

# St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Community

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## PARISH – VICARIATE MINISTRIES:

AA Meetings (Wed., 10:00 a.m.)

AA Hotline (810) 234-0815

Catholic Charities (810) 232-9950

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.

Wednesday and 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 6:30 p.m.  
Friday 8:30 a.m.

First Friday of the month, Mass is followed by Eucharistic adoration 9:00 a.m.–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  
(nine 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.

September 16, 2018

**A cup of Joe . . .**

Greetings in Christ! I am typing this bulletin article while on break from the retreat I am offering for the priests of the Diocese of Marquette. It is absolutely BEAUTIFUL up here and this group of priests are a really nice group to talk with.

A couple interesting notes: the Diocese of Marquette is the largest diocese in the state of Michigan in terms of land size. It encompasses 16,281 square miles in which are about 68,000 Catholics served by 58 diocesan priest and 11 religious priests. To give a sense of things, our diocese is 6,218 square miles and has about 228,000 Catholics. They have a couple more parishes than we do, though obviously, those parishes are much, much smaller. The Bishop here tells me that most of their Catholic population is comprised of people who moved here to retire and, as a result, there are almost no young people in their parishes. Last year, he tells me he confirmed less than 200 kids in the whole diocese, but that they are not shrinking as a Church, is simply because people who have kids move to the lower peninsula...interesting stuff!

I miss you all and I am praying for my two parish families every day that I am here.

I have had a lot of questions about the way the Mass schedule works on the weekends, so I thought I'd take a little space and break it down. The way it was set up is in two Mass sets for each weekend:

**Set A:**

4:00 Saturday at Holy Family  
8:00 Sunday at Holy Family  
Confessions 9:30 a.m.  
10:00 at Holy Family  
Confessions 11:30 a.m.

**Set B:**

Confessions at St. Mark 4:30 p.m.  
5:30 Saturday at St. Mark  
9:30 Sunday at St. Mark  
12:00 Sunday at Holy Family  
5:00 Sunday at Holy Family

So, one week I have "A" and Fr. Dan has "B" and the next week we switch. It's pretty straightforward once you know the system. I think and I hope this explanation helps. I pray that God bless and guide us into deeper holiness each day!

Your priest,

- fjk

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**MONDAY, September 17** – No activities scheduled

**TUESDAY, September 18**

10:00 a.m. – Shawl Ministry – Call Parish Office for location  
6:30 p.m. – Mass: Special Intention / Dora Hoelscher  
7:00 p.m. – Commission meetings – Parish Center

**WEDNESDAY, September 19**

8:30 a.m. – Liturgy of the Hours – Church  
9:00 a.m. – St. Joseph Guild – Parish Center  
10:00 a.m. – AA – Rooms 1 & 2  
11:00 a.m. – Senior Appreciation Mass and luncheon – St. John in Davison  
5:30 p.m. – Parish gardening

**THURSDAY, September 20**

7:00-8:30 p.m. – Choir practice – Church

**FRIDAY, September 21**

8:30 a.m. – Mass: People of the Parish / Parish  
9:00 a.m. – Medicare seminar – Parish Center

**SATURDAY, September 22**

All day – Diocesan Assembly in East Lansing – no Confessions or Mass at St. Mark

**SUNDAY, September 23 – Catechetical Sunday**

9:30 a.m. – Mass: +Adam Chmiel / Kelly Alford  
10:30 a.m. – Breakfast  
10:45 a.m. – Bell choir practice – Church  
11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m. – REF K-Grade 5  
6:00–7:30 p.m. – REF Grades 6-12

**All parent meeting 11 am – 12 noon!**

**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**

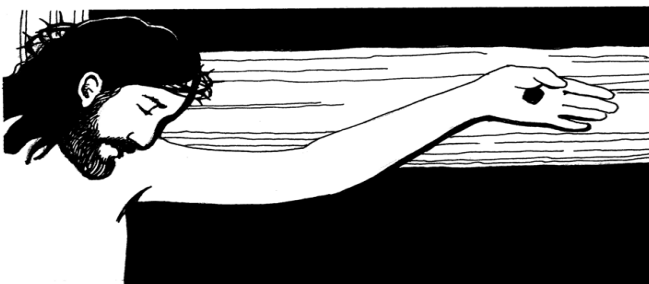
Mon, 9/17: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 7:1-10  
Tue, 9/18: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1-5; Lk 7:11-17  
Wed, 9/19: 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13; Ps 33:2-5, 12, 22; Lk 7:31-35  
Thu, 9/20 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Lk 7:36-50  
Fri, 9/21: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13  
Sat, 9/22: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-14; Lk 8:4-15  
Sun, 9/23: Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54:3-8; Jas 3:16 — 4:3; Mk 9:30-37

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE**

September 8 and 9

Weekly Collection .....\$4,613.50  
Online Giving .....\$1,895.00  
Mission Appeal.....\$1,452.00  
Children .....\$ 4.50

*Thank you to those who regularly and generously give of your treasure, time and talent.*



**Annual Mission appeal thank you**

Fr. Johnus Cherunilath V.C. and all the Vincentian Missionaries and Seminarians thank you for your prayers and generous mission offering of \$1,452.00 during last weekend's Masses. Your prayerful financial support and encouragement will help their missionaries face the enormous challenges in bringing food, clothing, water, shelter, education and, most importantly, the Gospel message to the people in their missions in India and Africa. If you did not have an opportunity to make an offering last weekend or would like to make an additional offering, you may make your offering through the general parish collection next weekend in a specially marked envelope. Please keep Fr. Joseph and all the Vincentian Missionaries and seminarians in your prayers. Your intentions are specially remembered in the Holy Masses and prayers of the Missionaries and Seminarians.

