

# St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Community

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Mary McFarlane

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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** - Fifth Sunday of Lent. The focus this week is '**Community**' and the symbol for the week is '**Wheat Bread.**' Below is from the Year B of From Ashes to Easter published by The Liturgical Conference in Washington, D.C.

**Community:** "Every one of us needs other people...we need community. Community is not the same as an association of people who happen to meet occasionally for a particular purpose. Community is formed as people share experiences, ideals, and values. Support, service, encouragement, and sharing of life are mutually given and accepted in community. The church is meant to be such a community; not just a universal church, but the local church. The church is a community of people. This faith compels them to proclaim God's word, to live in unity, supporting, serving, and sharing life together, and to celebrate their life as church in the Eucharist."

**Symbol: Wheat Bread** – "Bread-making is a process in which each element dies so that a new creation can come into being. The seed dies in the ground so that the wheat may live. The wheat is crushed to produce grain that can be converted into flour. The flour is mixed with other ingredients and finally baked so that the bread may be brought forth. At each stage of the bread-making, human energy is expended. The farmer toils as he or she plants the seed and harvest the wheat. Millers grind the wheat into grain and truckers carry it to the granaries. Bakers mix the flour and yeast and carefully tend to the baking. Human life is given every step along the way as the seed becomes the loaf. Bread symbolizes the life of the many who work together to produce that which feeds and gives life to all. The human community is sustained by bread in its many forms. We are all fed by the same holy bread. We all become that which we eat, the Body of Christ."

**Community** gets defined in many ways. This week at the Commission Meetings there will be discussion regarding the transition happening in the next pastoral year that begins on July 1<sup>st</sup>. I will be completing nine years as pastor and moving into retirement/senior status on June 27<sup>th</sup>. Holy Family and St. Mark parishes will begin the transition of a cluster between the two parishes. In a "cluster" process both parishes keep their same name and maintain Pastoral and Finance Councils and Commissions. Monsignor Jerry Vincke will be named pastor for both parishes. The Mass schedules will need to be looked at and modified. The process of clustering parishes can allow for joint use of resources whether that is personnel or other. There will be more information shared as the weeks move toward the transition in July, the new Pastoral Year (2018-2019). I invite all of us to continue to have our parish in our daily prayer and reflection.

**Palm Sunday** of the Passion of the Lord is next weekend. Our celebration of the Eucharist will begin in the Parish Center. After the blessing, readings, and song, we will process to the church. I hope you can make time to attend the Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday Easter Vigil). Your presence and participation in our parish community make a difference in the celebrations. The Triduum schedule was in the newsletter, the March calendar and will be in the bulletin as well as on the website.

**Parish Communal Penance Service** is Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. Individual confessions are scheduled on Saturdays at 4:30 – 5:15 p.m. in the Reconciliation Room.

Peace,

**MONDAY, March 19**

7:00 p.m. – Live Lent

**TUESDAY, March 20**

10:00 a.m. – Shawl Ministry

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

7:00 p.m. – Parish Commissions Meeting

**WEDNESDAY, March 21**

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

10:45 a.m. – Communal Penance, St. John Davison

6:30 p.m. – Soup, Stations and Substance

**THURSDAY, March 22**

6:00 p.m. – RCIA

7:00 p.m. – Choir practice

**FRIDAY, March 23****Hospital Visits**

10:00 a.m. – Euchre Luncheon

**SATURDAY, March 24**

7:00 a.m. – Lenten Men's Fellowship

4:30–5:15 p.m. – Confessions – Church

5:30 p.m., begins in Parish Center – Mass: 80<sup>th</sup> birthday  
Bill LaVelle / Parish

**SUNDAY, March 25**

8:00 a.m. – Mass: +George Yancho / Yancho Family

9:30 a.m. – Mass: People of El Salvador / Parish

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

**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](mailto:joanturner38@sbcglobal.net) or 248-410-2286.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Mon, 3/19: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;  
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or  
Lk 2:41-51a

Tue, 3/20: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

Wed, 3/21: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56;  
Jn 8:31-42

Thu, 3/22: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

Fri, 3/23: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

Sat, 3/24: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56

Sun, 3/25: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; (procession)  
Is 50:4-7; Ps 22: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24;  
Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]

**Holy Week Mass Schedule:**

Holy Thursday Mass 3/29: 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday 3/30: 12:30 p.m.

Easter Vigil 3/31: 8:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday 4/1: 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

**Welcome to our New Parishioner!**

Please welcome our new parishioner Cindy Bills.

