

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.



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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 9:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day:

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.
Eucharistic adoration 9:00 a.m. – 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.

I am away this weekend with Fr. Taposh Halder and Fr. Robert Mphiwe. We will be visiting New York City and Washington D.C. in remembrance of 9/11 on its 15th anniversary. I am looking forward to observing these cities from their viewpoint. It is their first time visiting the United States and this is a wonderful opportunity for them to see our country, church, and communities. Please keep the victims and their families from 9/11 in your prayers as we recall the tragedy that occurred.

I am hoping you will all have an opportunity to see and speak with both of our visiting priests. Please look for them on the weekends at either our Parish Breakfast / Hospitality Hours or at our Weekday Masses. It is a rare opportunity to learn more about our faith from an international perspective. They are eager to share their experiences about Bangladesh and South Africa.

Fr. Carl Simon is the visiting priest this weekend. He is one of five residing in the senior priest residence on Blessed Sacrament Parish grounds in Burton.

This Sunday is **Grandparents Day**. Grandparents are cherished members of our family. They bring gifts of wisdom, experience, love and share with us their life of faith. We thank God for their example and ask that God bless them with happiness and good health.

Lord God almighty, bless our grandparents with long life, happiness, and health.

May they remain constant in your love and be living signs of your presence to their children and grandchildren.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

USCCB from Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers

Prayer for 9/11: In remembering the fateful events of Sept. 11, 2001, may we resolve to put aside our differences and join together in the task of renewing our nation and world. Let us make our own the prayer of Pope Benedict XVI when he visited Ground Zero in New York in 2008:

O God of love, compassion, and healing, look on us, people of many different faiths and traditions, who gather today at this site, the scene of incredible violence and pain....

God of understanding, overwhelmed by the magnitude of this tragedy, we seek your light and guidance as we confront such terrible events. Grant that those whose lives were spared may live so that the lives lost here may not have been lost in vain. Comfort and console us, strengthen us in hope, and give us the wisdom and courage to work tirelessly for a world where true peace and love reign among nations and in the hearts of all.

Following the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops issued A Pastoral Message: Living With Faith and Hope After September 11. The message remains extremely relevant as we reflect on what happened that day. Visit www.usccb.org and search on "9/11" to re-read, reflect on, and pray with the bishops' statement, for only with God's help can we have the strength to forgive and the ability to live in hope instead of fear and hatred.

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Peace,

MONDAY, September 12

7:00 p.m. – RCIA Inquiry Meeting – Parish Center
7:00 p.m. – Art & Environment Meeting – Parish Center

TUESDAY, September 13

6:30 p.m. – Mass: Witness to Hope Capital Campaign / Parish
7:00 p.m. – Capital Campaign Committee Meeting – Parish Center
7:00 p.m. – CCW Meeting – Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, September 14

8:30 a.m. – Mass: Victims of Violence / Parish
9:00 a.m. – St. Joseph Guild – Parish Center
10:00 a.m. – AA – Parish Center
6:30 p.m. – Catechist Meeting – Parish Center

THURSDAY, September 15

7:00 p.m. – Choir Practice – Church

FRIDAY, September 16

Hospital Visits

SATURDAY, September 17

4:30 – 5:15 p.m. – Confessions – Church
5:30 p.m. – Mass: Capital Campaign Drive / Parish

SUNDAY, September 18

Nametag Sunday

Catechetical Sunday – Catechist Commissioning

9:30 a.m. – Mass: +Ed Czarniak / JoAnn Armor
9:30 a.m. – Children's Liturgy of the Word
10:30 a.m. – Parish Breakfast – Parish Center
5:30 p.m. – Mass: People of the Parish / Parish

LET US PRAY:

For Peace; for Women/Men in the Military Service:

SSG J Gillett; Maj. S Halleaux; Capt. 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, 9/12: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 7:1-10
Tues, 9/13: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1-5;
Lk 7:11-17
Wed, 9/14: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11;
Jn 3:13-17
Thurs, 9/15: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28;
Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 7:36-50
Fri, 9/16: 1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17:1bcd, 6-8b,15; Lk 8:1-3
Sat, 9/17: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-14;
Lk 8:4-15
Sun, 9/18: Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-8; 1 Tm 2:1-8;
Lk 16:1-13 [10-13]

Exultation of the Cross – Sept. 14

The blessing of the Cross on the exterior wall of the Church will be after the Wednesday, Sept. 14, 8:30 a.m. Mass. The new cross will be dedicated in memory of Ed Czarniak who gave his creativity in so many ways to our parish. Thank you to Anthony Buscemi for his work.

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time RECONCILIATION

True reconciliation is emotional, dramatic, and cleansing. When two people meet heart to heart and work through old hurts, misunderstandings, and careless words, cleansing tears often flow and the encounter ends with an embrace that fills both with the warmth of a love too strong to fade.

