

St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Community

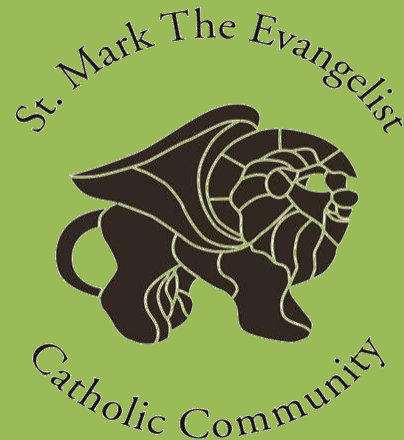
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

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.

State of the Parish

As Pastor, I give an annual State of the Parish update. Today's insert focuses on the areas of Stewardship, Time, Talent and Treasure. This reflects the last Pastoral Year which runs from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.

A major project was the completion of the Witness to Hope Campaign. Phase One included the replacement of the parking lot, drainage area and sidewalks. One of the improvements is the location of the handicap accessible parking spaces with the accessible sidewalk ramps. The main church entrance now has the accessible sidewalk entrance which will facilitate not only parishioners coming and going, but also will assist funerals with the casket. The Parish Center handicap accessible parking has been moved to the south, which is on level ground. The entrance off Gale Rd provides better vision for turning into the parking area. The project will be continuing into November.

As part of our 40th Anniversary celebration, we have several ideas that will complement the current construction. There are plans to plant 40 trees on the church property (more details will be forthcoming). If you have any expertise or interest in that area, please call me. There are plans to use Time and Talent resources, along with staff, to move the rectory sidewalk to the north, in order to comply with Federal law. The building and Grounds Committee is looking into improved lighting for the Parish Offices entrance.

The initial payment of \$203,877 was paid on Oct. 25th. This payment came from the Witness to Hope paid pledges. Future payments will include paid pledges as well as the loan from the Diocese. As I mentioned throughout the summer, those that are able to make accelerated payments will lower our interest paid and our principal. Again, any questions, please feel free to contact me. I am very grateful that our Phase One Campaign project is coming to an end.

All Saints Day – Nov. 1

A reminder, this Wednesday, November 1 is All Saints Day. This holy day of obligation is a day dedicated to the Saints of the church. Our mass times are 8:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

All Soul's Day / Book of Remembrance – Nov. 2

On All Souls' Day, November 2, we remember and honor those who have died this past year, including our loved ones that we have lost. The Book of Remembrance will be next to the Baptismal Font. You may remember a deceased family member or friend by adding their name to the book. We will hold all of these people in our prayers, especially in the month of November.

Thank you to all those that helped on the Fall Parish Clean-Up on Saturday, October 28th. A great deal was accomplished thanks to the Time and Talent of our parishioners. I always say the Fall Clean-Up Days are a way for parishioners to feel ownership in their parish. Your Time and Talent throughout the year is an extremely valued gift that helps build the reign of God locally.

Peace,

MONDAY, October 30

TUESDAY, October 31

6:30 p.m. – Mass: Respect Life / Parish

WEDNESDAY, November 1

All Saints Day

8:30 a.m. – Mass: People of the Parish / Parish

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

10:00 a.m. – AA – Room 1 & 2

6:30 p.m. – Mass: All Saints Day / Parish

THURSDAY, November 2

6:30 p.m. – All Soul's Day Mass & Reception

7:00 p.m. – Choir practice

FRIDAY, November 3

First Friday Hospital & Home Visits

8:30 a.m. – Mass: +Norbetta Lakra / Fr. Mike

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

SATURDAY, November 4

7:00 a.m. – Men's Fellowship

4:30–5:15 p.m. – Confessions – Church

5:30 p.m. – Mass: +Robert Whipple / Family

6:30 p.m. – Parish Dinner

SUNDAY, November 5

Anointing of the Sick

8:00 a.m. – Mass: +Patti Flynn / Ron & Sharon Roberts

9:30 a.m. – Mass: +Joyce Alford / Gary Stillwater & Jackie Maul

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

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, 10/30: Rom 8:12-17; Ps 68:2, 4, 6-7ab, 20-21; Lk 13:10-17

Tue, 10/31: Rom 8:18-25; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 13:18-21

Wed, 11/1: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

Thu, 11/2: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40, or any readings from no. 668 or from Masses for the Dead, nos. 1011-1016

Fri, 11/3: Rom 9:1-5; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 14:1-6

Sat, 11/4: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18; Lk 14:1, 7-11

Sun, 11/5: Mal 1:14b — 2:2b, 8-10; Ps 131:1-3; 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13; Mt 23:1-12

Caring for Creation – Ways to Help the Planet

Recycle Your Cell Phone – 130 million cell phones are disposed each year into landfills where the toxins pollute the ground. Use a recycling program for your cell phones. St. Mark is one of many places that take old cell phones for recycling.