**Fifth Sunday of Lent  
SAVED BY GOD'S LOVE**

Because the people broke the old covenant, God promised a new covenant, not in the blood of oxen and other animals, but in the blood of the Son, Jesus Christ. This new covenant, foreseen from afar by Jeremiah and the prophets, was not to be engraved on stone, or written on paper, but carved on our hearts, so that we might know God intimately. Not by keeping many laws are we to be saved, but by the love of God, living and real in our hearts through the sacrifice of Christ.

Our Eucharist is the pledge of that indwelling of Christ, and of our response of praise and thanksgiving to God for the mercy, love, and kindness shown to us in forgiving our sins and cleansing our hearts of everything evil. God issues this invitation to intimacy by offering us the chance to have our sufferings transformed into the perfect love of the Savior, who first loved us.

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE	
March 10 & 11	
Weekly Collection.....	\$ 3,831.00
Online Giving.....	\$ 2,895.00
Children.....	\$ 3.36
Youth.....	\$ 0.00
Christian Service.....	\$ 1,042.00



**Catholic Relief Services Collection – March 17 & 18**

This week, we are taking up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to respond to **Jesus in disguise**. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support to struggling communities and to work toward peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

**Catholic Women's Scholarship**

The Daughters of Isabella, Regina Coeli Circle 1095 is offering (3) \$700.00 scholarships to any Catholic woman seeking a higher education. If interested, contact Sara St. Martin (810) 744-1948 or Marilyn Hancock (810) 691-9675.

**Tuesday Evening Help Needed**

The parish is looking for an adult to cover our Tuesday night office hours from 6:00-7:30 p.m. This person will be required to answer phones, perform small office tasks and help prepare for Tuesday evening Mass.

**Catholic Charities Recycling Update**

Catholic Charities is no longer accepting recycled plastic water bottles at this time. We will be taking any plastic bottles left here to Oaktree Elementary for recycling.

**March for Our Lives – March 24**

In response to the shooting in Parkland, Florida, students from the school have created a National Rally on March 24, March for Our Lives. Rallies in Michigan will take place in Detroit at 11:00 a.m., East Lansing at 1:00 p.m., Ann Arbor at 11:00 a.m., and Grand Rapids at 12:00 p.m. For more information, email [info@michiganceasefire.org](mailto:info@michiganceasefire.org).

**FAITH FORMATION**

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A friend from my seminary days sent me the prayer card of one of our classmates who died of cancer a few years back during the Lenten Season. On the card was his picture with his ever joyful smile and a short prayer, "I believe Lord. Help my unbelief (Mark 9:24)." Greg was never one to rattle on (unlike myself), he was quick and to the point. He was from New Jersey and much like the way he drove, when he was going somewhere, be it by car or the wings of an angel, he went and went quick. I developed the habit of wearing a seat belt after riding with him just a few times.

Greg was a strong believer, yet at the same time he wasn't afraid to add challenge to that belief. His faith was not a given. He would not settle for just believing without some sort of question. He would not accept simplicity of faith, he wanted to know and he wanted to know the truth. I would often say to him, "Something's are just unexplainable," and he would quip back in his New Jersey twist, "That's not good enough." He searched and persevered until he was satisfied with his understanding of his faith, his Christ, his God. His lesson of faith and his journey of faith is an inspiration. Unlike so many of us, he didn't take faith for granted and on his death bed he went to his maker believing, but at the same time humbling himself honestly by asking for help in that which he questioned.

As you are reading this, ask yourself if you take faith for granted or do you search, do you persevere in a better understanding of who God is, what God is, and where God is at in your life? Our Lenten journey continues.....

Walk the Talk! Be Peace! ~ Deacon Ron

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

- NO REF 3/25 (Palm Sunday) 4/1, 4/8 (Easter & Spring Break)
- 3/29 **CRS Lenten Rice Bowl** collection: Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm

**Adult Faith Formation**

- **Lenten Men's Fellowship:** All Men of the Parish are invited. 7-8am – Mar. 24
- **Soup, Stations, Substance** – Wed., 6:30-8:15pm. Mar. 21: The Last things?
- **Live Lent Series:** Mar. 19, 26 7-8:30pm

**St. Mark Youth Group Mission Trip 2018**

- Summer Youth Mission Trip will be **July 22-28, 2018** in Owensboro, Kentucky to build a house with Habitat for Humanity. Mark the date. For High School Aged Youth.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) What is the role of a godparent or sponsor for an adult being brought into the church through RCIA?** Prior to the Rite of Election, the Catechumen may choose one or two godparents/sponsor, who will accompany the Catechumen or Candidate on the day of Election, at the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation, and during the Period of Mystagogy. They are called to show the Catechumens and Candidates good example of the Christian life, sustain them in moments of hesitancy and anxiety, bear witness, and guide their progress in the baptismal life.