

St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Community

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AA Hotline (810) 234-0815

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.

Grandparents Day: This Sunday is Grandparents Day. Grandparents are cherished members of our family. They bring gifts of wisdom, experience, love and share with us their life of faith. We thank God for their example and ask that God bless them with happiness and good health.

Lord God almighty, bless our grandparents with long life, happiness, and health.

May they remain constant in your love and be living signs of your presence to their children and grandchildren.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

USCCB from Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers

Prayer for 9/11: In remembering the tragic events that occurred on Sept. 11, 2001, may we resolve to put aside our differences and join together in the task of renewing our nation and world. Let us make our own the prayer of Pope Benedict XVI when he visited Ground Zero in New York in 2008:

O God of love, compassion, and healing, look on us, people of many different faiths and traditions, who gather today at this site, the scene of incredible violence and pain....

God of understanding, overwhelmed by the magnitude of this tragedy, we seek your light and guidance as we confront such terrible events. Grant that those whose lives were spared may live so that the lives lost here may not have been lost in vain. Comfort and console us, strengthen us in hope, and give us the wisdom and courage to work tirelessly for a world where true peace and love reign among nations and in the hearts of all.

Following the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops issued A Pastoral Message: Living With Faith and Hope After September 11. The message remains extremely relevant as we reflect on what happened that day and in the future. Visit www.usccb.org and search on "9/11" to re-read, reflect on, and pray with the bishops' statement. It is with God's help that we can have the strength to forgive and the ability to live in hope instead of fear and hatred.

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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. I signed the contract and debt loan on Friday Sept. 1, 2017. As the construction begins, there will be periodic updates detailing the project. The two Parish entrances (Burpee Rd. and Gale Rd.) will be used at different times for completing the project without interrupting our Parish life and activities. The weekend Masses, office hours and activities will remain the same during our parking lot replacement.

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.

Help Spread the Faith Appeal will be Sept 23 & 24. We are called upon to proclaim the Gospel from the mountain top. In today's society that is a big challenge.

Peace,

MONDAY, September 11

TUESDAY, September 12

6:30 p.m. – Mass: +John Sabo / Bob & Mary Ann Emick
7:00 p.m. – CCW

WEDNESDAY, September 13

8:30 a.m. – Bishop Earl Boyea / Parish
9:00 a.m. – St. Joseph Guild – Parish Center
10:00 a.m. – AA – Room 1 & 2
6:30 p.m. – Catechist Meeting

THURSDAY, September 14

7:00 p.m. – Choir practice

FRIDAY, September 15

Hospital Visits

SATURDAY, September 16

REF Registration after Mass

4:30–5:15 p.m. – Confessions – Church
5:30 p.m. – Mass: +Dan Pike / Ron & Sharon Roberts

SUNDAY, September 17

8:00 a.m. – Mass: People of the Parish / Parish
9:30 a.m. – Mass: Refugees / Parish
9:30 a.m. – Children's Liturgy of the Word
10:30 a.m. – Parish Breakfast
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 or 248-410-2286.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon, 9/11: Col 1:24 — 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11
Tue, 9/12: Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19
Wed, 9/13: Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-13ab; Lk 6:20-26
Thu, 9/14: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38;
Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Fri, 9/15: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11;
Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Sat, 9/16: 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-7; Lk 6:43-49
Sun, 9/17: Sir 27:30 — 28:9; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12;
Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

Caring for Creation – Ways to Help the Planet

Buy Local Products – Where possible, buy local produce. This saves all the pollution incurred by transporting goods long distance.

