

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.

Pentecost Sunday

A Prayer of New Wineskins by Edward Hays, from *A Pilgrim's Almanac*:

*Come and awaken me, Spirit of the New,
O God who makes all things supple and life-giving,
and grace me with the gift of elasticity.*

*For high are the walls that guard the old,
the tired and secure ways of yesterday
that protect me from the dreaded plague,
the feared heresy of change.*

*Yet how can an everlastingly new covenant
retain its freshness and vitality
without injections of the new,
the daring and the untried?*

*Come, O you who are ever-new,
wrap my heart in new skin,
ever flexible to be reformed by your Spirit.*

*Come, O God of endless creativity,
and teach me to dance with delight
whenever you send a new melody my way.*

My retreat in Niore, Senegal has inspired many ideas and sparked my imagination. Certainly one major aspect centered on how I can bring newness of life to myself and those in the Missions. As I have mentioned, upon senior status, I will be ministering in the USA, Mexico and Senegal. One of the decisions I made while on the retreat was to become a sponsor for the parish of Our Lady of Angels in Niore, diocese of Kaolack, which is about five hours from the capital of Senegal, Dakar. My friend, Fr. Jean Marie Ndour, Missionary of the Sacred Heart (MSC) is the pastor, and he has been in our parish and diocese. The parish has many needs, which led me to investigate filling and shipping a 40-foot container this July. I will be collecting and storing items in the Rectory garage and basement. Msgr. Jerry joins me in enthusiasm for this project. The title I came up with during my prayer is:

"Christmas in July – Cap the Container"

This is all new to me, but I am gathering details for this Mission project. There is the obvious need to collect items as well as monetary contributions to support putting the Corporal Works of Mercy into action through this venture.

Items can be dropped off at the Rectory garage Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays between 9:00 to noon or by appointment by calling the office. Monetary donations by cash or check can be dropped off at the Parish Office. Please make your check payable to St. Mark the Evangelist with the notation "Senegal Mission" in the memo line. Items needed include:

Household – bedroom sets; any size beds and mattresses; chests of drawers; couches; chairs; kitchen table and chairs; end tables; pots and pans; serving trays; bookcases; towels; sheets; house and garden tools; iron stakes; any size tents; air mattresses; awnings, etc.

Office – file cabinets, desks, chairs, office supplies, etc.

Peace, 

MONDAY, May 21

TUESDAY, May 22

6:30 p.m. – Word and Eucharist
7:00 p.m. – Book Club – Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, May 23

8:30 a.m. – Mass: People of the Parish / Parish
9:00 a.m. – St. Joseph Guild
10:00 a.m. – AA – Parish Center – Rooms 1 & 2
5:30 p.m. – Parish gardening

THURSDAY, May 24

7:00 p.m. – Choir practice – Church

FRIDAY, May 25

Hospital visits

10:00 a.m. – Euchre and luncheon – Parish Center

SATURDAY, May 26

Feast of the Most Holy Trinity

4:30–5:15 p.m. – Confessions – Church
5:30 p.m. – Mass: +Edward P. Witt /
Carolyn and Jim Rabine

SUNDAY, May 27

Feast of the Most Holy Trinity

9:30 a.m. – Mass: +Joyce and Spence Alford /
Alford Family
9:30 a.m. – Children's Liturgy of the Word
10:30 a.m. – Bell Choir practice

LET US PRAY:

For Peace; for Women/Men in the Military Service:

SSG J Gillett; Maj. S Halleaux; Capt. 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, 5/21: Jas 3:13-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 9:14-29
Tue, 5/22: Jas 4:1-10; Ps 55:7-11a, 23; Mk 9:30-37
Wed, 5/23: Jas 4:13-17; Ps 49:2-3, 6-11; Mk 9:38-40
Thu, 5/24: Jas 5:1-6; Ps 49:14-20; Mk 9:41-50
Fri, 5/25: Jas 5:9-12; Ps 103:1-4, 8-9, 11-12; Mk 10:1-12
Sat, 5/26: Jas 5:13-20; Ps 141:1-3, 8; Mk 10:13-16
Sun, 5/27: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40; Ps 33:4-6, 9, 18-20, 22;
Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20

Mass schedule change starting May 26

Please note: starting next weekend, May 26 and 27, which is also Memorial Day weekend, the permanent Mass schedule of weekend Masses will be

- 5:30 p.m. on Saturdays and
- 9:30 a.m. on Sundays.

Parish gardening starts May 23

Calling all green thumbs! Share your gardening talents with the parish Wednesday evenings at 5:30 p.m., starting this Wednesday, May 23.

