



St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Community

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Dear Parishioners,

Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature.

I am 57 years old. When I grew up in Flint our family had one phone in our house. It was located just off the kitchen and it had this cord that, if you ever stretched it out, it would have reached all the way around the block. When that phone rang, we all raced each other to answer it. I also remember having to turn on the TV right at 5 p.m. if our family wanted to catch the news or check the weather forecast. If you missed it, you missed it! Back then, families registered in a parish and dutifully read the bulletin. Most families I knew had a special place on their fridge at home with a magnet they used to hold up the weekly bulletin.

The times are changing. The world has gone digital. And as nostalgic as I can be for the old days, I also realize this new era brings opportunities to communicate and evangelize individuals and families in ways I couldn't have dreamt of just 10 years ago. Jesus' command to proclaim the good news remains, but the tools are so different! Here at St. Mark we are moving in the right direction. In recent years we have implemented modern ways of communicating with you through our website. But I want to take things a step further – by using our parish's Facebook page (just search "St. Mark Goodrich Catholic Church" on Facebook or Instagram) and our YouTube Channel https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLDxoolx1eqMBfPIT_k60Ztyt2VdRrdI2d to *communicate, engage, and evangelize.*

I'd like your help:

- If you're on Facebook, look up the parish page and be sure to "like" and "follow" it.
- Then, under the "following" button, choose "See first" and you will always get St. Mark updates at the top of your newsfeed.
- Last and most importantly, if you see posts or videos you enjoy, make sure to "like" and "share" them.

We're ramping up our social media presence with posts, videos, inspirational articles, and photos. I think you're going to really like it.

And here's the best part – *every time you click the share button, you're helping us to evangelize the neighborhood.* And that's a great thing. I want everyone to know that St. Mark is providing spiritual comfort to those in need, resources to young families and care for the sick and elderly. I want the whole town to know that the Catholic faith is alive here in our community. Everything we do in this parish to proclaim the Gospel is made possible because individuals and families like you step up and help. May God bless you for your support!

Sincerely,

Deacon Ron Kenney