

# 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.

Our **February Newsletter** was sent out this week. The Evangelization Committee gave a testimonial which was our theme for our February Newsletter. On March 5<sup>th</sup>, the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent, *My Evangelization Plan* pamphlet will be available for you to take home. The pamphlet reveals the 4 pillars of Evangelization:

**Prayer:** Prayer forms the foundation for all our evangelization efforts because the Holy Spirit is the principal agent of evangelization. We are being called to commit to pray for non-practicing Catholics.

**Witness:** Our greatest witness comes primarily through the way we live and secondarily through our words. We must be prepared to share the Good News with others.

**Invite:** Inviting others back to the Church is a vital step in the evangelization process. Often times, it begins with inviting them to your home, a game or somewhere else.

**Accompany:** We need to walk with people as much as possible through every step of their faith journeys. In order to do this most effectively, we may need to rethink how involved we are in our loved ones' lives.

Lent is always a time to be about self-reflection and how we care for ourselves, others and God. Lent begins on Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>; let us take the time to ask God to reveal to us what we need to care for our soul. By doing so we live the intention God has for each one of us. Below are three quotes from people who write about a truth not just about themselves but about all of us and our true purpose for our soul and task here on earth:

*Care of the soul is quite different in scope from most modern notions of psychology and psychotherapy. It isn't about curing, fixing, changing, adjusting or making healthy, and it isn't about some idea of perfection or even improvement. It doesn't look to the future for an ideal, trouble-free existence. Rather, it remains patiently in the present, close to life as it presents itself day by day and yet at the same time mindful of religion and spirituality... Care of the soul is a sacred art. (Thomas Moore)*

*I am realizing that what people need is a ministry of presence in their lives. My Swahili is not perfect, but my present is. My ability to help people is not perfect, but my willingness to put forth the work and effort to find solutions with them is. Mission for me is not about being the white savior of the world, but about bringing the ministry of the Savior to those who might be unsure of the love of God in their lives that day. That is what my mission is about. (Jonathon Hill, Mary Knoll seminarian)*

Andre Gide says, "True kindness presupposes the faculty of imagining as one's own the suffering and joys of others." Kindness isn't only helping in a time of need; it is consciousness in a time of isolation, joy at a time of celebration, concern at a time of separation as well. Kindness makes someone else's agenda our own. (Joan Chittister)

Hopefully, the 40 days of Lent will be a time of spiritual renewal for our parish, diocese, and universal church.

Peace,

**MONDAY, February 27**

**TUESDAY, February 28**

6:30 p.m. – Word & Eucharist

**WEDNESDAY, March 1**

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

**United Lenten Appeal Collection**

8:30 a.m. – Mass: United Lenten Appeal / Parish

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

10:00 a.m. – AA – Room 1 & 2

6:00 p.m. – RCIA – Room 1 & 2

6:30 p.m. – Mass: People of the Parish / Parish

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

**THURSDAY, March 2**

7:00 p.m. – Choir Practice – Church

7:00 p.m. – Book Club – Parish Center

**FRIDAY, March 3**

**First Friday Hospital & Home Visits**

8:30 a.m. – Mass: World Day of Prayer / Parish

9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. – First Friday Adoration

**SATURDAY, March 4**

**BLACK & INDIAN HOME MISSIONS NATL. COLL.**

8:00 a.m. – Men's Lenten Breakfast – Parish Center

2:00 p.m. – RCIA Rite of Election – St. John Fenton

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

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

6:30 p.m. – Parish Lenten Dinner – Parish Center

**SUNDAY, March 5**

**BLACK & INDIAN HOME MISSIONS NATL. COLL.**

9:30 a.m. – Mass: Home Missions / Parish

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

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

2:15 p.m. – 9<sup>th</sup> gr. Confirmation Candidate / Sponsor Mtg

5:30 p.m. – Mass: Confirmation Candidates / 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](mailto:joanturner38@sbcglobal.net) or 248-410-2286.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Mon, 2/27: Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 10:17-27

Tues, 2/28: Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31

Wed, 3/1: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thur, 3/2: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

Fri, 3/3: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Sat, 3/4: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

Sun, 3/5: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11

**Caring for Creation – Ways to Help the Planet**

**Use Energy Efficient Lightbulbs – Energy efficient**

**lightbulbs** are a simple way to reduce the amount of power used. Help the planet, and your bank balance, by replacing one lightbulb. The effect can be tremendous. If every house in the USA did, it would reduce pollution by the same amount as removing 1 million cars from the road!

