

St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Community

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AA Hotline (810) 234-0815

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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.

Discernment Presentation with Parish

Last weekend at all the weekend liturgies, I presented my discernment as follows: "Annually every priest gets a form from the Bishop for accessing their current assignment which covers overall well-being of both the priest and the parish. Those discerning Senior Status – retirement – are asked to let the Bishop know for the planning process next year across the Diocese.

Senior Status is the title the Diocese uses to refer to retirement years. Senior priests, as you have experienced, cover during sabbaticals, vacations, etc.

I have written my letter to Bishop Boyea for Senior Status. I will be retiring next June. There is process which follows when a parish vacancy is made known. I believe the 9 years of serving at St. Mark have been filled with growth on many levels. The Time, Talent and Treasure of Stewardship has allowed many goals of the 10-Year Pastoral Plan to be realized. There has been needed construction in the buildings and grounds as well as spiritual formation in different ministries. The Finance and Pastoral Councils, along with the Parish Commission members, have responded generously for the goals to be achieved.

The next chapter for both the parish and me will be written in the coming years. I invite each of us to pray as a parish family during these months of transition. I am grateful for the faith commitment of parishioners that began the parish; for those who contributed along the way and to my experience as Pastor over the last nine years.

God's blessing and peace be with us."

Phase I - There was a meeting on Tuesday which settled the major completion of Phase I. This included the improvements involved with the replacement of the parking lot. The outcome is the top layer and final striping will occur in April. As pledges are paid, we, as a parish, will receive quarterly transfers that will be applied to the Diocesan loan. If you are in a position to accelerate your pledges this will reduce any interest amount along with shortening the debt time table. All of us are grateful for the work that has been done so far. Our new parking lot is an enhancement to our parish buildings and grounds. Everyone's contribution to date is appreciated. Thank you.

National Collection Retirement Fund for Religious:

December 2 & 3 is a collection to support the elderly religious. Your gift helps religious communities furnish necessities and provide for them beyond their years of service.

Thanksgiving Prayer

All powerful God, we appeal to your tender care that even as you temper the winds and rains to nurture the fruits of the earth you will also send upon them the gentle shower of your blessing. Fill the hearts of your people with gratitude that, from the earth's fertility, the hungry may be filled with good things and the poor and needy proclaim the glory of your name.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

As your Pastor, I offer thanksgiving for all the dedicated parishioners who give joyfully of their Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure throughout the pastoral year.

May you have a Blessed Thanksgiving!

Peace,

MONDAY, November 20

7:00 p.m. – Building & Grounds Committee Meeting

TUESDAY, November 21

10:00 a.m. – Shawl Ministry

6:30 p.m. – Mass: Evangelization / Parish

7:00 p.m. – Parish Commissions Meeting

WEDNESDAY, November 22

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

6:30 p.m. – Thanksgiving Mass: People of the Parish / Parish

THURSDAY, November 23

Thanksgiving Day – Office Closed

FRIDAY, November 24

Hospital Visits

9:00 a.m. – Giving Tree set up

SATURDAY, November 25

4:30–5:15 p.m. – Confessions – Church

5:30 p.m. – Mass: +Germaine Boehme / Karen Mackey

SUNDAY, November 26

Christ the King

8:00 a.m. – Mass: People of the Parish / Parish

9:30 a.m. – Mass: Leaders of Nations / Parish

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

10:30 a.m. – Hospitality Hour

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, 11/20: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43

Tue, 11/21: 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10

Wed, 11/22: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15; Lk 19:11-28

Thu, 11/23: 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lk 19:41-44

Thanksgiving Day, Suggested:

Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19

Fri, 11/24: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11-12; Lk 19:45-48

Sat, 11/25: 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19; Lk 20:27-40

Sun, 11/26: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-3, 5-6; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

Stewardship Cards Now Online!

On our parish homepage, stmarkgoodrich.org, there is a link under Time, Talent and Treasure where you can access and fill out your online Stewardship card! Don't forget to hit submit when you are done.

