

St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Community

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Mary McFarlane

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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.

St. Mark the Evangelist, April 25th, Parish Feast Day

Today is the halfway point of the 50-day Easter season. As we continue to Pentecost, my prayer is that each day we open ourselves to the grace and guidance of God. In our Catholic Church tradition, we include praying for the needs abounding around us in our personal and public prayer. Below in his article, *Prayer of the Faithful*, Paul Turner writes and gives a good explanation as to why we do what we do.

"We pray to the Lord at every mass, but it didn't used to be that way. Vatican II created a new set of prayers after the Creed. We call them "the prayer of the faithful," since the faithful pray them, or the "general intercessions," since they intercede for the world.

The prayers are in three parts: The priest introduces them; petitions follow; the priest prays the conclusion. A deacon, cantor of someone else (preferably not the priest) announces each petition, and the whole assembly responds.

Responding may not seem like such a big deal, but it really is. Ordinarily at Mass, the priest says the prayers on behalf of the assembly. He alone calls God by name. The people usually just say "Amen." The grandest exception is the Lord's Prayer. But the opening prayer, the prayer over the gifts, the Eucharistic prayer and the communion prayer are all entrusted to the priest. This prayer is different. It's the prayer "of the faithful." We all call God by name. We thus exercise the priestly functions given to us at baptism.

Most commonly, we respond, "Lord, hear our prayer." But some other responses may be made – spoken, sung, or even silent.

The petitions themselves fall into four categories and follow this sequence: First, we pray for the needs of the whole church. Then we pray for public authorities and the salvation of the world. Next, we remember those oppressed in any way. And finally, we pray for our local community.

Incredible as this sounds, we have complete freedom to write these texts ourselves. We rarely vary the Mass texts because they precisely articulate our faith. But the church asks us to compose these texts which speak the greatest needs of our community.

Inviting the assembly to petition spontaneously can enliven our liturgy, as the priestly people voice their needs. However, some spontaneous prayers abuse the purpose of these petitions. They are not meant to be specific; they are to be general. We're not praying "for a special intention" or for Aunt Susie's depression. We pray universally, for groups in need.

The prayer of the faithful is not just another prayer. It's the priestly people fulfilling their mission – at prayer for the world."

National Volunteer Appreciation Week occurs around our parish Feast Day annually. We don't refer to discipleship as volunteering, but rather as witness to our faith expression, the "time and talent" in Stewardship that is given each day of every pastoral year. It is what makes each parishioner belong to their parish family. Parishioners "make a difference" in whether the Gospel of the Resurrection message is increasing or decreasing. As a pastor, I am aware of the faithful expressions of faith, hope and love (theological virtues) that nurture parish life and beyond locally, nationally, and globally!

Let us off thanks to God for the Prayers of the Faithful which give vitality to daily routines.

Peace,

MONDAY, April 23

7:00 p.m. – CCW Paint & Pray

TUESDAY, April 24

6:30 p.m. – Word & Eucharist

7:00 p.m. – Book Club

WEDNESDAY, April 25

8:30 a.m. – Word & Eucharist

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

10:00 a.m. – AA – Room 1 & 2

THURSDAY, April 26

6:30 p.m. – RCIA

7:00 p.m. – Choir practice

FRIDAY, April 27**Hospital Visits**

10:00 a.m. – Euchre Luncheon

SATURDAY, April 28 – Anointing of the Sick Weekend

8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. – Spring Clean Up

4:30–5:15 p.m. – Confessions – Church

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

6:30 p.m. – Parish Appreciation Feast Day Reception

SUNDAY, April 29 – Anointing of the Sick Weekend

8:00 a.m. – Mass: +Patti Flynn / Donna & Bill Brothers

9:30 a.m. – Mass: +Bernice Kuchar / Fr. Mike

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

10:30 a.m. – Hospitality Hour

11:00 a.m. – REF: Gr K-5

5:00 p.m. – Mission Trip Meeting for Youth

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, 4/23: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10

Tue, 4/24: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30

Wed, 4/25: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17;
Mk 16:15-20

Thu, 4/26: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27;
Jn 13:16-20

Fri, 4/27: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6

Sat, 4/28: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14

Sun, 4/29: Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-28, 30-32;
1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

Looking Forward:**June 10th Open House Reception for Fr. Mike**

"Celebrating 65 years of Life & 38 years of Ordination" June 10th, 2018, 1:00 to 4:00 P.M at the Parish Center.

Free Household Hazardous Waste Collection – May 12

Grand Blanc High School and Flint East Water Service Center are the locations for waste collection May 12th 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. For more information contact: 810-762-7744 or recycle@co.genesee.mi.us.

Third Sunday of Easter

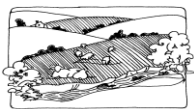
SAVED BY THE ONE WHO WAS REJECTED

Some city teenagers often scorn and reject farm kids. Yet it's no exaggeration to say that humanity owes its life to farmers who care for the world's crops and livestock. This week's scriptures remind us that Jesus was as rejected as a shepherd, a farm boy, yet we owe our very lives to him.

