

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.

In our world today, we hear much of immigrants and migrants and "protecting" ourselves and our country from those seeking asylum. As Christians, we are taught by Christ to love our neighbor as we love ourselves, to welcome the stranger and overcome our own fears and ignorance. We all are immigrants – born of different races and ethnic backgrounds – brought here in moments of hope, desperation and opportunity.

During his visit to the United States, Pope Francis addressed us, saying, "We, the people of this continent, are not fearful of foreigners, because most of us were once foreigners. I say this to you as the son of immigrants, knowing that so many of you are also descended from immigrants....Let us treat others with the same passion and compassion with which we want to be treated. Let us seek for others the same possibilities which we seek for ourselves. Let us help others to grow, as we would like to be helped ourselves. In a word, if we want security, let us give security; if we want life, let us give life; if we want opportunities, let us provide opportunities."

Let us reflect and pray on how we can help immigrants and refugees find welcome, as individuals and as a community. Through volunteering at shelters to help support families trying to start a new life, through donations and through our freedom of speech through our legislature, may we all follow in Christ's path and reach out to the stranger.

A Prayer for Our Country

We know, Lord, that you yourself are a migrant. You experienced the trials of the refugee, having fled as a child with your parents, Joseph and Mary, to Egypt. We know your special love for those with no other possession but one another, and you.

Move our hearts, Lord, and the hearts of our leaders to love them as you do, to love them with your love, to be your love for migrants at the doorway of our country.

On December 8, we will celebrate the **Immaculate Conception of Mary**. I invite all of our parishioners to bring images of Mary for a display on Friday, December 8th at our 8:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Masses.

Grow + Go is an initiative of the Diocese of Lansing to help parishes continue to create a culture of conversion, discipleship and evangelization.

Grow + Go isn't just a one-time event for the feast of Christ the King. Rather, it is the next step in a process that began with Bishop Boyea's 2012 pastoral letter, *Go and Announce the Gospel of the Lord*, in which he wrote: "*Many today do not know Jesus. Let us evangelize our world! There are sister and brothers, family members and friends who have left the Church. Let us re-engage them in the life of the Body of Christ! We cannot do this unless we ourselves are converted more fully to the Lord Jesus. Let us be his disciples!*"

The bishop's pastoral letter provided a "vision and rally cry" for evangelization in our diocese. At this point, we have held two of three planned diocesan assemblies, and we've offered support and encouragement to parishes in creating a culture of conversion, discipleship and evangelization.

Grow + Go is the crucial next step!

Peace,

MONDAY, November 27

7:00 p.m. – Advent Awakening Adult Bible Study

TUESDAY, November 28

6:30 p.m. – Word & Eucharist

WEDNESDAY, November 29

8:30 a.m. – Mass: Those Affected by Natural Disaster / Parish

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

10:00 a.m. – AA – Room 1 & 2

6:00 p.m. – RCIA

THURSDAY, November 30

6:30 p.m. – Bell Choir practice

7:00 p.m. – Choir practice

FRIDAY, December 1

First Friday Hospital & Home Visits

8:30 a.m. – Mass: World Aids Day / Parish

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

SATURDAY, December 2

National Collection (NC): Religious Retirement Fund

8:00 a.m. – Men's Fellowship Advent Breakfast

4:30–5:15 p.m. – Confessions – Church

5:30 p.m. – Mass: 4 U.S. Women Killed in El Salvador / Parish

6:30 p.m. – Parish Dinner

SUNDAY, December 3

National Collection (NC): Religious Retirement Fund

8:00 a.m. – Mass: +Katharine Bickley / the Bickley Family

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

1:30 p.m. – CCW Advent Tea

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, 11/27: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4

Tue, 11/28: Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11

Wed, 11/29: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62-67; Lk 21:12-19

Thu, 11/30: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22

Fri, 12/1: Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33

Sat, 12/2: Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82-87; Lk 21:34-36

Sun, 12/3: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

Welcome to our new parishioners!

Please welcome our new parishioner families: Chad & Chelsea Beldyga and their 3 children and Jordan & Rachael Cushman and their 3 children.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe CHRIST, KING OF ALL

On this, the final Sunday of the liturgical year, we celebrate the solemnity of Christ the King. By concluding the year with this feast we are proclaiming our faith that Jesus Christ is the one and only king over all seasons, all peoples, and all of creation.

At the end of time as we know it, Christ's work of restoring all things to unity and harmony with their Creator God will be completed. This Sunday, when we claim Christ as both our Shepherd and our King, we recognize our own calling to participate in Christ's saving work by caring for those whom Jesus calls "the least ones" (Matthew 25:45).

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE

November 18 & 19

Weekly Collection.....	\$4,042.00
Online Giving.....	\$3,335.00
Children.....	\$ 9.50
Youth.....	\$ 0.00
Campaign for Human Development.....	\$ 501.00



Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection

Thank you for your generous support last week to the collections for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! As a parish we raised \$501 to support those on the margins living in poverty. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Click "How to Give" on the left of the page at www.usccb.org/nationalcollections.

Giving Tree

Share hope and joy by taking a tag off the Giving Tree in the Gathering Space. Return the wrapped gift, with tag, to the tree by Dec. 17.

Parish Dinner – Dec. 2

Join us for our First Saturday Parish Dinner 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.

Immaculate Conception – Dec. 8 Holy Day

There will be Masses for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on Thursday, Dec. 8 at 8:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Council of Catholic Women (CCW)

A special thank you goes to all parishioners who participated at our CCW bake sale 11-18/19-17 resulting in a very successful event. The mission of CCW is to unite the women of the parish for the spiritual, social, and educational development of its members and to raise funds for specific parish needs, especially the sanctuary. We invite all women of the parish to join us at future meetings and events. Please watch the bulletin for details.

FAITH FORMATION

Deacon Ron Kenney, Director of Faith Formation

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When you came to church today, you learned that this is a special celebration, the Solemnity of Christ the King. You might have thought, "That's nice, but really what does this have to do with me?"

So what does the celebration of Christ the King really mean? It means everything. It means that there is a solution to the problems of the world. The message calls us to be part of the solution. It warns us that if we are not part of the solution to the world's deepest needs, we will be part of the world's problems. Matthew 25 tells us what the solution is; to care for the marginalized, the forgotten, the least of our brothers and sisters. It's not a guilt trip, but are we contributing to the solution through our words and actions or are we a part of the problem?

Our Church calendar concludes with today's celebration by reflecting on the fundamental truths of Christianity; that Jesus Christ came to restore spiritual life to humankind and form us into a Kingdom for his Father, OUR FATHER in heaven. Are you a part of the solution or the problem? Advent begins...

Walk the Talk! Be Peace! – Deacon Ron

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

- 12/3 REF (k-5, 6-12)
- 12/9 First Reconciliation 10am Church Children's Christmas Pageant

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 stmarkdff@hotmail.com. 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 \$10 sign up at Sunday Youth Group. All High School Youth and their friends 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.
- **Advent Men's Breakfast:** Saturday, Dec. 2, 8-9:30am. Join other men in the parish as we reflect on the Advent Season and how we can become more faith-filled men, husbands, fathers, grandfathers and sons. Sign up in Gathering Space or by contacting the Parish Office.

National Collection: Retirement Fund for Religious

Dec. 2 & 3 is the annual National Collection. Your donation helps her religious community and hundreds of others provide for aging members and plan for long-term needs. This is one way of expressing our thanks.