

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.

"The road to Hell is paved with **good intentions**" is a common known proverb or aphorism. An alternative form is "Hell is full of **good** meanings, but Heaven is full of **good** works." Instead of postponing making necessary changes to your spiritual life, start now. Here is an essay from *A Pilgrim's Almanac* by Edward Hays –that reflects upon this very thought.

If I AM CURED – *Reflections for each day of the year*
"When the devil was sick, the devil a monk would be; when the devil got well, the devil a monk was he." This old adage hit a homer for each one of us, for it says, in effect, that when we are sick or in some danger we make pious resolutions but forget them as soon as the danger is past. Sickness and extreme danger hold great power to help us remember the end and the purpose of our lives. But we easily forget this insight when the crisis is over and we are up and about, feeling strong and unthreatened by death. While neither death nor danger should be courted, they do help us to see things that we are not so inclined to see under normal circumstances.

The concerns and pleasures of daily life can easily blind us to the ultimate reason for why we are alive. We might intellectually admit that our purpose here is to know, love and serve God, a lesson learned in the first book of our religious education. But we generally find it difficult to live that out fully. Oh, we may indeed pay our religious dues by attending church on Sundays, and we may even say grace at the beginning of meals, but it is quite another thing to translate the words of prayer into living acts.

The old adage quoted at the beginning of this essay tells us that even the devil –Ole Nick himself – would be ready to reform if he were sick. But surely we do not need to be flattened on a "bed of pain" before being ready to live what we believe. Must we see a person without legs to be thankful for the gift of legs and the ability to daily walk and dance? Do we need to see pictures of those who are dying of hunger in Africa before we are truly grateful for the daily bread and butter that is ours?

While pain, sickness and grave danger can forcibly open our understanding to the purpose of life, thanksgiving is the gentle key that opens the door to a deeper involvement with God. Frequent and short blessings of gratitude hold the power to awaken us to a loving response of service and prayer to our generous and loving creator. If our eyes were constantly open to the multitude of gifts and pleasures that surround us, we would pour out our gratitude to God with every breath. And as we thank God, we might find that prayer, service to others and acts of charity come as naturally as we breathe. Indeed, may sickness and danger be far from you, and may the shower of divine gifts on you always be the cause for your change of heart."

Implementing a change, whether it's eating healthier, being more active, or being more money conscious, is not an easy achievement. These all take strength, an act of determination, and a strategy. The same goes for actively practicing gratitude, and exercising care of the soul in everyday life. Look at our Bulletin Insert "**The care and keeping of the soul**" to give you ideas for a plan.

Peace, 

MONDAY, September 26

6:30 p.m. – CCW Paint & Pray – Parish Center
7:00 p.m. – RCIA – Parish Center

TUESDAY, September 27

6:30 p.m. – Mass: St. Vincent De Paul Societies / Parish
7:00 p.m. – Book Club – Parish Center
7:00 p.m. – Gardening Group – Parish Grounds

WEDNESDAY, September 28

8:30 a.m. – Mass: People of the Parish / Parish
9:00 a.m. – St. Joseph Guild – Parish Center
10:00 a.m. – AA – Parish Center
7:00 p.m. – High School Youth Group

THURSDAY, September 29

7:00 p.m. – Choir Practice – Church

FRIDAY, September 30

Hospital Visits

8:30 a.m. – North End Soup Kitchen – Meet at Parish Center

SATURDAY, October 1

Baptism Weekend

7:00 a.m. – Men's Fellowship – Parish Center
4:30 – 5:15 p.m. – Confessions – Church
5:30 p.m. – Mass: Respect Life / Parish
6:00 p.m. – Parish Dinner – Parish Center

SUNDAY, October 2

Baptism Weekend

9:30 a.m. – Mass: +Butch Ayre / John & Patty Candiloro
9:30 a.m. – Children's Liturgy of the Word
10:30 a.m. – Hospitality Hour – Parish Center
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – REF Grades K-5
5:30 p.m. – Mass: Youth / Parish
6:30–8:00 p.m. – REF Grades 6-8

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, 9/26: Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd-3, 6-7; Lk 9:46-50
Tues, 9/27: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Ps 88:2-8; Lk 9:51-56
Wed, 9/28: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10bc-15; Lk 9:57-62
Thurs, 9/29: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51
Fri, 9/30: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-10, 13-14ab; Lk 10:13-16
Sat, 10/1: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130; Lk 10:17-24
Sun, 10/2: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10

Parish Dinner – Oct. 1

Join us for our Parish Dinner on Saturday, October 1st, after the 5:30 p.m. Mass. Bring your family! Sign up by Sept. 29th in the Gathering Space this weekend or call the Parish Office 810-636-2216.

