

# St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Community

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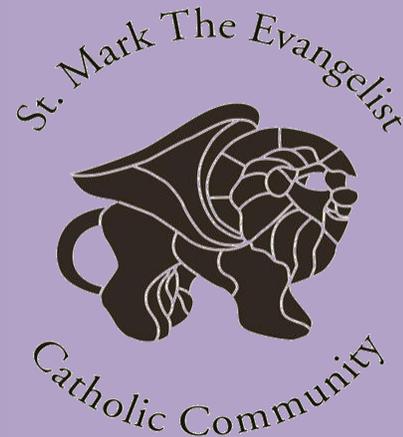
## PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

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:

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| Saturday | 5:30 p.m.             |
| Sunday   | 8:00 a.m. & 9:30 a.m. |

### Weekday Liturgies:

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| Tuesday  | 6:30 p.m. |
| Wednesday  | 8:30 a.m. |
| First Friday of the month  | 8:30 a.m. |
| followed by Eucharistic adoration from<br>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.

**Lent 2018** - In many of my years in ministry during Lent, I have used excerpts from the U.S. Catholic Liturgical Conference text, From Ashes to Easter. This year for the Lenten Season each week, I will be using 'Year B' with a symbol reading that will be reflected upon during each Weekend Liturgy. These excerpts throughout the Lenten Season are offered for your reading and reflection beyond the homily.

**New beginnings** – "Spring is the new beginning of the earth. New signs of life show that winter is past. Nature begins again a new awakening, a new color, a new life. Along with the beginnings of new life comes also the violence that accompanies re-birth: the floods, the storms, the tornadoes. The human experience of beginnings carries with it some of the gentleness and some of the turmoil of spring. But both are necessary to produce new life, new growth. Lent is the Church's springtime. It is the time for each Christian and the Christian community to be reborn in gentleness and in violence to new life in Christ."

**Symbol: Water** – "Water is at the center of our lives. We are born out of it. We are sustained by it. We drink it. We swim in it. We wash in it. Sometimes the power of water is mighty, sometimes gentle; but it is always mysterious. As a mighty force, it extinguishes fire and generates electricity. In its gentle flow, it cleanses and heals. The church has always used the tangible to speak about the great mysteries of faith. The church uses water as a sign of death-resurrection, a sign of new beginnings. Plunged into water at Baptism, the Christian emerges to new life and new beginnings. Through water & the Spirit, this new person is received into and welcomed by the Christian community. Water is the symbol of this new life."

I believe it would be a good exercise for everyone as you are using the 'Little Black Book,' to write your own remembrances of the forty days from Ash Wednesday to Holy Thursday. As I mentioned in my homily last weekend, each one of us with decision and intent can make these days have an impact on ourselves and others. I believe many people let their faith stance diminish in different conversations, especially when there is conflict. In these situations, it is important not to reduce the difference in personality, but state the difference in theology. What I believe ideally is integrated into my actions and words each day. Lent is a season of 40 days which allows for prayer and reflection. Throughout the scriptures, we hear about how to be forgiving to ourselves and others. We offer communal times to gather as a family of God. In the newsletter that was mailed the Lenten schedule is on the back. Specifically, I have added some dates and times beyond our normal Saturday afternoon for celebrating the Sacrament of Penance which is often called Confession or Reconciliation. I know that when I recognize my own shortcomings and sins and receive God's Grace and forgiveness, it is always renewing and revitalizing. Put in your calendars some time for this to happen.

There have been many discussions for years in many circles as to how we (the Catholic Church) can reach out to inactive or former Catholics in our families and faith communities. Certainly, as your pastor, I am aware of this important pastoral duty. An idea would be to invite your family/friends to worship with us – to take a look – to be welcomed back HOME. Each month we have "name tag" Sunday with the intent of knowing and learning names of others at Liturgy. I look forward to welcoming your invited guests!

Peace,

**MONDAY, February 19**

7:00 p.m. – Live Lent Adult Group

**TUESDAY, February 20**

10:00 a.m. – Shawl Ministry

6:30 p.m. – Mass: +Emma Leach / Francis Family

7:00 p.m. – 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commission Meeting

**WEDNESDAY, February 21**

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. – Soup, Stations and Substance

**THURSDAY, February 22**

6:00 p.m. – RCIA - Room 1 & 2

7:00 p.m. – Choir practice - church

**FRIDAY, February 23**

**Hospital Visits**

10:00 a.m. – Euchre Luncheon

**SATURDAY, February 24**

7:00 a.m. – Lenten Men's Fellowship

4:30–5:15 p.m. – Confessions – Church

5:30 p.m. – Mass: +Lucy Mader / Jim & Nancy Ellis

**SUNDAY, February 25**

8:00 a.m. – Mass: +Barb Otis / Donna & Bill Brothers

9:30 a.m. – Mass: +Kenneth Szyarto / the Mills & the Clarkes

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

10:30 a.m. – Hospitality Hour

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, 2/19: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

Tue, 2/20: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wed, 2/21: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

Thu, 2/22: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19

Fri, 2/23: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26

Sat, 2/24: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Sun, 2/25: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

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: **CCW Annual Spring Scrapbook CROP – Mar. 9 & 10** :  
: Here is your opportunity to catch up on organizing those :  
: pictures! Contact Cindy Bell to register at 248-660-4931 or :  
: cabsandkids@aol.com. Registration includes plenty of :  
: space, snacks, vendors and prizes. The CROP will be held :  
: Friday 6:00 p.m. to midnight (\$12) and Saturday 9:00 a.m. :  
: to 9:00 p.m. (\$35). Snacks will be provided on Friday and :  
: breakfast, lunch & dinner served on Saturday. :  
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**First Sunday of Lent  
PEOPLE OF THE COVENANT**

If there is one word that stands out in today's readings, it is "covenant." God's faithfulness and goodness serve as examples to us of how to live. Genesis tells the story of Noah and of God's covenant not only with all people, but with all of nature. Never will the cleansing waters of the flood bring their destructive power to all the earth again. The sign, the reminder to both God and nature, is the rainbow in the heavens.

