

St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Community

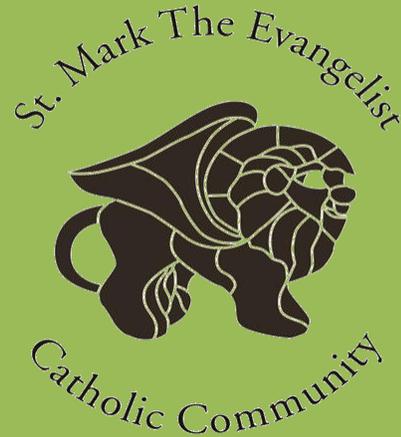
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

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.

National Vocations Awareness Week:

Below is an excerpt for your spiritual reflection from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

"The Catholic Church in the United States will celebrate National Vocations Awareness Week, November 5-11, 2017. This annual event is a special time for parishes in the United States to actively foster and pray for a culture of vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life.

Cardinal Joseph Tobin, the Chair of the US Bishops' Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life, and Vocations, reminds us that each of us in the Church has a key role to play in the witness of our vocation in ordinary circumstances, "As we go about our everyday life and most especially this week, we must keep vocations in our prayers, while, at the same time, being a mindful witness with our own vocation. We may never know how our lives may have an impact on someone else's story. Simply living out our call as disciples of Jesus Christ fully and joyfully in the world bears witness to the love of Christ as He generously bestows on each of us our own personal call."

National Vocations Awareness Week, sponsored by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life, and Vocations, is designed to help promote vocation awareness and to encourage young people to ask the question: "To what vocation in life is God calling me?" Parish and school communities across the nation are encouraged to include, during the first full week in November, prayer and special activities that focus on vocation awareness.

Observance of Vocation Awareness Week began in 1976 when the U.S. bishops designated the 28th Sunday of the year for the celebration. It was later moved to Feast of the Baptism of the Lord in January. The USCCB Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations moved the observance of National Vocation Awareness Week to November to engage Catholic schools and colleges more effectively in this effort."
(<http://www.usccb.org/news/2017/17-185.cfm>)

Over the years, I have done vocation talks in various settings. Each time, it has been good to reflect upon my faith formation from childhood to adulthood. During this week of Vocation Awareness, I invite you to remember your own faith journey and how that impacts you today. Consider having some intentional conversations with family and friends about faith and vocation in life.

In November, we have a National Collection to support the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**. There are over 46 million people in the United States living in poverty, and this collection supports programs to empower local communities to address the challenges they face. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development supports those living in poverty across the country to identify and address the unique obstacles they face as they work to lift themselves out of poverty. In addition, 25 percent of funds collected will remain in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. By supporting this collection, you are giving those on the margins a hand up, not a hand out.

Peace,

MONDAY, November 6

TUESDAY, November 7

10:00 a.m. – Shawl Ministry
6:30 p.m. – Mass: 10 Year Pastoral Plan / Parish
7:00 p.m. – Finance Council

WEDNESDAY, November 8

8:30 a.m. – Mass: Bipin Lakra / Fr. Mike
9:00 a.m. – St. Joseph Guild – Parish Center
10:00 a.m. – AA – Room 1 & 2
6:00 p.m. – RCIA

THURSDAY, November 9

7:00 p.m. – Choir practice

FRIDAY, November 10

Hospital Visits

SATURDAY, November 11 Stewardship Weekend

Youth Group Bottle Drive
9:30 a.m. – First Penance Parent / Child Retreat
4:30–5:15 p.m. – Confessions – Church
5:30 p.m. – Mass: +Dick Daly / The Daly Family

SUNDAY, November 12 Stewardship Weekend

Youth Group Bottle Drive
8:00 a.m. – Mass: Stewardship Awareness / Parish
9:30 a.m. – Mass: +Doris & Art Martell / Dora Hoelscher
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+
2:00 p.m. – 9th Grade Confirmation Mini Session #2
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, 11/6: Rom 11:29-36; Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36;
Lk 14:12-14
Tue, 11/7: Rom 12:5-16b; Ps 131:1bcde-3;
Lk 14:15-24
Wed, 11/8: Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9;
Lk 14:25-33
Thu, 11/9: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9;
1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
Fri, 11/10: Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 16:1-8
Sat, 11/11: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11;
Lk 16:9-15
Sun, 11/12: Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63:2-8; 1 Thes 4:13-18
[13-14]; Mt 25:1-13

Online Giving Now Made Easier!

