

# 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.

**Third Sunday of Easter**

I will be completing my retreat this week. It is always a graced time to make space for a directed retreat. I find the silence very renewing. We hear so often in scripture that Jesus went to an out of the way place (desert) and prayed. Below is an article about the Gospel of John by Paul Turner.

"Whatever happened to John? The lectionary of Scripture readings for Mass rotates the Gospel passages on a three year cycle. Each year features one Evangelist: Matthew, Mark and Luke. What did John do wrong?"

It's what John did right. The other three Gospels are called the "Synoptics," Gospels that see through a common eye. Their structure and content are remarkably similar. We think Mark wrote first, and Matthew and Luke expanded Mark to produce their proclamation of Christ.

But John is different. The style, structure and content do not resemble the others. Longer stories filled with sublime imagery of important themes in Christianity make his Gospel a unique treasure. Consequently, the lectionary treats him differently.

We hear the specific Gospel of a cycle most frequently during ordinary time. Throughout this season of green vestments, we hear the work of one Evangelist pretty much in order. We start near the beginning of Jesus' public life and proceed toward the end, story by story, making a few omissions and abbreviations along the way. In the other seasons of the church year, the principal Gospel receives assistance from one or more of the others.

Because of its style, John's Gospel suits those other seasons of the year. Every Christmas, Lent and Easter season you can count on hearing lots of John. His themes inspire our reflection on the truths of our faith which we celebrate at those times. John does not have his own year because he appears so frequently in all three years of the lectionary cycle.

The second year of the cycle creates a special place for John. Mark, the shortest of the four, steps aside in late summer and makes room for five Sundays of John. During those weeks we interrupt Mark's story at the multiplication of the loaves and insert the sixth chapter of John, which includes his version of that story and Jesus' extended discourse on the bread of life.

As ordinary time gets underway each year, John always appears on the second Sunday. In subtle and bold ways, John's voice resounds in our churches even without his own year."

**Diocesan Services Appeal** is announced this weekend around the parishes. It is an annual appeal for the running of the Diocese. I am grateful to Dale Gossiaux, chair of the Finance Council, for presenting today.

**Tax day** annually offers a pause as to what and how we are taxed, not only in government payment, but in our personal lives as well. The little white book for the Easter Season speaks about the First Martyr and others, who felt more than their share of personal taxation: "Martyrdom didn't end after the first three centuries. In 2000, Pope Paul II led an ecumenical service in Rome's Colosseum honoring 20<sup>th</sup>- Century Christian martyrs. In preparation for this ceremony, the Vatican collected more than 12,000 names of 'witnesses' to Christ in our own age."

May we each day reflect and speak about our faith in prayer and in public witness. Enjoy the creation around us.

Peace,

**MONDAY, April 16**

**TUESDAY, April 17**

10:00 a.m. – Shawl Ministry  
6:30 p.m. – Word & Eucharist  
7:00 p.m. – 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting / Parish Center

**WEDNESDAY, April 18**

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

**THURSDAY, April 19**

7:00 p.m. – Choir practice

**FRIDAY, April 20**

**Hospital Visits**

**SATURDAY, April 21**

**DSA Commitment**

4:30–5:15 p.m. – Confessions – Church  
5:30 p.m. – Mass: +Rita Marie Duffey / Stephanie Ratsos

**SUNDAY, April 22**

**DSA Commitment**

8:00 a.m. – Mass: People of the Parish / Parish  
9:30 a.m. – Mass: +Alvin & Florence Boehme / Karen Mackey  
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  
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](mailto:joanturner38@sbcglobal.net) or 248-410-2286.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Mon, 4/16: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30;  
Jn 6:22-29  
Tue, 4/17: Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a,  
17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35  
Wed, 4/18: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40  
Thu, 4/19: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20;  
Jn 6:44-51  
Fri, 4/20: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59  
Sat, 4/21: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69  
Sun, 4/22: Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29;  
1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

**Congratulations to Newly Baptized**

Congratulations to Gilbert George Burd who was baptized this past weekend.

**Large Suitcases Needed**

Large suitcases can be donated to the Parish Office. These will be used for taking items to the Missions in different countries. Suitcases are also used for those children and adults locally who are being removed from dangerous home environments to store their belongings as they transition to a safe place.

**Third Sunday of Easter  
BELIEVING IN JESUS CHRIST**

Throughout the Easter season, all three of the Sunday readings are taken from the New Testament—the Christian scriptures. Together they explore what it means to believe in Jesus as the Christ, the One who fulfilled the prophecies of the Jewish scriptures.

Today's selections refer to our human weakness, yet they emphasize the forgiveness and peace that are available to those who put their faith in "Jesus Christ the righteous one" (1 John 2:2). In the Acts of the Apostles Peter invites everyone to "repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away" (Acts 3:19). The First Letter of John calls Jesus Christ "expiation for our sins" (1 John 2:2). Finally, in the Gospel Jesus greets the disciples with "Peace" and urges them to preach "repentance, for the forgiveness of sins" (Luke 24:47).

