

St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Community

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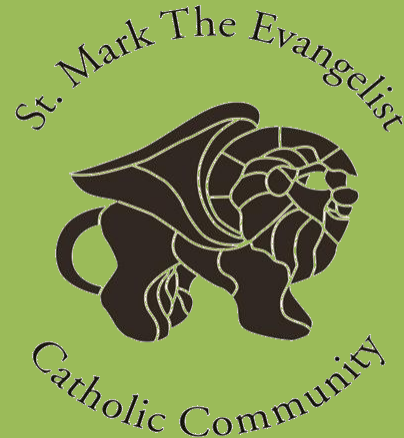
PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

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.

October 1st is designated as "**Respect Life Sunday**". This year the theme is **Be Not Afraid**. The Respect Life Program sponsored by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, started in 1972 and begins anew each October – the month set aside by the U.S. bishops as "Respect Life Month."

Materials are available to help us understand, value and become engaged with supporting the dignity of every person, especially by cherishing God's gift of life. www.usccb.org/respectlife contains resource guides, pamphlets and suggested reading online.

Prayers for Respect Life Month.

For all people: May God grant us the courage to embrace his precious gift of life, even in the most difficult of circumstances; We pray to the Lord.

For the times we are afraid to welcome life: May the Lord fill our hearts with confidence in His loving care and provide for every need; We pray to the Lord.

For all Catholics: May the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist strengthen us in protecting his gift of life; We pray to the Lord.

For the times we are pressured to compromise respect for human life: May the Lord strengthen our courage and resolve; We pray to the Lord.

May the Holy Spirit reveal to each of us how we are called to use our gifts in sharing the Gospel of life and joy; We pray to the Lord.

For those facing difficult medical decisions: May they receive the Lord's guidance and peace as they listen for his voice; We pray to the Lord.

For expectant mothers whose hearts are troubled: May they receive helpful, loving support for themselves and their baby; We pray to the Lord.

For the times we doubt the value of our lives: May we rest in the awareness that we are infinitely loved, and that God has a plan for our lives; We pray to the Lord.

For those condemned to die and for their families: May the hope of the Resurrection strengthen them in their time of sorrow; We pray to the Lord.

May God grant us the eyes to see and the hearts to love those who need us to walk with them in times of suffering; We pray to the Lord.

May God bless all those for whom adoption is part of their life story; We pray to the Lord.

For caregivers: May Christ give them wisdom and fill their hearts with peace and strength; We pray to the Lord.

For women and men suffering after abortion: May God grant them courage to seek healing and peace through the Church's post-abortion healing ministry; We pray to the Lord.

Peace,

MONDAY, October 2

TUESDAY, October 3

10:00 a.m. – Shawl Ministry
6:30 p.m. – Word & Eucharist

WEDNESDAY, October 4

8:30 a.m. – Word & Eucharist
9:00 a.m. – St. Joseph Guild – Parish Center
10:00 a.m. – AA – Room 1 & 2
6:00 p.m. – RCIA
7:00 p.m. – Blessing of Pets

THURSDAY, October 5

12:00–5:45 p.m. – Blood Drive: Goodrich United Methodist
7:00 p.m. – Choir practice

FRIDAY, October 6

First Friday Home & Hospital Visits

8:30 a.m. – Mass: World Peace / Parish
9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. – First Friday Adoration – Church

SATURDAY, October 7

Baptism Weekend & Youth Group Bottle Drive

7:00 a.m. – Men's Fellowship
4:30–5:15 p.m. – Confessions – Church
5:30 p.m. – Mass: Those Affected by Natural Disasters / Parish
6:30 p.m. – Parish Dinner

SUNDAY, October 8

Baptism Weekend & Youth Group Bottle Drive

8:00 a.m. – Mass: Lay Ministry / 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
11:00 a.m. – All Sacrament Parent Meeting
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, 10/2: Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23;
Mt 18:1-5, 10
Tue, 10/3: Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1b-7; Lk 9:51-56
Wed, 10/4: Neh 2:1-8; Ps 137:1-6; Lk 9:57-62
Thu, 10/5: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8-11;
Lk 10:1-12
Fri, 10/6: Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9; Lk 10:13-16
Sat, 10/7: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-37; Lk 10:17-24
Sun, 10/8: Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9;
Mt 21:33-43

Welcome to our New Maintenance Member!

St. Mark is pleased to welcome Tim Gainey to our Parish Maintenance staff. He brings with him a wealth of experience and knowledge that will benefit our Parish.

