

# St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Community

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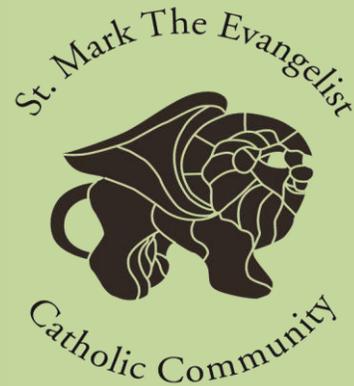
**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**

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 Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle is celebrated on February 22 every year; this reference is a papal tradition. Pope Francis is communicating a great deal not only to our universal Catholic Church but to the global community. Recently, I took the time to reread his book, *Joy of the Gospel, Apostolic Exhortation Evangelii Gaudium*. Below are some excerpts for reflection from the portion, *Some Challenges of Today's World*:

Human beings are themselves considered consumer goods to be used and then discarded. We have created a "disposable" culture which is now spreading. It is no longer simply about exploitation and oppression, but something new. Exclusion ultimately has to do with what it means to be a part of the Society in which we live; those excluded are no longer society's underside or its fringes or its disenfranchised – they are no longer even a part of it. The excluded are not the "exploited" but the outcast, the "leftovers". *Paragraph 53*

In this context, some people continue to defend trickle-down theories which assume that economic growth, encouraged by a free market, will inevitably succeed in bringing about greater justice and inclusiveness in the world. This opinion, which has never been confirmed by the facts, expresses a crude and naïve trust in the goodness of those wielding economic power and in the sacralized workings of the prevailing economic system. Meanwhile, the excluded are still waiting. To sustain a lifestyle which excluded others, or to sustain enthusiasm for that selfish ideal, a globalization of indifference has developed. *Paragraph 54*

Today in many places we hear a call for greater security. But until exclusion and inequality in society and between peoples is reversed, it will be impossible to eliminate violence. The poor and the poorer peoples are accused of violence, yet without equal opportunities the different forms of aggression and conflict will find a fertile terrain for growth and eventually explode. *Paragraph 59*

In the prevailing culture, priority is given to the outward, the immediate, the visible, the quick, the superficial and the provisional. What is real gives way to appearance. In many countries globalization has meant a hastened deterioration of their own cultural roots and the invasion of ways of thinking and acting proper to other cultures which are economically advanced but ethically debilitated. *Paragraph 62*

We are living in an information-driven society which bombards us indiscriminately with data – all treated as being of equal importance – and which leads to remarkable superficiality in the area of moral discernment. In response, we need to provide an education which teaches critical thinking and encourages the development of mature moral values. *Paragraph 64*

Challenges exist to be overcome! Let us be realists, but without losing our joy, our boldness and our hope-filled commitment. Let us not allow ourselves to be robbed of missionary vigour! *Paragraph 109*

Peace,

**MONDAY, February 20****TUESDAY, February 21**

10:00 a.m. – Shawl Ministry – Contact Parish Office  
6:30 p.m. – Mass: Evangelization / Parish  
7:00 p.m. – Commission Chair Meeting – Parish Center

**WEDNESDAY, February 22**

8:30 a.m. – Mass: For Our Nation / Parish  
9:00 a.m. – St. Joseph Guild – Parish Center  
10:00 a.m. – AA – Room 1 & 2  
2:00 p.m. – Basket Weaving – Parish Center  
6:00 p.m. – RCIA – Room 1 & 2  
6:30 p.m. – Basket Weaving – Parish Center

**THURSDAY, February 23**

7:00 p.m. – Choir Practice – Church

**FRIDAY, February 24****Hospital Visits**

10:00 a.m. – Euchre & Luncheon – Parish Center

**SATURDAY, February 25**

4:30 – 5:15 p.m. – Confessions – Church  
5:30 p.m. – Mass: People of the Parish / Parish  
6:30 p.m. – Mardi Gras Parish Dinner – Parish Center

**SUNDAY, February 26**

9:30 a.m. – Mass: Deceased Benefactors / Parish  
9:30 a.m. – Children's Liturgy of the Word  
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – REF Grades K-5  
11:30 a.m. – Parent Faith Chat – Parish Center  
5:30 p.m. – Mass: Youth / Parish  
6:30–8:00 p.m. – REF Grades 6-8  
6:30 p.m. – Usher & Mass Coordinator Emergency Procedure Training – Church

**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](mailto:joanturner38@sbcglobal.net) or 248-410-2286.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Mon, 2/20: Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29  
Tue, 2/21: Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37  
Wed, 2/22: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19  
Thur, 2/23: Sir 5:1-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mk 9:41-50  
Fri, 2/24: Sir 6:5-17; Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35; Mk 10:1-12  
Sat, 2/25: Sir 17:1-15; Ps 103:13-18; Mk 10:13-16  
Sun, 2/26: Is 49:14-15; Ps 62:2-3, 6-9; 1 Cor 4:1-5; Mt 6:24-34

**Catholic Charities Winter Items – Feb. 1 – 20th**

Social Justice Commission is collecting new or gently used coats, gloves, mittens, scarves, and hats until this **Monday, Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>** - World Social Justice Day. They will be taken to Catholic Charities' Warming Center. Bring items and place them in the box in the Gathering Space.

## Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

### DIVINE WISDOM

The Lord's message, through Moses, was to "take no revenge and cherish no grudge . . . love your neighbor as yourself" (Leviticus 19:18). We might think, "Great in theory, but not always realistic!"