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE	
April 7 & 8	
Weekly Collection.....	\$ 3,974.00
Online Giving.....	\$ 3,410.00
Children.....	\$ 2.00
Youth.....	\$ 0.00
Christian Service.....	\$ 1,223.00



**CCW – Paint & Pray – April 23**

CCW will once again host Paint & Pray – Monday, Apr. 23, 6:30-9 pm, Parish Center. Cost is \$25 and includes all supplies and beverages. You may bring a snack. Enjoy a wonderful evening of creative fun and best of all...no experience necessary. Sign-up is in the Gathering Space or Parish Office by Monday April 23rd. You can pay at the door.

**Euchre & Luncheon – April 27**

It's time for Euchre at 10:00 a.m. on April 27 with a light lunch to follow. Cost is \$5.00. Please contact Ruth and Mike Petroski by April 24 at teacuplady47@hotmail.com or 248-980-7679 to sign up so we can plan accordingly.

**Parish Clean-up Day – April 28**

Mark your calendars for our spring Parish Clean-up Day on Saturday, April 28 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. There will be indoor and outdoor projects. Please bring your own gardening tools, but the parish will supply everything else, including lunch. This is a perfect time to celebrate Arbor Day, which is April 27th! Sign up in the Gathering Space.

**Parish Feast Day Time & Talent Celebration – April 28**

The Time & Talent Appreciation Reception for adult parishioners for their stewardship throughout the year is Saturday, April 28 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. Please RSVP in the Gathering Space or contact the Parish Office.

**Women's Retreat Weekend at St. Francis Retreat Center April 27-29, 2018**

The theme for this directed retreat is "Entering the Heart of God: Praying the Lord's Prayer in Our Day based on the book by Fr. Charlie Irvin. We will be delving into the richness that lies within the Our Father prayer. For more information or to register, visit www.stfrancis.ws, call (517) 669-8321, or contact your parish representative. The suggested donation for the weekend is \$175. Please prayerfully consider if God is calling you to set aside time for this encounter opportunity!

**FAITH FORMATION**

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Luke's gospel account of the risen Christ standing before the Apostles has an expression coming from the frightened and confused group that says, "While they were still incredulous for joy...." As I continue to reflect during this Easter Season, I find myself in that same quandary of a moment as the Apostles with questions, doubts, suspicion, disbelief. We celebrate during Easter the Risen Christ in our lives. But at the same time we struggle to SEE the reality of what Easter should be about in our lives today and that is that JESUS IS REAL!

We should be able to approach life and what life brings us with an attitude of making it through not giving up. I recently sat with a 55 year old lady who has just months to live as she is dying of cancer. She wanted to plan her funeral with me. Her 5 children were present because she wanted them to be a part of the moment. I was so amazed and yes, filled with Joy, as I listened to her talk about the joy of believing and her passionate plea in saying, "I know where I am going, I know Jesus is real." We laughed, we cried, it was truly awesome to hear her proclaim what we all should be shouting from the mountain tops, I KNOW JESUS IS REAL! Easter my friends, for us, should be a time to truly recognize that this story is more than a story, it is real, it is life changing. Be amazed, not incredulous, that JESUS CHRIST HAS RISEN TODAY! Walk the Talk! Be Peace! ~ Deacon Ron

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

- 4/18 Confirmation Liturgy with Bishop Boyea 7pm St. John-Davison
- 4/22 All REF (K-5th 11-12:30pm, 6-12th 6-7:30pm)
- 4/22 Praise Prayer Pizza (6-7:30pm)

**Adult Faith Formation**

- **St. Mark Book Club:** Things Hidden by Fr. Richard Rohr, O.F.M., Tue, April 24th - 7-8:30pm – Ch. 5 and 6
- **Men's Fellowship** (1st Sat, 7-8am) Next: May 5th
- **St. Mark Youth Group Mission Trip 2018**
- **Summer Youth Mission Trip: July 22-28, 2018** in Owensboro, Kentucky to build a house with Habitat for Humanity. Mark the date. For High School Aged Youth.
  - **INFO Meeting Sunday, April 29th, 5pm Parish Center.** All parents of Youth interested in attending our Summer Mission Trip should attend.
- **Cedar Point Trip:** Wednesday, June 27th. All 6th-12th graders of St. Mark and their friends. Sign up at Youth Group or contact Dcn. Ron

**DSA Commitment Weekend – April 21 & 22**

This weekend begins our Diocesan Services Appeal (DSA). "Go and Announce the Gospel of the Lord" is the theme of our 2018 Diocesan Services Appeal. It reminds us that each of us is called to discipleship. Supporting the DSA is one way to share our blessings and the Good News with the world. Next weekend our parish will conduct Commitment Weekend for the DSA, when each member of St. Mark will be asked to consider, prayerfully, a gift to DSA. Our parish goal of \$29,686 can be reached if each one of us shares a portion of the many blessings God has bestowed upon us. Please prayerfully consider how you or your family will respond to this call to carry on Christ's work in our community.