

St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Community

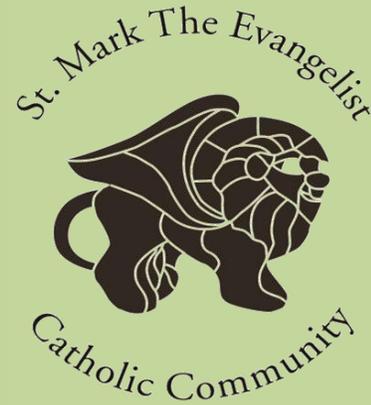
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Pastoral Council: Mary Crosby, chair

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PARISH – VICARIATE MINISTRIES:

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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.

October 21, 2018 – 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A cup of Joe . . .

Greetings in Christ, all!

Last weekend, we heard the sad news that Fr. Dan is being transferred to Durand and Gaines: times of transition are always hard, and I encourage us to pray for Fr. Dan, for his two new parishes and that God sends us more priests.

This Wednesday is the third anniversary of my mother's death. She fought a long, hard battle with Alzheimer's and we kids were able to take care of her at home. I miss her and her wonderful example every day. I'd like to share with you some excerpts from the homily I gave at her funeral:

She saw the Lord in it all...not just the beautiful baby giggling, but in the horrors and crucifixions of being a broken person in a broken world. I can't tell you what that meant, and means to me, to be loved and raised by a woman who saw the Lord in everything.

Mom loved Jesus. With every cell in her body, she loved God. Because of that, she loved us all with an intensity that is impossible to describe.

Her sincere conviction that God loved her put a steel in her heart that was absolutely, positively unbreakable. Because God loved her so deeply and because she loved Him back, she could weather any storm of gossip, hateful comments, neglect, trials or tribulations. In the words of Proverbs 31, she laughed at the days to come.

We, as a family, were with her at the end and, no kidding, Mom didn't just die, Mom was finished. For 77 years, Mom grabbed every moment that God offered her in life and she seized it: she laughed like no one else, she cried with intensity and a depth that would break your heart. She sang with gusto, she prayed with fire, she worked like a crazy woman, she rested with relish, she hugged you as if the world was ending, she traveled the world and gazed on wonder after wonder...I can't tell you what it was like to live with and around such a person.

It's hard not to give her resumé. It's hard not to tell you the extraordinary things she accomplished. Every joy, every pain, every experience God threw at Mom...but that's not her. Her love for God and her trust in God's love for her is what is important and the best thing about her.

In the last days, I was blessed to hold her hand as she died. While I sat there with her, I kept whispering over and over "I am filled with gratitude for you."

I was and I am.

I thank God for this amazing woman. She shined.



May God bless us with the courage to love fiercely.

– fjk

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY, October 22

No activities scheduled

TUESDAY, October 23

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

WEDNESDAY, October 24

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, October 25

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

FRIDAY, October 26

8:30 a.m. – Mass: Those affected by natural disasters / Parish
10:00 a.m. – Euchre – Parish Center

SATURDAY, October 27

8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. – Parish cleanup and lunch
4:30–5:15 p.m. – Confessions – Church
5:30 p.m. – Mass: Paul & Jean Tousignant / Jim & Nancy Ellis

SUNDAY, October 28

9:30 a.m. – Mass: +Ed Czarniak / 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. – Speaker series – Praise & Worship – Church

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,
ATAN Daniel P. Wood

For Our Sick: Those who are homebound, in the hospital or another healthcare facility.

For Prayer Ministry Requests: Contact Joan Turner at joanturner38@sbcglobal.net or 248-410-2286.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon, 10/22: Eph 2:1-10; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 12:13-21

Tue, 10/23: Eph 2:12-22; Ps 85:9ab-14; Lk 12:35-38

Wed, 10/24: Eph 3:2-12; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lk 12:39-48

Thu, 10/25: Eph 3:14-21; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19;
Lk 12:49-53

Fri, 10/26: Eph 4:1-6; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 12:54-59

Sat, 10/27: Eph 4:7-16; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 13:1-9

Sun, 10/28: Jer 31:7-9; Ps 126:1-6; Heb 5:1-6;
Mk 10:46-52

Please plan to attend Mass in October

Each October, the Diocese of Lansing asks every parish to report its Mass attendance. Please make a special effort to attend Mass at St. Mark this month and be counted!