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time SHARING OUR GIFTS

Autumn is the season for harvesting and sharing the fruits of our labors. This week's scriptures use images of the harvest, family life, pregnancy, and investment to describe the abundant harvest in the reign of God. We discover that sharing the gifts we have been given brings eternal rewards for everyone.

In the Gospel parable a master entrusts his possessions to three servants before going on a journey. Each is given some talents. What they do with those talents determines what the master will do with them when he returns. How about us? What are we doing with our talents? How will our Master treat us when he returns?

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE

November 11 & 12

Weekly Collection.....	\$ 3,690.00
Online Giving.....	\$ 1,400.00
Children.....	\$ 5.00
Youth.....	\$ 2.00
Christian Service.....	\$ 1,061.00



Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection

Please be generous in this week's second collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in six people lives in poverty. With this collection, you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those who are struggling across the country. In addition, 25 percent of funds collected remains in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins. More information about the CCHD can be found at www.usccb.org/nationalcollections.

Thanksgiving Mass – Nov. 22

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

Office Closed – Nov. 23

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

First Friday Adoration – Dec. 1

Friday, Dec. 1, is the First Friday of the month. Adoration is from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Sign up for a one-hour slot; we need one or more individuals per hour. This is a wonderful way to spend time with the Lord this Advent.

Parish Dinner – Dec. 2

Join us for our First Saturday Parish Dinner Pot Roast on Dec. 2, after the 5:30 p.m. Mass. Bring your family! Sign up by Nov. 29 in the Gathering Space or call the Parish Office 810-636-2216.

CCW Advent Tea – Dec. 3

Prepare your heart and mind for the birth of Christ with an afternoon of friendship, scripture and luncheon at the Advent by Candlelight Tea on Sunday, Dec. 3, 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. Host a table and invite your own guests, or sign up and be our guest. Hostess packets and sign-up will be available after Masses. Contact Debi Foerster at 810-694-5983.

FAITH FORMATION

Deacon Ron Kenney, Director of Faith Formation

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St. Paul tells the Thessalonians AND US that we know we should be ready for the end, but we shouldn't be afraid. We won't be in the dark as long as we live in the Light of the Lord.

One of my favorite Popes is Pope St. John XXIII. He was a simple man. He served from 1958 to 1963. His motto for his life, which was as simple as he was, was "Now, I begin." I think of this motto whenever I think of living every day in the Light of the Lord. Every day is an opportunity to begin again the work of the Lord, no matter what has happened. We need the determination to live each day as the first day and greatest day of our lives. Every day we need to begin again, to find new ways to live in the Light of the Lord.

Possibly an addiction has unsettled our lives, damaging ourselves and others. Maybe we have broken a relationship because of infidelity. Perhaps we have lived a lie or deceived others and that deception is affecting how we treat others. Perhaps the lure of sin seriously damaged our spiritual lives. Addictions, infidelities, sinful choices, no matter what we have fallen into, no matter what lies we have fallen for, the end is not upon us yet. There is still time to live for the Lord. We can live in the Light. We need to look for new ways today and every day to serve the Lord. For today and every day WE MUST BEGIN. Walk the Talk! Be Peace! – Deacon Ron

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

- 11/26 NO REF (K-5, 6-12)
- 12/3 REF (k-5, 6-12)

Children's Christmas Pageant

- All children, 4yrs of age on up, are invited to take part in the story of the Birth of Jesus at the beginning of the 4:30pm Christmas Eve Liturgy. Sign up at REF or by contacting Dcn. Ron. Practice is Sunday, Dec. 17th, 11am-12:30pm.

St. Mark Youth Group

- **Regional Catholic High School Lock-in:** Friday, Dec. 15th (8pm-6am) at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church. Fun, Food, Music, Games, Friends, Faith and staying up all night! Cost is \$10. Sign up at Sunday Youth Group. All High Schoolers of St. Mark and their friends are invited.

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 in the Gathering Space.