The readings this weekend assure us of this healthy release that comes with reconciliation. They give us the courage to reach out to someone with whom we need to reconcile ourselves, and give us the courage to ask for forgiveness from God, too.

In the reading from Exodus, we see how God refuses again and again to give up on the Israelites. Even though they grow impatient with God and turn to false idols, God still calls them back. Luke's Gospel assures us that God rejoices when we turn away from sin. Paul's letter to Timothy encourages us, like Paul, to look back on our lives and recognize where God's patient mercy has been shown to us.

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE

September 3 and 4

Weekly Collection	\$ 3,363.19
Online Giving	\$ 4,033.00
Children	\$ 4.00
Youth	\$ 0



Talk by Dr. Mona the Whistleblower – Sept. 15

Dr. Mona, the pediatrician from Hurley whose research broke the Flint Water Crisis and who consequently was number 20 on Time Magazine's 100 most influential people, will be speaking at St. Matthew Catholic Church at 706 Beach Street in Downtown Flint on Thursday, September 15th at 6:00p.m. Her talk is entitled "What Now: My Story and Why it Matters to the Next Stage of the Water Crisis."

Parish Breakfast – Sept. 18

Our Parish Breakfast will be Sunday, September 18th after the 9:30 a.m. Liturgy. Come join us with your families and enjoy good food and company. Hope to see you there!

Friday Morning Euchre – Sept. 23

It's time for Euchre at 10:00 a.m. on Sept. 23 with a light lunch to follow. Cost is \$5.00. Please contact Ruth and Mike Petroski at 810-344-7293 or teacuplady47@hotmail.com, or call the Parish Office to sign up so we can plan accordingly.

CCW Paint and Pray Evening – Sept. 26

All are invited to join local artist Dana George, who will lead a step-by-step painting project at St. Mark on Monday, Sept. 26 at 6:30 p.m. You will leave with a one-of-a-kind creation and be inspired by meditative prayer. The cost is \$25.00 per person, which includes your canvas and paint supplies; bring your favorite beverage and snacks, and your friends! Reservations are a must; please register in the Gathering Space after Mass or call or e-mail the Parish Office (810-636-2216 or stmarkparish2@hotmail.com) to make your reservation or for more information.

FAITH FORMATION

Deacon Ron Kenney, Director of Faith Formation
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Serving God's people for the last 30 years I have come across many a conversation where people are searching for answers. The concern on their hearts for many is about God's mercy and forgiveness. "Dcn. Ron," they will say, "I have done horrible things and hurt many people how could God forgive me?" I usually will look at them and read to them from Luke's Gospel about the Lost Sheep, the Lost Coin and the Lost Son. Today, Jesus gives us a real picture of what God is about. Our God is a God of real mercy and forgiveness. Nothing that you have done is unforgiveable. Take that horrible thing, that hurt, that pain and go to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation and begin to see and feel that real mercy of God.

Always remember, with Jesus Christ there are no lost souls. There are just people who need to know that they are so valuable that God longs for the day when He can rejoice with the angels that what was lost has now been found.

Walk the talk. Be Peace! – Deacon Ron

Religious Education Formation (REF) (K-12)

- **Registration for REF:** Taking place now in the Parish Office. Or go to www.stmarkgoodrich.org and download a Registration Form. All Sessions for 2016-2017 REF begin September 25th.
- **REF Registration Weekends:** After all masses September 11th and 18th Weekends.

St. Mark Youth Group

- **Youth Group part of REF** – Faith Formation for Middle School (6, 7 & 8 graders) and High School (9 -12 grades). Middle School meets every Sunday, 6:30 – 8 p.m. beginning September 25th and High School meets every other Wednesday, 7 – 9 p.m., beginning September 28th. Register during our REF Registration Weekends

Adult Faith Formation

- **Men's Fellowship:** Oct. 1st, 7 – 8 a.m.
- **Book Club:** Next Book - *YOUR GOD IS TOO BORING* This book looks at the big picture of who God is, what he has revealed to us, and how that will radically impact our lives if we let it. Book available in the Parish Office. Discussions September 27th & October 25th 7 p.m. in the Parish Center. Contact Dcn. Ron for more info.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Are you or do you know someone who is interested in completing the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) and learning more about becoming Catholic. **Inquiry meeting Monday, Sept. 12th, 7pm.** Contact Dcn. Ron at stmarkdff@hotmail.com. or Pam Bachner (Director of RCIA) hpbach@charter.net.

St. Mark at North End Soup Kitchen – Sept. 30

Friday, Sept. 30, the fifth Friday of the month, is our parish's assigned day to serve lunch at the North End Soup Kitchen. If you wish to volunteer, please call the Parish Office; we gather at 8:30 a.m. by the Parish Office entrance in the parking lot for carpooling. After preparing and serving lunch, we return to the Parish. Come make a difference!