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time LOOKING BEYOND OURSELVES

The message found in today's readings is an oft-told story. Citizen Kane, Daddy Warbucks, and King Midas are only a few of the familiar fictional characters who thought enormous wealth could buy happiness and fulfillment. Daddy Warbucks admitted stepping on a few people in his climb to the top. Kane tried to buy the printed word and stardom for his young wife, while King Midas conjured immense wealth and tragedy by his very touch.

We learn clearly in today's readings that none of this is really possible. True happiness comes from caring for someone other than ourselves. It comes from the pursuit of the virtues Paul described to Timothy: faith, love, gentleness, godliness, righteousness, and endurance. The Gospel reminds us that we dare not ignore the needs of others, acting as though we don't notice their suffering. God's call to us is much too clear to disregard for even one more day.

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE

September 17 and 18

Weekly Collection.....	\$ 3,517.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,653.00
Children	\$ 0
Youth.....	\$ 0



Annual Evangelization Appeal – Sept. 24-25

The Help Spread the FAITH Appeal makes evangelization efforts, like *FAITH* magazine, and the televised Outreach Mass possible. With your support of this special collection that will be taken up this weekend, we can use the power of the media to proclaim the Gospel.

CCW Paint and Pray Evening – Sept. 26

All are invited to join local artist, Dana George, with a step-by-step painting project at St. Mark on Monday Sept. 26 at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$25.00 per person, which includes your canvas and paint supplies; bring your favorite beverage and snacks. Reservations are a must; please register in the Gathering Space after Mass or with the Parish Office.

Gardening Group – Sept. 27 & Oct. 11

Calling all gardeners and other volunteers! The parish needs your help on Tuesdays Sept. 27 & Oct. 11 after the evening mass, on several gardening and landscaping projects. Hope to see you there! Contact Sharon Roberts at the Parish Office to volunteer or for more information.

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

Fri. Sept. 30, the fifth Friday of the month, is our parish's day to serve lunch at the North End Soup Kitchen. To volunteer, 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.

Knights of Columbus Fundraiser – Oct. 2

Council 8245 and Lapeer Community Theater proudly presents: Gangster's Ball Dinner Theater Fundraiser October 2 at St. Pius X Parish Povish Community Room G-3139 Hogarth Avenue in Flint. Doors open at 4:00 p.m. Dinner starts at 5:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20 per person contact Dave These at (810) 348-9802.

FAITH FORMATION

Deacon Ron Kenney, Director of Faith Formation
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I am a sports enthusiast. I love watching sports and love watching movies about sports. One thing I am always attracted to is the pre-game talk coaches give to their teams. It's the pep talk, the locker room "rah rah." It's the attempt at giving the right, "Win one for the Gipper," speech that will inspire the right attitude in the athletes as they head out to compete for the glory of the battle. Today, in St. Paul's letter to Timothy, Paul says, "But you, man of God, pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience and gentleness. Compete well for the faith." The writer of this letter is giving a "pep" talk to the church leaders. They are giving advice to motivate their presence within the wider community. They are giving a challenge to "BE" a Christian at all times, not just when they are with other Christians. Imagine yourself in that locker room, getting ready to face the battle, the challenge, the game, your world, your life. In that challenge, compete well for the faith.

Walk the talk. Be Peace! – Deacon Ron

Religious Education Formation (REF) (K-12)

- 2016/17 REF Year begins today! For those that would like to still register please stop in at the Parish office.

Adult Faith Formation

- **Men's Fellowship:** Oct. 1, 7 – 8am.
- **Book Club:** *YOUR GOD IS TOO BORING*. Discussions on Sept. 27 and Oct. 25, 7pm in the Parish Center.
- **Looking ahead... Advent Awakenings!** – A four session small group faith sharing experience grounded in the Sunday Gospel Readings. Reflect on how to be more open to Jesus' presence in your life, deepen your faith, and meet new friends. Facilitator Sign-Up beginning soon, participant sign up in Oct/Nov.

St. Mark Youth Group

- **High School Youth Group (9th-12th graders)** – Begins this week Wed. Sept. 28, 7 - 9pm in the Parish Center. All High School Youth are invited. Join us for Faith-Fun-Friends. Register in the Parish Office.

Diocese of Lansing High School Youth Jamboree

- **Lost & Found!** Sun. Nov. 6 Lansing. Join 800 HS Youth from around the Diocese in a celebration of Faith. Keynotes, Workshops, Fun, Games, Mass with Bishop Boyea. Sign up at Youth Group or Parish Office.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

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

The Wisdom of St. Therese the Little Flower – Oct. 8

Come to a one-day retreat at St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt. Explore, pray, and learn the profound wisdom of this modern day saint. It's being offered twice: Sat. Oct. 8 and Mon. Oct. 17. Both are from 9:30am - 3:30pm including Mass, morning snacks, lunch and materials. The cost is \$65. Directed by Tony Sperendi. Register at the retreat center 517-669-8321 or www.stfrancis.ws.