

St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Community

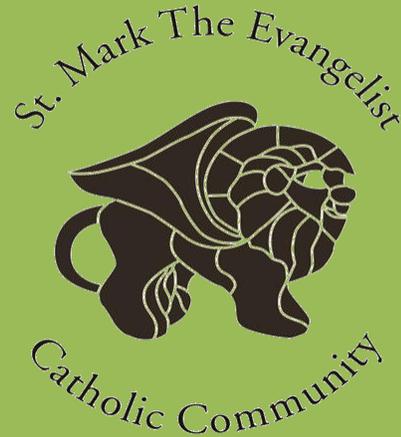
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

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.

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.

Baptism Weekend is always a wonderful reminder of the beauty of birth and creation. Over the years, I have had the opportunities to meet with new parents. Whether it's their first child, second, etc. there is always the uniqueness of each child. The responsibility for rearing a child in the faith is primarily the parents. We as a parish offer catechesis and formation. The Pastor has the role of ensuring the best process is being offered to each and every child. After 36 years of ministry, I am pleased when I encounter faith filled parents who are intent about their faith development. I am saddened when the baptism is more an obligation or hoop to jump through. I invite all of us to be more aware of how an individual approaches comments; questions and statements about the Church and its members impact the greater community. My experience tells me there is a serious effort that is the responsibility of the parents, parish and pastor. Pray for evangelization for all in our local, national and global community.

Sacrament of Baptism Weekends: 2017: October 7 & 8
2018: Jan. 13 & 14, April 7 & 8, May 27 & 28.

Anointing of the Sick is celebrated after all the Masses twice a year. This is one of the healing Sacraments along with Penance (Reconciliation) that the Catholic Church makes available for everyone. Both of these Sacraments are available on a regular basis and they are often celebrated in your home or at a hospital. I encourage anyone going in for surgery to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. The Sacrament can be for physical, emotional, spiritual and psychological concerns. Like all of our Sacraments, both Anointing of the Sick and Penance were updated after the Vatican Council II. While our theology and practice were good for their day, the renewal emphasized pastoral circumstances. As Pope Francis has said consistently, we are to be a people of joy and mercy. When I was a child, we had only the confessional box – not the environment of today's Reconciliation Room, which offers the opportunity to meet the priest face to face or from behind a screen. Today we also have Communal Penance services, especially during the seasons of Advent and Lent. I encourage you to take advantage of this wonderful healing Sacrament available every Saturday at 4:30-5:15 p.m. or by appointment. Also, in pre-Vatican II days, we had the Sacrament of Extreme Unction, which implied serious illness or impending death. Today, the pastoral sense of the Anointing of the Sick is to offer healing for different conditions in life's journey.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick weekends:
2017: October 14 & 15, 2018: April 28 & 29

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is that process by which adults enter into full communion within our church. Each person receives baptism, confirmation and eucharist on Holy Saturday. You have seen articles in the bulletin about RCIA. Pam Bachner (coordinator) has asked for names of any members in your family or friendships that might be interested. Equally, I hear people say "No one ever asked me about becoming Catholic before." A letter goes out each year from our Parish inviting non Catholic spouses and others to join. I would encourage you to have conversations about RCIA.

Peace,

MONDAY, August 21

TUESDAY, August 22

6:30 p.m. – Word & Eucharist

WEDNESDAY, August 23

8:30 a.m. – Mass: World Peace / Parish

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

10:00 a.m. – AA – Room 1 & 2

7:00–9:00 p.m. – Final Youth Group

7:00 p.m. – Gardening Group

THURSDAY, August 24

FRIDAY, August 25

Hospital Visits

SATURDAY, August 26

6:00 a.m.– 1:00 p.m. – Youth Group Crim Water Station

4:30–5:15 p.m. – Confessions – Church

5:30 p.m. – Outdoor Mass: Deceased benefactors / Parish

6:30 p.m. – Parish Pig Roast – Pavilion

SUNDAY, August 27

8:00 a.m. – Mass: People of the Parish / Parish

9:30 a.m. – Mass: +Ken Szyarto / Nothhelfer Family

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 Sick: Those who are homebound, in the hospital or another healthcare facility.

For Prayer Ministry Requests: Contact Joan Turner,
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon, 8/21: Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44;
Mt 19:16-22

Tue, 8/22: Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30

Wed, 8/23: Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7; Mt 20:1-16

Thu, 8/24: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18;
Jn 1:45-51

Fri, 8/25: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-10;
Mt 22:34-40

Sat, 8/26: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-5;
Mt 23:1-12

Sun, 8/27: Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8;
Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

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. Parish Life sponsors this annual celebration in remembrance of the first parish Mass celebrated 39 years ago. Bring your lawn chairs or picnic blankets and join your parish family for a fun evening of celebration. Sign up in the Gathering Space or call the Parish Office.

Adult Backpacks Needed

The Social Justice Commission will be collecting adult backpacks starting in August and continuing through the fall for Catholic Charities. They are to be used for the homeless. Sales for backpacks often begin this time of the year. A collection bin will be in the Gathering Space.