**Parish gardening – Sept. 19**

We are never closer to God than in a garden – all are invited to participate in the beautification of our parish grounds on Wednesday, Sept. 19 at 5:30 p.m.

**Medicare seminar – Sept. 21**

Want to know more about Medicare? On Friday, Sept. 21 at 9:00 a.m., Michelle Sanchagrin, a multi-licensed producer and Medicare specialist, will present a session on applying for and making use of Medicare. The session is free and especially helpful for people 64 and above. Please bring your questions to this interactive event.

**St. Mark photo directory – Sept. 26**

LifeTouch has opened up Wednesday, Sept. 26 for photography sessions. *We are still far short of our goal of 200 family pictures.* It is very important that we get as many families as we can in our directory. This will be especially beneficial to our new priests to get to know us by name and face. Please do your part! 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/>, or sign up after weekend Masses.

**Friday morning Euchre – Sept. 28**

It's time for euchre and snacks on Friday, Sept. 28 at 10:00 a.m. Cost is \$5.00. Contact Ruth and Mike Petroski at 810-344-7293 or teacuplady47@hotmail.com by Sept. 26 to sign up, so we can plan accordingly. Bring your friends. All are welcome!

**CCW Paint and Pray Evening – Sept. 24**

All are invited to join local artist, Dana George, with a step-by-step painting project at St. Mark on Mon. Sept. 24 at 6:30 p.m. It's \$25.00/person, which includes all your supplies; bring a beverage/snack, and your friends! Reservations are a must; please register in the Gathering Space after Mass or call or e-mail the Parish Office.

**Blessings for our Pets**

Please bring your pets to our special blessing ceremonies Sunday, Sept. 30 at 1:30 pm in the lower parking lot off Bush St. near the Father Bush Parish Center at the Holy Family campus and Thursday, Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in our own Peace Prayer Garden at St. Mark (accessible from the Burpee Rd parking lot at the east end of the church).

**FAITH FORMATION*****Ron's thoughts....***

Over the last couple of weeks I have had many people ask my opinion about our church's handling of the sins of our church leadership and, how can I, or they continue to be catholic in light of this evil that has permeated our faith. It is difficult and I am as angry as the next person. But, my faith, my church, and my God, are of themselves not evil. I see the bigger picture and that is why I am and will always be Catholic. I was at our Vicariate meeting this last week and Fr. Andy Czajkowski shared this poem that really helped me to put into words what I am trying to say. I love my church and I know it is not perfect, because it is led by humans, who also are not perfect. Please read and pray as we try to see the big picture:

***I Sought and I Found (By: Carlo Carretto)***

*How much I must criticize you, my church and yet how much I love you!*

*You have made me suffer more than anyone and yet I owe more to you than anyone.*

*I should like to see you destroyed and yet I need your presence.*

*You have given me much scandal and yet you alone have made me understand holiness.*

*Never in this world have I seen anything more compromised, more false, yet never have I touched anything more pure, more generous or more beautiful.*

*Countless times I have felt like slamming the door of my soul in your face – and yet, every night, I have prayed that I might die in your sure arms.*

*No, I cannot be free of you, for I am one with you, even if not completely you. Then too – where would I go? To build another church?*

*But I could not build one without the same defects, for they are my defects. And again, if I were to build another church, it would be my church, not Christ's church.*

*No, I am old enough. I know better!*

**Walk the talk! Be Peace!**

**Deacon Ron Kenney** [rkenney@stmarkgoodrich.org](mailto:rkenney@stmarkgoodrich.org)

**St. Mark Religious Education Formation (REF) 2018/19**

- WEEKEND REGISTRATION FOR 2018-19 REF Today, after all Masses.
- Register for Confirmation (9th Grd) and First Reconciliation and Eucharist (2nd Grd)
- REF Sessions begin September 23, 2018.

**Adult Faith Formation:**

**Men's Fellowship** – Meets 1st Sat of each month 7-8am. Next: October 6<sup>th</sup>

**Alpha** – a great way for practicing Catholics to re-examine and re-energize their faith! Tuesdays, beginning Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm at Holy Family St. Joseph Hall.

**St. Mark Youth Group**

Begins Sunday, Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6-7:30pm (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>)

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**

Are you interested or do you know someone who is interested in completing the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) and learning more about becoming Catholic. Contact Dcn. Ron