH" appeal a success. Thank you for answering Christ's call to evangelize. The "Help Spread the FAITH" appeal makes our own local evangelization efforts, like FAITH magazine and the televised Outreach Mass, possible.

FAITH magazine is sent to your home and every Catholic home each month by our parishes and diocese. Many of our fellow Catholics have become disconnected from the life of the Church, and Bishop Boyea believes that FAITH magazine has been the best way to reach out to them. In addition to FAITH magazine, our diocese continues to evangelize with interactive websites, weekly television Masses, the U.S. bishops' national efforts and local parish initiatives. By supporting the "Help Spread the FAITH" appeal, you will help us continue to answer Christ's call to reach out with the Gospel message.

Your gift to Help Spread the FAITH will support:

- 1) **FAITH magazine:** a monthly magazine sent to you and every Catholic in the diocese – 65,000 homes.
FAITHpub.com: an interactive online resource with daily changing content.
- 2) **Television Outreach Mass:** a weekly broadcast of the Diocese of Lansing.
- 3) **U.S. bishops' national evangelization efforts:** impacting the media and our society.
- 4) **FAITHpub app:** Free iPhone/iPad mobile apps.

By supporting St. Mark and our diocese in this Help Spread the FAITH Appeal, you will enable us to carry out evangelization efforts in St. Mark, our diocese and the nation. Your support ensures that FAITH magazine will continue to be sent out to every Catholic home in the Diocese of Lansing. You will ensure that the Outreach Mass will continue to be broadcast and the U.S. bishops will continue their national evangelization efforts.

Christ called us to proclaim the Gospel from the mountaintop. In today's society, that is a big challenge. We all know the power of the media. With your support, we can use that power to reach out with a positive message – a message that we belong to someone – Jesus. Thank you for your consideration.

Capital Campaign Phase One Update: Work continues at a rapid pace. Part of this project will enhance drainage from run-off rainwater. The improvements will help keep our parking lot, lawns and ditches free of standing water. This will support the longevity of the new parking lot. Each week continue to use the available entrance: either Burpee Rd. or Gale Rd. depending on the progress.

Christians throughout Genesee County are invited to take part in the international **40 Days for Life** effort from Sept. 26 through Nov. 5. Since 2007, 13,305 lives have been saved, 154 abortion workers have walked away from the abortion industry and 86 abortion facilities have completely shut down. In addition to 40 days of peaceful prayer and fasting for an end to abortion, please spread the word to others about this important life-saving effort! To get more information, or to volunteer to help, please contact Tina Phillpotts at 810-892-FLNT or info@prolifeflint.com.

Peace,

MONDAY, September 25

6:30 p.m. – CCW Paint & Pray

TUESDAY, September 26

11:00 a.m. – Senior Appreciation Mass, St. John Davison
6:30 p.m. – Word & Eucharist

WEDNESDAY, September 27

8:30 a.m. – World Peace / Parish
9:00 a.m. – St. Joseph Guild – Parish Center
10:00 a.m. – AA – Room 1 & 2
6:00 p.m. – RCIA

THURSDAY, September 28

7:00 p.m. – Choir practice

FRIDAY, September 29

Hospital Visits

8:30 a.m. – North End Soup Kitchen
10:00 a.m. – Euchre & Luncheon

SATURDAY, September 30

4:30–5:15 p.m. – Confessions – Church
5:30 p.m. – Mass: Evangelization / Parish

SUNDAY, October 1

8:00 a.m. – Mass: World Peace / Parish
9:30 a.m. – Mass: People of the Parish / Parish
9:30 a.m. – Children's Liturgy of the Word
10:30 a.m. – Hospitality Hour
10:30 a.m. – Bell Choir practice
11:00 a.m. – REF: Gr K-5
6:00 p.m. – REF: Gr 6-12

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, 9/25: Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 8:16-18
 Tue, 9/26: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-5;
 Lk 8:19-21
 Wed, 9/27: Ezr 9:5-9; Tb:13:2, 3-4abefghn, 7-8;
 Lk 9:1-6
 Thu, 9/28: Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 9:7-9
 Fri, 9/29: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a;
 Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51
 Sat, 9/30: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13;
 Lk 9:43b-45
 Sun, 10/1: Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-9; Phil 2:1-11 [1-5];
 Mt 21:28-32

Caring for Creation – Ways to Help the Planet

Do Errand Batches – Instead of doing each errand as it occurs to you, why not do them in a batch. This will save you time and will also reduce your fuel costs. You could even errand share with a friend!

Welcome to our new parishioners!

Please welcome our new parishioners Anne and Dan MacShane.

