

St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Community

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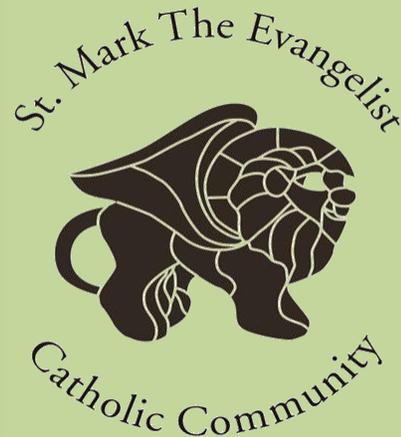
PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

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.

Ordinary Time is the major portion of the Liturgical Year in our Catholic Church. There has always been conversation around how we can do extraordinary actions in ordinary time. I am a firm believer that our faith gets expressed in very small, but significant ways if we have the intention to do so.

Richard Rohr has daily meditations that offer a great deal for daily living out of the Gospel. I found one of his recent articles, **Loving Our Neighbor**, quite good.

“Given our twin planetary crises of climate change and unjust financial distribution, what is needed is not more information but the will to move from belief to action, from denial to practice. This week I’ve shared a few quotes from theologian Sallie McFague. Today I’d like to offer a longer excerpt from her book, *Blessed Are the Consumers: Climate Change and the Practice of Restraint*. Sallie invites us into practical methods of self-emptying—*kenosis*—that we need if humans and so many other species are to survive.

While other fields contributing to solving our planetary crises often end their studies with the despairing remark, “Of course, it is a spiritual, an ethical problem,” the religions of the world should offer their distinctive answer: “Yes, it is, and let us look at the process of change from belief to action.” The fourfold process from belief to action contains the following steps.

1. *Experiences of “voluntary poverty”* to shock middle-class people out of the conventional model of self-fulfillment through possessions and prestige, and into a model of self-emptying, as a pathway for personal and planetary well-being. It can become a form of “wild space” [what I would call liminal space], a space where one is available for deep change from the conventional model of living to another one.
2. *The focus of one’s attention to the needs of others*, especially their most physical, basic needs, such as food. This attention changes one’s vision from seeing all others as objects for supporting one’s own ego to seeing them as subjects in their own right who deserve the basic necessities for flourishing. We see everything in the world as interdependent.
3. *The gradual development of a “universal self,”* as the line constituting one’s concern (compassion or empathy) moves from its narrow focus on the ego (and one’s nearest and dearest) to reach out further and further until there is no line left: even a caterpillar counts. This journey, rather than diminishing the self, increases its delight, but at the cost of one’s old, egoistic model.
4. *The new model of the universal self operates at both the personal and public levels*, for instance in the planetary house rules: (1) take only your share; (2) clean up after yourself; (3) keep the house in good repair for those who will use it after you.

... If one understands God to be not a “substance” but the active, creative love at work in the entire universe, then “loving God” is not something in addition to loving the world, but is rather the acknowledgement that in loving the world, one is participating in the planetary process (which some identify as “God”) of self-emptying love at all levels. By understanding both “God” and the world in this way—that is, as radically kenotic—this essay can be read as both Christian *and* interfaith. Thus all can participate in the kenotic paradigm as a way of loving the neighbor, a process in which God’s own self may also be seen at work.”

Peace,

MONDAY, January 15

TUESDAY, January 16

10:00 a.m. – Shawl Ministry

6:30 p.m. – Mass: Sr. Joan May, SSJ / Fr. Mike

7:00 p.m. – Parish Commissions Meeting

WEDNESDAY, January 17

8:30 a.m. – Mass: Christian Unity Week / Parish

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

10:00 a.m. – AA – Room 1 & 2

THURSDAY, January 18

6:00 p.m. – RCIA

FRIDAY, January 19

Hospital Visits

SATURDAY, January 20

4:30–5:15 p.m. – Confessions – Church

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

SUNDAY, January 21

8:00 a.m. – Mass: Celebration of Diversity / Parish

9:30 a.m. – Mass: World Peace / Parish

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, 1/15: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mk 2:18-22

Tue, 1/16: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28

Wed, 1/17: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6

Thu, 1/18: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-13; Mk 3:7-12

Fri, 1/19: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19

Sat, 1/20: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-21

Sun, 1/21: Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

Caring for Creation – Ways to Help the Planet

Always Recycle Glass and Aluminium – It is possible to make twenty recycled cans with the same amount of energy it takes to make just one new one. Every ton of glass that is recycled saves nine gallons of the oil used for fuel to produce new glass.

National Collection: World Wide Evangelization Appeal

World Wide Evangelization Appeal is the weekend of January 28. This is an opportunity to fulfill dreams around the world. At home and abroad evangelization is paramount in fulfilling our mission as Roman Catholics.

