

St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Community

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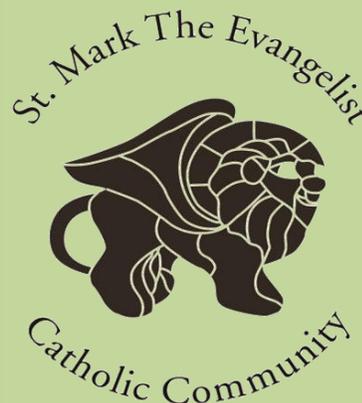
PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

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:

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| Saturday | 5:30 p.m. |
| Sunday | 9:30 a.m. |

Weekday Liturgies:

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| Tuesday | 8:30 a.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.

Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist – June 24

Each year, the church honors St. John the Baptist on the feast of his birth. In today's readings, which replace those for the 12th Sunday of Ordinary Time, we hear about John's birth in the Gospel. In the second reading, from the Acts of the Apostles, we hear Paul quoting John saying, "I am not worthy to unfasten the sandals of his feet." It might be a good day to reflect on our own faith journey.

I know that as I write my last Padre's Portion, I am aware of and remember the many people and places I have encountered as a priest. In the varied communities, churches and cultures, the presence of God's love has been a constant.

My family and priestly formation have been a wonderful gift that shaped and fashioned me as I entered into the priesthood. Since 1980 to the present, I am thankful for the sacramental ministry that was entrusted to me. I could never have imagined how much variety would come my way each and every day. Going forth into *senior status* I will continue to reflect on the path that God has for me.

In October 1962, Pope John (now St. John) the XXIII addressed an assembly of 2,500 hundred bishops from around the world in words that set the tone for the sessions of the Second Vatican Council. He said: *"In the daily exercise of our pastoral office, we sometimes have to listen – much to our regret – to voices of persons who, though burning with religious zeal, are not endowed with too much sense of discretion or measure. In these modern times, they can see nothing but prevarication and ruin . . . We feel we must disagree with these prophets of gloom. In the present order of things, divine providence is leading us to a new order of human relations which, by human effort and even beyond human expectation, are directed toward the fulfillment of God's higher and inscrutable designs; and everything, even human differences, leads to the greater good of the Church."*

I have had a bookmark on the door handle of every office I had which reminded me of his wisdom. It says, "See Everything, Overlook a Great Deal, Improve a Little."

As I leave on Wednesday, June 27th, I will be returning to work on the "Christmas in July – Cap the Container" project. As has been mentioned, donated items can be brought to the rectory or call if you need them picked up. Obtaining the container will cost \$4,000.00. I am working on a letter to reduce the taxes once the container arrives in Dakar, Senegal. Likewise, the transport from here to Rhode Island will cost money. Several have already contributed by check for these expenditures. If you would like to contribute, please make your check payable to **St. Mark the Evangelist** and write **Senegal Mission** in the memo line. Thank you to all that have already responded in various ways.

I offer my gratitude for the dedication of Staff, Finance and Pastoral Councils, Education/Formation, Parish Life, Social Justice and Spiritual Development Commission members. Thanks to all who over the last nine years while I served as pastor have offered their *Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure!* God's blessings and peace be with you.

Peace,
Padre

MONDAY, June 25

TUESDAY, June 26

6:30 p.m. – Word and Eucharist
7:00 p.m. – 40th Anniversary Planning Committee

WEDNESDAY, June 27

Youth Group trip to Cedar Point

8:30 a.m. – +Paul Marciszewski / Bob & Pat Urchike
9:00 a.m. – St. Joseph Guild
10:00 a.m. – AA – Parish Center – Rooms 1 & 2
5:30 p.m. – Parish gardening

THURSDAY, June 28

FRIDAY, June 29

Hospital visits

8:30 a.m. – Mass: People of the Parish / Parish
8:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. – St. Mark @ North End Soup Kitchen

SATURDAY, June 30

8:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. – Youth Group Color Run – Pavilion
4:30–5:15 p.m. – Confessions – Church
5:30 p.m. – Mass: +John Phipps / Ron & Sharon Roberts

SUNDAY, July 1

9:30 a.m. – Mass: +Terry Behrens /
Steve & Carol O'Donnell

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; 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, 6/25: 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Ps 60:3-5, 12-13; Mt 7:1-5
- Tue, 6/26: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Ps 48:2-4, 10-11; Mt 7:6, 12-14
- Wed, 6/27: 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3; Ps 119:33-37, 40; Mt 7:15-20
- Thu, 6/28: 2 Kgs 24:8-17; Ps 79:1b-5, 8, 9; Mt 7:21-29
- Fri, 6/29: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19
- Sat, 6/30: Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Ps 74:1b-7, 20-21; Mt 8:15-17
- Sun, 7/1: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mk 5:21-43 [5:21-24, 35b-43]

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).

