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Our mission: St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Community is a growing community of faith which strives to live Christ's commandment: "Love one another, as I have loved you." (John 15:12)

Speak, for your servant is listening.

January 14, 2024

St. Mark the Evangelist
Catholic Community

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
8:30 a.m. — 12:30 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.

Conference Line Phone Number
(971) 224-6612, Code 452784

What's happening at St. Mark this week
MONDAY, January 15
9:30 a.m. — Communion Service — Living Birthday of Taylor Hartley/Harvey & Ann Marie Yee
TUESDAY, January 16
6:30 p.m. — Communion Service — Special Intention for Lana Zelle/Neal Hamilton
7:00 p.m. — Parish Commission Meeting
WEDNESDAY, January 17
10:00 a.m. — AA
6:30—8:00 p.m. — RCIA
THURSDAY, January 18
7:00 p.m. — Choir
FRIDAY, January 19
8:30 a.m. — Communion Service — +Emerson Ellis/Nancy Ellis
9:00 a.m. — SJG
SATURDAY, January 20 — Social Justice Sock it to em Collection
10:00 a.m.—Funeral/Robert Hanba
4:30—5:00 p.m. — Confessions
5:30 p.m. — Mass — +Ron Tomasik/Pat Tomasik
SUNDAY, January 21 — Social Justice Sock it to em Collection
9:30 a.m. — Mass & CLW — +Tim Wisniewski/Irene Wisniewski
9:30 a.m. — RCIA Dismissal
10:30 a.m. — Parish Breakfast

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Ron’s Thoughts...

It is said, “The more we pray, the more spiritual we become. And the more spiritual we become the healthier we are.” Here’s a fact: there is a wonderful rise in the balance of our lives when we spend time with Jesus. YES, SPEND MORE TIME WITH JESUS! What that looks like may differ from person to person, but it involves one thing, SPEND MORE TIME WITH JESUS! Isn’t that what we want in our lives, more balance and healthier living? SPEND MORE TIME WITH JESUS is a great way to get there.

SPENDING MORE TIME WITH JESUS begins with prayer. Getting to know someone begins with communicating, talking, and listening and sometimes listening more. Prayer is our communication with the Lord. Prayer is our talking with the Lord. Prayer is our listening to the Lord. The way we pray may differ from person to person. It may involve spiritual reading and reading of scripture. It may involve meditation and reflection. It may involve song or rote prayer. It may involve community prayer time with your family of faith. Just remember, SPENDING MORE TIME WITH JESUS begins with prayer.

With a new year upon us, we all seek HEALTHIER LIVING in mind and body. Remember this, “The more we pray, the more spiritual we become. And the more spiritual we become the healthier we are.” Start with SPENDING MORE TIME WITH JESUS! Walk the talk. Be Peace! D-Ron (rkenney@stmarkgoodrich.org)



St. Mark Faith Formation Schedule

- 1/13—First Reconciliation Mini Session (9-11am – Church)
- 1/14—Family Faith Formation (11-12:30pm)
- 1/21—YOUTH GROUP CANCELLED
- 1/28—Confirmation Mini Session W/Parents (2-4pm St. Mark)

Are you interested in REGISTERING to become a parishioner at St. Mark?

Call the parish office (810-636-2216) or contact D-Ron at rkenney@stmarkgoodrich.org

Thank You!

To all who came out last week to help take down the Christmas Decorations. I am always so amazed at the time that so many give to our Parish Family to make it what it is. Thank you again!

Caring for Creation—Don’t Throw It Away

You know the old saying, one man’s trash is another man’s treasure? Well it is often true. Don’t throw away perfectly good things just because you’re sick of them, or no longer have use for them. Instead, donate them to a local charity shop, or list them on a free collection site online.

Upcoming Events

AT ST. FRANCIS RETREAT CENTER IN DEWITT, MI

JAN. 5-6 Engaged Couples Retreat This retreat for engaged couples is designed to prepare them for receiving the sacrament of Holy Matrimony.	JAN. 26-28 The Gift of the Eucharist Retreat for Men This retreat for men will explore several aspects of the Eucharist from its Jewish roots through how it is meant to transform every one of us.
JAN. 12-14 The Gift of the Eucharist for Women This retreat for women will explore several aspects of the Eucharist from its Jewish roots through how it is meant to transform every one of us.	FEB. 2-4 Married Couples Weekend Married couples are encouraged to join us for a weekend away from the busyness of daily life to reconnect with their spouse.
JAN. 19-21 The Gift of the Eucharist Retreat for Men This retreat for men will explore several aspects of the Eucharist from its Jewish roots through how it is meant to transform every one of us.	FEB. 16 Are You Smarter Than Your 8th Grade Nun? A fun fundraiser for furniture! This is an interactive comedy game show which takes place at Lansing Catholic High School. Doors open at 6:00, the show begins at 7:00.

MORE INFORMATION AT WWW.STFRANCIS.WS/RETREATS

Year-end Statements

If you would like a year-end tax statement of your 2023 Stewardship contributions, please call the Parish Office at 810-636-2216 or email Susan Griffith at sgriffith@stmarkgoodrich.org

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience

Give your marriage and your faith a little sparkle in the new year at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience **Jan 19-21** at St. Bridgid—Midland, **March 1-3** at Center for Ministry-Saginaw, or **April 12-14** at St. Francis Retreat Center—Dewitt. Apply at wwme.org or call Chris and Darla Vinton at 617-667-0433.

