

# St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Community

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Mary McFarlane

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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.

My Mexico visit was last week. Annually, since leaving the Yucatan Peninsula 10 years ago, I visit to maintain friendships and relationships in the various pueblos. I am always struck by the happiness and smiles that radiate daily life. Like here, the lifestyle extremes exist in Merida. It is a city of over a million people. The city is a medical and commercial center for not only surrounding states but for Belize and Guatemala as well. I will be ministering there in my "Senior Status" years.

I am in the process of sorting files, books and articles, etc. I came across an article that was shared with me years ago. It seems quite appropriate for today's realities.

"To my brothers and sisters in developing countries:

While I was deciding which oat bran cereal to eat this morning, you were searching the ground for leftover grains from the passing wheat truck.

While I was jogging at the health center, you were working in the wealthy landowner's fields under a scorching sun.

While I was choosing between diet and regular soda, your parched lips were yearning for the touch of water.

While I complained about the poor service in the gourmet restaurant, you were gratefully receiving a bowl of rice.

While I poured my "fresh and better" detergent in the washing machine, you stood in the river with your bundle of clothes.

While I watched the evening news on my wide screen television set, you were being terrorized and taunted by a dictatorship government.

While I read the newspaper and drank my cup of steaming coffee, you walked the dusty, hot miles to the tiny crowded schoolroom to try to learn how to read.

While I scanned the ads for a bargain on an extra piece of clothing, you woke up and put on the same shirt and pants that you have worn for many months.

While I built a 14 room house for the three of us, your family of 10 found shelter in a one-room hut.

While I went to church last Sunday and felt more than slightly bored, you looked out upon the earth and those around you and felt gratitude to God for being alive for one more day.

My brothers and sisters, forgive me for my arrogance and my indifference. Forgive me for my greed of always wanting newer, bigger and better things. Forgive me for not doing my part to change the unjust systems that keep you suffering and impoverished, I offer you my promise to become more aware of your situation and to change my lifestyle as I work for transformation of our world."

Our National Collections throughout our Catholic Liturgical Year remind us of our bounty and our responsibility to share with our sisters and brothers around the world. I am grateful to many of you who are generous with your treasure in supporting the needs of others, whether that is here locally or globally. I pray for increased openness and awareness of the economic realities that exist between the "haves and the have-nots" each day of the year. Invite God's grace for increased sensitivities to the desperate situations we hear, read, and see in various ways each day.

Peace,

**MONDAY, February 5**

**TUESDAY, February 6**

10:00 a.m. – Shawl Ministry  
6:30 p.m. – Mass: 10 Year Pastoral Plan / Parish  
7:00 p.m. – Finance Council Meeting – Parish Center

**WEDNESDAY, February 7**

8:30 a.m. – Mass: Evangelization / Parish  
9:00 a.m. – St. Joseph Guild – Parish Center  
10:00 a.m. – AA – Room 1 & 2

**THURSDAY, February 8**

6:00 p.m. – RCIA  
7:00 p.m. – Choir practice

**FRIDAY, February 9**

**Hospital Visits**

**SATURDAY, February 10 – World Marriage Day**

*Youth Group Bottle Drive*  
4:30–5:15 p.m. – Confessions – Church  
5:30 p.m. – Mass: +Paul Barcey / Bill LaVelle & Family  
6:30 p.m. – Mardi Gras Parish Dinner

**SUNDAY, February 11 – World Marriage Day**

*Youth Group Bottle Drive*  
8:00 a.m. – Mass: Married Couples / Parish  
9:30 a.m. – Mass: +Mary E Milne / Milne Family  
9:30 a.m. – Children's Liturgy of the Word  
10:30 a.m. – Hospitality Hour  
10:30 a.m. – Bell Choir practice  
11:00 a.m. – REF: Gr K-5  
2:00 p.m. – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Mini Session #4  
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, 2/5: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10; Mk 6:53-56  
Tue, 2/6: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5, 10-11; Mk 7:1-13  
Wed, 2/7: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40; Mk 7:14-23  
Thu, 2/8: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40; Mk 7:24-30  
Fri, 2/9: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-15; Mk 7:31-37  
Sat, 2/10: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-22; Mk 8:1-10  
Sun, 2/11: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31 — 11:1; Mk 1:40-45

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**Caring for Creation – Ways to Help the Planet**  
Choose Matches Over a Lighter – As the majority of lighters these days are disposable lighters, 1.5 billion of them end up in landfills every year. They are also made of plastic and filled with butane, neither of which are environmentally friendly. Choose matches instead, ideally the paper ones. The wood ones are made from trees, but the paper ones are made from recycled paper so you are doing less harm.  
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## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time TIRELESS DISCIPLESHIP