PARISH STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE

October 13 and 14

Weekly collection.....	\$3,515.51
Online giving.....	\$3,800.00
Children and youth	\$ 8.00
Christian Service	\$1,093.00

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

40th anniversary speaker series – Oct. 21 and 28

St. Mark's 40th anniversary speaker series continues this Sunday, Oct. 21 with a presentation by Fr. Bill Wegher based on the hymn "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee." On Oct. 28, there will be an evening of prayer and worship featuring Dcn. Ron and Mike Farella. All sessions will take place 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the church.

World Mission Sunday – Oct. 20 and 21

This weekend, we are called to be part of the Church's missionary efforts, supporting mission priests, religious Sisters and Brothers, and lay catechists who provide loving service to those most in need through our support of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Thanks in advance for your generosity.

Music for an October Night – Oct. 26

Come enjoy a classical concert on Friday Oct. 26 at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Redeemer Church in Burton. This is free concert, but attendees will be invited to make a free will offering. An exciting lineup of classical works will be performed by Daniel Schmit, Jessica Cech, Gretchen Hill, John Hill, and Andrew Cramer.

Fall parish clean-up – Oct. 27

It's time to spruce up the parish for the fall and winter. All are invited to participate on Saturday, Oct. 27 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon; a light lunch will be served. Both inside and outside jobs will be available; please sign up in the Gathering Space or call the Parish Office.

Olivewood religious items for sale – Nov. 3 and 4

Help support Christians in the Holy Land by purchasing one or more beautiful olivewood items after Masses the weekend of Nov. 3 and 4.

Diocesan Women's Conference – Nov. 3

Women of St. Mark: You are invited to attend the sixth annual Lansing Diocese Catholic Women's Conference entitled "Arise My Beloved" on Saturday, Nov. 3 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Lansing Center in Lansing, Michigan. For more information and to register for this conference, please visit the website at www.LansingDioceseCWC.org. You can also contact Karen Mackey at 810-730-2307.

Powers High School open house – Nov. 4

Powers Catholic High School invites you to come visit our campus on Sunday, Nov. 4 from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. For more information, call (810) 591-4741, ext. 6.

Help wanted at St. Mark

Our community is in need of a person to clean the church and Parish Center for six to seven hours per week. Hours are flexible. Please contact the Parish Office during business hours if you are interested.

FAITH FORMATION

Ron's thoughts . . .

At Liturgy, when the gifts of Bread and Wine are received and as the Priest is offering the gifts to be blessed and consecrated, he or the deacon takes a little bit of water and pours it into the wine. These words are whispered, "By the mystery of this water in wine, may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity." This for me as a deacon has always been a moment of humility and intrigue. This mixing of water and wine is not a recent practice. It was part of Jesus' culture, and so it has always been assumed that he did the same at the Last Supper, diluting his wine with water. We see it referenced in Proverbs 9:5, and St. Justin Martyr (150 AD) and St. Cyprian (250 AD) both make reference to this in the liturgy very early on! So what does it mean? Well, consider for a second that water is a pretty common thing. It's used to water plants, it is very cheap at the store, and you even see athletes drink some, only to spit it right out on the field! Wine on the other hand is expensive, takes a long time to make, and you never want to waste it, because it is valuable. So when we mix the two, it's a symbol of what's happening with the Eucharist. Human beings are amazing creations, but we're nothing on our own – we need God. Unlike water and oil, water and wine mix completely, so if we are the water, Jesus is the wine, and we see the point of his becoming a man. St. Athanasius (296-373 AD) said, "God became man, so that man might become like God." Jesus, the Son of God, (symbolized in this case by wine) completely humbled himself, so that we (symbolized by the water) could be built up and share completely in his life. Do more than just receive the Eucharist, become the Eucharist, become Jesus in your world!

Walk the talk! Be Peace! –

Dcn. Ron (rkenney@stmarkgoodrich.org)

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

- Oct. 28 – Both sessions
- Nov. 4 – Gr K-5 REF only; .Gr 6-12 cancelled.

Adult Faith Formation

- **Men's Fellowship** – Meets the first Saturday of each month, 7:00-8:00 a.m. Next session is Nov. 3.

October speaker series – praise and worship night!

- **Sunday, Oct. 28**, 6:00-7:30 p.m. – All are welcome to join in a night of praise, worship and pizza. Musician Mike Farella, Dcn. Ron and the youth of St. Mark will lead the evening.

St. Mark Youth Group

- Sundays, 6:00-7:30 p.m. – All 6th–12th graders are invited. 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.
- **Youth Group Hayride and Bonfire!** Saturday, Oct. 27. Get details at Sunday evening Youth Group.