

St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Community

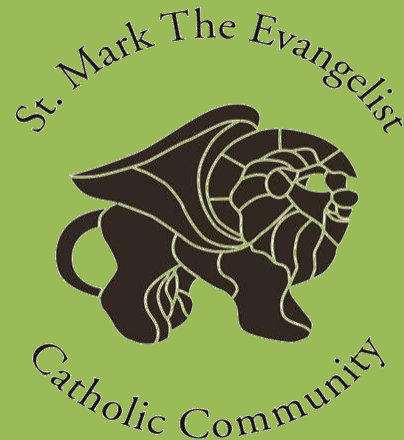
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Powers Catholic High School (810) 591-4741

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.

Verses by Paul Turner: "How many verses shall we sing?" Musicians and assemblies in Catholic parishes frequently take a shortcut on hymn verses. When Catholic assemblies first started singing, we usually picked four hymns and timidly sang two verses of a hymn, a practice which would surely puzzle the composer of its text. Perhaps our social experience inspired us: Americans pridefully sing the national anthem at most every important civic and sporting event – but only the first verse!

A hymn has a point to make. The verses relate a single idea from beginning to end. Singing part of a hymn is like reciting part of a poem or reading part of a book. Some hymns to the Trinity praise one Person of the Godhead in each verse; musicians who lop off the third verse to the Holy Spirit violate one of the principal beliefs in Christianity.

Although most hymns should be sung completely, there are some exceptions. Sometimes the composer intends only part of the piece to be sung. Such songs usually feature a refrain – a few words you sing over and again. A refrain brings our meditation home over and over while the choir or a soloist sings verses in between. Such verses refract the words of the refrain like light through a prism. Since some parts of the Mass vary in length, such as the opening procession and the receiving of communion, we often sing music with refrains at that time. We can vary the number of verses to fit the action. If the text of the music has a bigger point to make, we sing the whole piece.

Some hymns conclude with a sung, "Amen." But even though it may appear in the hymnal at the end of a piece, many Catholic musicians and assemblies see it like invisible ink. A sung "Amen" can give a firm assent to the devotion which the hymn invites. Omitting it threatens sincerity. A minimal approach to verses invites a minimal approach to singing. Gathered at the table of the Lord, let us lift our voices 'round God's throne, where they will give due praise when we sing with meaning and full intent.

Mission Sunday, October 22, 2017 – Pope Francis: "Mission and the transformative power of the Gospel of Christ, the Way, the Truth and the Life. **The Church's mission**, directed to all men and women of good will, is based on the transformative power of the Gospel. The Gospel is Good News filled with contagious joy, for it contains and offers new life: the life of the Risen Christ who, by bestowing his life-giving Spirit, becomes for us the Way, the Truth and the Life. He is the Way who invites us to follow him with confidence and courage. In following Jesus as our Way, we experience Truth and receive his Life, which is fullness of communion with God the Father in the power of the Holy Spirit. That life sets us free from every kind of selfishness and is a source of creativity in love.

God the Father desires this existential transformation of his sons and daughters, a transformation that finds expression in worship in spirit and truth, through a life guided by the Holy Spirit in imitation of Jesus the Son to the glory of God the Father. "The glory of God is the living man". The preaching of the Gospel thus becomes a vital and effective word that accomplishes what it proclaims: Jesus Christ, who constantly takes flesh in every human situation."

Peace,

MONDAY, October 23

TUESDAY, October 24

6:30 p.m. – Word & Eucharist

7:00 p.m. – Book Club – Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, October 25

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

THURSDAY, October 26

7:00 p.m. – Choir practice

FRIDAY, October 27

Hospital Visits

10:00 a.m. – Euchre & Luncheon

SATURDAY, October 28

8:00 a.m.-Noon – Fall Clean Up, Lunch after

4:30–5:15 p.m. – Confessions – Church

5:30 p.m. – Mass: People of the Parish / Parish

SUNDAY, October 29

8:00 a.m. – Mass: Deceased Beneficiaries / Parish

9:30 a.m. – Mass: +Aldo Salvati / John & Patty
Candiloro

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,
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon, 10/23: Rom 4:20-25; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 12:13-21

Tue, 10/24: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21;
Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 12:35-38

Wed, 10/25: Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-8; Lk 12:39-48

Thu, 10/26: Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 12:49-53

Fri, 10/27: Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 76-77, 93-94;
Lk 12:54-59

Sat, 10/28: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16

Sun, 10/29: Ex 22:20-26; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51;
1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40

For everyone who has shared in our journey; working to bring **Help and Hope to Flint**, we ask you to join us on **Friday, October 27 from 1-4 p.m.** as we open our newly refurbished **Sr. Claudia Burke Center for Hope**. Please RSVP to 810-265-7025 x1 or mstevenson@ccsgc.org.



**Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
POWER STRUGGLE**

Power struggles occur on every level of society, from the world stage to relationships at work, to our own homes. We struggle for position in the hierarchy of power: Who has power over whom? How do they wield it? What is the source of that power? What is the healthy response?

In this Sunday's Gospel reading the Pharisees engage Jesus in a power struggle over whether Jews should show tribute to Caesar by paying taxes. Jesus' response puts this and every struggle for power into perspective. In harmony with the words of Isaiah and Paul, Jesus teaches us that God is the ultimate source of all power—the power of earthly rulers, the Pharisees, Jesus, the Church, and the power within ourselves.

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE	
October 14 & 15	
Weekly Collection.....	\$4,253.00
Online Giving.....	\$1,935.00
Children.....	\$ 68.06
Youth.....	\$ 2.00
World Mission.....	\$ 26.00



World Mission Sunday – Oct. 21 & 22

Today, we celebrate World Mission Sunday! We are called to offer our prayers and generous financial support for the worldwide mission of Christ. We are asked to reach out to the peripheries, people in remote villages, towns, and cities by using the witness and work of missionaries and local priests. Please keep all missionaries in your daily prayers.

Euchre & Luncheon – Oct. 27

It's time for Euchre at 10:00 a.m. on Oct. 27 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.

Fall Parish Clean-up – Oct. 28

Help your community by participating in cleaning the parish buildings, church and grounds on Sat., Oct. 28, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. followed by a light lunch. Sign up in the gathering space after masses or contact the Parish Office.

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration – Nov. 3

First Friday, Nov. 3, is Eucharistic Adoration 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sign up for an hour of prayer. We need one or more individuals an hour. Spend time with the Lord in prayer.

Parish Dinner – Nov. 4

Join us for our first Saturday Parish Dinner on Nov. 4, after the 5:30 p.m. Mass. Bring your family! Sign up by Nov. 1 in the Gathering Space or call the Parish Office 810-636-2216.

Basket Weaving Classes – Nov. 15

Two basket weaving classes will be offered on Wednesday, Nov. 15 at 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$25.00 per person, which includes instruction and materials. Sign up in the Gathering Space or Parish Office.

Diocesan Annual Attendance Counts

Every October, parishes in our Diocese track attendance during each weekend Mass. As always, your attendance is appreciated as is your participation!

FAITH FORMATION

Deacon Ron Kenney, Director of Faith Formation

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As American citizens, we need to work for what is right and just in our country. We have a responsibility to support our country and at the same time live as Christians by putting God first. We need to do all in our power to help our country make good, moral laws so that we might always be "one nation under God."

There are many ways that we can support and guide our country to being one that serves God in its care for all people. We have a responsibility to challenge laws that destroy life, from conception to resurrection. We have a responsibility to work with a system that allows the mentally challenged to become lost and homeless. We need to look beyond our own walls and see how we can help others who are being abused and forgotten. There are many other ways that we need to be active in helping our country make right and just choices that help all people.

We are reminded in the Gospel today that we have to be courageous and moral citizens of this great nation. Jesus says, "Render unto Caesar what is Caesar's and unto God what is God's." We are first children of God and second, citizens of this nation.... that is what should guide who we are as Americans.

Walk the Talk! Be Peace! – Deacon Ron

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

- 10/29 REF (K-5/6-12)
- 10/29 Prayer, Praise, Pizza (6-7:30pm Church)

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

- **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 we will gather for song, prayer, witness and community. Begins Sunday, October 29th, 6-7:30pm in the church. Bring \$3 for pizza afterwards.
- **UNASHAMED: Diocese of Lansing High School Youth Conference 2017.** FORMERLY JAMBOREE – Sunday, Nov. 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.

Adult Faith Formation

- **Book Club:** Meets Tuesday, October 24th, 7pm
Book: Mr. Blue by Myles Connelly.
- **Men's Fellowship:** Meets the First Saturday of each month, 7-8am.
- **Looking ahead:** Advent Awakenings Bible study/discussion – Mondays 7pm

Powers Catholic Raffle Tickets on Sale – Winterfest

Powers Catholic is selling tickets for its annual raffle. Enter for a chance to win **\$20,000 or one of 8 additional prizes.** Only 1,000 tickets will be sold. Ticket cost is **\$100** and includes admission for **2 to the annual Powers Catholic Winterfest party on Saturday, Jan. 27th.** Break the winter blues and join us for indoor golf, food, drinks and dancing as we draw our winners! Call Jennie Milne at **810-591-0100** to purchase a ticket. Jennie will deliver the ticket to you at the St. Mark's mass of your choosing.