

St. Mark Catholic Parish

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PASTOR: Fr. Steve Murrin
DEACON: Rev. Mr. Basil Markides
SECRETARY: Mrs. Pam Olinski

LORD'S DAY MASSES
Saturday at 5:00 PM
Sunday at 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM

WEEKDAY MASSES
Tuesday at 7:00 PM
Wed., Thur., Fri. at 7:00 AM
Saturday at 9:00 AM

CONFESSIONS
Saturday following 9:00 AM Mass
and 4:00–4:30 PM or by appointment.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK
First Tuesday evening of the month at the
7:00 p.m. Mass. No prior notice necessary.

ADORATION CHAPEL
Perpetual Adoration: Spots open – see
Chapel bulletin board
Divine Mercy: Fridays 3:00 PM
Our Lady's Rosary: 1st Saturday at 10 AM
Benediction: 1st Sunday at 7:00 PM

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS
We invite you to register. Please fill out a
form from the church lobby and drop it off
at the parish office. Please call if you would
like Father to bless your home.

BAPTISM
Infant baptism is celebrated on the 2nd
Sunday of the month at 1:30 PM. A
Preparation Meeting is held on the
Wednesday evening preceding the baptism.
Please fill out a form from the church lobby
and drop it off at the parish office at least 6
weeks in advance.

HOSPITAL VISITATION
Please advise the office of area hospital
admissions to request a pastoral visit or the
Sacrament of the Sick.

FIRST FRIDAY VISITS
Father will bring Communion to the sick on
the 1st Friday of the month. Please call the
office to schedule a visit.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
White Box Collection on the last Sunday of
the month. Call 519-571-8485 for
information on food distribution.



"... The seed is sprouting and growing ..." (Mark 4:27)

MASS INTENTION REQUEST FORM

To have a Mass celebrated for a living or deceased loved one, please fill out this request form, place it in a plain envelope marked "Mass Intention," and drop it in the Sunday collection, or slip it under the door of the parish office if it is closed. Your intention will be printed in the bulletin and announced at the beginning of Mass.

If you require a **Mass card** please make your request in person at the parish office during business hours.

The offering for a Mass (for living or deceased) is \$10 per Mass.

I would like to have _____ Mass(es) celebrated for
HOW MANY?

the intentions of *(living)* **OR** the repose of the soul of *(deceased)*

NAME OF LIVING OR DECEASED PERSON(S)

Please check ✓ your preferred way of setting the date for this Mass:

The date of the Mass does not matter.

OR

The exact date does not matter, but I would prefer one of the following:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 7:00 AM on a Weekday | <input type="checkbox"/> 5:00 PM on a Saturday |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 7:00 PM on a Tuesday | <input type="checkbox"/> 9:30 AM on a Sunday |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 9:00 AM on a Saturday | <input type="checkbox"/> 11:30 AM on a Sunday |

OR

I would like the Mass to be on this specific date*: _____

* Please keep in mind that our ability to accommodate a request for a specific date (especially for a weekend) can be difficult without sufficient notice. For this reason, we recommend submitting requests for weekend Masses a few months in advance.

Requested by: _____

Daytime Phone # or email: _____

We will attempt to contact you if we are unable to accommodate your request.

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Nov. 6 – 12, 2017


MONDAY - NO MASS

Tuesday (FERIAL)
7:00 PM + Frank Duff – *Legion of Mary*

Wednesday (FERIAL)
7:00 am + Wilf Mayville – *Marilyn Dufresne*
9:45 am – **Gr. 4 Bible Celebration at St. Dominic School**

Thursday (FEAST – THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA)
7:00 am + Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary
3:00 PM – **Mass at Forest Heights Long Term Care**

Friday (MEMORIAL – ST. LEO THE GREAT)
7:00 am – Int. of Marilyn Dufresne

Saturday (MEMORIAL – ST. MARTIN OF TOURS)  **REMEMBRANCE DAY**
9:00 am + Dean Gallant – *Pam Olinski*

32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Wisdom 6:12-16; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

Sat. 5:00 PM + Frank Kastelic – *the Cimermancic family*
Sun. 9:30 am – Int. of the Parishioners of St. Mark's
11:30 am – Int. of Helga Dorscht – *Zennie Sunga*

The feast of the Dedication of the Basilica of St. John Lateran marks the dedication of the cathedral church of Rome by Pope Sylvester I in 324. This church is the cathedra (or chair) of the bishop of Rome, who is the Pope. A Latin inscription in the Church reads: "omnium ecclesiarum Urbis et Orbis mater et caput." Translated, this means, "The mother and head of all churches of the city and of the world."

Pope Saint Leo I, known as "St. Leo the Great," was Pope during the 4th ecumenical council that helped prevent the spread of error on Christ's divine and human natures. He also intervened for the safety of the Church in the West as well, persuading Attila the Hun to turn back from Rome. As early as 445, Leo had intervened in this dispute in the East, which threatened to split the churches of Alexandria and Constantinople, leading to the present-day split between Eastern Orthodoxy.