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
THE LAMB OF GOD**

“Behold the Lamb of God!” We hear this phrase every Sunday at Mass, but there’s a good chance that many Roman Catholics do not know who in the Bible originally spoke it. The phrase appears only in the Gospel of John, on the lips of John the Baptist, who utters it twice. In today’s Gospel reading, John proclaims Jesus as the Lamb of God, and two of John’s own disciples then follow Christ. A little bit later Andrew, who heard John and then followed Jesus, brings his brother Simon to be re-named Cephas, or Peter. A careful look at these Bible verses shows us the mission of everyone baptized into the Body of Christ: we must always proclaim our faith in Christ, so that others will follow him. We may not know how the will of God might work through those we bring to Christ; that is not the point. The point is that our ongoing mission as a church is to bring others to Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE	
January 6 & 7	
Weekly Collection.....	\$3,507.00
Online Giving.....	\$2,465.00
Children.....	\$ 17.50
Youth.....	\$ 0.00



Parish Breakfast – Jan. 21

Come to the next Parish Breakfast, to be held on Sunday, Jan. 21, after the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Please join your Parish family for a special meal of homemade breakfast casserole, fruit & yogurt!

Euchre & Luncheon – Jan. 26

It’s time for Euchre at 10:00 a.m. on Jan. 26 with a light lunch to follow. Cost is \$5.00. Please contact Ruth and Mike Petroski at 810-344-7293 or teacuplady47@hotmail.com to sign up so we can plan accordingly.

Men’s Retreat at St. Francis – Feb. 23 – 25

The men of St. Mark the Evangelist are invited to their annual retreat at the St. Francis Retreat Center from Friday, Feb. 23 through Sunday, Feb. 25. The theme is “**Entering the Heart of God: Praying the Lord’s Prayer in Our Day.**” Suggested offering is \$175.00. Register at the Retreat Center at (517) 669-8321 or by visiting their website at www.stfrancis.ws.

Online Giving Now Made Easier!

St. Mark offers online giving for parishioners who prefer to donate through automatic draft, a secure and personalized way to give to the parish. Visit the St. Mark website to sign up or call the Parish Office for information and help.

Upcoming Baptism Weekend Dates

The upcoming weekends for Baptisms during Mass will be January 13th and 14th, April 7th and 8th, and May 26th & 27th. Any Mass times are available during these weekends for your child’s baptism. Please note that baptisms taking place outside of the above weekends will be ceremonies before or after Mass and not a part of the Mass itself.

FAITH FORMATION

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(I wrote this some 16 years ago and I want to share again for today’s message)

The other day Emma, our 20 month old, took a marker and wrote on the wall. As usual I let out a holler and said, “Emma! What did you do?” She looked up at me, pointed to the wall and with a very proud and happy look said, “I do dat daddy.” The excitement, the pride and the honesty halted my anger and turned to a smile as I marveled at her art work (I think she has Picasso potential).

Emma’s words echo in my mind as I think of that one day that I will stand before my Father in heaven and show him what I did for the building of his Kingdom. Not what I did for me, but what I did for his children, his people, the forgotten, the ostracized, the down-trodden. How I lived God’s will, not Ron’s will. Did I serve him? Was I more concerned with what I had or what I did? Did I carry the faith proudly wherever I went or did I cover it when I thought it might embarrass me? Did I love or was I just seeking love? Today Jesus says to some of his apostles, “Come and follow me and you will see.” I need to follow and see and serve him and one day, I might, with humble adoration, stand before the creator and say, “I do dat daddy!”

Walk the Talk! Be Peace! – Deacon Ron

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

- 1/21 REF All (11-12:30pm K-5, 6:30-8pm 6-7-8)
- 1/28 First Eucharist Parent Meeting Mandatory (11:15-12:15)
- 1/28 PRAISE PRAYER & PIZZA (6-7:30pm)

First Eucharist

- **Parent Only Meeting:** Sunday, January 28th, 11:15-12:15am in the church. All parents of First Eucharist children are required to attend.

Confirmation

- The next Mini Session is scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 11th, 2-5pm. This is a Parent and Candidate Session.

Adult Faith Formation

- **Men’s Fellowship:** 1st Sat. of each month 7-8am – Next Fellowship February 3rd.
- **Looking Ahead....**
- Live Lent! A Lenten Adult Bible Study – Mondays of Lent 7-8:30pm
- Soup, Stations & Substance – Make Lent meaningful - Lenten Wednesdays 6:30-8:15pm
- Men’s Lenten Fellowship – Saturdays of Lent – 7-8am

Year-end Statements

If you would like a year-end tax statement of your 2017 Stewardship contributions, please call or e-mail the Parish Office to have yours e-mailed or mailed to you.

Mass intentions and presentation of gifts

Mass intentions are a great way to remember the special people in your life, both living and deceased, or an event. Those who have a Mass intention are also invited to take up the offertory gifts at the Liturgy. Contact the Parish Office.