St. Mark offers online giving for parishioners who prefer to donate through automatic draft, a secure and personalized way to give to the parish. Visit the St. Mark website to sign up or call the Parish Office for information and help.

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time THE GREATEST AMONG US

Whom do you admire? Is it the President of the United States or a movie star or a billionaire? These are people whom the world exalts as great. Like the Pharisees in today's Gospel, they have places of honor wherever they go. Would you like to follow in their footsteps?

The scriptures for today offer different examples for us to follow. Jesus tells us that the greatest among us are the servants. These are the people we are to honor and imitate. We are called to be like Paul, who worked hard to serve the needs of his communities, and Jesus, who gave his life in service to the world.

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE

October 28 & 29

Weekly Collection.....	\$3,529.00
Online Giving.....	\$1,300.00
Children.....	\$ 4.10
Youth.....	\$ 2.00
World Mission.....	\$ 30.00
All Soul's.....	\$ 20.00



November – Book of Remembrance

In November we remember those who have died this past year and all 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 during the month of November.

Stewardship weekend – Nov. 11 and 12

During the weekend of Nov. 11 and 12, we will be asked to prayerfully consider our gifts of Time, Talent & Treasure to the St. Mark Catholic Community. Please take some time this week to consider how God has blessed you and how you can share those blessings.

Basket Weaving Classes – Nov. 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.

CCW Bake Sale – Nov. 18 and 19

CCW hosts the annual fall bake sale the weekend of Nov. 18 & 19 after all Masses. We are looking for donations of baked goods to help make our sale a success. Please drop off your items before any Mass that weekend. Call Donna Brothers at 810-636-7041 or Mary McFarlane 810-344-9859 with questions. Stop and shop the goodies for sale that weekend!

Parish breakfast – Nov. 19

Mark your calendars for the Parish breakfast on Sunday, Nov. 19 after the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Come enjoy pumpkin pancakes, bacon and fresh fruit with other families.

Thanksgiving Mass – Nov. 22

Our Thanksgiving Mass this year will be celebrated on Wednesday, Nov. 22 at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome!

FAITH FORMATION

Deacon Ron Kenney, Director of Faith Formation

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It is written in Matthew 23, "Call no one on earth father; you have but one Father in heaven." This verse has been used to criticize the Catholic tradition of calling our priests "Father." It does make us wonder why then would we do this when Jesus is making a direct statement of not doing this? To understand this practice, we have to also know that Jesus used hyperbole, an exaggeration, to explain and teach the way of faith. Some religious leaders in Jesus' day took advantage of their "place of honor." They relished in the title and enjoyed the perks. Jesus challenged them and condemned them for being "served" rather than first "serving." It is not wrong to refer to anyone as father. I myself have 5 children and am called "father." Are my children committing a sin? No. It is an identity that expresses relationship, guidance, responsibility, love, care, concern and serving.

Catholics know that as members of a parish family, they have been committed to a priest's spiritual care; much like a father cares for their own children. They have great regard for priests and call them "father." Priests, in turn, follow the apostles' biblical example by referring to members of their flock as "my son" or "my child." We need our priests. We need their care, concern, service and guidance. We need our spiritual fathers!

Walk the Talk! Be Peace!

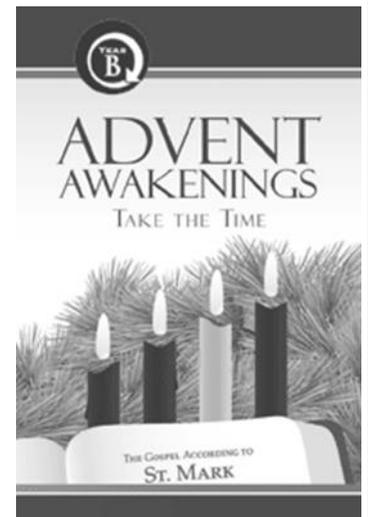
Deacon Ron

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

- 11/11 First Reconciliation Parent/Child Retreat (9:30am-12:30pm)
- 11/12 REF (K-5, 6-12)
- 11/12 Confirmation Mini Session #2 (2-5pm)

Adult Faith Formation

- **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.



Office Closed – Nov. 23

Our Parish Offices will be closed on Thursday and will reopen on Friday, Nov. 24.