Looking for something good to read this summer?

Check out the books in the breezeway between the church and Parish Center, which any parishioner may borrow.

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

JOHN THE BAPTIST

Since June 24 falls on a Sunday this year, the Church has the opportunity for a more intense celebration of the birth of John the Baptist, who is often described as the last of the Old Testament prophets and the bridge between Judaism and Christianity. More commonly, John is known as the “precursor” of our Lord Jesus Christ. All the Gospels report John’s basic message: Repent, the kingdom is near at hand. One greater than I is coming.

Though he was a wandering preacher who dressed in camel skins and ate grasshoppers, John’s legacy is one of true royalty. His origins are similar to those foretold by God through the prophet Isaiah: “You are my servant, he said to me, Israel through whom I show my glory” (Isaiah 49:3). John’s humility—“I am not he”—was surpassed only by that of his Lord Jesus, the humble servant who followed. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE

June 16 and 17

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| Weekly Collection | \$3,444.00 |
| Online Giving | \$3,100.00 |
| Children | \$ 6.00 |
| Youth | \$ 286.00 |



Christmas in July – Cap the Container

Donated items can be dropped off 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. . If you have a truck and are able to help with home pick up, please let us know. Last day for donations is **July 16**. Monetary donations are also still being accepted; please make checks payable to *St. Mark the Evangelist* with “Senegal mission” in the memo line. For more information, visit www.stmarkgoodrich.org.

North End Soup Kitchen – June 29

When a month has five Fridays, the fifth Friday is St. Mark’s opportunity to serve at the North End Soup Kitchen. This Friday, June 29, is a fifth Friday. If you wish to volunteer to help out, please call the Parish Office. We gather at 8:30 a.m. by the Parish Office entrance in the parking lot to carpool to the site. After preparing and serving the meal, everyone returns to the parish.

Peter’s Pence Collection – June 30 and July 1

Next week, we will take the Peter’s Pence Collection, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society. Please be generous. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

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 parish website for a link to sign up to have your photo taken or go to <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/ycvtmsc6/>. Please plan to be a part of the parish directory.

FAITH FORMATION

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Psalm 23 tells us of a shepherd, “In green pastures he makes me lie down; to still waters he leads me.” This image of a shepherd is how we are to see our Lord in our lives. A PASTOR is called forth to be that shepherd in our lives and in our parish. We trust and are thankful for the dedication and commitment that our PASTORS give to us the flock of the Lord here in the everyday.

Fr. Mike has been the shepherd here at St. Mark for nearly a decade. He has given of himself to help us find that green pasture and still water that has helped each of us to grow in our spiritual journeys. He has CHALLENGED us to think outside the box and to not just have our personal faith, but to live that faith in action and service. He has helped us to SEE the bigger church, the global church and the needs of those less fortunate that we as church need to be aware of and to help. He has given us a path of formation to help us understand that, we don’t just listen to the Good News, but we are FORMED by that word in our lives. He has helped us to know and appreciate God’s presence in all things and how we need to CARE for the world that surrounds us all.

Fr. Mike, thank you for being our shepherd and saying “yes” every day to helping us find the green pastures and still waters. May God bless your next chapter, and may you continue to lead others as you have led us here at St. Mark. Walk the talk. Be Peace! – Deacon Ron

Adult Faith Formation

- **St. Mark Men’s Fellowship** – first Saturday of every month, 7:00–8:00 a.m. Meet for prayer and fellowship as we try to live as Missionary Disciples as fathers, sons, brothers, co-workers, husbands, friends. Contact stmarkdff@hotmail.com for more information. Next fellowship: Saturday, July 7.

St. Mark Youth Group

- **Youth Group COLOR FUN RUN – Saturday, June 30** 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.
- **Summer Youth Group Bonfire/Movie Night – Friday, July 6!** 7:00-10:00 p.m. at the Pavilion. All those entering the 6th through 12th grades in fall 2018 are invited.
- **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.

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
- Participants and volunteers are invited to sign up in the Parish Office. Contact stmarkdff@hotmail.com for more information.