

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.

Lent 2018: The Lenten symbols will be in front of the altar during these 40 days. The symbol for the 2nd week = **'salt.'** Every week, I will be quoting from the Liturgical Conference, From Ashes to Easter. The focus this week is **'wholeness.'**

Wholeness: "If you have ever tried to put a jigsaw puzzle together, you know that it is easier to do if you have a vision of the completed whole. Without such a vision, putting the pieces together becomes frustrating and often impossible. Achieving wholeness of life may be compared to putting the pieces of the puzzle together. Having a vision of the meaning of life enables us to become whole, or holy. Where do we find this meaning? How do we achieve a vision that will sustain us through the difficult choices and tests of life? Such a vision comes to the Christian community through the life-death-resurrection of Jesus. Jesus brought Good News that lends unity, peace, and direction to life. Listening to and accepting this Good News enables us to bring the pieces of life together and achieve wholeness within ourselves."

Symbol: Salt – "Salt is not eaten by itself. It is sprinkled on other foods in order to bring out the fullness of their flavor. Salt gives wholeness. It has its own taste, yet it loses itself in transforming the food that it seasons. It becomes one with that with which it is united, and both the salt and the food are transformed. In biblical tradition, salt was a sign of covenant. The covenant partners became one through the sharing of salt. Wholeness in relationship was signified. In the catechumenate, candidates for membership in the church are given salt as a sign of incorporation into the community. They become one with the community, yet they do not lose their own identity. Both the church and catechumens are transformed as they become one."

Achieving wholeness is part of the journey of Christian life. It is never totally achieved but is an on-going calling. The more integrated one becomes, the more gospel values are presented in day to day living in our actions and words. It enables us to make difficult choices with inner freedom and peace.

The church's mission is to salt the earth. As salt flavors and transforms, the church must permeate and transform the world. Initiation of new members into the church community strengthens all in such a way that its transformative power is enhanced. During Lent, catechumens and all Christians examine their lives individually and as community to see whether the salt has lost its savor, or whether it is transforming the world.

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Annual Adult Collection is March 11th, its theme is: Help Jesus in Disguise. "Behold, I stand at the door and knock" (Rev. 3:20). Adults can contribute via on-line giving or an envelope from your Stewardship box. Our children/youth are participating in 'Operation Rice Bowl', also sponsored by CRS. Each week a different country is featured. Each year this is a way to learn more about our sisters and brothers of other cultures. I appreciate the suggestions offered in the daily reflections calendar. The Operation Rice Bowls are collected at Holy Thursday liturgy. All donations provide: assistance to people in need, victims of natural disasters, advocate for poor/vulnerable people, and actively help victims of human trafficking & refugees by providing resettlement services – public policy advocacy through the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

Peace,

MONDAY, February 26

7:00 p.m. – Live Lent

TUESDAY, February 27

6:30 p.m. – Word & Eucharist

7:00 p.m. – Book Club

WEDNESDAY, February 28

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, March 1

6:00 p.m. – RCIA

7:00 p.m. – Choir practice

FRIDAY, March 2**First Friday Home & Hospital Visits**

8:30 a.m. – Mass: 10 Year Pastoral Plan / Parish

9:00 a.m. – First Friday Adoration

SATURDAY, March 3

7:00 a.m. – Lenten Men's Fellowship

9:30 a.m. – 1st Communion Parent / Child Retreat

4:30–5:15 p.m. – Confessions – Church

5:30 p.m. – Mass: +George Yancho / Family

5:30 p.m. – RCIA First Scrutiny

6:30 p.m. – Parish Dinner

SUNDAY, March 4

8:00 a.m. – Mass: +Peggy Guiry / Lorette McKenzie

9:30 a.m. – Mass: +Blanche Klopman / Donna & Bill Brothers

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. – Confirmation Mini Session #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, 2/26: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38

Tue, 2/27: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23;
Mt 23:1-12

Wed, 2/28: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28

Thu, 3/1: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

Fri, 3/2: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21;
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Sat, 3/3: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12;
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sun, 3/4: Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Ps 19:8-11;
1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25 Alternate readings
(Year A): Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

Welcome to our New Parishioners!

