

St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Community

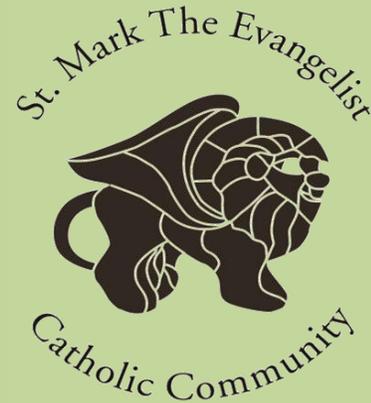
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Catholic Charities (810) 232-9950

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 23, 2018

A cup of Joe . . .

Greetings in Christ, all!

I want to thank you all for your prayers and support while I conducted the Convocation for the Priests of the Diocese of Marquette. It was truly exhausting and exhilarating all at the same time. I gave all the talks, prayed with the priests and heard their confessions. The Lord did a lot of great things there and I was honored to be a part of it.

I am asked to do a lot of retreats and, as a general rule I say “no” because I feel it important to be present to my Parish Families. As a result, I usually only do one a year.

The week before I left for Marquette, I was asked by the Bishop of the Diocese of Fairbanks, Alaska to conduct a retreat for his people in Lent of 2019. I told him I'd pray and think about it and, upon return from the Priests' retreat in Marquette, I realized that it just plain wiped me out to do this and, as a result, I said “no” to Fairbanks for next year. He asked me if I would come in 2020, and I agreed to do that. That's long enough away for me not to have to worry for a bit...besides, I've always wanted to see Alaska!

I want to share with you all a neat thing that our Lord did in my life recently; although it starts with a sad thing. My mother Martha died a couple years ago after a long hard fight with Alzheimer's. Since that time, some members of my family and I have gotten together once a year to do an Alzheimer's walk somewhere in Michigan. Last year, when we were picking our site to go to for 2018, we chose Grand Blanc. It's kind of funny how our Lord works because at that point, I had no idea that I would be living in Grand Blanc in 2018! So, next Saturday, September 29th, my family and I will come to the 8:00 a.m. Mass at Holy Family and then head out for the Alzheimer's walk here. If you want more information, I have a post on my Facebook page. Please keep my mom and my family in your prayers; we miss her very much!

I give thanks to all of you at both of my Parish Families for your patience as I learn all the ropes. I know that it is a big adjustment to share priests with another parish and truth be told, I'm struggling mightily to keep up. Your patience and kindness and letters of support and encouragement mean the world to me. Bless you all!

Your priest,

– fjk

Help Spread the FAITH collection – Sept. 29 and 30

Next weekend, we will be taking up a collection to support evangelization through FAITH Magazine, the FAITHpub.com website, the FAITHpub app, the televised Outreach Mass and the U.S. bishops' national evangelization efforts. Please prayerfully consider a gift.



Welcome to our newly baptized member

St. Mark welcomes its newest member, Eve Eleanor Essenmacher, daughter of Caitie and Brian, who was baptized here last Saturday, Sept. 15. Eve, your parish family looks forward to helping you grow in faith!

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY, September 24

6:30-9:00 p.m. – CCW Paint & Pray – CANCELLED

TUESDAY, September 25

6:30 p.m. – Mass: People of the Parish / Parish

WEDNESDAY, September 26

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

THURSDAY, September 27

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

FRIDAY, September 28

8:30 a.m. – Mass: Victims of natural disasters / Parish
10:00 a.m. – Euchre – Parish Center

SATURDAY, September 29

4:30–5:15 p.m. – Confessions – Church
5:30 p.m. – Mass: Mary Florence O'Brien on her birthday / Julia Kaupert

SUNDAY, September 30

9:30 a.m. – Mass: +Shawn Fatheree / Kelly Alford
9:30 a.m. – Children's Liturgy of the Word
10:30 a.m. – Hospitality Hour
10:45 a.m. – Bell choir practice – Church
11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. – REF: Gr K-5
6:00-7:30 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; 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, 9/24: Prv 3:27-34; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 8:16-18
- Tue, 9/25: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21
- Wed, 9/26: Prv 30:5-9; Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Lk 9:1-6
- Thu, 9/27: Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc; Lk 9:7-9
- Fri, 9/28: Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4; Lk 9:18-22
- Sat, 9/29: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51
- Sun, 9/30: Nm 11:25-19; Ps 19:8, 10, 12-14; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

PARISH STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE

September 15 and 16

Weekly Collection	\$3,389.00
Online Giving	\$1,265.00
Mission Appeal	\$ 855.00
Christian Service	\$ 500.00
Children	\$ 250

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

CCW Paint and Pray Evening – CANCELLED

The CCW Paint and Pray event on Sept. 24 has been cancelled due to lack of participation. We regret any inconvenience.

