

# St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Community

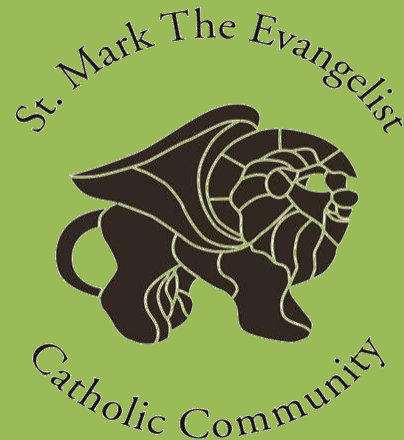
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Catholic Charities (810) 232-9950

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.

**Labor Day** is an annual national holiday. It also marks the return to school for most of our children, youth and teachers. In Michigan, it marks the end of summer as well. Below are two prayers: one for Labor Day and one for students and teachers.

**Labor Day Prayer**

God our creator,  
We are the work of your hands.  
Guide us in our work,  
That we may do it, not for self alone,  
But for the common good.  
Make us alert to injustice,  
Ready to stand in solidarity,  
That there may be dignity for all in labor and in labor's reward.  
Grant this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

**Blessing of students and teachers**

Lord God,  
Your Spirit of wisdom fills the earth  
And teaches us your ways.  
Look upon these students.  
Let them enjoy their learning and take delight in new discoveries.  
Help them to persevere in their studies  
And give them the desire to learn all things well.  
Look upon these teachers.  
Let them strive to share their knowledge with gentle patience  
And endeavor always to bring the truth to eager minds.  
Grant that students and teachers alike may follow Jesus Christ, the way, the truth, and the life,  
For ever and ever, Amen.

**Labor Day** reminds all of us about the dignity of work. As pastor, I am grateful for all the "labors of love" that are extended through the time and talent of our parishioners. It helps cultivate a family connection through an expression of our faith. We pray for those underemployed and unemployed; may they find work that helps positively shape and influence their lives.

**Capital Campaign Phase One:** All the labor that has gone into preparing for the replacement of the parking lot from planning, fundraising and fulfilling the requirements is coming to fruition. As the construction begins, there will be periodic updates detailing the project. The two entrances (Burpee Rd. and Gale Rd.) provide the opportunity for completing the project without interrupting our Parish life and activities. Weekend Masses, office hours and activities will remain the same during our parking lot renovation.

**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.

**Fr. Jean Marie Ndour, S.M.C** (Missionaries of the Sacred Heart) will be visiting our Parish during his time spent with his community in Chicago. He and I will be walking the Mackinac Bridge on Labor Day. I hope you have a safe and enjoyable Labor Day weekend!

Peace,

**MONDAY, September 4**  
**Labor Day – Office Closed**

**TUESDAY, September 5**  
10:00 a.m. – Shawl Ministry  
6:30 p.m. – Mass: +Germaine Boehme / Karen Mackey

**WEDNESDAY, September 6**  
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

**THURSDAY, September 7**  
7:00 p.m. – Choir practice

**FRIDAY, September 8**  
**Hospital Visits**

**SATURDAY, September 9**  
**Youth Group Bottle Drive**  
4:30–5:15 p.m. – Confessions – Church  
5:30 p.m. – Mass: +Hanamns Allman / Lengyel Family

**SUNDAY, September 10**  
8:00 a.m. – Mass: All Grandparents / Parish  
9:30 a.m. – Mass: +Sue & Dan Pike / Pike Children  
9:30 a.m. – Children's Liturgy of the Word  
10:30 a.m. – Bell Choir practice

**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](mailto:joanturner38@sbcglobal.net) or 248-410-2286.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Mon, 9/4: 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13;  
Lk 4:16-30, or, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Blessing of Human Labor," nos. 907-911
- Tue, 9/5: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14;  
Lk 4:31-37
- Wed, 9/6: Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44
- Thu, 9/7: Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-6; Lk 5:1-11
- Fri, 9/8: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6  
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]
- Sat, 9/9: Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5
- Sun, 9/10: Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 13:8-10;  
Mt 18:15-20

**Year-Round Weekend Mass Schedule**

As announced previously in May, we will be continuing with our current Mass schedule year-round.

