

St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Community

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Council of Catholic Women
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Powers Catholic High School (810) 591-4741

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.

During the **Lenten Season**, our parish will use the material *From Ashes to Easter* from the liturgical United States catholic conference of bishops. Each week there is a theme which includes a symbol for the sanctuary area, along with reflections for each week. In my article, I will have the theme word/words for our personal reflection. We begin the First Sunday of Lent below:

THEME: CHOOSING

The slogan reads: "Not to decide is to decide." Each day each one of us makes innumerable decisions. We choose what time to get up, what clothes to wear, and what TV programs to watch. Sometimes the choice requires little thought; it is an automatic part of living.

Other choices call for considerable reflection, discussion, and debate. Shall I marry him or her now? Should I change my job? What will be the effects in our lives if we move to a different city? These kinds of choices affect the basic fabric of our lives. They require significant changes in the way we live. Making such decisions involves looking at our values and determining which among them takes priority at this time. Values are the realities that ultimately determine what we choose to do.

Living as a Christian is a response to a deliberate choice. It calls for a decision to place our faith in Christ. Faith is not inherited. It is a gift offered to us, but accepting the gift is a personal decision. Lent is a special time when Christians and the Christian community renew their faith-choice. It is the season when we reflect on the meaning and consequences of our Baptism. We consider what baptismal commitment calls for in the decisions of daily life.

SYMBOL: CLAY

A lump of clay does not shape itself. It depends completely on the will of the artist to mold it and create its form. As clay is kneaded, it responds and its shape is changed. A new and different form comes into being. The clay does not shape itself, but it is always dependent on another's creativity.

In one sense, our lives are like clay. We mold and shape them. We knead form into our lives. Like clay, we are also shaped by others. Those, with whom we live, work, pray, and play knead us into a new form. Our lives are redesigned and reshaped, always being made new by our interaction with others. As we interact with these others, their lives also are re-formed.

During Lent, the whole church is re-forming. We reconsider our present design and recall in our minds the vision of what we as a church are meant to be. We choose to reshape ourselves. Recognizing we cannot do this by ourselves, we call on each other and the Holy Spirit to help us.

At the Hibernian **St. Patrick's Day Mass** on March 17th, **Margaret Daly**, a St. Mark parishioner, is being honored as the Irish Mother of the Year. Congratulations to Margaret and her family. Please join me and others for the mass at St. Michael Church (see bulletin). If interested in carpooling, please contact the parish office.

Peace,

MONDAY, March 6

7:00 p.m. – LIVE Lent – Rm 1 & 2

TUESDAY, March 7

10:00 a.m. – Shawl Ministry – Contact Parish Office
6:30 p.m. – Mass: 10 Year Pastoral Plan / Parish

WEDNESDAY, March 8

8:30 a.m. – Mass: Lenten Commitments / 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. – Soup, Stations & Substance

THURSDAY, March 9

7:00 p.m. – Choir Practice – Church

FRIDAY, March 10

Hospital Visits

SATURDAY, March 11

7:00 a.m. – Men's Fellowship – Parish Center
4:30 – 5:15 p.m. – Confessions – Church
5:30 p.m. – Mass: People of the Parish / Parish

SUNDAY, March 12

9:30 a.m. – Mass: Our Catechumens / Parish
RCIA Dismissal
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: World Peace / 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 Deceased: Kenneth Szyarto, husband of Gwen Szyarto and Father of Chris and Val Szyarto

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, 3/6: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
- Tues, 3/7: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
- Wed, 3/8: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
- Thurs, 3/9: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
- Fri, 3/10: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
- Sat, 3/11: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
- Sun, 3/12: Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

Caring for Creation – Ways to Help the Planet

Turn Your Computer Off Overnight – If you turn your computer off every night, again you will reduce the power you use. You will save an average of \$14 a year. It's not a huge amount, but better in your pocket than your energy supplier's right?

First Sunday of Lent STRENGTH AGAINST TEMPTATION

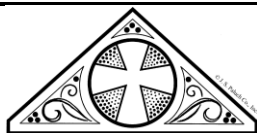
The first Sunday of the season of Lent always includes a Gospel account of the temptation of the Lord Jesus in the desert by the devil. This year, the story is set against the backdrop of the first reading from Genesis, which recounts the very first temptation by the devil. That story is set in a garden of delight. The Gospel story is set in the desert. As believers, we know that temptation comes our way in our own gardens of delight as well as the deserts of our lives. As Lent begins, our attention is drawn to that temptation within each of us to become like God—we want control, power, and answers to all of life's difficult questions. As communities of faith, we are given this season of repentance so that we can join our hearts with others on the difficult journey of conversion. We look to God and to one another for strength against temptation.

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE

February 25 & 26

Weekly Collection	\$ 3,100.00
Online Giving	\$ 990.00
Children	\$ 7.50
Youth	\$ 0



Home Mission Collection – Mar. 4

This weekend, our parish will take up the 132nd 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.

CCW Annual Spring Scrapbook CROP – Mar. 24 & 25

Here is your opportunity to catch up on organizing those pictures! Contact Cindy Bell to register at 248-660-4931 or cabsandkids@aol.com. Registration includes plenty of space, snacks, vendors and prizes. The CROP will be held Friday 6:00 p.m. to midnight (\$12) and Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. (\$35). Snacks will be provided on Friday and breakfast, lunch & dinner served on Saturday.

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 to register.

FAITH FORMATION

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Encounter Lent – Join our faith community – and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States – in a life changing

Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. Use your family CRS Rice Bowl and don't forget to download the CRS Rice Bowl app! May these 40 days prepare us to encounter ourselves, our neighbors and our God. Each week there will be additional information.

First Week of Lent – Encounter Innovation

We encounter the Singh family in India, where a mother and father are using innovative farming techniques to feed their family amidst a flood. How is God inviting us to think outside the box in service to others this Lent? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

REF Children and Youth

- **3/12** – REF 11-12:30pm - K-5th & 6:30-8pm - 6th-8th
- **3/15** – HS Youth Group - 9th-12th, 7-9pm
- **3/19** – 1st Eucharist Parent/Child Gathering 11-12:15pm

Adult Faith Formation

- **LIVE LENT!** Meets Mondays during Lent 7-8:30pm
Contact Dcn. Ron for more info.
- **Lenten Men's Fellowship:** Meets Saturdays, 7-8am

St. Mark Youth Group

- **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.
- **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.

RCIA – This weekend (Sat. Mar 4th) marks the Rite of Election for the Lansing Diocese. Our catechumen (Rachel) and our candidate (Laura) will be attending this very important service with Pam Bachner and Monica Hockman. This Rite of Election is celebrated with catechumens and the Bishop "in order that God, through the church, is choosing those, who are able, to be disciples of Jesus. Those initiated into a life in Christ means a life of mission" (teamrcia.com).

St. Patrick's Day Mass & Celebration – Mar. 17

The 35th annual St. Patrick's Day Mass & Celebration is on Friday, March 17th sponsored by the Ancient Order of Hibernians. Mass is at 12:02 p.m. with Bishop Boyea presiding at St. Michael Church, 5th Ave & Saginaw St, Flint. After Mass, the Family Walk to McFarlan Park memorializes deceased family members. Then join the Hibernians and Parade Committee for scones, rolls, juice and coffee- at St. Matthew Church Hall, 701 Church St. followed by a vegetarian buffet luncheon. There will be music by Equinox, Irish dancers, bar, and lots of free secure parking. For more information visit FlintStPatricksDay.com or FlintIrish.org.