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time CALLED TO ACT IN GOD'S NAME

"Let all the nations praise you!" (Psalm 67:4) today's psalm response exclaims. In the psalms and other Hebrew scriptures, this kind of invocation is actually an invitation to God to act, to intervene in human lives in a manner that will cause everyone—not just the Chosen People—to give praise. Stated a bit more strongly, it is something of a "put up or shut up" challenge to God, the sort of strong statement the psalmists of Israel, trusting in their intimate and loving relationship with God, were not afraid to make.

The Gospel has its own exclamation, announcing the appearance of the Canaanite woman with "Behold!" (Matthew 15:22) "Behold!" is a scriptural flag that tells us that God is about to act or announce something through an individual or a situation. In the case of Jesus, God was going to act through this woman, whom nobody among Jesus' followers would have believed to be an agent of the divine will. Like the psalmists, we might passively inform or perhaps even actively challenge God to do something so that everyone will come to belief, but God will always turn the tables on us. It becomes our calling, our duty (as it was for Jesus) to behold the situations and persons of our daily lives so that God can act through us, so the Kingdom can be announced through our living.

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE

August 12 & 13

Weekly Collection.....	\$3,000.00
Online Giving.....	\$2,880.00
Children.....	\$ 1.00
Youth.....	\$ 0.00
Christian Service.....	\$ 989.00



Mission Appeal – Aug. 19 & 20

This year our Mission Appeal is August 19 & 20. It is for Fr. Taposh Sonjit Halder's Diocese of Khulna in Bangladesh. Many of you will remember meeting him in September 2016. He completed his license in Pastoral Theology June 2017 in Rome and will begin his Doctorate at the San Giovanni Lateran University.

Aquinas College Visit Day – Sept. 1

Aquinas College in Grand Rapids is hosting an AQDay for all high school juniors and seniors interested in visiting their beautiful 117-acre campus. The Admissions Office invites you to come and discover what life at AQ is all about. Get the inside scoop on academics, athletics, scholarships, service learning, study abroad, and more. Visit aquinas.edu/admissions/undergraduate.

Senior Appreciation Dinner – Sept 26

St. John's in Davison is hosting the annual Senior Appreciation Mass and Dinner on Sept 26 at 11:00 a.m. Tickets are \$8.50 and are on sale after Mass from August 19 & 20 till Sept 2 & 3. Sign up in the Gathering Space or contact Margaret Story at 810-636-2844.

Welcome to our new parishioners!

Please welcome our new parishioners Leon and Joan Boyer.

FAITH FORMATION

Deacon Ron Kenney, Director of Faith Formation

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We are a society of boundaries. We seem to draw the line and say, "This is mine, don't touch." For some situations, it is important to draw that line for protection and safety. At our favorite swimming hole, we need to know how far is too deep and so a rope line is floated to warn of the drop off. But the boundaries that we continue to draw in our lives push us further away from one another, even in our faith experiences. We like to draw that line that says, "We are over here and you are over there; don't cross my line, because you are not one of us."

In the Gospel, Jesus encounters a Canaanite woman who is asking his help to save her ill daughter. A conversation takes place that is somewhat awkward. The woman is a Canaanite, a Gentile, one who is not welcomed by the Jewish people. There is a distinct line or boundary that Jesus' followers knew to be wrong to cross or accept. Jesus recognizes the differences, but then does something that we need to learn from in our own lives: he sees in her heart FAITH and her daughter is healed. Maybe we need to be like Jesus just a little bit more in our lives and begin to recognize our differences, but at the same time realize we are more similar than different. We need to look into peoples' hearts and see faith. See Christ. It is okay to have boundaries; they protect. Just know when to draw a line and when to stand together on the line.

Walk the Talk! Be Peace! – Deacon Ron

St. Mark Youth Group

- **Youth Group Movie Nite!** Under the Pavilion, bring your own chair and a snack to share, August 18th 7-9pm, 6-12th graders welcome, bring a friend.
- **Youth Group at the Crim Finish Line Water Station!** St. Mark YG will be working the finish line water station at the Crim Festival of Races on Saturday, August 26th, 6am-1pm. All youth and families are welcome to join us. Sign up at Summer YG or email stmarkdff@hotmail.com.

Religious Education Formation (REF)

- Grades K-12. Begins Sunday, September 24th. (K-5: 11-12:30pm, 6-12: 6-7:30pm). Registration Weekends: 9/9-10, 9/16-17, after all masses.

Adult Faith Formation

- **Men's Fellowship:** Meets the 1st Saturday of each month, 7-8am. Prayer, Fellowship, and learning how to be the man, the father, the husband, the son, the co-worker God needs us to be.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

- Are you interested or do you know someone who is interested in completing the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) and learning more about becoming Catholic. Contact Pam Bachner (Director of RCIA) hpbach@charter.net or Deacon Ron.
- Sessions will begin in September.

Parish Maintenance Position

The parish is looking for a part-time maintenance person. Anyone interested, please call the parish office to arrange an appointment with Fr. Mike.