

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.

Padre's Portion

December 4, 2016

Weekly Calendar

Advent is a wonderful preparation season to position ourselves for Christmas. I find this a great time for remembering people and places. This is about recalling traditions both personal and ministerial. By design I use my time in waiting using the days of the Christmas Season (Dec 25 –Jan 6) for Christmas experiences. This practice takes the exhaustion and frustration out of Advent Days. This year in the Gathering Space is the Jesse Tree above the votive candles. It tells a bit of the history of our Faith tradition by using scripture and symbols. Take a look when you enter. Below is a reference for you:

God With Us: A Family Advent Celebration – Bible Readings
By: Catherine Pawlak ©2014

December 1: The Jesse Tree, Tree Stump – Isaiah 11:1-2

December 2: Creation, Earth – Genesis 1:1,27,31

December 3: Adam & Eve, Apple & serpent –
Genesis 3:12-13 Isaiah 53:6

December 4: Noah, Ark – Genesis 6:17-19 9:11-13

December 5: Abraham, Stars – Genesis 22:8-13 15: 5-6

December 6: Issac, Ram – Genesis 22: 8-13

December 7: Jacob, Ladder – Genesis 28: 12-15

December 8: Joseph, Coat – Genesis 45: 4-7

December 9: Moses, Burning Bush – Exodus 3:2-7, 10

December 10: The Passover Lamb, Lamb –
Exodus 12: 21-23

December 11: The Ten Commandments, Tablets –
Exodus 20:1-8, 12-17

December 12: Joshua, Ram's horn – Joshua 6:15-16, 20

December 13: Jonah, Great Fish – Jonah 3:1-5,10

December 14: Gideon, Clay pitcher & torch –
Judges 7:20-21

December 15: Ruth, Wheat – Ruth 4:13-17

December 16: Samuel, Crown – 1 Samuel 3:19-21 12:19-24

December 17: David, Shepherd's Staff – 1 Samuel 16: 11-13

December 18: Elijah, Stone Altar – 1 Kings 18:38-39

December 19: Jeremiah, Tears – Jeremiah 23:5-6
2 Chronicles 36: 15-16,20-21

December 20: Habakkuk, Watchtower – Habakkuk 2:1-3

December 21: John the Baptist, Sandals – Matthew 3:1-3, 11
John 1: 6-8

December 22: Mary, Angel – Luke 1:26-33

December 23: Joseph, Carpenter's tools – Matthew 1:18-25

December 24: Bethlehem, Bethlehem & star – Luke 2: 1-20

December 25: Jesus, Manger – Hebrews 1:1-3

May God's abundant grace and guidance fill each of us with expectant waiting during these days of Advent.

Peace,

Padre

MONDAY, December 5

7:00 p.m. – Advent Awakenings – Rooms 1 & 2

TUESDAY, December 6

10:00 a.m. – Shawl Ministry – Contact Parish Office

6:30 p.m. – Mass: Capital Campaign / Parish

7:00 p.m. – Capital Campaign Meeting – Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, December 7

8:30 a.m. – Mass: Pearl Harbor Remembrance /Parish

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

10:00 a.m. – AA – Room 1 & 2

6:00 p.m. – RCIA – Parish Center

7:00 p.m. – Youth Group – Parish Center

THURSDAY, December 8

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

8:30 a.m. – Mass: People of the Parish / Parish

9:00 a.m. – Liturgical Minister Training – Church

12:00 – 6:00 p.m. – Blood drive – Goodrich United
Methodist Church

6:30 p.m. – Mass: Victims of Violence / Parish

7:00 p.m. – Liturgical Minister Training – Church

7:00 p.m. – Choir Practice – Church

FRIDAY, December 9

Hospital Visits

SATURDAY, December 10

Alternative Giving & Land of Peace Weekend

10:00 a.m. – 1st Reconciliation – Church

4:30 – 5:15 p.m. – Confessions – Church

5:30 p.m. – Mass: +Ed Czarniak / Alford Family

SUNDAY, December 11

Alternative Giving & Land of Peace Weekend

9:30 a.m. – Mass: +Violet Swoish / John & Patty Candiloro

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

11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m. – REF Grades K-5

2:15 – 5:15 p.m. – Confirmation Mini Session

3:00 p.m. – Communal Penance Service – Church

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; 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, 12/5: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26

Tues, 12/6: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14

Wed, 12/7: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30

Thurs, 12/8: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12;
Lk 1:26-38

Fri, 12/9: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

Sat, 12/10: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19;
Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sun, 12/11: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

Parish Breakfast – Dec. 18

Mark your calendars for the Parish Breakfast Sunday, Dec. 18 after 9:30 a.m. Mass. Enjoy warm casseroles and more.