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time GOD'S WAYS

In the stream of readings during this portion of Ordinary Time one week's texts can often appear to pick up exactly where the previous week's concluded. The sentiments expressed in today's first reading seem to be a direct reaction to the Gospel passage we heard last week. In that Gospel, the landowner pays the same wages to his workers whether they worked for a full day or for only a few minutes. Today Ezekiel gives us the lament, "The Lord's way is not fair!" (Ezekiel 18:25). These Sundays in Ordinary Time offer us a glimpse into the ways of the Lord. We see how God's way has the tendency to turn the accepted conventions of the day upside down. Those who always expected that their way to heaven was guaranteed are disappointed. Those who thought they never had a chance are given that chance. Today offers us another opportunity to discover the abundance of God's mercy and love.

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE

September 23 & 24

Weekly Collection.....	\$2,659.00
Online Giving.....	\$1,615.00
Children.....	\$ 9.02
Youth.....	\$ 0.00
American Evangelization.....	\$ 410.00



Help Spread the FAITH – Sept 23 & 24

Thank you to all who supported evangelization efforts, like *FAITH* magazine, *FAITHpub.com*, and the televised Outreach Mass, during last week's special collection.

40 Days for Life – Sept. 27 - Nov. 5

Christians throughout Genesee County are invited to take part in the international **40 Days for Life** effort from Sept. 26 through Nov. 5. 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, contact Tina Phillpotts at 810-892-FLNT or info@prolifeflint.com.

Parish Dinner – Oct. 7

Join us for our first Saturday Parish Dinner on October 7, after the 5:30 p.m. Mass. Bring your family! Sign up by October 4 in the Gathering Space or call the Parish Office at 810-636-2216.

Parish Breakfast Date Change – Oct. 15

Correction to October calendar: the Parish Breakfast for October will be on the 15th after the 9:30 a.m. Mass.

America Needs Fatima – Oct. 14th

At noon on Saturday Oct. 14th, America Needs Fatima will be praying 20,000 public rosaries. Please pray the rosary in a public place in support of a culture of life. Prayer for St. Mark will be in our Peace Prayer Garden. All are welcome to join in the prayer vigil.

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! Call 810-762-7744 (recycle hotline) or visit www.gcmprc.org for more information.

FAITH FORMATION

Deacon Ron Kenney, Director of Faith Formation

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As the parent of 5 kids I often heard the phrase, "That's not fair!" My response was usually the same, "Sorry, life is not always fair." My kids would usually fold their arms and stomp off in disgust with my unwillingness to change whatever it was they thought was unfair. I think it is only human to look at what happens in our lives, especially if it's something that doesn't work with US and respond the same way, especially to God. Our desire to want things perfect and to see the Pot of Gold at the end of the Rainbow is a desire, but not always reality. Life is not fair, life has joy and success, but at the same time, life has sadness and disappointment.

Today, the Prophet Ezekiel is like the parent responding to a child that isn't satisfied with the situation and starts to fold their arms and stomp off in disgust. The Prophet's answer is simple, do what is right and just and you will find peace. Life will never be perfect because we are human and we live with human faults and failures. So the next time we find ourselves stomping off in disgust, be patient, have faith, love a little more and YES life does get better. Walk the Talk! Be Peace! – Deacon Ron

Religious Education Formation (REF) *Serve One Another Through Love – Galatians 5:13*

- See the Weekly Calendar for upcoming REF dates
- **St. Mark Middle School & High School REF/Youth Group**
 - **UNASHAMED: Diocese of Lansing High School Youth Conference 2017.** Sunday, Nov. 5th, Lansing Center, Lansing. For 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.
 - **St. Mark Youth Group at Spooky Trails:** The Youth Group is going on a Hayride, a spooky one! Saturday, Oct. 21st 6:30-9:30pm. Registration Forms available at Sunday YG or contact Dcn. Ron. 6th-12th graders of St. Mark and their friends are invited.
 - **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. We will gather for song, prayer, witness and community. Begins Sunday, Oct. 29th, 6-7:30pm in the church. Bring \$3 for pizza afterwards.

Adult Faith Formation

- **Men's Fellowship:** 1st Saturday of the month, 7-8am. Next meeting Oct. 7.
- **Book Club:** Meets Tuesday, Oct. 24th, 7pm Book: Mr. Blue by Myles Connelly.

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!

Welcome to our new parishioners!

Please welcome our new parishioner Nathan Bila.