

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.

Easter Sunday this year falls on April Fool's Day. There is an expression of "being a fool for Christ's sake" which brings with it the understanding that one is a Christ-bearer. The history of the church has volumes written about the lives of the saints and others who have been considered fools by earthly standards. As I was watching the March for Our Lives on Saturday, March 24, I was overwhelmed with joy upon seeing the conviction of the youth that presented on the stage at Washington D. C. The youth ages ranged from 11 to 18 years old in the segments I saw. One youth commented that Joan of Arc was 17 when she started her Crusade, so "we are the generation for change." There was a great deal of emotion from survivors of gun violence as they told their story. One youth spoke about the need to "REV" up America. The need to R = register, E = educate and V = vote. Each youth spoke to the need for change in the epidemic of gun violence throughout the United States. The emotional, physical, and social harm that occurs each and every day is devastating. As I listened to the statement that 96 people are killed daily from gun violence in the United States, I sat there shaking my head. I've had time to reflect on that fact, and my reaction has not diminished. I join with the sentiments of this march that enough is enough.

A young African American student from Chicago said that "Nonviolence is a way of life for courageous people." As I think about these words, it occurs to me that we all have a choice about what kind of person we are going to be. Are we a courageous person, or a coward? Are we violent or non-violent? What are our motivations? Are they for Christ's sake or for our own? When I listened to all of the testimonies and stories from our youth, what they were saying was that we all need to reflect on not just our motives, but others' motives as well. We may never understand a violent neighbor's motives, but perhaps through examining our own, we can find the courage within ourselves to come forward and work to make a change.

Easter Sunday begins the 50 days of the Easter season leading us to Pentecost Sunday. I believe this season offers us opportunity to reflect upon what "makes you tick." This led me to recall the following reflection below.

"Reflecting on our Motives", written by Sr. Melannie Svoboda, S.N.D. from Living Faith, Daily Catholic Devotions

"[Judas] said this not because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief...John 12:6

The words above are very sobering. They lay bare Judas' real motive for saying what he said. His words sound very altruistic, but they mask a selfish and deceitful heart. We may wonder: What motivates his thievery? Is it insecurity? Fear? A desperate need for control?

Holy Week is a good time for us to reflect on our deeper motives for saying or doing some of the things we do. What lies beneath our own indignation, for example, with certain individuals? If we yell at someone, are we doing it to gain more control in our life? If we are abandoning hope, is it because deep down we feel God has deserted us? If we're critical of younger people, is it because we're envious of their youthfulness? If we're impatient with older people, is it because we fear we'll be old someday too? *Jesus, may my good deeds be motivated by my trust in you and my compassion for others."*

Happy Easter,

MONDAY, April 2

TUESDAY, April 3

10:00 a.m. – Shawl Ministry

6:30 p.m. – Mass: +Joe Schmitt on 1st Anniversary of Death / Trudy Schmitt

7:00 p.m. – Pastoral Council Meeting / Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, April 4

8:30 a.m. – Mass: +David Kennedy / Jeanne Hagan

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

10:00 a.m. – AA – Room 1 & 2

THURSDAY, April 5

6:00 p.m. – RCIA

FRIDAY, April 6

First Friday Hospital / Home Visits

8:30 a.m. – Mass: 10 Year Pastoral Plan / Parish

9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. – Adoration

SATURDAY, April 7 – Baptism Weekend

7:00 a.m. – Men's Fellowship

4:30–5:15 p.m. – Confessions – Church

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

SUNDAY, April 8 – Baptism Weekend

8:00 a.m. – Mass: Dignity of Workers / Parish

9:30 a.m. – Mass: +Judy Oginsky / Family

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

10:30 a.m. – Hospitality Hour

10:30 a.m. – Bell Choir practice

3:00 p.m. – 1st Eucharist Conversations

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, 4/2: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15

Tue, 4/3: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18

Wed, 4/4: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35

Thu, 4/5: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48

Fri, 4/6: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a; Jn 21:1-14

Sat, 4/7: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-21; Mk 16:9-15

Sun, 4/8: Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

Thank you to Michael Goetz, Director of Music for his ministry. Thank you to our Choir, Bell Choir and Joyful Noise group for their enhancement of music at all our Liturgies. Thank you to all who prepared the Art & Environment for our Liturgies. Thank you, Colleen Seymour, Coordinator of Liturgical Ministers, for organizing the different Liturgies. Your dedication is a valued ministry throughout our Liturgical Year!

Easter Sunday

PROCLAIM THE RISEN CHRIST

On Easter morning everything—the spring weather, the flowers, birds and butterflies, the people around us in their finery, the beautiful liturgy and music—everything seems to bear witness that Jesus Christ is risen today! Like the eyewitness accounts in today’s scriptures, the glorious and joyful life all around us helps us to believe the good news of the Resurrection and sing “Alleluia!”

