

St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Community

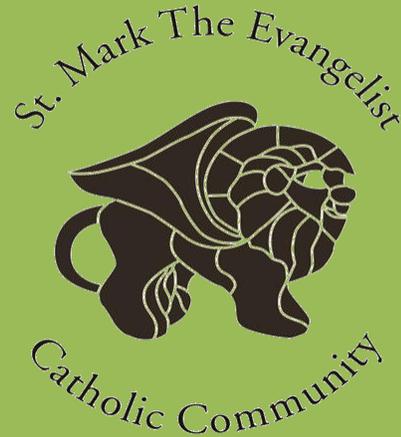
Address: 7296 Gale Rd. – Grand Blanc, MI 48439

Parish Office:

Phone (810) 636-2216 – Fax (810) 636-3221

Website: <http://www.stmarkgoodrich.org>

 Facebook: Goodrich Saint Mark



PARISH PASTORAL MINISTERS:

Pastor, Rev. Michael W. Kuchar
stmarkpastor@hotmail.com

Director of Faith Formation, Deacon Ronald Kenney
stmarkdff@hotmail.com

Director of RCIA, Pamela Bachner
stmarkrcia@hotmail.com

Director of Music Ministry, Michael Goetz
stmarkmm@hotmail.com

PARISH SUPPORT STAFF:

Administrative Assistant, Caitie Essenmacher
stmarkparish1@hotmail.com

Business Manager, Sue Griffith
stmarkparish2@hotmail.com

Time & Talent Coordinator, Sharon Roberts
stmarktt@hotmail.com

PARISH COUNCILS:

Pastoral Council: stmarkpc@hotmail.com

Finance Council: stmarkfc@hotmail.com

PARISH – VICARIATE MINISTRIES:

AA Meetings (Wed., 10:00 a.m.)
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.

Genesee/Shiawassee Region: Our parish is located in one of the six regions of the Diocese of Lansing. Last Friday, I went to our quarterly Vicariate meeting. These meetings are intended to look at shared mission and ministry for the good of our area. Several topics were covered that I will share with you.

1. **Patrick O'Brien**, President and CEO of Faith Catholic, presented information on an Evangelization Marketing Plan called Catholics Come Home campaign. There will be more information as we approach Advent in December.

2. **Fr. Thomas Firestone**, pastor of St. John Vianney, provided an update on the various developments that are occurring in the different parishes in the city of Flint.

3. **Vicky Schultz**, CEO at Catholic Charities for Genesee and Shiawassee Counties, presented on the different ministries at the Center for Hope. She made a direct plea for the grave need for foster parents.

"When children are removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect, or an unsafe environment, it is a traumatic experience. All of their possessions, whatever will fit – are put in a single garbage bag and they leave immediately. This is how many start their journey in search of a caring, safe foster home. Your home."

Steps to becoming a foster parent: Educate yourself.

Contact our agency. Attend an orientation.

Phone: 810-232-3418.

Address: 901 Chippewa St. Flint, MI 48503

Website: www.ccsgec.org Email: givehope@ccsgec.org

See bulletin board in parish center for informational fliers.

4. **LaKurt Harris**, Program Manager of Think Before You Act, presented his Positive Behavior Support Program. This initiative is directing and redirecting the lives of children and youth. Young people who participate in the "Think Before You Act" program will:

- Understand the importance of education
- Gain perspective on behavior and choices
- Learn to maximize their potential
- Develop nutritional and healthy eating habits
- Engage in physical fitness training
- Learn three levels of responsibility
- Develop critical thinking skills
- Learn to set short and long term goals
- Build Social Connections

See Bulletin Board in parish center for more information.

Phase One Capital Campaign Update: Construction began on Monday morning for our parking lot. Right now, the focus is on the multiple drainage areas that feed into the Genesee water system. You will see different lawn grades that will direct run-off water. Each day/week will see new progress in each of the overall projects. Plan to arrive early and one of the driveways will be open for use. In conjunction with our project, the bike and walk path across the front of our property is coming to completion. It is expected that all the work will be completed in the next 2-3 weeks.

In the meantime, all of us can be about prayer and patience as our parking lot comes to fruition.

Peace,

MONDAY, September 18

TUESDAY, September 19

10:00 a.m. – Shawl Ministry

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

7:00 p.m. – Parish Commission Meeting

WEDNESDAY, September 20

8:30 a.m. – Evangelization / Parish

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

10:00 a.m. – AA – Room 1 & 2

THURSDAY, September 21

7:00 p.m. – Choir practice

FRIDAY, September 22

Hospital Visits

Sept 22-24 – CCW Women's Retreat at St. Francis Center, DeWitt

SATURDAY, September 23

National Collection: Help Spread the Faith

4:30–5:15 p.m. – Confessions – Church

5:30 p.m. – Mass: People of the Parish / Parish

SUNDAY, September 24

8:00 a.m. – Mass: All baptized in the faith / Parish

9:30 a.m. – Mass: Missionaries / Parish

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

10:30 a.m. – Hospitality Hour

10:30 a.m. – Bell Choir practice

11:00 a.m. – REF: Gr K-5

11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. – Parent Meeting

6:00 p.m. – REF: Gr 6-12

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, 9/18: 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7-9; Lk 7:1-10

