

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.

Stewardship Sunday

Annually there is the opportunity to reflect upon each parishioner's involvement with Time, Talent and Treasure. At all the Masses this weekend, along with our National Church, we celebrate Stewardship Sunday. This annual renewal allows Sharon Roberts, our Parish Time & Talent Coordinator, to assign parishioners with the tasks they would like to be involved in. We all know when you align passion with a project it makes for little work. As pastor, I appreciate the valued gift that Time, Talent and Treasure offer our parish community. Personal involvement in any group setting allows for ownership. I believe there are plenty of folks in our parish that give their focus for building the reign of God here at St. Mark the Evangelist. Beyond this Sunday, if there are ministries you would like to sign up for, please do so on-line as well. Each season offers a variety of indoor and outdoor projects that need to be taken care of around the parish.

Below is a Stewardship Prayer for your use throughout the year. I suggest you keep it in your prayer corner.

Stewardship Prayer

Oh Lord, giver of life and source of our freedom, we are reminded that Yours is "the earth in its fullness; the world and those who dwell in it." We know that it is from your hand that we have received all we have and are and will be. Gracious and loving God, we understand that you call us to be the stewards of Your abundance, the caretakers of all you have entrusted to us. Help us always to use your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously. May our faithful stewardship bear witness to the love of Christ in our lives. We pray this with grateful hearts in Jesus' name. Amen.

Veteran's Day

Our nation annually has a federal holiday on November 11th recognizing the men and women who have served our country and citizens throughout the years. As we move into a more global world, it becomes increasingly pertinent that we appreciate those who protect justice throughout the world.

Below is a Veteran's Prayer that I offer for your contemplation and blessing.

Veteran's Prayer

Father God, You know that it can be difficult for a person who has returned from battle or stressful military service to reintegrate into 'normal' everyday life. You know that veterans can feel isolated and alone even in the midst of their friends and families because there are few around who understand their experience. So I ask You to place in the path of our veterans those who do understand (or strive to), that they may feel less alone. Remind them often that while their fellow human beings may never fully comprehend, You see, You know and You identify with them in everything. Amen.

Pilgrimage (Portugal – Spain) April 2018

The 40th Anniversary Pilgrimage to Portugal - Spain has been cancelled due to concerns about the unrest in Spain at this time. For now, let us pray for the Citizens of Spain for a peaceful resolution.

Peace,

MONDAY, November 13

TUESDAY, November 14

6:30 p.m. – Mass: People of the Parish / Parish
7:00 p.m. – CCW

WEDNESDAY, November 15

8:30 a.m. – Mass: Hunter Safety / Parish
9:00 a.m. – St. Joseph Guild – Parish Center
10:00 a.m. – AA – Room 1 & 2
2:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. – CCW Basket Weaving
6:00 p.m. – RCIA

THURSDAY, November 16

7:00 p.m. – Choir practice

FRIDAY, November 17

Hospital Visits

SATURDAY, November 18

NC: Catholic Campaign for Human Development

CCW Bake Sale after all Masses

4:30–5:15 p.m. – Confessions – Church

5:30 p.m. – Mass: +Joyce & Spencer Alford / Alford Family

SUNDAY, November 19

NC: Catholic Campaign for Human Development

CCW Bake Sale after all Masses

8:00 a.m. – Mass: +Jesuit Martyrs in El Salvador / Parish

9:30 a.m. – Mass: +Paul Tousignant / Jim & Nancy Ellis

9:30 a.m. – Children's Liturgy of the Word

10:30 a.m. – Parish Breakfast

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, 11/13: Wis 1:1-7; Ps 139:1b-10; Lk 17:1-6

Tue, 11/14: Wis 2:23 — 3:9; Ps 34:2-3, 16-19;
Lk 17:7-10

Wed, 11/15: Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82:3-4, 6-7; Lk 17:11-19

Thu, 11/16: Wis 7:22b — 8:1; Ps 119:89-91, 130, 135,
175; Lk 17:20-25

Fri, 11/17: Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19:2-5ab; Lk 17:26-37

Sat, 11/18: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Ps 105:2-3, 36-37,
42-43; Lk 18:1-8 or (for the memorial of
the Dedication) Acts 28:11-16, 30-31;
Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33

Sun, 11/19: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128:1-5;
1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]

Stewardship Cards Now Online!

On our parish homepage, stmarkgoodrich.org, there is now a link under Time, Talent and Treasure where you can access and fill out your online Stewardship card! Don't forget to hit submit when you are done.