Pentecost Sunday ALL ARE SENT

Fifty days after Easter Sunday we celebrate the fulfillment of all God's promises in the feast of Pentecost, a feast that has sometimes been called the birthday of the church. One last time we are reminded that we Christians have received the Holy Spirit, not for our own benefit, but to enable us to follow our Christian vocation.

The centerpiece of the scriptures for Pentecost is the account in Acts of the Apostles of the sending of the Holy Spirit to the disciples. The other readings for this Sunday help us to understand what it means to live out our Christian vocation. Paul's letter shows us the gifts and fruits that the Holy Spirit gives to us. John's Gospel reminds us that Jesus has sent all his disciples to share his forgiveness and peace, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE

May 12 & 13

Weekly Collection	\$2,553.00
Online Giving	\$2,550.00
Children	\$ 2.00
Youth (flower sale).....	\$ 417.00



DSA follow up

Thank you to all who have shared the many blessings they have received with your generous gift to our Diocesan Services Appeal. We are at 52% of our \$29,686 goal. You can still take an active role in the mission of the Church in our Diocese. If you typically give online, you can schedule your DSA gift that way.

Polka Mass at St. Mark – June 9

As part of the celebration of our 40th anniversary, St. Mark will be having a Polka Mass on Saturday, June 9 at our 5:30 p.m. liturgy, featuring Virgil Baker and the Just for Fun Band. Following the Mass, we will have dinner at 6:30 p.m. and dancing from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m., with a cash bar. Tickets for the dinner and dance are \$10.00 at the door in our Parish Center; please RSVP in the Gathering Space.

Farewell open house for Fr. Mike – June 10

There will be an open house to celebrate Fr. Mike's transition to senior status, 38 years of priesthood and his 65th birthday on Sunday, June 10 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. All are welcome!

St. Mark photo directory

To celebrate our 40th anniversary, we are organizing a parish photo directory. Photos will be taken July 11-15, July 24-28, and August 21. See the parish website for a link to sign up to have your photo taken or go to <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/ycvtmsc6/>. Please plan to be a part of the parish directory.

Mass for those with special needs – May 27

Holy Redeemer Catholic Church in Burton will host its monthly Mass for those with special needs on Sunday, May 27 at 1:00 p.m. This Mass, while a little shorter, has a homily and music that is tailored to those with special needs and is an opportunity for everyone to pray and celebrate together.

FAITH FORMATION

Deacon Ron Kenney, Director of Faith Formation
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As I reflected on the Feast of Pentecost, I was taken back to a memory in 1993 in Denver, Colorado. It was a warm and rainy couple of days where more than 1 million young people gathered to celebrate World Youth Day with Pope St. John Paul II. The theme was, "He came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly." (John 10:10) It was the largest gathering of the faithful that I had ever been a part of at that point in my life. Jesus Christ was the focus, and it was a celebration. Like Pentecost, the Spirit was alive and moving people beyond words.

You couldn't walk 10 feet without seeing young people from around the world praying, singing, laughing together and just full of energy for the very thing that some see as such a task in their lives, celebrating their faith. Some traveled hundreds and even thousands of miles to share in this experience. They came from far away to let the world know that their faith, their Christ, the Holy Spirit was alive in them. I walked away from that week with a renewed faith, one that gives me life, not takes it away.

Our faith, our religion should give us life, and give it to us abundantly. If it isn't, maybe we need to put in a little more effort! At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit transformed the disciples. It's time we let the Holy Spirit transform us! Happy Birthday Church!!

Walk the talk. Be Peace! –
Deacon Ron

Graduation Mass and Reception

- High School graduates: please join us on Sunday, June 3 at the 9:30 a.m. Liturgy (please arrive by 9:15 a.m. with cap and gown for the procession). A reception will follow in the Parish Center. Please RSVP by May 28 for you and your family in the Gathering Space or by calling the Parish Office.

St. Mark Youth Group

- **Summer Youth Group begins Wednesday, June 13!** 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Pavilion. All those entering the 6th through 12th grades in fall 2018 are invited.
- **Youth Group COLOR FUN RUN – Saturday, June 23** at 8:30 a.m. Pre-register at the Parish Office or contact stmarkdff@hotmail.com. All proceeds go to support our Mission Trip to Owensboro, KY, July 22-28, 2018.
- **Cedar Point Trip – Wednesday, June 27** – All those entering 6th through 12th grades in fall 2018 and their friends are invited. Sign up at a Youth Group meeting or on the parish website, or contact Deacon Ron.

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

- Early registration for the 2018-19 REF year is taking place now. Registration forms are available on the parish website; please check out the online payment option for REF fees.
- REF Parents please take the end of the year survey at the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3NYCPCR>