

# St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Community

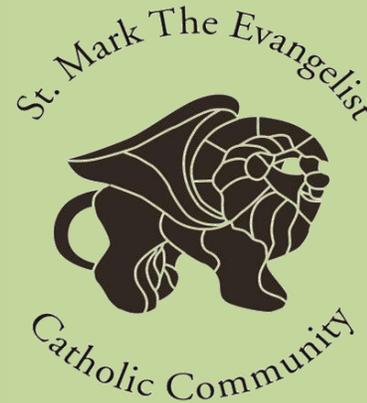
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Mary McFarlane (810) 344-9859

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## 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.

September 2, 2018

## A cup of Joe . . .

Greetings in Christ, all!

I'm writing you this bulletin a bit late; I wasn't able to get it in until Wednesday for a lot of reasons, but I think I see the Lord's hand in the timing.

Since the last bulletin I sent you all, two very significant events happened in our Church and I think it important to walk you through it. To be clear, what is happening in our Church is an event that will be written about by historians due to its significance. Yesterday, while praying, I was struck by the Chinese blessing: "May you live in interesting times"...

So, what happened?

First, Cardinal Carlo Maria Vigano. Cardinal Vigano was appointed by Pope Benedict to serve as Papal Nuncio for the United States. He served in that capacity until 2016. Last Sunday, he released an 11-page letter that he described as a "Confession". I really don't have the space to go into it, but the shortest way to summarize is this: Cardinal Vigano alleges that Pope Francis knew that Cardinal Theodore McCarrick was an active, predatory homosexual and "an utterly corrupt man" when he appointed McCarrick as "his trusted counselor" who then was responsible for getting Cardinal Blase Cupich and Archbishop Joseph Tobin appointed, as well as some other Bishops.

Cardinal Vigano asked the Pope to step down, along with other cardinals who knew of McCarrick's behavior. Vigano further encouraged the leadership in Rome to take the worldwide abuse scandal more seriously.

The Holy Father and Cardinal Cupich responded to the letter in the following ways:

Pope Francis: "I read the statement this morning and I must tell you sincerely that, I must say this, to you and all those who are interested: read the statement carefully and make your own judgement. I will not say a single word about this."

Cardinal Cupich described the letter as a distraction from the "bigger agenda" for the Church. "We have to speak about the environment, about the poor; we have to reach out to people who are marginalized in society. We cannot be distracted at this moment." He further seemed to muse that this was a symptom of a personal and/or ideological battle within the Church and that some of it was based on a dislike because "[The Pope] is a Latino."

So...why am I covering all this? Because it's important. We have some American Bishops coming out firing both in support of Cardinal Vigano and some in support of Pope Francis: I've never seen anything like it in my lifetime.

I tell you this because I believe you need to know; I don't want to hide this family fight.

I tell you this so you will have enough information to do whatever research is necessary to go beyond my little summary here.

I'm trying not to make judgements about who is telling the truth, but I certainly offer you my judgement/opinion about the response: I don't like it at all. It's not a time for our Holy Father and Cardinal Cupich to be cute, dismissive or clever; but to simply tell us the truth.

So, what do we do?

Please do a couple things:

Pray for the victims of clergy abuse. Pray God heal them. Pray for God to clean the Vatican and the Church out: to drive away from us and from Rome any evil that is getting in the way of God's work and our holiness.

Support Bishops (like ours) who have been clear in their commitment to fighting this evil and standing for what is right: they need our support and our prayers.

Most of all, DO NOT GIVE UP. Jesus has already won this fight, and I am proud of how many people have affirmed their love of and commitment to the faith, not in any specific person. This is a Church by, for and about Jesus, and He will guide us, protect us and help us be the people God made us to be.

We currently live in exciting times and, as dark as this all is, the Church has gone through much, much worse. For this generation of Catholics, a lot has been and is being asked of us. I urge each of us in our heart to ask ourselves the question: *Why am I Catholic?*

If, like me, you discover that the answer is "because it is true," then we have nothing to fear. No lies, no cover-ups, no darkness can obscure the Truth.

I conclude by assuring you, my two parish families, that I love you, that I am committed to you and that I will continue to pursue holiness with my whole heart, soul, mind and strength.

In Jesus,

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## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### **MONDAY, September 3**

**Labor Day** – Parish Office closed

### **TUESDAY, September 4**

10:00 a.m. – Shawl Ministry – Contact Parish Office for location

6:30 p.m. – Mass: Victims of abuse / Parish

### **WEDNESDAY, September 5**

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

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

10:00 a.m. – AA – Rooms 1 & 2

5:30 p.m. – Parish gardening

### **THURSDAY, September 6**

7:00-8:30 p.m. – Choir practice – Church

### **FRIDAY, September 7 – First Friday**

8:30 a.m. – Mass: People of the Parish / Parish

9:00–**1:00** p.m. – First Friday Eucharistic Adoration

### **SATURDAY, September 8**

**Mission Appeal Weekend and Grandparents' Day**

4:30–5:15 p.m. – Confessions – Church

5:30 p.m. – Mass: +Pete Borgelt / Bill LaVelle

### **SUNDAY, September 9**

**Mission Appeal Weekend and Grandparents' Day**

9:30 a.m. – Mass: +Margaret Ridenour / Penny & John Yap

*No Hospitality Hour*

10:45 a.m. – Bell choir practice – Church

**St. Mark photo directory**

At the request of LifeTouch we had to cancel the Sept. 12 session. They have opened up Wednesday, Sept. 26. Both that new date and Sept. 11 still have many openings. *We are still far short of our goal of 200 family pictures.* It is very important that we get as many families as we can in our directory. This will be especially beneficial to our new priests to get to know us by name and face. Please do your part! 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/ycvtmsc6/>, or sign up after weekend Masses.