Tue, 9/19: 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-3ab, 5-6; Lk 7:11-17

Wed, 9/20: 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 7:31-35

Thu, 9/21: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13

Fri, 9/22: 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3

Sat, 9/23: 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 8:4-15

Sun, 9/24: Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

Caring for Creation – Ways to Help the Planet

Invest in A Travel Mug – Having a travel mug keeps your coffee/tea hot for longer, meaning less waste and less re-boiling the kettle! Some coffee chains will even offer a discount for filling up your own cup rather than issuing a paper one.

Year-Round Weekend Mass Schedule

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

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time FORGIVENESS

Nearly ten years before, a son and father had parted ways when the business they shared went bankrupt. The son blamed the father. They did not speak to each other again.

Then the father became seriously ill. The mother called the son and told him he had better come soon. The son walked sheepishly into the hospital room. The father motioned his son to him and whispered: "Did you ever think you could do anything that would keep me from loving you?"

Resentment and anger are foul things, the first reading from Sirach tells us. Remember the last things. Stop hating. Live by the commandments. As Saint Paul writes to the Romans, we are to live for the Lord and die for the Lord.

Jesus' parable in today's Gospel reminds us of God's compassion. The immense sin of humanity has been forgiven and stricken from the record. We are to forgive others in the same way.

Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE

September 9 & 10

Weekly Collection	\$3,639.00
Online Giving	\$2,310.00
Children.....	\$ 0.00
Youth.....	\$ 3.00
Christian Service.....	\$ 1,257.00



Help Spread the FAITH – Sept 23 & 24

The Help Spread the FAITH Appeal makes evangelization efforts possible. With your support of the special collection that will be taken up next weekend, we can use the power of the media and continue to answer Christ's call to reach out with the Gospel message.

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 all your 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.

Euchre & Luncheon – Sept. 29

It's time for Euchre at 10:00 a.m. on Sept. 29 with a light lunch to follow. Cost is \$5.00. Please contact Ruth and Mike Petroski at 810-344-7293 or teacuplady47@hotmail.com to sign up so we can plan accordingly.

St. Mark at North End Soup Kitchen – Sept. 29

Friday, Sept. 29, the fifth Friday of the month, is our parish's assigned day to serve lunch at the North End Soup Kitchen. If you wish to volunteer, please call the Parish Office; we gather at 8:30 a.m. by the Parish Office entrance in the parking lot for carpooling. After preparing and serving lunch, we return to the Parish. Come make a difference!

CCW Annual Fall Scrapbook CROP – Oct. 20-21

E-mail Cindy Bell at cabsandkids@aol.com. Registration includes plenty of space, snacks, vendors and prizes. Friday 6:00 p.m. – midnight (\$12) and Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. (\$35). Breakfast, lunch & dinner served on Saturday.

FAITH FORMATION

Deacon Ron Kenney, Director of Faith Formation

Tel: 810-636-2216 E-mail: stmarkdff@hotmail.com

Forgiveness is easy to say, but is it easy to do? NO! We all want to think we have it in us to be able to just release others from the wrongs committed against us or to even just forgive ourselves for things we may have done. But the reality is that it's not an easy task. However, Jesus tells us, put it aside and begin the healing process by forgiving.

Is there someone whom you hate? Is there something from your past that has had a negative impact on you? Maybe someone has hurt you badly. Maybe it is something more recent that creates such anxiety in you. Maybe you don't like yourself. Maybe you did something terrible many years ago and have now decided that you cannot forgive yourself. Today's Gospel tells us, "Let go. Let go of the pain. Let go of the hatred." This anger, hatred and pain puts us in a prison-like state of being. It is what holds us back. We have suffered enough from the past. We are called today into the joy of the Lord. We need to offer up our anger to the Cross. We need to unite our upset to His upset. We need to listen to him and let go of what we call a justified grudge. When we do that, we can live in the freedom that Jesus promises; free from our worst enemy, free from our own hatred. When we do that, we are FREE TO LOVE, as he loves us every day.

Walk the Talk! Be Peace! – Deacon Ron

Religious Education Formation (REF)

- For Grades K-12. Begins next Sunday, Sept. 24th (K-5: 11-12:30pm, 6-12: 6-7:30pm). Registration Weekend: TODAY after all masses.
- 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

- Beginning on 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.
- **UNASHAMED: Diocese of Lansing High School Youth Conference 2017.** Sunday, Nov. 5th, Lansing Center, Lansing, MI. For all 9th-12th graders, a day to celebrate our Catholic Faith as Young People in the Diocese of Lansing. 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) hpbach@charter.net or Dcn. Ron. Sessions begin in September.