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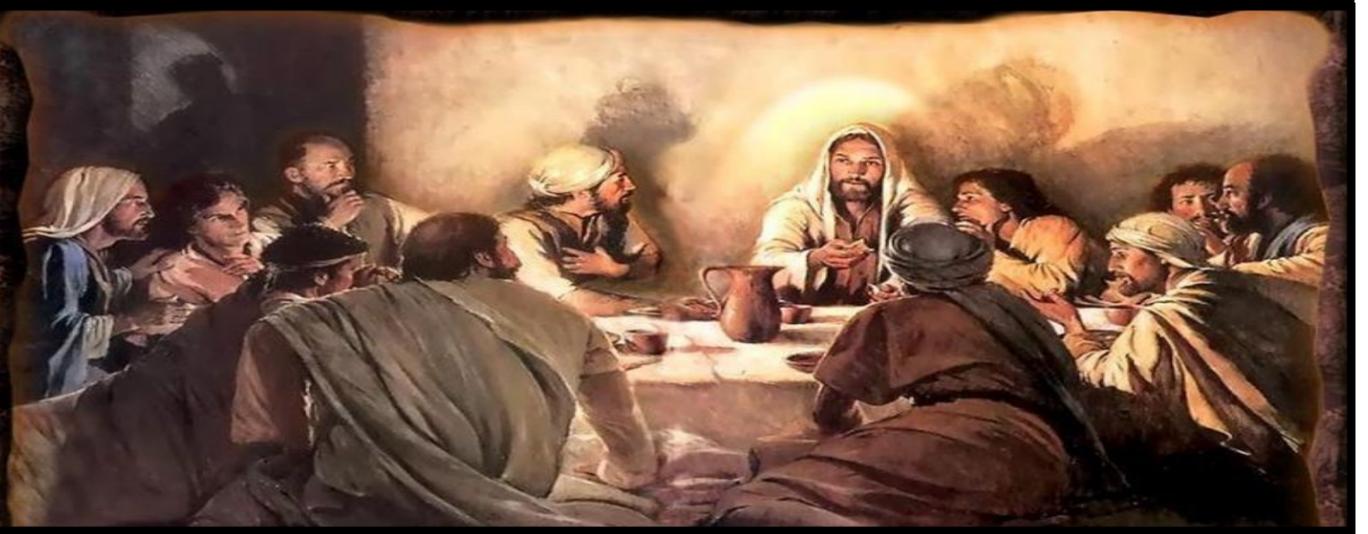
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St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Community

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May 26, 2019 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Our mission: St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Community 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)



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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday – Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Friday 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Tuesday 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.

BAPTISM, MATRIMONY, ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Please contact the Parish Office.

What's happening at St. Mark this week

MONDAY, May 27 – Memorial Day
Parish Office Closed

TUESDAY, May 28
6:30 p.m. – Communion Service
7:00 p.m. – Pastoral Council

WEDNESDAY, May 29
8:30 a.m. – Liturgy of the Hours
9:00 a.m. – St. Joseph Guild – Parish Center
10:00 a.m. – AA – Rooms 1 & 2

THURSDAY, May 30
7:00 p.m. – Choir Practice

FRIDAY, May 31
8:30 a.m. – Mass: (Fr. Joe) World Peace/Parish
8:30 a.m. – North End Soup Kitchen

SATURDAY, June 1
7:00 a.m. – Men's Fellowship
4:30-5:15 p.m. – Confessions
5:30 p.m. – Mass: (Fr. Bill) +Liz Kenney/Randy & Donna Koerber
6:30 p.m. – Parish Dinner

SUNDAY, June 2 – Graduation Mass
9:30 a.m. – Mass: (Fr. Peter) +Tim Bohlen/Kelly Alford
10:30 a.m. – Graduation Reception
10:30 a.m. – Bell Choir

FOR ADVERTISING INFORMATION / AVAILABILITY CALL PARISH OFFICE 810-636-2216

A cup of Joe . . . will return next week!

A Steward Reflects...

Use of Envelopes

“ I give to my church! What difference does it make whether I use these envelopes or not? Who cares?” Ever heard that? Maybe even said it yourself?



Certainly, the gift and the intent of the giver are more important than the envelope the contribution comes in. But good stewards often “wrap their gift” in an envelope—and for some very good reasons!

First, taking the time to find the offertory envelope and seal my gift inside makes it more likely that my contribution will be planned and thoughtful, rather than random—and more than just the available change in my pocket when the user passes the basket.

And, in addition to giving me some time for reflection, the preparation means I won't be caught off guard at collection or find myself hurriedly writing a check while the lector proclaims the first reading.

Wrapping my gift in an envelope is also a witness to my membership in this faith community. It says, “I belong to this parish and I am an active member of the Body of Christ.” It says, “I support the work of the Church in general and of this parish in particular.”

Finally, using an envelope is good stewardship of other people's time, too. The giver of a loose cash gift can't be acknowledged or thanked. And at my parish, the folks who count the collection must photocopy all loose checks so that our data input person can post correctly.” All of which they don't have to do when the gift is presented in an offertory envelope. God loves a cheerful giver—and our Monday morning volunteers especially love those who use envelopes.



THE GIFT OF PEACE

“There arose no little dissension and debate.” That tumultuous conflict occurred among our first Christian ancestors, disrupting the community life of the early church. But today's Acts of the Apostles shows how beautifully the Holy Spirit, promised by Jesus in today's Gospel, helped the church achieve a grace-filled resolution. What evolved was that “reconciled diversity,” often encouraged by Pope Francis and even envisioned in today's Revelation passage; and a wondrous experience of Jesus' promised Gospel gift: “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.”