**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-second Sunday in Ordinary Time FOLLOWING CHRIST

If you've ever had an unpleasant but somewhat amusing practical joke played on you, then you have some understanding of how Jeremiah feels today when he tells God "good one—you duped me." We can almost see him shaking his head with a bit of a rueful smile, but an angry undertone in his voice. In similar fashion, Peter thinks Jesus is "duping" him when Jesus starts to explain that being Messiah means suffering and dying, and being a follower of the Messiah means taking up a cross and doing the same. Jeremiah tries to deny God's will for him by trying to shut up; Peter—who has just been made the foundation of the church—out and out denies the teaching of Jesus, for which he is named "Satan" today. Fortunately for us, Jeremiah comes to realize that to have the word of God placed in your heart means that it will be futile to try and keep silent, even if it means scorn and derision from those around you. Luckily Peter ultimately returned to the faith he professed in last week's Gospel, and came to understand our need as baptized followers of Christ to follow in his way, even when it means following him to our very death.

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### PARISH STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE

August 26 & 27

Weekly Collection.....	\$3,783.00
Online Giving.....	\$3,995.00
Children.....	\$ 4.50
Youth.....	\$ 0.00
Mission Appeal.....	\$ 1,330.00



### Four Days of Amazing BBQ – Sept 7-10

World Class Bar-B-Q is giving back with 4 days of amazing barbecue! Sept. 7-10, 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Proceeds are donated to Catholic Charities' 3 Soup Kitchens. Donations are needed to cover start-up costs. Contact Dave Burton at 810-394-0314 for more information.

### 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.

### Divorce Survival Workshop

Starting September 17th at 6:30 p.m. in the school, Holy Family will be hosting *Surviving Divorce* on Sundays. Cost is \$14.95. This workshop will run through December 10<sup>th</sup>. There is an online resource for those who miss sessions. Call the church office 810-694-4891 for more information.

### Hurricane Harvey Relief Services

In the devastation left by Hurricane Harvey, many families are in need of short and long-term support to help rebuild their lives. If you are interested in helping provide aid, there are two websites you can visit to donate: <https://www.victoriadiocese.org/donate-hurricane-relief> and <https://catholiccharities.org/donate-now-and-help-our-neighbors-recover-from-disaster/>.

## FAITH FORMATION

### Deacon Ron Kenney, Director of Faith Formation

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I always love the challenging words of St. Paul in his letters to the different communities of faith he founded. In Romans 12 he is challenging that community to NOT conform to the ways of the world, but to be transformed. It kind of goes against the norm of the phrase, "When in Rome do as the Romans." While I think that phrase is important to help us adjust and learn from others, I think what St. Paul is challenging us with, is to believe in who we are as Christians and to let that be the guiding principle of how we live our lives.

It is not always easy because our society and culture seem to dictate a way that may not always seem to be in line with our Gospel message. St. Paul wants us to discern what God wants of us in our lives and that always points to what is good and pleasing and perfect. And isn't that our goal in life: to do what is Good, Pleasing and Perfect. It always amazes me to see that this 2000 plus year old message still applies today.

Take some time and go to prayer and seek God's will for you and YOU WILL be transformed.

Walk the Talk! Be Peace! – Deacon Ron

### Religious Education Formation (REF)

- For Grades K-12. Begins Sunday, Sept. 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, Sept. 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.

### Summer Youth Group

- Our summer gatherings came to an end and kids are heading back to school. A big thank you to all the ATP's that helped out and to the great group of young people that participated. It was a busy and fun-filled summer. Youth Group will begin again on Sunday, Sept. 24th 6-7:30pm. Mark it in your calendars; all 6th-12th graders are invited.

### 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](mailto:hpbach@charter.net) or Dcn. Ron. Sessions begin in September.

### Welcome to our new parishioners!

Please welcome our new parishioners Sarah Straus and David Burke.