

St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Community

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Council of Catholic Women
Mary McFarlane (810) 344-9859

Powers Catholic High School (810) 591-4741

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.

The feast day of Our Lady of Fatima is celebrated in our liturgical calendar annually on May 13th. The website of Franciscan Media provides the following information: "Between May 13 and October 13, 1917, three Portuguese children – Francisco and Jacinta Marto and their cousin Lucia dos Santos – received apparitions of Our Lady at Cova da Iria near Fatima, a city 110 miles north of Lisbon. Mary asked the children to pray the rosary for world peace, for the end of World War I, for sinners, and for the conversion of Russia. Mary gave the children three secrets. Following the deaths of Francisco and Jacinta in 1919 and 1920 respectively, Lucia revealed the first secret in 1927. It concerned devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The second secret was a vision of hell. When Lucia grew up she became a Carmelite nun and died in 2005 at the age of 97.

"Pope John Paul II directed the Holy See's Secretary of State to reveal the third secret in 2000; it spoke of a "bishop in white" who was shot by a group of soldiers who fired bullets and arrows into him. Many people linked this vision to the assassination attempt against Pope John Paul II in St. Peter's Square on May 13, 1981.

"The feast of Our Lady of Fatima was approved by the local bishop in 1930; it was added to the Church's worldwide calendar in 2002."

Mother's Day Prayer

Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church. Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Each year there are the Mother's Day celebrations. The fact is that we remember our deceased and living Mothers every day. I am blessed to have had a Mom that was a model and mentor of faith.

Suitcases – I thank the many who have donated a variety of suitcases and handbags. They are going to get great use. Many are already filled and marked Senegal or Mexico. My plan is to relocate many items that can be used by the churches or homes. Upon my return from Senegal, an item that I became aware of is camping gear. There was a Youth gathering one weekend and they were sleeping on the cement floor. Light sleeping bags or air mattresses would be great. There is a need for canopies for group meetings for shade. If you find yourself phasing out of camping, please consider donating your old equipment, and they will find a good home in the Missions.

Labyrinth blessing – We will bless the new prayer labyrinth, which was constructed by Matthew Leyes as part of his Eagle Scout project, on Pentecost Sunday, May 20 after the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Please plan to attend along with Matthew's family, and take some time soon to prayerfully walk the labyrinth. Thank you again, Matthew, for enhancing our 40th anniversary year, and know that your hard work will bless our parish for many years to come!

Peace,

MONDAY, May 14

7:00 p.m. – Discernment for Pastoral and Finance Councils

TUESDAY, May 15

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

6:30 p.m. – Mass: +Fr. Thomas Butler / Parish

7:00 p.m. – Parish Commission Meetings – Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, May 16

8:30 a.m. – Mass: +Paul Marciszewski / Margaret Daly

9:00 a.m. – St. Joseph Guild

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

THURSDAY, May 17

7:00 p.m. – Choir practice – Church

FRIDAY, May 18

Hospital visits

SATURDAY, May 19

PENTECOST

4:30–5:15 p.m. – Confessions – Church

5:30 p.m. – Mass: Special Intention / Dora Hoelscher and Jean Gloudemans

SUNDAY, May 20

PENTECOST

8:00 a.m. – Mass: People of the Parish / Parish

9:30 a.m. – Mass: +Barb Otis / CCW

9:30 a.m. – Children's Liturgy of the Word

10:30 a.m. – Blessing of Prayer Labyrinth

10:30 a.m. – Hospitality Hour

10:30 a.m. – Bell Choir practice

1:30 p.m. – CCW Spring Tea – Parish Center

6:30 p.m. – Art and Environment takedown – Church

LET US PRAY:

For Peace; for Women/Men in the Military Service:

SSG J Gillett; Maj. S Halleaux; Capt. 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, 5/14: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17

Tue, 5/15: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a

Wed, 5/16: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19

Thu, 5/17: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26

Fri, 5/18: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19

Sat, 5/19: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25

Sun, 5/20: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Mass schedule change starting May 26

Please note: starting the weekend of May 26 and 27, the permanent Mass schedule of weekend Masses will be 5:30 p.m. on Saturdays and 9:30 a.m. on Sundays.

