

St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Community

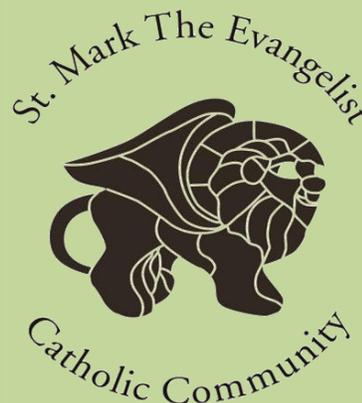
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

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	9:30 a.m.

Weekday Liturgies:

Tuesday	8:30 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 resumes this Sunday on the Church's liturgical calendar. Given the state of transition that I am experiencing, I feel everything but ordinary right now. The sorting, selecting and sending of many different items has been good. When we are in the thick of what I call the "stuff of life," all the more we call on the blessed season of Ordinary Time to remind us of God's providential love present each day.

Ordinary Time – This year is also my 65th birthday, which is one of those milestones. I mentioned last weekend about receiving my Medicare card on June 1st. On the one hand, it is very ordinary to do so and yet there is a lot involved in the process in one's mind, body and spirit.

Ordinary Time, which really takes up more than half of our liturgical year, gives us that opportunity to tune into relationships around us. It is a time to be thankful for those folks who are significant and make a difference in the day-to-day routine. It is a time to pray for those folks who are lacking in charity and maturity. In my 38 years of public ministry, both in my personal and pastoral life, the sacred scriptures have demanded on-going growth in understanding all that Jesus embraced and endured in his lifetime, especially in his public ministry.

Ordinary Time – This year for sure, as I also have my farewell today, I remember the myriad encounters that I have had in different churches, cultures, and communities. My life is richer and altered by such a diversity of exchange over the years. It is no mistake that my understanding of "Mission needs Money, and Money needs Mission" is what helps each of us, as God's people, to become more integrated with our purpose.

Ordinary Time will be when the important project we have been doing, "Christmas in July – Cap the Container," will be shipped from here to Dakar, Senegal. It has been anything but ordinary learning about the "how to" of this venture. I am reminded of the call to stewardship of time, talent and treasure. It does "take a village to raise a child." All of the various efforts that help to fill the container are valued. All of the items and monetary contributions will make the shipping date of mid-July an obtainable Gospel goal of mercy.

Ordinary Time – The daily and weekend readings of our church will offer mandates of how to live each day with greater dignity and hope. In the book, All Saints – Daily Reflections on Saints, Prophets and Witnesses For Our Time by Robert Ellsberg, there is an eclectic array for reading and reflection. For May 28th, Ellsberg wrote about Walker Percy, the American writer: "Percy saw the greatest danger of our times to be the 'devaluation of human life.' Human beings, as he wished to show, were far from angels. They were, nonetheless, endowed with a sacred identity and destiny as 'pilgrims, wayfarers on a journey.' Their challenge was to recover their true humanity, to break loose from abstractions, ideologies, and the soul-deadening allure of self-gratification, and so to 'reenter the lovely, ordinary world.'" Join me in offering gratitude for the extraordinary in the ordinary!

Peace,

MONDAY, June 11

TUESDAY, June 12

6:30 p.m. – +Margaret and Clifford Flowers / Flowers Family

7:15 p.m. – CCW dinner – Sam's Italian Restaurant

WEDNESDAY, June 13

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

9:00 a.m. – St. Joseph Guild

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

5:30 p.m. – Parish gardening

7:00-9:00 p.m. – Youth Group – Pavilion

THURSDAY, June 14

12:00-5:45 p.m. – Blood drive – Goodrich United Methodist Church

FRIDAY, June 15

Hospital visits

SATURDAY, June 16

4:30–5:15 p.m. – Confessions – Church

5:30 p.m. – Mass: In thanksgiving for Padre Kuchar / Carolyn and Jim Rabine

6:30 p.m. – Youth Group Father's Day Popcorn Sale

SUNDAY, June 17

Father's Day

9:30 a.m. – Mass: Deceased and Living Fathers / Parish

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

10:30 a.m. – Parish breakfast – Parish Center

10:30 a.m. – Youth Group Father's Day Popcorn Sale

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; PFC Greg Misiak

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, 6/11: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 5:1-12

Tue, 6/12: 1 Kgs 17:7-16; Ps 4:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 5:13-16

Wed, 6/13: 1 Kgs 18:20-39; Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab, 8, 11; Mt 5:17-19

Thu, 6/14: 1 Kgs 18:41-46; Ps 65:10-13; Mt 5:20-26

Fri, 6/15: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16; Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14; Mt 5:27-32

Sat, 6/16: 1 Kgs 19:19-21; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-10; Mt 5:33-37

Sun, 6/17: Ez 17:22-24; Ps 92:2-3, 13-16; 2 Cor 5:6-10; Mk 4:26-34

New weekday Mass schedule

Starting June 29, the permanent schedule of weekday Masses will be **6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays** (no change) and **8:30 a.m. on Fridays** (changed from Wednesdays).