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time WISDOM

We consider wisdom today. The first reading from the book of Wisdom presents this precious gift as a feminine spirit, a very desirable virtue sought by many and graciously present to all who seek her. In today's Gospel, Jesus tells a parable to illustrate wisdom in a practical, measurable way. The wise will conserve their resources, use them prudently, and mark the passing of time. The foolish, on the other hand, not planning ahead, will be in the dark. Both of these readings tell us how accessible wisdom is to all who simply and honestly seek it.

Paul's words to the Thessalonians are not about wisdom, but describe one result of true wisdom: To the wise person of faith even death holds no terror. Our faith in Jesus' resurrection tells us we will all one day rise to new life in Christ.

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE

November 4 & 5

Weekly Collection.....	\$4,909.49
Online Giving.....	\$3,900.00
Children.....	\$ 8.32
Youth.....	\$ 1.00
All Saint's Day.....	\$ 597.35
All Soul's Day.....	\$ 135.00



Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection

Next week, our second collection will be for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Over 46 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs to empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to lift themselves out of poverty. By supporting this collection, you give people a hand up, not a hand out. Learn more at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

Basket Weaving Classes – Nov. 15

Do you have an interest in learning how to weave a basket? Two classes will be offered on Wednesday, Nov. 15: an afternoon session – 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and an evening session – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$25.00 per person, which includes instruction and materials. Sign up with the Parish Office or in the Gathering Space. A special Christmas basket is one of our selections.

Parish breakfast – Nov. 19

Mark your calendars for the Parish breakfast on Sunday, Nov. 19 after the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Come enjoy pumpkin pancakes, bacon and fresh fruit with other families.

CCW Bake Sale – Nov. 18 and 19

CCW hosts the annual fall bake sale the weekend of Nov. 18 & 19 after all Masses. We are looking for donations of baked goods to help make our sale a success. Please drop off your items before any Mass that weekend. Call Donna Brothers at 810-636-7041 or Mary McFarlane 810-344-9859 with questions. Stop and shop the goodies for sale that weekend!

Thanksgiving Mass – Nov. 22

Our Thanksgiving Mass this year will be celebrated on Wednesday, Nov. 22 at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome!

FAITH FORMATION

Deacon Ron Kenney, Director of Faith Formation

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A question for us that comes from Jesus' parable about the Ten Virgins waiting for the bridegroom is real simple: How are you preparing for the end times? Jesus tells this parable to help us reflect on being prepared. You don't prepare for the end by doing a lot of stuff. You prepare by fostering the right attitude, the CHRISTIAN ATTITUDE.

So, how do we foster that CHRISTIAN ATTITUDE? We live in a materialistic culture. For many, success is equal to how much stuff a person has and choice seems to be the goal of life. "I am free to choose and do what I want" is a common sentiment. We, you and I, have to fight against the influences outside of us and, particularly, within us that are drawing us into materialism and away from the CHRISTIAN ATTITUDE. We need to foster that attitude by living in a way that always puts God first. We need to pray daily. We all need to get away from the distractions of life. If we have a family, then we have the responsibility to pray as a family every day. On Sundays, we celebrate the passion, death and resurrection of the Lord and receive the Eucharist. That should be the main focus of our week. Receiving the REAL PRESENCE OF CHRIST in the Eucharist should help us TO BE exactly what we claim to be: Christians! So, today ask yourself, how are you preparing for the end? Maybe, just maybe that begins with YOUR attitude.

Walk the Talk! Be Peace! – Deacon Ron

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

- 11/19 REF (K-5, 6-12)
- 11/19 Praise Prayer Pizza (6-7:30pm Church)

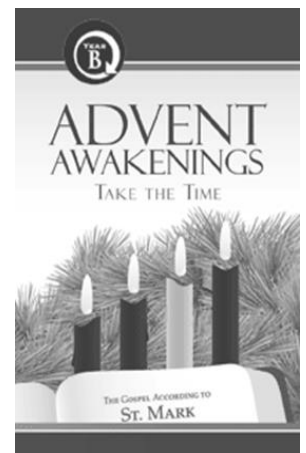
St. Mark Youth Group

- **Regional Catholic High School Lock-in:** Friday, December 15th (8pm-6am) at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church. Fun, Food, Music, Games, Friends, Faith and staying up all night! Cost \$10 sign up at Sunday Youth Group. All High School Youth of St. Mark and their friends invited.

Adult Faith Formation

- **Advent Awakenings Bible study/discussion:**

Mondays 7pm (11/27, 12/4, 11, 18) Focus on the significance of this holy season with Advent Awakenings, a four-session faith-sharing experience grounded in the Sunday Gospel readings. Prepare for Jesus' coming by setting aside everyday busyness and become more deeply aware of God's call. Sign up in the Gathering Space.



Office Closed – Nov. 23

Our Parish Offices will be closed on Thursday and will reopen on Friday, Nov. 24.