


St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Community

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Sue Griffith (248) 627-3100

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.

Padre's Portion

May 21, 2017

Weekly Calendar

The Chrism Mass was Holy Thursday, April 7th. At that Liturgy Bishop Boyea blessed the holy oils used in all parishes throughout the diocese to celebrate the different sacraments. This weekend I used the oil of the sick to anoint parishioners. Also that day each parish received a packet from the director of Catholic Charities Diocese of Lansing, Deacon James Kasprzak. Below is the letter announcing an initiative sponsored throughout our various Catholic Charities agencies in our Diocese.

Counseling Support for Parishioners "Have Hope Get Help"

"Many individuals, couples, families and children in our parishes struggle with depression, anxiety, and anger, as well as addictions to pornography, drugs, alcohol, and gambling. In some instances, these persons may need more counseling services than a priest, deacon or parish minister alone can provide.

Recognizing this need, Catholic Charities agencies in the Diocese of Lansing are encouraging those in need of counseling to "Have Hope. Get Help" at a Catholic Charities agency near them.

To reach parishioners and others, we are asking parishes in the Diocese of Lansing to use the enclosed materials and promote our new website – www.HaveHopeGetHelp.com – to refer those seeking counseling to our Catholic Charities agencies, where they will find professional, licensed, accredited counseling in a safe and supportive environment.

In this "Have Hope. Get Help" package, the following materials are enclosed:

- Posters – see bulletin boards, kiosk
- Small easel boards with attached referral cardholder – see parish office, church entrance, sacristy
- Pocket-sized referral cards – for use in confession and at parish secretary desks
- Website link – www.HaveHopeGetHelp.com
- Bulletin artwork and Mass Bulletin text are available for digital download on the Diocese of Lansing website www.dioceseoflansing.org/resources/group/parish-resources

The materials are discreetly designed to allow people to find the website and contact a counselor at one of our Catholic Charities agencies. With this in mind, we encourage you to place easels and referral cards in confessionals and parish office reception areas, and the posters in parish entrances, gathering spaces, hallways and restrooms. We ask you to place a link to www.HaveHopeGetHelp.com on your parish website; and use the bulletin website announcement in your parish bulletin on a monthly basis."

The Church offers in its sacramental ministry the Sacraments of Healing – penance and anointing. This weekend both sacraments were offered. The Catholic Charities initiative is offering the opportunity for emotional and psychological healing. If you or someone else is in need please utilize these tremendous resources.

Peace,

MONDAY, May 22

TUESDAY, May 23

5:30-8:00 p.m. – Gardening & Dividing
6:30 p.m. – Word & Eucharist
7:00 p.m. – Book Club / Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, May 24

8:30 a.m. – Mass: Victims of Violence / People of the Parish
9:00 a.m. – St. Joseph Guild / Parish Center
10:00 a.m. – AA / Room 1 & 2
5:30-8:00 p.m. – Gardening & Dividing

THURSDAY, May 25

7:00 p.m. – Choir Practice / Church

FRIDAY, May 26

10:00 a.m. – Euchre / Parish Center

SATURDAY, May 27

Anointing of the Sick

12:00 p.m. – Miloche-Nemeth Wedding
4:30 – 5:15 p.m. – Confessions / Church
5:30 p.m. – Mass: All Veterans / People of the Parish

SUNDAY, May 28

Anointing of the Sick

9:30 a.m. – Mass: People of the Parish / Parish
9:30 a.m. – Children's Liturgy of the Word
10:30 a.m. – Hospitality Hour – Parish Center
5:30 p.m. – Mass: World Peace / Parish

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: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a
Tue: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11
Wed: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15
Thur: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20 (for Ascension)
Fri: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23
Sat: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28
Sun: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20

Marriage Banns

2nd publication: Tracey Miloche and Michael Nemeth

Caring for Creation – Ways to Help the Planet

Don't Waste Napkins – We've all done it – gone somewhere and took a napkin or two more than we needed, only to throw them away unused. If everyone in the USA used one less napkin a day, current figures show that it could save a billion pounds of space in landfills.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

PEOPLE OF HOPE

Throughout this Easter season the readings have drawn us into the experience of the early church. We have tasted the excitement and zeal of the first Christians. Now, with them, we listen to the words of Saint Peter, who reminds us that when people notice that we are people of hope, we should be ready to explain why. This challenges us. Do others even notice that we are people of hope? In a world often marked by cynicism and hopelessness, do we stand out as people who offer hope and reassurance to others? In today's Gospel Jesus promises that when he leaves the earth he will not leave us orphaned. Today he promises to send his Advocate, the Spirit of truth who will be with us always. Let us acknowledge the presence of the Holy Spirit and ask the Spirit to make us people of hope. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE

May 13 and 14

Weekly Collection	\$ 3,718.10
Online Giving	\$ 1,855.00
Children	\$ 1.00
Youth	\$ 1.00
Christian Service	\$ 1,059.00

Capital Campaign Payments

Accelerated Payments – You can pay online per instructions given the first time: www.witnessstohope.net and click on Donations at the bottom. Checks made payable to: Witness to Hope, with St. Mark the Evangelist in the memo line. Put in collection or to Parish Office. To date, the total of accelerated payments is \$11,745.

New Pledges or One time Payments – Please use envelopes and cards that were provided by Witness to Hope. These are in the Gathering Space or Parish Office. To date, a new \$1000 pledge has been received.

Installment Payments – Reminder letters will go out if you made a pledge with installments. These letters will include payment envelopes and instructions.

Questions – Any questions about tax forms, notifications or etc. Call Colleen Andrews at 517-342-2461 (diocese).

Gardening Group – May 23 and 24

Calling all gardeners and other volunteers! Gardening Group meets every other Tuesday after evening Mass for gardening and landscaping projects. This week – **Parish Garden Plant Giveaway** – Tuesday & Wednesday, 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. Bring your shovel for hostas, daylily, iris, and more!

Eucre & Luncheon – May 26

Come join us on Friday, May 26 at 10:00 a.m. for Eucre with a light lunch to follow. Cost is \$5.00. Please contact Ruth & Mike Petroski at teacuplady47@hotmail.com or 810-344-7293 by May 23 to sign up.

New Weekend Mass Schedule starting May 27 and 28

Starting Memorial Day weekend (May 27 and 28), our new and permanent weekend Mass schedule will be as follows: Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. and Sundays at 8:00 and 9:30 a.m.

FAITH FORMATION

Deacon Ron Kenney, Director of Faith Formation
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If it be God's will that you suffer, it is better that you suffer for good deeds rather than for evil ones.

Today's words in 1st Peter are not what I consider something to get excited about. Just the word SUFFER in itself is something that we all try to avoid. Who wants pain and suffering in any part of our lives? Yes I know the old cliché, "No Pain, No Gain." Well, I think we all would rather take the easy way out, but we have all come to realize, anything worth doing well is going to require a bit of hard work and struggle, even our FAITH JOURNEY.

We all make choices in our lives. Often these choices are about the suffering we are going to accept. We may suffer for what we know is the right thing to do. We may suffer if we choose what is not right. The choices before us determine so much in our daily lives and how we live each day. Each choice has a consequence that will have an effect on who we are and how we relate to those around us. We are fooling ourselves if we think that we will not have to answer in this life and the next for choices we know are not the best. Peter is challenging us to look at every choice and know that the best choice, the right choice, the good thing to do, might bring about suffering. But it is the right choice. Walk the Talk! Be Peace!

Deacon Ron

St. Mark Youth Group

- **St. Mark Youth Group COLOR FUN RUN!** Saturday, June 17, 8:30 a.m. Proceeds go to St. Mark Youth Mission Trip 2017. Registration forms are available on our website www.stmarkgoodrich.org or our St. Mark Faith Formation Office. All ages, families, kids, adults!
- **Summer Youth Group:** Begins June 7, 7:00-9:00 p.m.; meet at the Pavilion. Fun, Prayer & Pizza! All 6th-12th graders invited to participate, bring \$3 for pizza. We have a summer full of fun, Soup Kitchen trips, movie nights, and lots more.

Graduation Mass and Reception

- High School graduates: join us on Sunday, June 4 at the 9:30 a.m. Liturgy (please arrive by 9:15 a.m. with cap and gown for the procession). Reception will follow in the Parish Center. RSVP by May 28 for you and your family in the Gathering Space, or call the Parish Office.

REF Children and Youth

- Early Registration – To help us prepare for next year's sessions, registration is taking place in the Parish Office through the month of June.

Adult Faith Formation

- St. Mark Men's Fellowship – 1st Saturday of the Month, 7:00-8:00 a.m.
- Book Club: In Search of Belief – Discussion Tuesday, May 23, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Parish Dinner – June 3

Join us for the first Saturday Parish Dinner on Saturday, June 3, after the 5:30 p.m. Mass. Sign up by May 31 in the Gathering Space, or call Parish Office 810-636-2216.