**Ascension of the Lord
MISSION STATEMENT**

Today we celebrate Christ's ascension into heaven and his commissioning of the disciples to carry on his mission in the world. First we hear Luke's description of those events in the opening verses of the Acts of the Apostles. Next we hear words of encouragement and guidance from the Letter to the Ephesians. Finally we hear Mark's account of the Ascension, foretelling the mighty words and acts the Christian community would do in Jesus' name.

Together these scriptures give us a vision of the mission of the church of Jesus Christ — a mission statement of sorts. Like mission statements in our parishes and corporations, this mission statement can help us set priorities and focus our activities. It can guide and support us as we strive to continue Christ's messianic mission on earth.

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE

May 5 & 6

Weekly Collection	\$ 5,641.86
Online Giving	\$ 4,620.00
Children	\$ 3.50
Youth	\$ 0.00



CCW Spring Tea – May 20

St. Mark's Council of Catholic Women is hosting their annual spring tea on Sunday, May 20 from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. Please join us for tea, a light lunch and fellowship. Tickets will be sold after all Masses the weekends of May 6-7 and 12-13; cost is \$5.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children. Questions? Call Deb Forester at 810-694-5983 or Lori Amos at 810-516-0895.

Polka Mass at St. Mark – June 9

As part of the celebration of our 40th anniversary, St. Mark will be having a Polka Mass on Saturday, June 9 at our 5:30 p.m. liturgy, featuring Virgil Baker and the Just for Fun Band. Following the Mass, we will have dinner at 6:30 p.m. and dancing from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Tickets for the dinner and dance are \$10.00 at the door in our Parish Center.

Farewell open house for Fr. Mike – June 10

There will be an open house to celebrate Fr. Mike's transition to senior status, 38 years of priesthood and his 65th birthday on Sunday, June 10 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Parish Center.

St. Mark photo directory

To celebrate our 40th anniversary, we are organizing a parish photo directory. Photos will be taken July 11-15, July 24-28, and August 21. See the enclosed flyer for more information on how to sign up; online signup is available now.

DSA follow up

Thank you to all who have shared the many blessings they have received with your generous gift to our Diocesan Services Appeal. We are at 43% of our \$29,686 goal. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, you can still take an active role in the mission of the Church in our Diocese. You can also schedule your DSA gift online, if you usually give that way.

FAITH FORMATION

Deacon Ron Kenney, Director of Faith Formation
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Congratulations to our First Communicants. Welcome to the Table! Come often and bring your parents too!

Walk the talk. Be Peace! – Deacon Ron

Graduation Mass and Reception

- High School graduates: please join us on Sunday, June 3 at the 9:30 a.m. Liturgy (please arrive at 9:15 a.m. with cap and gown for the procession). A reception will follow in the Parish Center. Please RSVP by May 28 for you and your family in the Gathering Space or by calling the Parish Office.

St. Mark Youth Group

- **Summer Youth Group begins Wednesday, June 13!** 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Pavilion. All those entering the 6th through 12th grades in fall 2018 are invited.
- **Youth Group COLOR FUN RUN – Saturday, June 23** at 8:30 a.m. Pre-register at the Parish Office or contact stmarkdff@hotmail.com. All proceeds go to support our Mission Trip to Owensboro, KY, July 22-28, 2018.
- **EAT AT SAM'S – Thursday, May 17, 5:00 to 10:00 p.m.** at Sam's Italian Restaurant (owned by parishioners Frank and Joanne Salvati) in Rankin. Members of our Youth Group will be helping to serve dinner and 20% of receipts will go to support our Mission Trip.
- **Cedar Point Trip – Wednesday, June 27** – All those entering 6th through 12th grades in fall 2018 and their friends are invited. Sign up at a Youth Group meeting or on the parish website, or contact Deacon Ron.

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

- Early registration for the 2018-19 REF year is taking place now. Registration forms are available on the parish website; please check out the online payment option for REF fees.