In this Sunday's reading from the Acts of the Apostles Peter tells the people that salvation comes through Jesus Christ, the one who was rejected. In John's letter we hear that we have become God's beloved children through Jesus, whom the world did not know. Lastly, in the Gospel Jesus describes himself as the Good Shepherd who "lays down his life for the sheep" (John 10:11). Will you join Jesus in laying down your life for God's beloved flock?

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE	
April 14 & 15	
Weekly Collection.....	\$ 3,280.00
Online Giving.....	\$ 2,450.00
Children.....	\$ 1.50
Youth.....	\$ 0.00



DSA Commitment Weekend – April 21 & 22

This weekend is our Diocesan Services Appeal Commitment Weekend. Our parish goal is \$29,686. Remember that all paid pledge monies received over and above our parish goal will be returned to our parish for our local use here at St. Mark. You can submit your DSA pledge envelope during Mass this weekend, or take your DSA envelope home to prayerfully consider your gift amount, and return your completed pledge form, in the DSA envelope, to our parish office. Those who wish to pay by credit card or electronic funds transfer may enter your gift online at www.dioceseoflansing.org/dsa. Please reflect on the many blessings we have received from the Lord and share these blessings through a generous gift to DSA.

CCW – Paint & Pray – April 23

CCW will once again host Paint & Pray – Monday, Apr. 23, 6:30-9 pm, Parish Center. Cost is \$25 and includes all supplies and beverages. You may bring a snack. Enjoy a wonderful evening of creative fun and best of all...no experience necessary. Sign-up is in the Gathering Space or Parish Office by Monday April 23rd. You can pay at the door.

Euchre & Luncheon – April 27

It's time for Euchre at 10:00 a.m. on April 27 with a light lunch to follow. Cost is \$5.00. Please contact Ruth and Mike Petroski by April 24 at teacuplady47@hotmail.com or 248-980-7679 to sign up so we can plan accordingly.

Parish Clean-up Day – April 28

Mark your calendars for our spring Parish Clean-up Day on Saturday, April 28 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. There will be indoor and outdoor projects. Please bring your own gardening tools, but the parish will supply everything else, including lunch. This is a perfect time to celebrate Arbor Day, which is April 27th! Sign up in the Gathering Space.

Parish Feast Day Time & Talent Celebration – April 28

The Time & Talent Appreciation Reception for adult parishioners for their stewardship throughout the year is Saturday, April 28 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. Please RSVP in the Gathering Space or contact the Parish Office.

FAITH FORMATION

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Indifference is a word that seems to be at the core of a lot of our societal challenges. Too often we respond with a lack of interest, concern, or care. Here's a thought, as Catholic Christians WE NEED TO CARE, WE NEED TO CARE FOR OTHERS. We can't close our eyes to the needs of others. We have to empower them to stand on their own two feet, no matter what their situation, no matter what hard words or feelings may have been expressed, we can never turn them away from our care. This particularly relates to the members of our own family. It is sad to hear about people who exclude family members from their love, because they did this or they said that. And that is awful when words and actions hurt us. But everyone has a right to dignity. Everyone! They need us to care about them. They need our love.

And that is at the heart of Jesus as the Good Shepherd. HE CARES, NO MATTER WHAT. And that is what our challenge is, to carry on the mission of Jesus, the Good Shepherd. WE NEED TO CARE FOR OTHERS. What that looks like is different for each of us, but indifference should not be a part of who we are as Catholic Christians. Always remember, we are not responsible FOR others, but we are responsible TO others. Take a step forward today, as a witness of the Risen Christ and find ways to care just a little more.

Walk the Talk! Be Peace! ~ Deacon Ron

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. All High School Aged Youth.
 - **INFO Meeting Sunday, April 29th, 5pm Parish Center.** All parents of Youth interested in attending our Summer Mission Trip should attend.
- **Cedar Point Trip:** Wed, June 27th. All 6th-12th graders of St. Mark and their friends. Sign up at Youth Group or contact Dcn. Ron

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

- 4/29 All REF (K-5th 11-12:30pm, 6-12th 6-7:30pm)
 - **Looking Ahead....**
- Final REF/ Parent Meeting & Early Registration May 6.

Adult Faith Formation

- **St. Mark Book Club:** Things Hidden by Fr. Richard Rohr, O.F.M. Tue, April 24th - 7-8:30pm – Ch. 5 and 6
- **Men's Fellowship** (1st Sat, 7-8am) Next: May 5th

Congratulations to our Newly Confirmed Young People from St. Mark

Lauren Lengyel	Taylor Richardson
McKenzie Melosh	Laura Senish
Connor Mulcahy	Skylar Tadjewski
Billy Mullane	Gracie May
Alex O'Connor	Hunter DeVasher

Holy Family Indoor Garage & Bake Sale – April 27 & 28

Holy Family Church in Grand Blanc will be having their annual Indoor Garage and Bake Sale on April 27 from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. & April 28 from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at the Father Bush Parish Center. Contact Barbara Rachor at 810-694-8209 for more info.