The stories we've been hearing these weeks come from the very first chapter of Mark, and they show us the public ministry of Jesus in its infancy. Today's account shows some of the strain or adjustment of his new life of preaching the reign of God, healing the sick, and casting out demons. Notice that after sunset, when darkness ended the workday, people brought the sick and possessed to Jesus. The following day he rose before dawn to get away by himself to pray, but to no avail. Simon Peter and the others don't just look for him, they pursue him, filled with the fervor that his ministry has incited. With the self-sacrificing example he gave until the end of his earthly life, he tells his followers that this is his whole purpose. Through Mark, he is also telling the early church, and he is telling us, that this is our purpose, our vocation: to be tireless in our pursuit of proclaiming the Good News, and in bringing the healing, reconciling touch of Christ to the world.

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### PARISH STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE

January 27 & 28

Weekly Collection.....	\$ 4,861.00
Online Giving.....	\$ 1,105.00
Children.....	\$ 4.00
Youth.....	\$ 0.00



### **NC: World Wide Evangelization Appeal – Jan. 27 & 28**

Thank you for your generous support of the Collection for the Church in Latin America, Central and Eastern Europe, and Africa. Your generosity makes it possible for them to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. Funds from this collection help support reconstruction, education, formation, and poverty outreach. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give. Visit [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections), and click on the "How to Give" link on the left.

### **Rachel's Vineyard – Feb. 16-18**

*Healing the Pain of Abortion, One Weekend at a Time*

This weekend is designed to help you experience the mercy and compassion of God to focus on the buried emotions of the past and begin healing through a supportive trauma sensitive process. Contact: New Life Center 517-993-0291 or [www.RachelsVineyard.org](http://www.RachelsVineyard.org).

### **NC: Black & Indian Home Mission – Feb. 17 & 18**

Thanks to the generosity of thousands of Christ's faithful people, the 3 organizations of the Black & Indian Mission Office are able to help build the Church in Native American and African American communities.

### **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](http://www.stfrancis.ws).

### **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.

## FAITH FORMATION

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It takes quite a few people for an organization, a group, or even a church to carry out its mission. When it comes to our community here at St. Mark and our mission, it is no different. It takes a whole village to serve the needs of this parish community. I can only assume that we have so many people coming forward to volunteer because of something, maybe an experience similar to what happened in today's Gospel Message. Simon Peter's mother-in-law was sick. Jesus grasped her hand and helped her up. Her response was to serve Him. When Jesus touches us, we have no choice but to serve him; it is part of our healing. That is the nature and power of His love. His love transforms us and we want to share that love with others.

Why do we volunteer? Why do we feel we have to serve? Because, Jesus has touched us and has helped us out of our sickbeds and our challenging times. Now we have no choice but to find ways to serve him. We do this primarily by serving his presence in each other and by serving his presence in others throughout the world. If you are missing something in your life, maybe it can be found in responding to Jesus' healing touch. That touch transforms us. Will you let it transform you?!

Walk the Talk! Be Peace! ~ Deacon Ron

### **Adult Faith Formation**

- **Lenten Men's Fellowship:** All Men of the Parish are invited for a morning of Faith, Prayer and Fellowship. Becoming stronger, faith-filled men in a challenging world. Lenten Saturdays, 7-8am  
– Feb. 17, 24, Mar. 3, 10, 17, 24
- **St. Mark Book Club** (Sign up in the Gathering Space)
  - **Book:** Things Hidden – Scripture as Spirituality
  - **Author:** Fr. Richard Rohr, O.F.M.
  - **Discussion:** Tuesday, February 27th, 7-8:30pm
- **Soup, Stations, Substance**
  - Lenten Wednesdays, 6:30-8:15pm. Feb. 21: The Story of Salvation, Feb. 28: Who is Jesus?, Mar. 7: Why do we need church?, Mar. 14: The Paschal Mystery, Mar. 21: The Last things
- **Live Lent Series:** Lent isn't just about giving up something; it's about becoming a better Catholic Christian. Be challenged in prayer, the Word and great discussions with your parish community. (Sign up in the Gathering Space) Lenten Mondays, 7-8:30pm  
– Feb. 19, 26, Mar. 5, 12, 19, 26

### **Diocese of Lansing Middle School Rally (All 6th, 7th and 8th graders)**

- A day of Faith, Friendships, Fun and Encountering Jesus. Keynote speakers: Paul J. Kim and Amanda Vernon. Liturgy with Bishop Earl Boyea. Saturday, March 10th, 8am-7pm, at Lumen Christi High School, Jackson. Sign up at Youth Group or with Dcn. Ron.

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

- 2/11 REF (11-12:30pm K-5, 6-7:30pm 6-12)
- 2/11 Confirmation Mini Session #4 Parents & Candidates (2-5pm)