

# St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Community

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Catholic Charities (810) 232-9950

Council of Catholic Women (810) 344-9859  
Mary McFarlane

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.

**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 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.  
followed by Eucharistic adoration from  
9:00 a.m. to 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.

I'm sure you've heard the expression, "Christmas in July" in regard to marketing and sales. I recently went with my sister to the sidewalk sales in Owosso. It took me back to my childhood. Each year, we would wait for the sidewalk sales to buy our school shoes and clothing. This ritual got me thinking about several aspects of what is truly needed in our lives, both physically and spiritually.

So often we find ourselves surrounded by items that we no longer use or even remember we possess. Today, I would like to draw attention to our parish physical needs as well as the needs of other organizations. We have all heard the saying, "One man's junk is another man's treasure." The same applies to our Parish needs and those of Catholic Charities. While the list below isn't exhaustive, it is meant to generate awareness.

- Insulated coolers- large and small
- Storage bins with lids
- Books, CD's, Board games, all ages
- Electrical cords
- Gardening tools and Mechanical tools
- Sporting equipment
- Laptops, iPods, iPads, Kindles, etc.
- Clothing, including shoes

In addition to the above items, we collect monthly items for Hope in a Box for Catholic Charities. If you have a large amount of items, we can either give you their contact information or there are parishioners who take items twice a month. Donations can be brought to the Parish Office during our office hours or the recycling rooms located in the Gathering Space in the church.

While physical needs are always in demand, let us not forget other needs that aren't as tangible. The Parish Commissions met this past Tuesday. Each meeting after Mass, we have a Formation Session before going into our four groupings: Parish Life, Education Formation, Social Justice, and Spiritual Development. The presenter last Tuesday was Kurt Harris, Owner/Program Manager of Think Before You Act (TBYA), an organization committed to positive behavior for youth. The Positive Behavior Intervention curriculum covers areas both negative and positive such as skipping class, disrespect, bullying, fighting, drinking, smoking, failing grades versus healthy choices, responsibility, self-control, accountability, commitment, patience and respect. The emphasis focuses on helping youth develop positive behaviors long term: *Challenge yourself-Change your thinking-Build a new life.*

Today, youth are struggling with positive character and behavior. Organizations such as Think Before You Act strive to provide that positive character formation. Here is an opportunity to assist with positively impacting youth in our community. Skills such as grant writing, marketing (including social media management), graphic design, website development, and fundraising are precious commodities. Your skills (time and talent) can support TBYA develop our youth. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Christmas in July offers opportunities in our community to help others in need throughout the year- whether through donation of physical items or skills we possess. Peace,

**MONDAY, July 24**

7:00 p.m. – Finance Council Meeting / Parish Center

**TUESDAY, July 25**

6:30 p.m. – Word & Eucharist

**WEDNESDAY, July 26**

8:30 a.m. – Mass: 10 Year Pastoral Plan / Parish

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

10:00 a.m. – AA – Room 1 & 2

7:00 p.m. – Youth Group

7:00 p.m. – Gardening Group

**THURSDAY, July 27**

**FRIDAY, July 28**

**Hospital Visits**

**SATURDAY, July 29**

4:30–5:15 p.m. – Confessions – Church

5:30 p.m. – Mass: +Jerry Kuchar / the Galecka family

**SUNDAY, July 30**

8:00 a.m. – Mass: Evangelization / Parish

9:30 a.m. – Mass: People of the Parish / Parish

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

**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:** Mary Milne, mother of Bill Milne

**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, 7/24: Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-6; Mt 12:38-42

Tue, 7/25: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28

Wed, 7/26: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-28; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Thu, 7/27: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Dn 3:52-56; Mt 13:10-17

Fri, 7/28: Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 13:18-23

Sat, 7/29: Ex 24:3-8; Ps 34:2-11; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Sun, 7/30: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 [44-46]

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

**Use Cruise Control** – If your car has a cruise control, then use it! This will help to improve your mileage by at least 15%, which will in the process save the environment, gasoline and your wallet.