**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
DON'T BE ANXIOUS**

People have, it seems, a natural penchant for misplaced emphasis on unimportant things. They can easily get caught up with what they're having for dinner or what they will wear.

Often it is a tragedy that helps people to refocus on what is really important. What I shall wear is an irrelevant question when I am facing surgery or chemotherapy. What's for dinner is immaterial to those living through grief or unemployment.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us not to worry. He doesn't say, "Don't eat. Don't cook. Don't buy clothes." He says, "Don't worry." Jesus asks us not to relinquish our responsibilities but to let go of our anxiety. Anxiety betrays a lack of trust and Jesus reminds us that "Your heavenly Father knows" all that you need (Matthew 6:32).

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE	
February 18 & 19	
Weekly Collection .....	\$ 2,475.00
Online Giving .....	\$ 2,160.00
Children .....	\$ 6.00
Youth.....	\$ 0



**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.

**Parish Dinner – Mar. 4**

The first Saturday of the month in March is March 4th and that means it is time for our monthly Parish Dinner. Join us after the 5:30 p.m. Mass for our Parish Lenten Dinner to enjoy a variety of Chili options. Sign up in the Gathering Space or call the Parish Office.

**Home Mission Collection – Mar. 4**

Next weekend, our parish will take up the 132<sup>nd</sup> annual National Black and Indian Mission Collection, which helps to build the Church in African-American, Native American and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast.

**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 Fundraiser. Enjoy a corned beef & swiss sandwich on rye, with sides for only \$7. Your lunch will be delivered to the Parish Center on Thursday, Mar. 16, all are invited to stay and eat. Call Joan Turner at 810-606-8711 or Parish Office by Mar. 5 to place your order; please pay by cash or a check made out to the parish.

**Pax Christi Conference – Apr. 1**

The Catholic peace movement Pax Christi (Peace of Christ) Michigan is holding its 36th annual State Conference on Saturday, Apr. 1 at Saints. Simon and Jude Church in Westland. See the Parish Center bulletin board brochure or visit [www.paxchristimi.org](http://www.paxchristimi.org) to register.

**FAITH FORMATION**

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Do you want to make the rest of your life the best of your life? Jesus says: Put God first, live every moment for him, and watch how everything else follows.

Life is like a dollar bill. You can spend it any way you want to, but you can only spend it once. When you spend money there a few ways to spend it, you can waste it or you can invest it. The same is true with life, to waste or to invest. I have dealt with many people when they are at the end of their time because of sickness or tragedy and I often hear the same remark, "I now have learned what's really important in life."

Jesus challenges us to really look at our lives and how we are living them and where our priorities lie. He wants us to NOT come to the end and discover "What's really important in life." But rather, see that the THINGS of this world are really not that important.

Suppose you were starting life all over. You are old enough to know right from wrong. You are old enough to learn, old enough to love, old enough to really live. If you could ask the Lord how to make the rest of your life the best of your life, what do you think He would say? I don't think we have to wonder. 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 a small group for 5 weeks and participate in Live Lent, an opportunity to 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 4th 8am-9am. All Men are invited to join us for a time to reflect and be challenged to not just go through the motions of Lent but to live it each day.
- **Book Club:** *The Shack* by W. Young- Next Discussion 3/2

**St. Mark Youth Group**

- **St. Mark Youth Group Mission Trip 2017.** High School youth are invited for Mission Trip 2107 to Charleston, WV 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.

**REF Children and Youth**

- **3/1** – Ash Wednesday High School Youth Group (7-9pm)
- **3/5** – REF (11-12:30pm K-5th)(6:30-8pm 6th-8th)
- **3/5** – Confirmation Mini Session #5 (2:15-5:15pm Candidates and Sponsors)

**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.