

St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Community

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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.

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.

Edward Hays writes in his book, *A Pilgrim's Almanac*: "The first black man to own a car in Cleveland was Garret Morgan, but he is also known for something more important. In 1923 he invented the automatic traffic light. Even today his invention remains the most successful, efficient and democratic way to handle busy traffic at an intersection. No doubt, each of us at times has cursed Garret Morgan, even if we didn't know his name! We've been late for an appointment and been forced to stop and wait until the light changed from red to green. But Morgan's invention ensures that each person has a proper turn at the right of way regardless of race, creed or bank account. The only exceptions to this are those driving emergency vehicles and funeral processions—we honor the dead by giving them the right of way.

But traffic lights can also be a blessing in the face of the demands of daily life and a wonderful reminder of how life should be lived. Every red light is a prophet if we can see it as such. And meeting a red light is also a good time for a short devotional prayer, like:

O God, I pause because the light is red.
May I, by frequent stops, to peace be led.

If we could see ourselves from outside our culture, we might be surprised at how silly we look as we speed through life. We race from event to event, rushing from home to work and back again, and we speed through many human encounters as well. If we could view our lives honestly, we might call upon the ghost of Garret Morgan to invent little traffic lights for our homes. They would be protective devices as life-preserving as smoke detectors! Located at the table, in the bedroom and throughout our homes, such automatic traffic lights would first flash yellow as we begin to rush about our homes and start to miss the enjoyment of life. The red light would flash on whenever our rushing about began to endanger our home's environment of love and affection or when we needed to pray. When they flashed red, we would have to come to a complete stop. These small domestic traffic lights would be cause for us to do what we all do at every red light: we look around. We look at who is in the cars around us. We look at the houses and lawns and the lush summer trees. In short, we see clearly what otherwise is only a blur as we speed from one commitment to the next.

Our loves and our life's beauties at home are often only blurs to us as well. May the ghost of Garret Morgan strategically place little automatic traffic lights throughout our lives. May those yellow lights slow us down, and the red ones bring us to a dead stop. If we are lucky, we will make numerous dead stops before we are dead. We will stop to pray, to make love and to drink deeply from the gift of life that God has given us.

The next time you watch a funeral procession pass readily through a red light, ask God for the blessing to stop dead before it's too late to stop."

Parish Maintenance Position

A part-time maintenance person is needed. Those interested can meet with me to review the position description, etc. I am hoping to fill the position as soon as possible. Please call the Parish Office.

Peace,

MONDAY, August 28

TUESDAY, August 29

6:30 p.m. – Mass: World Peace / Parish

WEDNESDAY, August 30

8:30 a.m. – Word & Eucharist

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

10:00 a.m. – AA – Room 1 & 2

THURSDAY, August 31

FRIDAY, September 1

First Friday Home and Hospital Visits

8:30 a.m. – Mass: Our Country / Parish

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

SATURDAY, September 2

7:00-8:00 a.m. – Men's Fellowship

4:30–5:15 p.m. – Confessions – Church

5:30 p.m. – Mass: Evangelization / Parish

SUNDAY, September 3

8:00 a.m. – Mass: Fair Labor Practices / 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: Dan Pike, Mary Hickey, and Ron Grantner, husband of Laura Grantner

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, 8/28: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b;
Mt 23:13-22

Tue, 8/29: 1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-6; Mk 6:17-29

Wed, 8/30: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32

Thu, 8/31: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17;
Mt 24:42-51

Fri, 9/1: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12;
Mt 25:1-13

Sat, 9/2: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30

Sun, 9/3: Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2;
Mt 16:21-27

Mission Appeal Weekend

Fr. Mike Kuchar presented last weekend on behalf of Fr. Taposh Sonjit Halder's Diocese of Khulna in Bangladesh. Thank you to all who contributed at the Masses. Those wishing to contribute, there are envelopes in the Gathering Space. Please keep Fr. Taposh Sonjit Halder in your prayers.