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE**

August 25 and 26

Weekly Collection.....	\$3,126.00
Online Giving.....	\$ 900.00
Children.....	\$ 0.00

*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!*

**Annual Mission appeal speaker – Sept. 8 and 9**

Fr. Johnus Cherunilath V.C., a Vincentian Missionary priest from India, will be in our parish on Sept. 8 and 9 to participate in our annual Mission Appeal. He will preach at all the Masses next weekend and will make an appeal on behalf of the his congregation, which was founded in Kerala, India, modeled after the Congregation of the Mission founded by St. Vincent de Paul. Members of this flourishing religious congregation, all natives of India, are engaged in mission work in all parts of India and in several countries in Africa. They need our special financial support for the training of young men studying for priesthood. Please keep Fr. Johnus and all the Vincentian Missionaries and seminarians in your prayers.

**Ministries Fair – Sept. 15 and 16**

All are invited to learn more about St. Mark's various ministries at a fair to be held after Masses the weekend of Sept. 15 and 16 in the Parish Center. See how you can use the talents God gave you to serve others.

**40<sup>th</sup> anniversary speaker series – Oct. 7, 14, 21 and 28**

Mark your calendars for 6:00-7:30 p.m. on the Sundays of October, when St. Mark's parish commissions will offer a series of speakers that touch on each commission's mission: Education/Formation, Parish Life, Social Justice and Spiritual Development. See future bulletins for more information as it becomes available.

**CCW Annual Fall Scrapbook CROP – Oct. 12-13**

Here is your opportunity to catch up on organizing those pictures! E-mail Cindy Bell at [cabsandkids@aol.com](mailto:cabsandkids@aol.com). Registration includes plenty of space, snacks, vendors and prizes. The CROP will be held Friday from 6:00 p.m. to midnight (\$12) and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. (\$35). Breakfast, lunch & dinner will be served on Saturday.

**Adult faith formation opportunity – Alpha**

Alpha, Alpha is an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment and 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 the bulletin for more details soon.

**FAITH FORMATION****Ron's thoughts . . .**

I like food, and I like to cook: a good burger cooked on the grill, turkey (yes, I like Thanksgiving), chicken (I make a darn good chicken casserole, at least in my world). But I will not eat burgers, turkey, or chicken on the Fridays of Lent. Is it because these meats are evil? No, but during Lent we abstain from meat as a sacrifice to God to help us remember the Sacrifice of Jesus on the cross, and to help us prepare for the celebration of the banquet of life at Easter and at the end of our lives. Abstinence is a community prayer we offer during Lent. The ancient Hebrews were given laws telling them to stay away from certain foods. The intent of the dietary laws was to show obedience to God. As time went on, many foods were seen to be evil because eating them was being disobedient, but pork and shellfish are not evil in themselves.

"Hear me and understand," Jesus says in the Gospel of Mark, "Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile. From within people, from their hearts come evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance and folly. All these come from within, and they defile." (Mark 7:21-23)

So, are we basically evil? The Catholic belief is that we are basically good. Every person is made in the image and likeness of God, and every person can bring a unique reflection of God to the world. Sin tempts us to do evil, but we can fight off the temptation. We have to put up a fight against evil. We have to remain pure for the Lord. To do this we need the grace of the sacraments, particularly penance. We need the strength of the Eucharist. And we need the company of our Catholic Community. We need positive friends. We need accountability partners, even in the most informal sense of people for whom we need to protect our morality. Jesus says that which is evil is what comes out of us. He forces each of us to ask, "Am I a hypocrite? What is coming out of me? Where is this coming from?" We are challenged today, ALL OF US, to live as wholly and completely as we can with the Lord. So let's do it! Walk the talk! Be Peace!

– Dcn. Ron – [stmarkdff@hotmail.com](mailto:stmarkdff@hotmail.com)

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

- Weekend registration for 2018-19 REF Year and Confirmation (9th graders) and First Reconciliation and Eucharist (2nd graders) will take place Sept. 8 and 9, and Sept. 15 and 16.
- REF sessions begin Sept. 23.

**St. Mark Youth Group**

- Begins Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6-7:30 p.m. for all 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders)

**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](mailto:stmarkdff@hotmail.com). Sessions begin in September.

**Adult Faith Formation (also see item to the left)**

- **Men's Fellowship** – Meets the first Saturday of each month, 7:00-8:00 a.m. Next session is Oct. 6.
- **WELCOME RETREAT (CRHP 2.0)** – Do you sense something missing in your life? Men's Weekend Oct. 13-14, 2018 at Holy Family (for St. Mark too) and Women's Weekend Oct. 27-28, 2018. More info to follow or contact Dcn. Ron at [stmarkdff@hotmail.com](mailto:stmarkdff@hotmail.com)