Scripture readings for this week:

Mon, 5/27: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a

Tue, 5/28: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11

Wed, 5/29: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15

Thu, 5/30: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53

Fri, 5/31: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lk 1:39-56

Sat, 6/1: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b28

Sun, 6/2: Acts 7:55-60; Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9; Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; Jn 17:20-26

Solar Energy for our Parish

In response to the calls of Pope Benedict and Pope Francis to be good stewards of God's creation, we have been looking into utilizing **solar energy** for our Parish. After a lot of research and a goodly amount of meetings, we have come to see not only the environmental benefits of this idea, but the financial ones as well. The government offers a 30% reduction on any solar panel installation.

If you are in a position to buy the system for us, either personally or through a business you own, then obviously, that's a game changer. You would be giving a gift that would have a positive impact on our parish finances for many years to come - **a gift that keeps on giving**. We would pay significantly less in our energy bills for the next 20-25 years and the money we save will go toward our Parish and the various ministries we offer. Please pray. We want to be good stewards of the finances *and* the environment. Please contact Deacon Ron Kenney (rkenney@stmarkgoodich.org or 810-845-8379) if you have questions or can help.

Parish Office will be closed Monday, May 26th in observance of Memorial Day.

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLW) will resume after Labor Day.

LET US PRAY:

For Peace; for Women/Men in the Military Service:
SSG J Gillett; Maj. S Halleaux; Maj. C Kaighen;
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For Our Sick: Those who are homebound, or in the hospital or another healthcare facility.

For the Deceased: Grant Smith

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Memorial Day Mass— May 27

Fr. Joe will pray a Memorial Day Mass at Evergreen Cemetery at 10:00 a.m. Monday. Please bring your lawn chair. If it is raining at 9:45 a.m., Mass will be held at Holy Family. All are welcome to attend.

Parish Dinner—June 1st

Please join us for a Parish Dinner featuring BQ Chicken, cheesy potato casserole, salad and fresh veggies after the 5:30 p.m. mass.

Faith Fest 2019 at St Frances Prayer Center—June 22

Join Bishop Earl Boyea and thousands of others on June 22nd for a full day of Christian music, family fun and a Catholic Mass! This extraordinary family festival will take place on the grounds of St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt. Visit www.faithfest.com for tickets and more information, or call 517-669-8321.

Appliance Collection Program New This Year!

Appliances will **ONLY** be collected from May 1st through June 8, 2019 and September 1st through October 12, 2019. Drop off at Green for Life Environmental (GFL) at 2051 W Bristol Rd in Flint. Hours are Mon-Fri from 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m. and Saturday from 8:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

Parish Gardening starts

Calling all green thumbs! Share your gardening talents with the parish Thursday mornings from 10:00 a.m. until noon, starting Thursday, May 30th.

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration— June 7

Friday, June 7 is the First Friday of the month and once again there will be Eucharistic Adoration from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Please sign-up for a one-hour slot; we need one or more individuals per hour.

Parish Breakfast—June 9

Our next Parish Breakfast will be June 9, after the 9:30 a.m. Mass.

CCW Dinner Out—All Women of the Parish are invited

Tuesday, June 11th the CCW will be having dinner out at Sam's Italian Restaurant at 7:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Joan Turner at 248-410-2286.

LEGACYWe want to give our children what we didn't have, let's make sure we give them what we did have, our faith.

Ron's thoughts...

The early church found itself in a conundrum. They were trying to find their place as a community and as a church. Were they a sect of the Jewish faith, still following all the Jewish and Mosaic Laws, or were they headed in a direction that allowed for all, whether Jew or pagan, to belong? What it came down to was not so much to be governed by the law, but rather they began to live a certain culture, a Christian life, a Gospel Life, Jesus' way.

Our challenge in today's culture? We need to be strong members of the Christian culture. We cannot be members of the pagan culture. This means that we are called to be non-conformists. We are called to be in the world but not part of the world. Our culture is that of Jesus Christ. We can neither conform to the pagan elements of society nor can we straddle the issue, attempting to be both Christian and pagan. Jesus Christ brought a new culture to the world. Christian culture is neither Jewish nor pagan. Christian culture is not concerned with laws, nor does it use religion to justify immorality. Christian culture avoids all that is self-centered, all that is immoral. Christian culture is concerned with whom we are: reflections of God's love in the world. Christ is the center of the Christian's life. Walk the talk. Be Peace!

Dcn. Ron (rkenney@stmarkgoodrich.org)

Graduation Mass and Reception

• **Graduates!** Please join us on Sunday, June 2nd at the 9:30 a.m. Liturgy (Please arrive at 9:15 a.m. with cap and gown for the procession. A reception will follow in the Parish Center. Please RSVP by May 28th in the Gathering Space or by calling the Parish Office.

Adult Faith Formation

• **Men's Fellowship** – 1st Saturday of the month, 7-8 a.m. Next one June 1st..

St. Mark Youth Group

• **Summer Youth Group!** Begins Wednesday, June 12th 7-9 p.m. meet at the Pavilion. All 6th-12th graders are invited (6th grade in Fall of 2019) FUN PRAYER PIZZA! Bring \$3 for pizza.

• **Cedar Point Trip:** Wednesday, June 26th. All 6th-12th graders of St. Mark and their friends. Sign up at Youth Group or contact Dcn. Ron. Registration on our Parish Website.

• **Summer Youth Mission Trip:** July 21-27, 2019 in Owensboro, Kentucky to build a house with Habitat for Humanity. Mark the date. For all High School Aged Youth.

