

St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Community

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Powers Catholic High School (810) 591-4741

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday and 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	9:30 a.m.

Weekday Liturgies:

Tuesday	6:30 p.m.
Friday	8:30 a.m.
First Friday of the month, Mass is followed by Eucharistic adoration 9:00 a.m.–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 (nine 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.

August 19, 2018

A cup of Joe . . .

Greetings in Christ, all! What a wonderful summertime this is...although I do love winter, I'm always up for sunshine.

A reminder that Holy Family Parish Offices are closed on August 22nd / 23rd because so many people will be traveling to Kansas to see Bishop-Elect Jerry's ordination. If you are not going, but want to prayerfully support Bishop Vincke, I would suggest lighting a candle and putting it in a prominent place in your home. Every time you see it, you can say a prayer for him and for the people of his diocese. I did this for the kids from St. Mark when they went on their mission trip a couple weeks ago and I felt it a great way to feel and be connected to them.

I have noticed a wonderful "problem" with confessions... we simply don't have enough times marked out to meet the needs. I can't tell you how happy this makes me, but it is a problem that we need to solve. Fr. Dan and I are meeting and talking about how best to adjust the schedule in order to offer more times and we will get that to you as soon as we figure it out.

I want to close by letting you know about a fairly big thing coming up in my schedule. Last year I received a call from the Diocese of Marquette. They asked me to run their Priest Convocation this year and I agreed to. I can't believe we are already creeping up on September, but we are!

The convocation is September 10-13. As it turns out, it's a six-hour drive up there...good Lord! So, I will leave on Sunday, September 9th, after my last Mass and return on Friday morning, September 14th.

It really was/is quite an honor for me to do this, but I am absolutely terrified! Please pray for me during that time that I will be faithful, loving, holy and wise as I lead the Convocation with the Theme "*Be Holy as I am Holy*" says the Lord." Pray especially for the priests of the Diocese of Marquette who are stretched out over a vast territory and cover multiple parishes.

So...that's it! I hope and pray you are well.

I am grateful to God for the gift of you!

– fjk



WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY, August 20

8:30a.m.-2:30p.m.-Powers Staff Retreat

TUESDAY, August 21

No 6:30 p.m. Mass

7:00 p.m. – 40th Anniversary Planning meeting – Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, August 22

8:30 a.m. – Liturgy of the Hours – Church

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

10:00 a.m. – AA – Parish Center – Rooms 1 & 2

5:30 p.m. – Parish gardening

7:00-9:00 p.m. – Youth Group – Pavilion

THURSDAY, August 23

No activities scheduled

FRIDAY, August 24

8:30 a.m. – Mass: Deceased benefactors of St. Mark / Parish

SATURDAY, August 25

6:00 a.m. – Youth Group @ the Crim

4:30–5:15 p.m. – Confessions – Church

5:30 p.m. – Outdoor Mass: People of the Parish / Parish

6:30 p.m. – Parish pig roast – Pavilion

SUNDAY, August 26

9:30 a.m. – Mass: +Germaine Boehme / Karen Mackey

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; PFC Greg Misiak

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, 8/20: Ez 24:15-24; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 19:16-22

Tue, 8/21: Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35cd-36ab;
Mt 19:23-30

Wed, 8/22: Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 20:1-16

Thu, 8/23: Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14

Fri, 8/24: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51

Sat, 8/25: Ez 43:1-7a; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 23:1-12

Sun, 8/26: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34:2-3, 16-21;
Eph 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]; Jn 6:60-69

Parish gardening – Aug. 22

We are never closer to God than in a garden – all are invited to participate in the beautification of our parish grounds on Wednesday, Aug. 22 at 5:30 p.m.

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time THIS EUCHARISTIC FEAST

Some things about human nature don't change, even over the course of centuries. When we celebrate a holiday, we have a meal; when we celebrate a significant event, we have a feast. In today's first reading, Lady Wisdom is setting a feast, a sign of celebrating the covenant that Israel has with God. Israel's central remembrance of its saving Exodus covenant is the Passover meal. So it is natural—and not coincidental—that the Christian celebration of the new covenant sealed by the blood of Christ on the cross happens at a meal, our Eucharist, offered first by Jesus in the context of Passover remembrance. It is easy for us, sometimes, to forget the very long and rich religious and human origins of our eucharistic feasting on the bread and cup that are the Body and Blood of Jesus. Today, and for the next few Sundays that we hear the "Bread of Life" discourse from John, let us bring to mind the loving covenant that God makes with us, and be filled with great joy at this marvelous feast that we have come to attend!