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time CALL UPON THE LORD

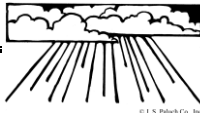
The very first line of today's first reading summons us to seek the Lord and to call upon God. This sentiment is echoed in the refrain for today's responsorial psalm: "The Lord is near to all who call upon him" (Psalm 145:18a). Saint Paul is the embodiment of someone who constantly sought the Lord. In the excerpt we read today from his letter to the Philippians, we find Saint Paul toward the end of his life, a life he describes as completely consonant with Christ. He writes, "For to me life is Christ" (Philippians 1:21). To find out what it means to live life completely in accord with Christ we need look no further than today's Gospel. There we find that God's love and mercy are immeasurable for all those who seek and call upon the Lord.

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE

September 16 & 17

Weekly Collection.....	\$3,303.00
Online Giving.....	\$1,895.00
Children.....	\$ 8.00
Youth.....	\$ 0.00



CCW Paint and Pray Evening – Sept. 25

All are invited to join local artist, Dana George, with a step-by-step painting project at St. Mark on Mon. Sept. 25 at 6:30 p.m. It's \$25.00/person, which includes your canvas and paint supplies; bring a beverage/snack, and your friends! Reservations are a must; please register in the Gathering Space after Mass or call or e-mail the Parish Office.

Euchre & Luncheon – Sept. 29

It's time for Euchre at 10:00 a.m. on Sept. 29 with a light lunch to follow. Cost is \$5.00. Please contact Ruth and Mike Petroski at 810-344-7293 or teacuplady47@hotmail.com to sign up so we can plan accordingly.

St. Mark at North End Soup Kitchen – Sept. 29

Friday, Sept. 29, 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, we return to the Parish. Come make a difference!

CCW Annual Fall Scrapbook CROP – Oct. 20-21

E-mail Cindy Bell at cabsandkids@aol.com. Registration includes plenty of space, snacks, vendors and prizes. Friday 6:00 p.m. – midnight (\$12) and Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. (\$35). Breakfast, lunch & dinner served on Saturday.

Genesee County Recycle Day – Oct. 21

The Fall Recycle Day is Saturday, Oct. 21 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Bentley High School. Bring your electronics, batteries, tires, appliances and more! Visit www.gcmcp.org or call 810-762-7744 for more information.

Parish Office Census

Look for an email or letter from our Parish Office the first week of October. As part of our efforts to continually update our records, we are asking each parishioner to review their information and let our office know of any changes that need to be made. Thank you for your help with our efforts!

FAITH FORMATION

Deacon Ron Kenney, Director of Faith Formation

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I have never been a fan of the phrase, "The last shall be first and the first shall be last." What is RIGHT about that thought? Nothing, as far as I am concerned. But, that is the problem ... "as far as I am concerned." You see, at the heart of this message from Jesus, once again is the vision about how we live our lives and how we see ourselves in that living. All too often we are more concerned about our own self-serving experiences and not those of others. It is human nature to want to take care of ourselves and to a certain extent that is okay. But, if we truly want to live as our GOD wants us to, then our focus will extend far beyond ourselves and will be more concerned about others. It isn't about what I didn't get, but rather about what I can do to make sure others get the same.

Jesus is brilliant my friends and if you don't think so maybe you should ask yourself why you are sitting here today.

Walk the Talk! Be Peace! – Deacon Ron

Welcome back to all our REF Catechists, Young People and families as we begin another year of growing in our faith through sharing and learning. Remember, Serve One Another Through Love – Galatians 5:13

Religious Education Formation (REF)

- See the Weekly Calendar for upcoming REF dates

St. Mark Middle School & High School REF/Youth Group

- This year on Sundays, 6-7:30pm the 6th-12th graders will be meeting together for a time of Fun, Faith, Catechesis, Prayer and building community. St. Mark Youth Group is a great way to get involved in your faith and learn how to be BOLD AND PROUD to be a Catholic Young Person. Email Dcn. Ron for more info.
- **UNASHAMED: Diocese of Lansing High School Youth Conference 2017.** Sunday, November 5th, Lansing Center, Lansing. All 9th-12th graders, a day to celebrate our Catholic Faith as Young People in the Diocese of Lansing. For more info contact Dcn. Ron.
- **Praise, Prayer and Pizza:** Once a month 6-7:30pm in the Church. Encountering Jesus through Praise and Worship helps us to grow in our everyday lives. Once a month during Sunday Youth Group the youth will gather for song, prayer, the Word, witness and community. All youth are invited as well as families. Begins Sunday, October 29th, 6-7:30pm in the church. Bring \$3 for pizza afterwards.

Adult Faith Formation

- **Men's Fellowship:** Meets the First Saturday of each month, 7-8am. Next meeting is October. 7.
- **Book Club:** Meets Tuesday, October 24th, 7pm Book: Mr. Blue by Myles Connelly. You can order on Amazon. Email Dcn. Ron for more information.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

- Are you interested or do you know someone who is interested in completing the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) and learning more about becoming Catholic? Contact Pam Bachner (Director of RCIA) hpbach@charter.net or Dcn. Ron. Sessions begin in September.