Second Sunday of Advent PREPARE THE WAY

Saint John the Baptist appears on the scene today as Advent enters its second week. The mysterious consumer of locusts and wild honey, John echoes the words of the prophet Isaiah as he calls for repentance in the face of the nearness of the kingdom of heaven. The rhythms of the Christian life are often confounding. Each year we meet the Baptist and hear his calls for repentance. Each year we see him pointing to the one who is coming after him, the Lord Jesus. Yet each year the words and actions of John the Baptist echo anew in our hearts, because we have fallen into old sinful traps again and again. Advent gives us the opportunity once again to turn away from our sinful ways and embrace the gospel way of life. John the Baptist invites us to prepare the way for the Lord, in whom we place our hope.

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE

November 26 and 27

Weekly Collection.....	\$ 2,933.00
Online Giving	\$ 953.00
Children	\$ 10.00

Advent
A Season of Hope
& Expectation

Retirement Fund for Religious – Dec. 3 and 4

In the U.S., there are more than 33,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests, who worked tirelessly in schools, hospitals and agencies, usually for little to no pay. As a result, many religious communities lack adequate savings for retirement and eldercare. Your gift to today's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care and more.

Alternative Giving Weekends – Dec 3/4 & 10/11

Christmas is a time of giving and we want to remember those in need. We have information in the gathering space for an alternative to wrapped gifts, a gift that shares with those less fortunate well beyond the Christmas season!

Liturgical Minister Formation – Dec. 8

All adult parishioners interested in being a Liturgical Minister (reader, usher/greeter, Eucharistic minister, server) are invited to a formation session. Stay after the Holy Day Masses on Dec. 8 for the Formation Session in the church.

Communal Penance Service – Dec. 11

Plan to attend the Advent Communal Penance Service on Sunday, Dec. 11 at 3:00 p.m. in the church. This is a great sacrament to receive in preparation for Christmas.

Land of Peace – Holy Land Dec. 10 & 11

Land of Peace is a nonprofit organization representing Jerusalem Christian Families. They will be here Dec. 10 & 11 selling religious articles from the Holy Land. Their mission is helping and supporting Christian families in the Holy Land through the Patriarch of Jerusalem. When anyone purchases handmade arts they help this mission and help the Christians in the Holy Land. The goal is to build a charity hospital in the Holy Land. To donate on line and for more information please visit their website: www.landofpeace.org.

FAITH FORMATION

Deacon Ron Kenney, Director of Faith Formation

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As we walk through Advent, we are reminded that this season is about patience and what it means to wait. All too often we rush to get things done. If you are like me that waiting sometimes drives me crazy and I begin to let my anxieties about today and tomorrow begin to control me. That control then sometimes spills into how I deal with the people around me, my family, my friends, my co-workers. Advent is a gift. It is a time to slow down and reflect on what is important in life. Take time to say to God, "Help me find the real peace in this time of year so that peace can become my everyday living." Have you taken your 10 minutes yet today to be silent with God? The Advent Journey continues.....

Walk the talk. Be Peace! – Deacon Ron

REF Children and Youth

- **12/7** – High School Youth Group (7-9pm)
- **12/10** – Celebration of First Reconciliation 10am
- **12/11** – REF K-5-11-12:30pm & Middle School 6:30-8pm
- **12/11** – Confirmation Mini Session #3 (2:15-5:15pm)

Adult Faith Formation

- **Advent Awakenings:** Mondays, Dec. 5th, 12th, 19th, 7pm in Rooms 1 & 2.
- **Men's Fellowship:** 1st Sat. of each month
- **Advent Men's Breakfast:** Saturday, December 17th, 8-9:30am, join other men in the parish as we reflect on the Advent Season and how we can become more faith-filled men, husbands, fathers, grandfathers and sons. Sign up in Gathering Space or by contacting the Parish Office.

Children's Christmas Eve Pageant

- All Children, ages 4-11 are invited to be a part of the Christmas Story that takes place at the 4:30pm Christmas Eve Liturgy. Sign up forms are available at REF or by contacting the Parish Office. Practice will be on Sunday, December 18th, 11am-12:30pm.

St. Mark High School Youth Group Retreat

- January 6-8, 2017, Subiaco Retreat Center Oxford. All High School Youth 10th-12th grade are invited to spend a fun and faith-filled weekend together reflecting on Life and Faith. We will be joining together with St. John Davison. Permission Forms available at Youth Group or through the Faith Formation Office.

Immaculate Conception – Dec. 8 Holy Day

There will be Masses for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on Thursday, Dec. 8 at 8:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Giving Tree

Share hope and joy by taking a tag off the Giving Tree in the Gathering Space. Return the wrapped gift, with tag, to the tree by Dec. 18.

Capital Campaign - Witness to Hope

We have 126 commitments with a total of \$578,000. Many parishioners have made payments along with their 3 to 5 year pledges for our Capital Campaign. Anyone who has their pledge card is asked to conclude their prayerful decision. Please turn your pledge in at the parish office or in the regular collection at Mass.