**Brick Pavers Order – August 1**

Brick Pavers for the Peace Prayer Garden are available through the Parish Office or by filling out forms in the breezeway. Bricks are \$35.00 each. Text can honor special occasions or be a meaningful quote.

**First Friday Adoration – August 4**

Spend an hour of prayer/reflection with the Lord Friday, August 4. Sign up in the Gathering Space

**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

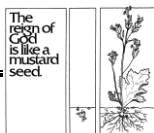
**THE MERCY, POWER, AND LOVE OF GOD**

The first reading today, from the book of Wisdom, makes its point over and over, at least five times in five verses! God is mighty, but lenient to all. God's power is shown in kindness and clemency, not in harshness and condemnation, and those who govern God's people must govern in the same way, with kindness. This loving kindness and gentleness is not contrary to God's might, but is a direct result of God's primacy over all. Who are we, then, to judge what is in the hearts of our fellow Christians and all people, when God commands justice with love and clemency?

Likewise, the Holy Spirit makes up for our ignorance of what we need, speaking in a language we do not yet understand. But God knows our needs before we do, understands the intercessions of the Spirit, and helps us in our weakness. This is our hope: God's mercy, power, and love.

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE	
July 15 and 16	
Weekly Collection .....	\$3,975.30
Online Giving.....	\$2,480.00
Children .....	\$ 4.15
Youth.....	\$ 60.00



**Capital Campaign Payments**

**Accelerated Payments** – You can pay online per instructions given the first time: [www.witnessstohope.net](http://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 the Parish Office. To date, the total of accelerated payments is \$25,295.

**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, \$15,433 in new pledges 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).

**40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Pilgrimage 2018 – April 8-18**

St. Mark Parish is planning a pilgrimage as part of the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year. Countries to be visited are Portugal and Spain. Cities include *Lisbon, Fatima, Santiago de Compostela, Madrid and Barcelona*. If you are interested please contact the parish office. There will be an initial meeting on Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.

**Outdoor Mass & Annual Parish Pig Roast – Aug. 26**

Our annual Parish Pig Roast will take place on Saturday, Aug. 26, beginning with an outdoor Mass at 5:30 p.m. Bring your lawn chairs or picnic blankets and join your parish family for a fun evening of celebration.

**FAITH FORMATION**

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

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As the saying goes, "There is a price for freedom." That price, all too often, is the evil and immorality that follows the freedom to choose. It is the choices we make, either right or wrong, that determine the result. Charles Kingsley, a 19th Century Anglican Priest, Novelist and Professor once said, "There are two freedoms – the false, where a man is free to do what he likes; the true, where he is free to do what he ought." The message tells us that, YES, we are free to choose, but our choices may affect our lives and the lives of those around us, whether good or evil.

Jesus tells a parable today that speaks of, "The Weeds among the Wheat." Our Lord is trying to tell us that in every aspect of our lives, family, work, friends, strangers, "The Weeds" are going to be present. So where does this leave us? Are we to ignore evil? Are we to ignore pain and suffering? Should we keep our mouths shut when evil is around us? Absolutely not! We are called to till the soil of the Lord. We are called to bring forth fruit. We can't allow evil to exist when we come upon it, particularly in ourselves. I guess in some sense he wants us to look at our own lives and to see if WE might be that Weed among the Wheat or what can we do to make sure that our choices are not having a cruel effect on others. Choose wisely, you are free to do so.

Walk the Talk! Be Peace! –

Deacon Ron

**August  
1st—4th  
6-8pm  
Friday Aug 4th  
Family Cookout**

**St. Mark  
VBS  
Vacation Bible School**



**Register Now!**

Participant and Volunteer registrations available in Gathering Space or in Parish Office

**All K-5th graders invited**

Email [stmarkdff@hotmail.com](mailto:stmarkdff@hotmail.com) for More info or to Volunteer