The psalm reminds us of this compassion of God, and begs God to remember us, not because of our goodness, but because of God's goodness and fidelity to the promise. God shows us how to be good, not by decree, but by example.

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| PARISH STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE |             |
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| February 10 & 11               |             |
| Weekly Collection.....         | \$ 2,908.00 |
| Online Giving.....             | \$ 2,845.00 |
| Children.....                  | \$ 2.50     |
| Youth.....                     | \$ 0.00     |
| Christian Service.....         | \$ 858.00   |



**NC: Black & Indian Home Mission – Feb. 17 & 18**

This weekend will be a collection to support the Black & Indian Home Mission. Thanks to the generosity of thousands of Christ's faithful people, the 3 organizations of the Black & Indian Mission Office are able to help build the Church in Native American and African American communities.

**Euchre & Luncheon – Feb. 23**

It's time for Euchre at 10:00 a.m. on Jan. 26 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.

**First Friday Adoration – March 2**

Spend an hour with Our Lord during the First Friday Eucharistic Adoration on Friday, March 2 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Sign up for an hour of prayer in the Gathering Space. We need one or more individuals an hour.

**Parish Dinner – March 3**

Join us for our First Saturday Parish Dinner of salmon, rice & broccoli with shamrock cookies on March 3, after the 5:30 p.m. Mass. Bring your family! Sign up by February 28 in the Gathering Space or call the Parish Office.

**RCIA**

Please pray for our Candidates, Jennifer and David, as they continue their journey to become fully initiated into our Catholic Faith. The Rite of Election took place yesterday for them at St. John in Davison. At this rite, upon the testimony of sponsors and catechists and their affirmation of their intention to join the Church, the Church makes its "election" of them to complete the Sacraments of Initiation. In the presence Bishop Boyea, they signed their names in the Book of the Elect as a pledge of fidelity. Now they are called "the elect" or "the illuminandi" ("those who will be enlightened"). They now begin a Period of Purification and Enlightenment.

**FAITH FORMATION**

**Deacon Ron Kenney, Director of Faith Formation  
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In the 1st Letter of St. Peter it is written, "...Baptism, it is not a removal of dirt from the body but an appeal to God for a clear conscience." This phrase has made me think about the journey of Lent and this time to sacrifice and give up in order to better place ourselves in the right place with our God and what and how he calls us to live.

Like Baptism, our Lenten Sacrifices are not meant to just clean us for a time, but to actually point us in a direction of LIFE CHANGES that bring us closer to God. That closer to God begins a chain reaction that helps us in every aspect of our lives. We see ourselves differently. We see the world differently. We see our relationships differently. We become better at just living life. So, as our daily living of Lent goes, so does our lives. Don't just make it a "removal of dirt"- make the living of Lent hit you at the core of who you are.

Walk the Talk! Be Peace!

Our Lenten journey continues..... ~ Deacon Ron

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

- 2/25 REF (K-5: 11-12:30pm)
- 2/25 Praise, Prayer & Pizza (6-7:30pm)
- 3/3 First Eucharist Parent/Child Retreat (9:30-12:30pm)

**Diocese of Lansing Middle School Rally (All 6th, 7th and 8th graders)**

- A day of Faith, Friendships, Fun and Encountering Jesus. Keynote speakers: Paul J. Kim and Amanda Vernon. Liturgy with Bishop Earl Boyea. Saturday, March 10th, 8am-7pm, at Lumen Christi High School, Jackson. Sign up at Youth Group or with Dcn. Ron.

**Adult Faith Formation**

- **Lenten Men's Fellowship:** All Men of the Parish are invited for a morning of Faith, Prayer and Fellowship. Becoming stronger, faith-filled men in a challenging world. Lenten Saturdays, 7-8am  
– Feb. 17, 24, Mar. 3, 10, 17, 24
- **St. Mark Book Club** (Sign up in the Gathering Space)  
– **Book:** Things Hidden – Scripture as Spirituality  
– **Author:** Fr. Richard Rohr, O.F.M.  
– **Discussion:** Tuesday, February 27th, 7-8:30pm
- **Soup, Stations, Substance**  
– Lenten Wednesdays, 6:30-8:15pm. Feb. 21: The Story of Salvation, Feb. 28: Who is Jesus?, Mar. 7: Why do we need church?, Mar. 14: The Paschal Mystery, Mar. 21: The Last things?
- **Live Lent Series:** Lent isn't just about giving up something; it's about becoming a better Catholic Christian. Be challenged in prayer, the Word and great discussions with your parish community. (Sign up in the Gathering Space) Lenten Mondays, 7-8:30pm  
– Feb. 19, 26, Mar. 5, 12, 19, 26

**Catholic Charities Holy Moley Lenten Enchiladas**

Every Friday during Lent, Catholic Charities will be selling cheese enchiladas, beans and rice for \$8 lunch! All proceeds go back to Catholic Charities. You can order online (see flier), call or email your order in at ext. 709 810-232-9950 or holeymoley88@gmail.com.