St. Martin of Tours left his post in the Roman army to become a "soldier of Christ" as a monk and later bishop. Born in the year 316 in modern-day Hungary, Martin stopped and cut his own cloak into two halves with his sword, giving one half to a freezing beggar. That night, the unbaptized soldier saw Christ in a dream, wearing the half-cloak he had given to the poor man. Jesus declared: "Martin, a catechumen, has clothed me with this garment."

Offertory Collection Oct. 28/29, 2017

Sunday envelopes	\$ 2,772.80
Sunday loose	\$411.20
Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNT x12÷52)	\$ 1,212.23
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS	\$ 4,396.23
Mortgage envelopes.....	\$ 532.00
Mortgage pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNT x12÷52)	\$ 241.04
TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS	\$ 773.04
Evangelization of the Nations (World Mission Sunday).....	345.00
<i>Thank you for your generosity.</i>	

THANK YOU!! St. Mark's St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank the parishioners and the students and teachers from St. Dominic Savio and St. Mark's schools for their contributions to our Thanksgiving food drive. Together we collected nearly a ton of food! St. Dominic's collected 763 lbs. and St. Mark's collected 655 lbs. Thanks also to the teachers and students from St. Mark's who helped sort all the food.

Meetings & Events This Week:

DATE	TIME	ROOM	EVENT
Mon. Nov. 6	7:00 pm	(H)	Alcoholics Anonymous
Tue. Nov. 7	7:00 pm	(B)	Keys to Loving Relationships
	7:00 pm	(M)	11:30 Choir practice
Wed. Nov. 8	7:15 pm	(M)	9:30 choir practice
	7:30 pm	(B)	Women's Prayer Group
Thur. Nov. 9	6:15 pm	(M)	Legion of Mary
	7:00 pm	(J)	C.W.L. Executive meeting
	7:00 pm	(L)	Young Catholic Adults (S.M.Y.C.A.)
	7:30 pm	(CH)	5:00 Choir practice
Fri. Nov. 10	6:00 am	(L)	Men's Group
	7:00 pm	(L)	Writers' Group
Sat. Nov. 11	10:30 am	(L)	Writers' Group

Meeting Rooms: B = Basement CH = Church H = Hall * = Offsite
J = St. John Room L = St. Luke Room M = St. Matthew Room

Today's Gospel continues to elaborate on the tension between Jesus and the scribes and Pharisees. Our Lectionary sequence at this point, however, is not quite a continuous reading of Matthew. In between last week's reading from Matthew and this week's, we find Jesus' question to the Pharisees about the Messiah being "David's son." Having concluded a series of dialogues with the Pharisees and other religious leaders, Jesus now directs his words to the crowds, warning them not to follow the example of the scribes and Pharisees.

The scribes and Pharisees were teachers of the Mosaic Law. They were entrusted with its interpretation and, thus, were influential in determining Jewish practice. In order to appreciate the conflict that is evident in this passage, we must understand that Jesus was basing his teachings on the same laws and traditions available to the Pharisees. Both were interpreting the Law of Moses in order to better adapt it to contemporary Jewish life. The differences between their teachings, therefore, are often highlighted and amplified by Matthew.

This part of Matthew's Gospel reflects aspects of the conflict between his Christian community and Pharisaic Judaism. Matthew's Church is thought to have included many Jewish Christians who may not have believed that a break with the synagogue was necessary to be a follower of Jesus. Jesus tells the crowd that it is correct to do and observe what the scribes and Pharisees teach; it is their example that is to be avoided, namely, their love of being honored and exalted. Hence, the Gospel reflects the tension of an active internal debate within the early Church.

Jesus references two aspects of Jewish spiritual life prescribed by the Law of Moses. Phylacteries are small boxes which contain Scripture verses that are placed on the left forearm and forehead. Tassels refer to the fringes worn on the corners of a person's garments; the tassels help to remind those who wear them to keep the commandments.

The warning Jesus gives against seeking places of honor in the community was directed as much toward the Christian community as the named Jewish leaders. Indeed, it is a warning that resonates with us today. Christian leadership is a call to service for the glory of God; those who would be leaders among us must, like Jesus, be servants of all.

New Living With Christ Sunday Missals for 2018

Available for purchase in the narthex - \$5 each

Blessing of Scapulars

Next Sunday, Nov. 12th at the 11:30 a.m. Mass

Bring your unblessed brown scapular,
or pick one up at the church.