Please welcome our new parishioners Ben & Helen Rhode with daughter Kylie as well as parishioner Sean Londrigan.

Second Sunday of Lent**THE OBEDIENCE OF ABRAHAM AND JESUS**

God tested Abraham by asking not for an ordinary sacrifice, which would have been a partial burning with the meat divided between God and the people and eaten by those who sacrificed, but for a holocaust, a total burning of the sacrificial animal. This type of sacrifice consecrated the entire offering to God alone. This is what God was asking of Abraham in offering his only son, Isaac. When Abraham demonstrated his obedience, that was enough. This story from today's scriptures foretells the completion of the blood sacrifices of the old covenant in the new covenant: the blood of God's own Son, offered to us on the cross and in the Eucharist. Abraham's obedience foreshadows the obedience of Jesus to God's promise of salvation. The obedience of Abraham is rewarded in the birth to him, through Isaac, of many nations. The obedience of Jesus is rewarded in the salvation of all people for all time.

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE

February 17 & 18

Weekly Collection.....	\$ 3,821.00
Online Giving.....	\$ 1,940.00
Children.....	\$ 6.45
Youth.....	\$ 0.00
Ash Wednesday.....	\$ 670.00
Home Missions Appeal.....	\$ 320.00

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

Thank you for supporting the collection to support the Black & Indian Home Mission. Thanks to your generosity and 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.

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.

CCW Annual Spring Scrapbook CROP – March 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.

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.

FAITH FORMATION

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I often tell people who have challenges in life to HAVE FAITH and you will get through the challenge. And I believe that with all my heart. I don't know any other way to think. But, it is easier said than done. And I know that too. But you know, I can tell you story upon story about difficulties and challenges that were met with FAITH and people endured and made it through. It may not have always been the perfect end, but they made it through it.

"If God is for us, who can be against us," St. Paul asks in today's second reading. Life has its challenges, but each challenge can be met and conquered simply by trusting in God to work his wonders in our lives. God will take care of you. And He will take care of me. We trust in Him. We have FAITH in Him. And when the challenges appear overwhelming, when our faith appears weak, trust in God, like Abraham did, and God will help you. Our Lenten journey continues.....

Walk the Talk! Be Peace! ~ Deacon Ron

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

- 3/3 First Eucharist Parent/Child Retreat (9:30-12:30pm)
- 3/4 REF (K-5: 11-12:30pm, 6-12: 6-7:30pm)
- 3/4 Confirmation Mini Session #5 (Candidates and Sponsors 2-5pm)

Adult Faith Formation

- **Lenten Men's Fellowship:** All Men of the Parish are invited. Lenten Saturdays, 7-8am
– Mar. 3, 10, 17, 24
- **St. Mark Book Club** (Sign up in the Gathering Space)
– **Book:** Things Hidden
– **Author:** Fr. Richard Rohr, O.F.M.
– **Discussion:** Tuesday, February 27th, 7-8:30pm
- **Soup, Stations, Substance**
– Wednesdays, 6:30-8:15pm. 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:** Be challenged in prayer, the Word and great discussions with your parish community. Lenten Mondays, 7-8:30pm
– Feb. 26, Mar. 5, 12, 19, 26

St. Mark Youth Group Mission Trip 2018

- Our annual Summer Youth Mission Trip will take place July 22-28, 2018. We will be going to Owensboro, Kentucky to build a house with Habitat for Humanity. Registration will begin soon. Plan ahead and mark the date. For all High School Aged Youth.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

The days of Lent for our RCIA Candidates are the final Period of Purification and Enlightenment leading up to the Easter Vigil. Lent is a period of preparation marked by prayer, study and spiritual direction for the Elect, and prayers for them by the parish community. The Celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation takes place during the Easter Vigil Liturgy on Holy Saturday when the Elect receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. Let us continue to pray for our Candidates: Jennifer and David.