**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
BALANCE**

Today's scriptures emphasize the fundamental link between love of God and love of our neighbors, especially those who are most in need. Love of God should compel us to love the people whom God cherishes. Conversely, work for justice and charity for those in need should be rooted in our love of God.

That connection and balance, however, isn't always easy to maintain in our lives. Even in religious orders we find that some Christians are more oriented toward contemplation and prayer, while others are more active in reaching out to those who are oppressed. Today Jesus reminds us of the necessity for both in the life of faith.

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE	
October 21 & 22	
Weekly Collection.....	\$3,371.06
Online Giving.....	\$1,600.00
Children.....	\$ 16.80
Youth.....	\$ 0.00
World Mission.....	\$ 558.00



World Mission Sunday

Thank you for your generous response to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith on World Mission Sunday. While only some are called to go to the Missions to serve, all of us are called to support the Church's missionary work by our prayers and financial help. Please continue to pray for all who serve in mission countries that they may remain strong in faith and in their vocation as they go about proclaiming the Good News of Christ.

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration – Nov. 3

First Friday, Nov. 3, is Eucharistic Adoration 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sign up for an hour of prayer. We need one or more individuals an hour. Spend time with the Lord in prayer.

Visit Aquinas College – Nov. 3 & 10

Aquinas College is hosting two AQDays for all high school juniors and seniors interested in visiting their beautiful 117-acre campus. You're invited 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. Friday, Nov. 3: General AQDay (open to all academic majors) and Friday, Nov. 10: STEM & Health Sciences AQDay. Please visit aquinas.edu/aqday for more details or to register.

Parish Dinner – Nov. 4

Join us for our first Saturday Parish Dinner on Nov. 4, after the 5:30 p.m. Mass. Bring your family! Sign up by Nov. 1 in the Gathering Space or call the Parish Office 810-636-2216.

Basket Weaving Classes – November 15

Do you have an interest in learning how to weave a basket? Two classes will be offered on Wednesday, Nov. 15: an afternoon session – 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and an evening session – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$25.00 per person, which includes instruction and materials. Sign up with the Parish Office or in the Gathering Space. A special Christmas basket is one of our selections.

FAITH FORMATION

Deacon Ron Kenney, Director of Faith Formation

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Awhile back, the former NBA player, now turned analyst for sports TV, Charles Barkley, was quoted as saying, "I'm not a role model... Just because I dunk a basketball doesn't mean I should raise your kids." To a certain extent that is true, I don't want Charles Barkley raising my kids, I'm their dad, I will. But, on the other hand I disagree with that statement because we are all role models and yes someone is watching us and learning from whom we are and what we do.

In St. Paul's letter to the Thessalonians, he says, "You became imitators of us and of the Lord So that you became a model for all believers." These words are at the heart of who we are as Catholic Christians. We are not called to BELIEVE in private. Jesus wants us to share our faith so that others might come to believe and "have life and have it more abundantly." (Jn 10:10) In these words we are challenged to look at our everyday lives and see how we are living as a model of Catholic Christian living. Our faith life IS NOT meant to be lived 1 hour a week in church; it is 24 hours a day 7 days a week. As much as we don't want the responsibility of being that role model, we are. In Baptism, you put on the hat that says, "I am a Catholic Christian." Yes, someone is watching you and learning from who you are and what you do. They are watching and THEY WILL want what you have.

You may want to know how you become the best possible role model you can as a Catholic Christian. Well, Jesus spells it out plain and simple, "Love the Lord with all your heart, soul and mind and Love your neighbor as yourself." Begin there and those watching WILL want to imitate you and the Lord.

Walk the Talk! Be Peace! – Deacon Ron

Religious Education Formation (REF) *Serve One Another Through Love – Galatians 5:13*

- 11/5 REF (K-5)
- 11/11 First Reconciliation Parent/Child Retreat (9:30am-12:30pm)
- 11/12 Confirmation Mini Session #2 (2-5pm)

Adult Faith Formation

- **Men's Fellowship:** Meets the First Saturday of each month, 7-8am. Next: Nov. 4th
- **Advent Awakenings Bible study/discussion:** Mondays 7pm (11/27, 12/4, 11, 18) Focus on the significance of this holy season with Advent Awakenings, a four-session faith-sharing experience grounded in the Sunday Gospel readings. Prepare for Jesus' coming by setting aside everyday busyness and become more deeply aware of God's call. Sign up begins through the month of November in the Gathering Space or by contacting the Faith Formation Office.

Diocesan Annual Attendance Counts

Every October, parishes in our Diocese track attendance during each weekend Mass. As always, your attendance is appreciated as is your participation!

Calling all snowbirds!

If you plan to spend the winter away, let the Parish Office know your alternate address so we can keep in touch.