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. Place in the Hope in a Box collection bin in the recycling room located off the Gathering Space.

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time BE A ROCK

Peter's history as a follower or friend of Jesus is a bit spotty. It might be natural to wonder if Jesus, in giving him the keys to the kingdom, didn't feel a bit like a parent giving a teenager the keys to the family car. But it was at the moment when God's power and presence broke through everything else to raise up Peter's great profession of faith in Christ as Messiah that Jesus chose to establish the bond between the loving, forgiving mercy of heaven and our vocation to be witnesses of that love, mercy, and forgiveness on earth.

Like any parent, Jesus no doubt foresaw the failings, the irresponsible maneuvers or impaired senses, the collisions that the church would be headed for. But, most importantly, he also saw us at that moment as God prefers to see us: capable of manifesting great faith, with a willingness to remain at the feet of Christ to understand what it truly means to be Messiah and Christ. As the letter to the Romans points out to us today, we have not known the mind or the wisdom of God, but God knows us and still chooses to manifest the reign of justice, joy, beauty, and peace through us. Let this be our vocation. Let us always strive to be solid ground on which the church of Jesus Christ can be founded and on which it can continue to be built.

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE

August 19 & 20

Weekly Collection.....	\$3,282.92
Online Giving.....	\$1,885.00
Children.....	\$ 3.00
Youth.....	\$ 0.00
Assumption.....	\$ 593.00
Mission Appeal.....	\$ 1,794.00



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.

Four Days of Amazing BBQ – Sept 7-10

World Class Bar-B-Q is giving back with 4 days of amazing barbecue! September 7-10, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. All proceeds will be donated to Catholic Charities' three Soup Kitchens. Donations are still needed to help cover start-up costs. Please contact Dave Burton at 810-394-0314 for more information.

K of C Council 695 to celebrate its 115th anniversary

Join K of C Council 695 of Flint to celebrate its 115th anniversary with a dinner, program and entertainment Saturday, Sept. 16, 2017 at St. John Vianney Parish Center. Dinner is at 6 p.m. Doors open at 5 p.m. Cost is \$15 a person or \$25 a couple. Call (810) 235-6333 or email Jack Tylus at jtylus0505@yahoo.com by Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2017 and leave the name and number of people attending.

FAITH FORMATION

Deacon Ron Kenney, Director of Faith Formation

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Do you remember the old commercial on T.V. that had the catch line, "When E.F. Hutton speaks, people listen."? Of course that ad was trying to sell a product, but it made me think about this week's Gospel where Jesus is asking the apostles, "Who do you say that I am?" Peter responds in the only way he can, "You are the Christ." And then Jesus tells Peter upon him, his church will be built. Peter became one of those people to whom people listened. There was something about him and his message that made people stop what they were doing and explore what he had to offer. Maybe it was his faith, his conviction, his joy, but it was something and people followed him. They followed him so much that, with the help of the Holy Spirit, this following has brought us to where we are today and we are still following. We are connected to that moment in Gospel History when Jesus asked that question and Peter responded the only way he knew how.

I guess we need to think about that moment and if we were posed that same question, how would we respond? And would people follow us because of our faith, our conviction, our joy? God needs us, in our everyday lives, to be like Peter: stand firm, be proud of who you are as a Catholic, and share your faith with joy and conviction. Walk the Talk! Be Peace! – Deacon Ron

Religious Education Formation (REF)

- For 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.
- Catechists Meeting. Wednesday, September 13th, 6:30pm all those involved in Faith Formation Ministry (K-12) to reflect on the year and see what's new as we prepare to share the faith with our young people.
- If you are interested in becoming a catechist or helping out in some way, contact Dcn. Ron.

Adult Faith Formation

- **Men's Fellowship:** Meets the First Saturday of each month, 7-8am, Prayer, Fellowship, and learning how to be the man, the father, the husband, the son, the co-worker that 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 Dcn. Ron. Sessions begin in September.

Senior Appreciation Dinner – Sept 26

St. John the Evangelist 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.