Then Jesus in today's Gospel goes even further. Take a slap in the face and then turn the other cheek? Treat enemies the same as friends? Again, we're tempted to think that those are nice ideals, but not very practical in the "real world."

Paul echoes Jesus when he tells the Corinthians that what passes for human wisdom is absurdity to God. Divine wisdom casts sunshine on the good and the bad, showers rain on the honest and the dishonest—without distinction. We must examine our wisdom and common sense to see how they compare to the wisdom of God, and make adjustments accordingly.

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#### PARISH STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE

February 11 & 12

Weekly Collection .....	\$ 4,229.49
Online Giving .....	\$ 1,560.00
Children .....	\$ 9.50
Youth .....	\$ 2.00
Christian Service .....	\$ 1,005.00

Love your enemies

#### Parish Mardi Gras Dinner – Feb. 25

Mark your calendar and come hungry for the parish's Mardi Gras dinner on Saturday, Feb. 25 after the 5:30 p.m. Mass. We will be serving Jambalaya rice with sausage, toasted French bread, mixed green salad & king's cake. Sign up in the Gathering Space or call the Parish Office.

#### United Catholic Appeal – Mar. 1

A collection for the United Catholic Appeal, to benefit the poor of Genesee County, will be taken up at the 8:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Masses on Ash Wednesday, Mar. 1.

#### Soup, Stations and Substance – starting Mar. 8

Once again, we will have Soup, Stations and Substance on Wednesdays during Lent beginning on Mar. 8. Join us at 6:30 p.m. for a soup dinner, Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m. and faith discussions thereafter. All are invited.

#### St. Patrick's Day Box Lunch Sale – Mar. 16

We are organizing an event to support Catholic Charities' St. Patrick's Day Box Lunch Sale fundraiser. Enjoy a corned beef and Swiss sandwich on rye, with chips, coleslaw, pickle and a treat for only \$7. Lunches will be delivered to the Parish Center on Thursday, Mar. 16, where all involved will be invited to stay and eat. Call Joan Turner at 810-606-8711 or the Parish Office by Mar. 1 to place your order; please pay by cash or a check made out to the parish.

#### Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

The Davison K of C fish fry begins Friday, February 24, from 11:30 am to 7:00 pm and continues every Friday through April 14. Meals include fried or baked fish, French fries or baked potato, coleslaw, bread, and a beverage. Located: 8428 Davison Rd, Davison, MI. 810-653-4090.

### FAITH FORMATION

#### Deacon Ron Kenney, Director of Faith Formation

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"What goes around comes around." Have you ever said or thought this in regards to someone who may have hurt you or another. That seems to be the reaction when we have been wronged by others.

Jesus challenges us today to take a different stance and one that is not always easy to do as a Christian. In fact, this is one of those teachings that I usually say, "Maybe Jesus, just maybe, you are off your rocker." Well, then I step back and say, "Wait a minute, he's God, he's always right." Today Jesus is telling us it's time to be the "Bigger" the more "Courageous" person and put a stop to the cycle of vengeance. He is challenging us to stand up and be the one that doesn't wish bad things to those that may have hurt us. He is challenging us to be the first ones to walk away and realize that peace can never be found if we harbor hate and bad feelings inside of us towards others. He is challenging us to NOT retaliate because that leads to an all-out battle or war. He is challenging us to be loving, forgiving, kind and yes, when we do that, peace will come.

So let's not look at our Lord today, like I did, when he challenges us to "Turn the other cheek" or "Pray for our enemies" and think he's off his rocker. Let's say, "Thank you Jesus for showing us, once again, the way to live and the way to peace." Walk the Talk! Be Peace!

– Deacon Ron

#### Adult Faith Formation

- **LIVE LENT!** MAKE THIS LENT ABOUT WHAT YOU DO, NOT WHAT YOU DON'T DO! During the coming Lenten season, instead of depriving yourself of some type of food or some form of entertainment, join us for 5 weeks and participate in Live Lent, read Scripture and share your faith with fellow parishioners. Mon. 7-8:30pm. Sign up in the Gathering Space or Parish Office.
- **Lenten Men's Fellowship Breakfast:** Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup> 8am-9am. All Men are invited to reflect and be challenged to not just go through the motions of Lent but to live it each day.
- **Book Club:** The Shack. Next Discussion 3/2.

#### REF Children and Youth

- **2/26**– REF (11-12:30pm K-5th)(6:30-8pm 6th-8th)
- **1/1**– Ash Wednesday High School Youth Group (7-9pm)

#### St. Mark Youth Group

- **St. Mark Youth Group Mission Trip 2017.** High School youth are invited to sign up for our annual Mission Trip. We will be going to Charleston, West Virginia June 25-July 1, 2017. For more info contact Dcn. Ron.
- **Middle School Rally 2017.** All 6th, 7th and 8th graders are invited to join over 500 young people from around the Diocese of Lansing for a day of celebrating our faith Saturday, March 18th, Gabriel Richard High School in Ann Arbor. Contact Dcn. Ron for more info.

**RCIA** – The season of Lent is our focus for several weeks, along with preparation for the Rite of Election on Sat, Mar 4<sup>th</sup> at St John, Fenton. We will spend time learning about Lenten practices, both in the church, and at home, and the Stations of the Cross.