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 Mass today.

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!

Parish potluck dinner – Oct. 6

Join your parish family and share your cooking skills at a potluck dinner on Saturday, Oct. 6 after the 5:30 p.m. Mass. Sign up in the Gathering Space.

40th anniversary speaker series Oct. 7, 14, 21 & 28

Mark your calendars for 6:00-7:30 p.m. on the Sundays of October, when St. Mark's parish commissions will offer a series of speakers that touch on each commission's mission. See future bulletins for more information as it becomes available.

CCW Annual Fall Scrapbook CROP – Oct. 12-13

Here is your opportunity to catch up on organizing those pictures! E-mail Cindy Bell at cabsandkids@aol.com. Registration includes plenty of space, snacks, vendors and prizes. The CROP will be held Friday from 6:00 p.m. to midnight (\$12) and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. (\$35). Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be served on Saturday.

Blessing of Pets

Please bring your pets to our special blessing ceremonies. The first is Sunday, Sept. 30 at 1:30 p.m. at Holy Family Parish in the lower parking lot off Bush St. near the Father Bush Parish Center. The second is in our own Peace Prayer Garden at St. Mark on Thursday, Oct. 4 at 7:00 p.m.

New staff e-mail addresses

As of Sept. 1, the following St. Mark staff people have new e-mail addresses:

Deacon Ron Kenney – rkenney@stmarkgoodrich.org

Sue Griffith – sgriffith@stmarkgoodrich.org

Sharon Roberts – sroberts@stmarkgoodrich.org

Karen Mackey – kmackey@stmarkgoodrich.org

Please update your contact lists as necessary. We will be able to receive e-mails sent to the old Hotmail addresses through the end of September during the transition, and we will update the bulletin by that same time. Thanks for your cooperation and patience!

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

I always love reading the Letter of St. James in the New Testament. It is a challenging message for us as Christians, but at the same time it is pretty straightforward. Read it in its entirety and it will make you think a bit on how you live out your faith each day. In James 3:16, he writes, "Where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every foul practice." As I look around in my own world and that of others, if there seems to be tension or discontent or fighting, this message is usually at the heart of it. James tries to help us step back and look at how we are living our lives. Are we just focused on how we can get ahead and what matters most in MY LIFE or do we set aside jealousy and selfishness to include others?

Now don't get me wrong, I do believe in trying to be the best that you can be. But at what cost and what sacrifice? If our personal pursuits destroy others and ultimately destroy ourselves, what good is that? I once officiated at a funeral for an elderly man at a funeral home. There were two people at the funeral. One was a neighbor, who felt someone should show up, and the other his caregiver in his last days. I remember asking the funeral director why. He said the man had burned many bridges in his lifetime and never wanted to repair them. That is very sad. No, we don't treat others well to have a big funeral. We do it because in the end, THAT IS WHAT MATTERS! Love God, Love others!

Walk the talk! Be Peace! –

Dcn. Ron (rkenney@stmarkgoodrich.org)

St. Mark Youth Group

- Sundays, 6:00-7:30 p.m. for all 6th-12th graders. Register in the Parish Office or contact Dcn. Ron.
- **Diocese of Lansing High School Youth Conference: Who Do You Say That I Am?** All high school youth are invited to join more than 800 young people from around the diocese to celebrate our Catholic faith on Sunday, Nov. 4 at the Lansing Center. Contact Dcn. Ron for more information.

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

- Registration for 2018-19 REF Year and Confirmation (9th graders) and First Reconciliation and Eucharist (2nd graders) can be done in the Parish Office or by contacting Dcn. Ron.

Adult Faith Formation

- **Men's Fellowship** – Meets the first Saturday of each month, 7:00-8:00 a.m. Next session is Oct. 6.
- **Welcome Retreat (CRHP 2.0)** at Holy Family (for St. Mark, too) – Something missing in your life? Men's weekend Oct. 13-14 – women's Oct. 27-28. Contact Dcn. Ron for more information.

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.