

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.

Divine Mercy Sunday is a recent name given to the 2nd Sunday of Easter. It was initiated by then Pope John Paul II. The little white book for today reads: "I am always struck when I reread the parable of the merciful Father...The Father, with patience, love, hope, and mercy, had never for a second stopped thinking about (his wayward son), and as soon as he sees him still far off, he runs out to meet him and embraces him with tenderness, the tenderness of God, without a word of reproach... God is always waiting for us, He never grows tired. Jesus shows us this merciful patience of God so that we can regain confidence and hope – always!" Pope Francis, homily on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7, 2013.

Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy:

Corporal Works of Mercy are feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, visiting the sick, visiting the imprisoned and burying the dead.

Spiritual Works of Mercy are admonishing the sinner, instructing the ignorant, counseling the doubtful, comforting the sorrowful, and bearing wrongs patiently, forgiving all injuries and praying for the living and the dead.

The Great 50 Days of the Easter Season offers each of us an opportunity to respond with vibrant faith to accomplish the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. Pope Francis in his homily stresses the importance for the growth of both the giver and receiver. Today, we hear "random acts of kindness" or "blueberry ambassadors" in our media. Let us offer gratitude for the awareness and response by so many that brings greater life to each day. Certainly, for us Christians, we have a Gospel mandate to bring mercy to daily encounters.

Discernment is critical for all decisions that affect our lives and those in our family and friendship circles. I mentioned in last week's article how impressed I was by watching the courage of so many Youth who spoke at the March for Our Lives in Washington, D.C. Their words remind all of us that our lives need to reflect on-going activism. While a march may be one day, the importance of the issues driving that day's march marches on. Prayer and reflection are what helps all of us get through, and not just over, difficult experiences and decisions.

Retreats have been a consistent force in my spiritual growth. Over the years, I have been blessed with a variety of directors, places and spaces that have enriched my beliefs, commitments and discernment. I will be on retreat in Senegal, West Africa to discern and decide more about what "senior status/retirement" might look like to me in the choices I make to live and serve in the future. While being in the Diocese of Kaolack, beyond retreat, I will have some days of vacation to visit various priests both from the diocese and religious orders. It will give me time to visit different parishes, diocesan offices, and communities while getting a flavor for local people and their lives.

Diocesan Services Appeal (DSA) was incorporated into the Witness to Hope campaign last year. Dale Gossiaux, Finance Council Chair, will be presenting next weekend with Bishop Boyea's presentation on the weekend of April 22nd. The parish is receiving \$47,000 that is being applied to the diocesan loan from paid pledges to the Witness to Hope campaign. Many parishioners have made advanced payments of their pledges which is reducing the interest payment and shortening the payoff of the parish debt for the parking lot. Thank You!

Peace,

MONDAY, April 9

TUESDAY, April 10

6:30 p.m. – Word & Eucharist

7:00 p.m. – CCW

WEDNESDAY, April 11

8:30 a.m. – Word & Eucharist

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

10:00 a.m. – AA – Room 1 & 2

THURSDAY, April 12

6:00 p.m. – RCIA

7:00 p.m. – Choir practice

FRIDAY, April 13

Hospital Visits

SATURDAY, April 14 – Pax Christi State Conference

DSA Announcement

Youth Group Bottle Drive, DSA Announcement Weekend

4:30–5:15 p.m. – Confessions – Church

5:30 p.m. – Mass: +Doris Phipps / Ron & Sharon Roberts

SUNDAY, April 15

DSA Announcement

Youth Group Bottle Drive, DSA Announcement Weekend

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

9:30 a.m. – Mass: +Joyce & Spencer Alford / Alford Family

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

10:30 a.m. – Parish Breakfast

10:30 a.m. – Bell Choir practice

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, 4/9: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Tue, 4/10: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15

Wed, 4/11: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21

Thu, 4/12: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36

Fri, 4/13: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15

Sat, 4/14: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21

Sun, 4/15: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9;

1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) - Rice Bowl: Thank You

Each year, CRS helps everyone encounter an individual in another culture. The Lenten daily prayer offered an option for personal growth and spirituality. St. Mark through our prayer and sacrifice helps change lives. CRS Rice Bowl thanks you! Now, if you haven't already turned yours in, please bring it to the Sacristy or at the Parish Office. Again, all participation helps the giver and receiver to thrive.

Welcome to our New Parishioner!

Please welcome, new parishioners, August & Lina Nuyens!

**Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)
SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE**

It is not often that the author of one of the books of the Bible comes right out and tells us directly why he is writing what he is writing. In this Sunday's Gospel reading, taken from the conclusion of John's Gospel, the author tells us that he has chosen to record these events so "that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name" (20:31).

The letter of John echoes this idea by saying that "everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God" (5:1)—what we might refer to as being "born again." Our reading from the Acts of the Apostles for this Second Sunday of Easter shows us exactly what it looks like when believers are born again through faith.

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE	
March 31 & April 1	
Weekly Collection.....	\$ 5,034.72
Online Giving.....	\$ 1,690.00
Children.....	\$.50
Youth.....	\$ 0.00



Parish Breakfast – April 15

Come to the next Parish Breakfast, to be held on Sunday, April 15, after the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Please join your Parish family for pancakes, ham, sausage, yogurt and fruit!

CCW – Paint & Pray – April 23

CCW will once again host Paint & Pray – Monday, Apr. 23, 6:30-9 pm, Parish Center. Cost is \$25 and includes all supplies and beverages. You may bring a snack. Enjoy a wonderful evening of creative fun and best of all...no experience necessary. Sign-up is in the Gathering Space or Parish Office by Monday April 23rd. You can pay at the door.

Euchre & Luncheon – April 27

It's time for Euchre at 10:00 a.m. on April 27 with a light lunch to follow. Cost is \$5.00. Please contact Ruth and Mike Petroski by April 24 at teacuplady47@hotmail.com or 248-980-7679 to sign up so we can plan accordingly.

Parish Clean-up Day – April 28

Mark your calendars for our spring Parish Clean-up Day on Saturday, April 28 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. There will be indoor and outdoor projects. Please bring your own gardening tools, but the parish will supply everything else, including lunch. This is a perfect time to celebrate National Arbor Day, which is April 27th! Sign up in the Gathering Space.

Parish Feast Day Time & Talent Celebration – April 28

The Time & Talent Appreciation Reception for adult parishioners for their stewardship throughout the year is Saturday, April 28 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. Please RSVP in the Gathering Space or contact the Parish Office.

Bulletin Ads

If you would like to advertise in our bulletin, please contact Sue Griffith at the Parish Office (810) 636-2216 or by email at stmarkparish2@hotmail.com.

FAITH FORMATION

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We are a people who long for hope and peace. Our lives are always in pursuit of what can bring us peacefulness. We look forward to special occasions as it might mean a day off. We anticipate our vacation time from work. How about a snow day from school: is there anything better? We look ahead and try to plan for that "day off" we think we need in order to bring a little peace and quiet to our hectic lives. Although a nice break, the one day is not going to take care of a life time. A lifetime of peace is found only in Christ.

We begin by surrendering ourselves to our God and placing our faith, our lives, our being in him. We do not know what that may bring, but genuine faith brings a feeling of peace to what lies ahead. We are set free from the burdens of life as we look forward and realize that God is walking with us. Have you ever seen the attitude of a truly faith-filled person, nothing seems to shake them. They embrace life with God at their side and no matter what trial or tribulation they face, hope is present because God is present. They are able to live by the thought, "You can't always change your place in life, but you can change the way you look at it." God helps us to see things differently. God helps us to face the tough times with a hope-filled heart.

A day off is good, but when God's name is inscribed on our hearts and is what we are all about, "hectic" becomes just a moment of our day, not what consumes us. Faithfulness to our God will set us free! Like the Gospel today, let Jesus enter your life and hear his words, "Peace Be With You!"

Walk the Talk! Be Peace! ~ Deacon Ron

Adult Faith Formation

- **St. Mark Book Club:** Things Hidden by Fr. Richard Rohr, O.F.M.
- Tuesday, April 24th - 7-8:30pm – Chapters 4 and 5
- **Men's Fellowship** (1st Saturday, 7-8am)
- Next: May 5th

St. Mark Youth Group Mission Trip 2018

- **Summer Youth Mission Trip: July 22-28, 2018** in Owensboro, Kentucky to build a house with Habitat for Humanity. Mark the date. For all High School Aged Youth.
- **Cedar Point Trip:** Wednesday, June 27th. All 6th-12th graders of St. Mark and their friends. Sign up at Youth Group or contact Dcn. Ron.

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

- 4/15 All REF (K-5th 11-12:30pm, 6-12th 6-7:30pm)
- 4/18 Confirmation Liturgy with Bishop Boyea 7pm, St. John-Davison
- 4/22 Praise Prayer Pizza (6-7:30pm)

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.