Hurricane Harvey Relief Services

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

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time GOD'S WATCHERS

In the ancient world watchmen were extremely important people. They kept communities safe, and were there to alert them to any impending danger or attack. Before locks, alarms, and security systems, watchmen were the protectors, the safety measure. So when the Lord charges Ezekiel as a watchman today, it is a weighty charge. So weighty, we learn, that if Ezekiel fails to sound the alarm for those around him and they perish in a state of wickedness, Ezekiel will be held responsible! This profound connection between God's will on earth and in heaven is repeated in today's Gospel, where Jesus instructs us that we are to be the security force, the watchers placed on alert that nowhere in the Body of Christ, the church, will there be any two members of the one Body who are not reconciled. Scripture tells us that Jesus reconciled all things in heaven and on earth through the blood of his cross. But we are given the mission to continue that reconciliation on earth as in heaven through our ceaseless efforts to be, as Paul would write, ambassadors of reconciliation. Let us not get too comfortable thinking that we are responsible only for keeping our own lives from the path of wickedness and disagreement. We are also held accountable for the lives of the members of Christ's body around us.

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE

September 2 & 3

Weekly Collection.....	\$4,243.39
Online Giving.....	\$2,510.00
Children.....	\$ 1.50
Youth.....	\$ 0.00
Mission Appeal.....	\$ 75.00



Parish breakfast – Sept. 17

Mark your calendars for the Parish breakfast on Sunday, Sept. 17 after the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Come enjoy pancakes, sausage and fresh fruit with other families.

CCW Paint and Pray Evening – Sept. 25

All are invited to join local artist, Dana George, with a step-by-step painting project at St. Mark on Mon. Sept. 25 at 6:30 p.m. It's \$25.00/person, which includes your canvas and paint supplies; bring a beverage/snack, and your friends! Reservations are a must; please register in the Gathering Space after Mass or call or e-mail the Parish Office.

CCW Annual Fall Scrapbook CROP – Oct. 20-21

Here is your opportunity to catch up on organizing those pictures! E-mail Cindy Bell at cabsandkids@aol.com. Registration includes plenty of space, snacks, vendors and prizes. The CROP will be held Friday from 6:00 p.m. to midnight (\$12) and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. (\$35). Breakfast, lunch & dinner will be served on Saturday.

Adult Backpacks Needed

The Social Justice Commission will be collecting adult backpacks through the fall for Catholic Charities. They will be used for the homeless. Please place in the Hope in a Box collection bin in the recycling room located off the Gathering Space.

FAITH FORMATION

Deacon Ron Kenney, Director of Faith Formation
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The Mackinac Bridge is one of our States greatest treasures. Most of us have ventured across the Mighty Mac many times. The Bridge itself is a suspension bridge. It is a construction that relies on the strength of cables that hang from towers and hold up a deck that serves as a crossway for whatever means of transportation goes across the bridge. The Mackinac Bridge relies on over 40,000 miles of wire cable to support the road that connects our two peninsulas. The smaller cables are bound TOGETHER to make the one cable strong enough to withstand the weight of vehicles that cross.

This is a good analogy of the importance each of us have in the Body of Christ and the Church. We are those smaller cables. We can each hold only a little weight, not all that much. But when we are united together and united with Jesus, we can hold the weight of the world. We come to Church every Sunday to form a community of faith. We are not in this alone. We need each other. We come and pray as a community to our Lord and God and we ask Him to protect us from the evils of the world, outside us and within us. We pray to God to bind us together into a community of love.

We need each other, and we need Jesus. We have each other. We have Jesus. We are the Body of Christ. We are the Church, TOGETHER!

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: TODAY 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) are invited 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.

St. Mark Middle School & High School REF/Youth Group

- This year beginning Sunday, Sept 24th, 6-7:30pm the 6th–12th graders will be meeting together for a time of Fun, Faith, Catechesis, Prayer and building community. St. Mark Youth Group is a great way to get involved in your faith and learn how to be BOLD AND PROUD to be a Catholic Young Person. For more info contact Dcn. Ron.

Adult Faith Formation

- **Men's Fellowship:** Meets the First Saturday of each month, 7-8am.

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) at hpbach@charter.net or Dcn. Ron. Sessions begin in September.