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE

August 11 and 12

Weekly Collection.....	\$2,685.00
Online Giving.....	\$2,690.00
Children.....	\$ 0.00
Christian Service.....	\$ 605.00

*Thank you to those who regularly and generously
give of your treasure as well as those who
give of your time and talent to support our mission!*

Outdoor Mass and pig roast – Aug. 25

Saturday, Aug. 25, we begin with an outdoor Mass at 5:30 p.m. This annual celebration commemorates the first parish Mass celebrated 40 years ago. **Bring your lawn chairs.** Sign up in the Gathering Space.

Senior Appreciation Mass and luncheon – Sept. 19

The annual Senior Appreciation Mass and luncheon will be at St. John the Evangelist, Davison on Wednesday, Sept. 19. Mass is at 11:00 a.m., followed by a luncheon. Tickets cost \$9; to reserve yours, please call Margaret Story at 810-636-2844 or see her after Mass.

St. Mark photo directory – Aug. 21 and Sept. 11 and 12

We have added new dates for photography for the directory: Aug. 21, and Sept. 11 and 12. Please see the parish website for a link to sign up to have your photo taken or go to <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/yvvtmsc6/>, or sign up after weekend Masses. We will receive a hard copy edition if we reach 200 portraits. So please sign up today!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter – upcoming dates

Looking for a marriage enrichment that will take your marriage from good to great? Or from great to even better? Look no further! Worldwide Marriage Encounter, the original Catholic marriage enrichment weekend, has been enriching marriages for 50 years. Upcoming weekends: Sept. 28-30 in Troy; Oct. 5-7 in Petoskey; or Nov. 2-4 in Saginaw. Apply today at: www.wwme.org or contact Andrew and Alaina Wollner at 734-531-9191 for more information.

FAITH FORMATION

Ron's thoughts.....

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven, whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." Jesus' words today in the Gospel are sometimes a little confusing. We can take this literally, and these words make him and us seem a bit animalistic. Eating his flesh? Or, we can look at the reality behind his words and the flesh and blood he speaks of as his dynamic, real presence in a simple staple, bread and wine. We ALL have the chance to make this a part of our lives. And, when sharing in this simple staple, our lives will change FOREVER, if we open our hearts to his presence.

This food, this Eucharist, unlike other food, is not assimilated within us. We are assimilated by the Eucharist. If we allow it we are the ones transformed. The marvelous paradox of our Eucharistic relationship with the Lord is that the more we have him, the hungrier we are for him.

Come to the table, he invites us, don't just eat and be filled, but rather eat and be transformed. When you are transformed, you live better, you love better, you forgive better, you serve better, you see better..... Walk the talk! Be Peace!

- Dcn. Ron stmarkdff@hotmail.com

St. Mark Youth Group

- CRIM WATER STATION! St. Mark YG will be at the finish line water station at the Crim Races on Sat. Aug. 25th, 6am-1pm. All youth and families are welcome. stmarkdff@hotmail.com.

St. Mark Religious Education Formation (REF) 2018/19

- Early Registration for 2018-19 REF Year taking place now in the Parish Office.
- Register for Confirmation (9th Graders) and First Reconciliation and Eucharist (2nd Graders) in the Parish Office.
- REF Sessions begin September 23, 2018.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

- Are you interested or do you know someone who is interested in completing the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) and learning more about becoming Catholic. Contact Dcn. Ron at stmarkdff@hotmail.com. Sessions will begin in September.

Adult Faith Formation

- **Men's Fellowship** – Meets 1st Saturday of each month 7-8am. Next: September 1st.
- **Alpha** – a great way for practicing Catholics to re-examine and re-energize their faith! And for anyone who is looking for more in life. Watch for more details soon.
- **WELCOME RETREAT (Crhp 2.0)** Do you sense something missing in your life? Men's Weekend October 13-14, 2018 at Holy Family (For St. Mark too) and Women's Weekend October 27-28, 2018. More info to follow or contact Dcn. Ron stmarkdff@hotmail.com.