Liturgical Ministers

Nov. 11 & 12	Sat. 5:00PM	Sun. 9:30 AM	Sun. 11:30 AM
Altar Servers:	V./P./J. Miller	<i>Can you help?</i>	C. Chacon N. D'Souza
Commentator:	B. Burns	B. Sawarna	I. Kangaloo
Lector:	K. Friesen	P. Enticott	M. Monte
Ushers:	<i>Can you help?</i>	L. Koehler I./D. Culley	<i>Can you help?</i>
Gift Bearers:	Montag	Rye	Masbad
Eucharistic Ministers:	A. Bendia G. Jans C. Dokis	M./L. Fernando D. Henri	B./C. Voisin E. Weiss



**Month of November
Dedicated to the
Holy Souls in Purgatory**

During November, the Church commemorates all her faithful children who have departed from this life, but have not yet attained the joys of heaven. St. Paul warns us that we must not be ignorant concerning the dead, nor sorrowful, "even as others who have no hope ... For the Lord Himself shall come down from heaven ... and the dead who are in Christ shall rise." Our faith teaches us that purgatory is the temporary time that a soul is purified before seeing God, and we are, therefore, reminded to pray for our beloved dead to assist them in attaining heaven.

BOOK OF LIFE: All are invited to write the names of deceased loved ones in our Book of Life, so that they may be remembered at all the Masses throughout November.

Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.



St. Mark's Parish Famous Italian
Spaghetti Supper & Salad Bar
TODAY, Sun. Nov. 5th in the Parish Hall
5:00 - 7:00 PM

If you still have not got tickets, some may be available after Mass this weekend or at the door tonight. Adults \$12; Kids \$7 (4-12yrs.)

LOOKING AHEAD....

First Sunday of Advent: December 3rd

Gr. 2 / Gr. 7 Enrollment Sunday: December 2/3 at all Masses (for Gr. 2's seeking First Communion and Gr. 7's seeking Confirmation)

Christmas & New Year's Mass Times:

4 HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION:

Fourth Sunday of Advent (Dec. 23/24):
Sat. 5:00pm; Sun. 10:00am

Nativity of the Lord (Dec. 24/25):
Christmas Eve – Sun. 6:00pm, 11:00pm
Christmas Day – Mon. 10:00am

Feast of the Holy Family (Dec. 30/31):
Sat. 5:00pm; Sun. 10:00am

Mary, the Mother of God (Dec. 31/Jan.1):
New Year's Eve – Sun. 7:00pm
New Year's Day – Mon. 10:00am

S.M.Y.C.A.

St. Mark's Young Catholic Adults (ages 19-35)

StMarksYoungCatholicAdults @StMarksYCAAdults
 StMarksYoungCatholicAdults@gmail.com



■ **Coffee House – Sunday, Nov. 19th from 7-9pm**

Join us in the parish hall for coffee, board games, and great live music! This event is open to ALL AGES! If you are interested in performing, please email us at StMarksYoungCatholicAdults@gmail.com. **Sign-up for performers will be open until Nov. 12th.** Hope to see you there!

■ **Christmas Carolling – Saturday, Dec. 16th** from 7:00 – 8:15 p.m. in the church.



Knights of Columbus November Events

- Sun. Nov. 5** – Pasta Supper
- Tues. Nov. 14** – Executive meeting
- Mon. Nov. 27** – Bingo at FHLTC
- Tues. Nov. 28** – Monthly meeting
- Nov. 13 to Dec. 4** – Winter Clothing Drive

Winter Clothing Drive: Nov. 12 – Dec. 4

St. Mark's Knights of Columbus invite you to donate your **clean, gently used winter outerwear** (coats, snowpants, hats, mitts, scarves, boots) to the bin in the church lobby. The Knights will take all items to the Salvation Army to assist them in their Coat Drive.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES

Help bring joy and hope to a child living in remote corners of the world who are victims of war, disease, disaster and poverty. This Christmas Season pack a shoe box filled with school supplies, hygiene items and toys. **Empty boxes are now available for pick up in the narthex.** Please return filled shoeboxes to the Church by Sunday, November 19th. Thank you for helping this worthy cause.

Polish Mass with Fr. Dobromil Beker, O.F.M.
This Tuesday, Nov. 7th at 7:00 p.m. (with translator)

Join us as Fr. Beker celebrates Mass and speaks about the influence that the media has on people and their relationships to one another and to God. Father will also talk about the importance of praying the Rosary for the conversion of sinners, and prayer to make an amends for the sins of genocide.

Are you in the process of planning your wedding?

Don't wait – register for the Waterloo Region Marriage Preparation Course. It fills up quickly!

Speak to your pastor for a registration form. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kathy Fahey at 519-342-6618 or marriageprep.waterloo@gmail.com. Sponsored by the Roman Catholic Parishes of the Waterloo Deanery.



School Liturgies This Month...

- Wed. Nov. 8 9:30 AM Gr. 4 Bible Celebration at St. Dominic School
- Wed. Nov. 15 2:15 PM Gr. 4 Bible Celebration at St. Mark School
- Wed. Nov. 22 1:15 PM Advent Confessions with St. Mark School (church)

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