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time PROMISES

Today's liturgy is full of promises. The reading from Genesis promises a final triumph over the power of sin and a return to a new creation. The reading from Second Corinthians promises that all who follow Christ will have to struggle. It also promises, however, that we can persevere if we but recognize that Christ is within us, renewing us daily, and giving us the courage and the strength we need to endure. The Gospel promises that doing God's will make us "family" with Jesus, who forgives all sin and triumphs over evil.

Today might be a good day for us to make some promises as well. We can promise to stop kidding ourselves about our own tendencies to selfishness and sin. We can promise ourselves to believe—really believe—that while we are not sinless, we are forgiven. We can promise ourselves to combat evil and sin by acting as sisters and brothers not only to the Lord, but to one another as well. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE

June 2 and 3

Weekly Collection	\$3,550.00
Online Giving	\$3,670.00
Children	\$ 0.00
Youth	\$ 0.00



Christmas in July – Cap the Container

Remember to drop off your donated items in front of the Rectory garage on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays between 9:00 a.m. and noon. Please contact the Parish Office to arrange other drop-off times; we can also pick up items. Last day for donations is July 16.

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 Aug. 21. 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/>.

Blood drive at Goodrich United Methodist – June 14

Share the gift of life at the Red Cross blood drive that will take place on Thursday, June 14 from 12:00 noon to 5:45 p.m. at the Goodrich United Methodist Church at 8071 S. State Road in Goodrich.

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 72% of our \$29,686 goal. You can still take an active role in the mission of the Church in our Diocese. If you typically give online, you can schedule your DSA gift that way.

Fiesta Mexicana at Our Lady of Guadalupe – June 23 & 24

You are invited to Our Lady of Guadalupe's annual parish event, Fiesta Mexicana 2018, on Saturday, June 23, from 10:00 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday, June 24 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Enjoy games, entertainment and the best Mexican food at 2316 W Coldwater Road in Flint.

FAITH FORMATION

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2 Corinthians 5:1 says, "For we know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent, should be destroyed, we have a building from God, a dwelling not made with hands but is eternal in heaven." This Scripture is read during the Catholic Vigil funeral rite, usually the night before the funeral liturgy. It brings an understanding and some hope to what we say we believe. This reading helps us to know that there is a greater place awaiting our lives. That is the promise of our God, to go back home to a place prepared for us in heaven. It isn't easy to grasp the loss of a loved one at any stage of life here on earth. That is what it means to be human, to mourn and be saddened. But at the core of our faith is to know and believe that God will reunite us one day in his heavenly kingdom. As a presider at funerals, I see a difference in those who gather to mourn loss in their lives. Those who are strong in their belief, have faith in God and have hope in what this reading proclaims are saddened, but are able to celebrate life. Those who have little or no belief are many times at loss and suffer much in their loss. I often see more struggles with coping with death in their lives. Our challenge each day is to keep building that relationship with our God, our Christ to help us as we go through the struggles that come our way each day. Let the challenge begin with knowing and believing that WE DO have a building from God awaiting us one day.

Walk the talk. Be Peace! – Deacon Ron

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. FUN PRAYER PIZZA! Please bring \$3 for pizza.
- **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.
- **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.
- **North End Soup Kitchen summer visits** – Tuesday, July 3, 8:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.; and Tuesday, Aug. 7, 1:00–6:00 p.m. Sign up at Summer Youth Group meeting.

Religious Education Formation (REF)

- Early registration for the 2018-19 REF year is taking place now in the Parish Office.
- REF Parents please take the end of the year survey at the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3NYCPFR>

St. Mark Vacation Bible School 2018

- July 31 through Aug 3, with a family cookout on Aug. 3
- Theme: **Shipwrecked – Rescued by Jesus**, for ages 4 to 11
- Sign up in the Parish Office.