Diocese of Lansing Job Opportunities

The Catholic Foundation is seeking candidates for temporary employment. Responsibilities will include data entry and charitable gift processing; paid training will be provided. Training will begin the week of February 19 and scheduled hours may continue through June 2024. Shifts of 4 to 8 hours, Monday - Friday may be scheduled and part-time or full-time options will be considered subject to availability of qualified candidates. Candidates with availability beginning after February 19th may also be considered. If you know of anyone who would be interested in data entry work who has availability 8:00am - 4:00pm Monday - Friday, please contact Julie Gill, Donor Services Manager of the Catholic Foundation, at 517-253-8792 or donorservices@dioceseoflansing.org. In addition, resumes are now being accepted for a Donor Services Specialist, Facilities Manager, and Administrative Assistant for Marriage and Family Life Ministries. To learn more about these positions and to apply, please visit our careers page: <https://www.dioceseoflansing.org/human-resources/careers>

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Social Justice January Project

The Social Justice Commission and Catholic Charities are asking for your help. We are collecting socks for all ages, Sock it to 'Em, for Catholic Charities the weekends of January 13-14 and 20-21. Thank you for your support.

Euchre—January 26

Friday Euchre is back. The next Euchre tournament is January 26 at 10:00 a.m. For more information please contact Bonnie at bsgainey01@aol.com

Parish Breakfast—Jan. 21

Join us for our Parish breakfast which will be home-made oatmeal, muffins, fresh fruit and yogurt on Jan. 21st after the 9:30 am Mass. All are welcome.

Parish Council Representatives

We put our Parish Council on hold for a while this last year. We are ready to start back up again and are looking for a group of parishioners that would like to be a part of the parish council. The PC becomes the eyes and ears of the community to the Parish Leadership. The main task of the Parish Council will be to reflect upon and implement our Parish 10-year pastoral plan. This will begin in January with the first meeting on January 30, 2024. Contact Deacon Ron rkenney@stmarkgoodrich.org if interested.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Inspiration Breakfast

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Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr Inspiration Breakfast is Monday, January 15, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. Breakfast is located at St. Michaels Conference Center 609 E. Fifth Avenue, Flint, MI 48503.

Week January 15 — January 21

Mon: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Mk 2:18-22, **Tue:** 1 Sm 16:1-13; Mk 2:23-28, **Wed:** 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mk 3:1-6, **Thu:** 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Mk 3:7-12, **Fri:** 1 Sm 24:3-21; Mk 3:13-19, **Sat:** 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mk 3:20-21, **Sun:** Jon 3:1-5, 10; Mk 1:14-20

AFTERWORD....Fr. Dave Howell

THE RITE OF ACCEPTANCE ... Last Sunday we celebrated the Rite of Acceptance with Nina & Adam, Bonnie, Marsha and Jeremy. (Nina & Adam have two sons who experienced a version of the Rite while on the Confirmation retreat last weekend with Deacon Ron. Both Kai and Carson will be joining their parents on this journey of faith.) These five adults have expressed an interest in becoming Catholic and have been considering that commitment for some time. This past Sunday we introduced them to you and ask you to keep them in your prayers as they seek to discern whether Christ is calling them to live as His disciples within the Catholic community. Those of us who have been disciples of the Lord in the Catholic tradition of discipleship know that it is not always easy. Sometimes life throws us curves that can make it difficult to believe and follow the Lord. So, during the Rite of Acceptance, we do two things. The first is each candidate is signed with the cross several times from the forehead to the feet. We remind them that every disciple has to pick up whatever cross life throws at us and follow Christ. At the end of each phase of the signing we, the assembly – the people of God, tell them that Christ will be their strength; learn to know and to follow him. The second part of the Rite of Acceptance comes after the homily. Each of the catechumen and candidates has the Gospel Book placed in their hands. It is by reflecting on the Gospels each day that we come to know the Lord and to live as he taught. It is through the Rite of Acceptance these men and women enter into what is called the Catechumenate – a school for discipleship. Please keep them in your prayers.

THE DISMISSAL... Last Sunday, the Feast of the Epiphany, we celebrated the Rite of Acceptance with Nina & Adam, Bonnie, Marsha and Jeremy. Beginning that same day, we began what is known as the dismissal. Each Sunday, after the homily, they are called forward and sent out with the Book of Gospels. Often, people will ask, “Why do we kick them out?” The answer is that we don’t kick them out. Rather we send them out to do exactly what I asked them to do in my homily on Epiphany. On that Sunday, I mentioned that the magi were also called kings and wisemen. What I hoped to express to them (and to us all) is that wisdom comes from reflection. Only those who are willing to take the time to ponder, to reflect on their life experiences and the Word of God will truly grow in wisdom. So after hearing the Scriptures and hearing the reflection of the presider or the deacon, the catechumen & candidates go off to share with each other their own reflections on what they heard God say to each of them in his Word. It is a practice from which all of us would benefit.

Fr. Dave Howell

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