In the scriptures today we hear from Peter and Paul and John. All three speak with conviction about witnessing the resurrected Christ. John’s Gospel account includes Mary of Magdala, who also was privileged to witness the Resurrection and tell others the good news. On this glorious Easter Sunday can we ourselves give eyewitness accounts that Jesus Christ is risen today, alive and active in our lives?

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE

March 24 & 25

Weekly Collection.....	\$ 3,505.00
Online Giving.....	\$ 2,835.00
Children.....	\$ 5.00
Youth.....	\$ 0.00



Parish Breakfast – April 15

Come celebrate spring and join us for our monthly Parish Breakfast in the Parish Center after the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, April 15. We will be having pancakes, ham, sausage, yogurt and fruit!

Tuesday Evening Help Needed

The parish is looking for an adult to cover our Tuesday night office hours from 6:00-7:30 p.m. This person will be required to answer phones, perform small office tasks and help prepare for Tuesday evening Mass.

Bulletin Ads

If you would like to advertise in our bulletin, please contact Sue Griffith at the Parish Office (810) 636-2216 or by email at stmarkparish2@hotmail.com.

Large Suitcases Needed

Large suitcases can be donated to the Parish Office. These will be used for taking items to the Missions in different countries. Suitcases are also used for those children and adults locally who are being removed from dangerous home environments to store their belongings as they transition to a safe place.

Good Friday Pontifical Collection – March 30

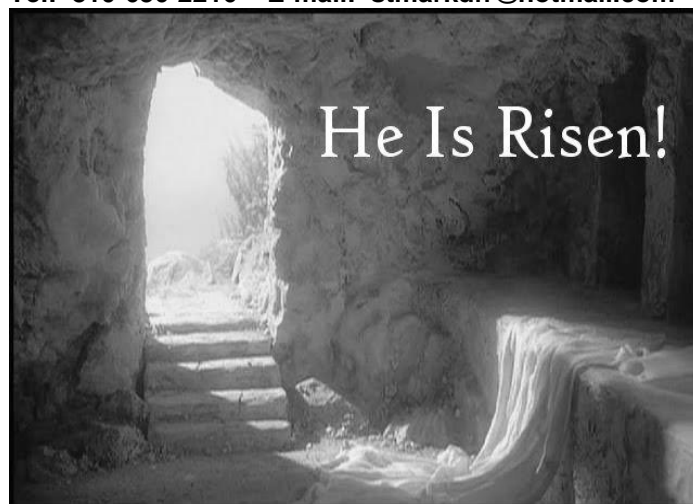
Thank you for your generosity for the Christians in the Holy Land. You helped bring peace worldwide.

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) - Rice Bowl: Thank You

Each year, CRS helps everyone encounter an individual in another culture. The Lenten daily prayer offered an option for personal growth and spirituality. St. Mark through our prayer and sacrifice helps change lives. CRS Rice Bowl thanks you! Now, if you haven’t already turned yours in, please bring it to the Sacristy or at the Parish Office. Again, all participation helps the giver and receiver to thrive.

FAITH FORMATION

Deacon Ron Kenney, Director of Faith Formation
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What more needs to be said!!! Walk the Talk! Be Peace!
 ~ Deacon Ron

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

- NO REF 4/8 (Spring Break)
- 4/15 All REF (K-5th 11-12:30pm, 6-12th 6-7:30pm)
- 4/18 Confirmation Liturgy with Bishop Boyea 7pm St. John-Davison
- 4/22 Praise Prayer Pizza (6-7:30pm)

Adult Faith Formation

- **St. Mark Book Club:** Things Hidden by Fr. Richard Rohr, O.F.M.
- Tuesday, April 24th - 7-8:30pm – Chapters 4 and 5
- **Men’s Fellowship** (1st Saturday, 7-8am) Next: April 7th

St. Mark Youth Group Mission Trip 2018

- **Summer Youth Mission Trip: July 22-28, 2018** in Owensboro, Kentucky to build a house with Habitat for Humanity. Mark the date. For all High School Aged Youth.
- **Cedar Point Trip:** Wednesday, June 27th. Sign up at Youth Group or contact Dcn. Ron.

Catholic Charities Spring Cleaning

As you do your spring cleaning, please remember Catholic Charities’ Center for Hope Community Closet. We are in need of new or gently used towels, sheets, and comforters. We will also gladly accept clothing, furniture, working appliances, household items, and personal hygiene items. For more information, please call 810-265-7025.

Women’s Retreat Weekend at St. Francis Retreat Center April 27-29, 2018

The theme for this directed retreat is "Entering the Heart of God: Praying the Lord’s Prayer in Our Day based on the book by Fr. Charlie Irvin. We will be delving into the richness that lies within the Our Father prayer. For more information or to register, visit www.stfrancis.ws, call (517) 669-8321, or contact your parish representative. The suggested donation for the weekend is \$175. Please prayerfully consider if God is calling you to set aside time for this encounter opportunity!