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## St. Mark Catholic Parish

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PASTOR: Fr. Don Sanvido DEACON: Mr. Basil Markides SECRETARY: Mrs. Pam Olinski

#### LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday 5:00 PM Sunday 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

No Monday Mass Tuesday - Saturday 7:00 AM Friday 6:00 PM

#### RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Fridays 6:45 - 8:30 PM Saturdays 7:45 - 9:30 AM

#### CHAPEL

Divine Mercy: Fridays 3:00 PM

Our Lady's Rosary: 1st Saturday at 10:00 AM Perpetual Adoration: Spots open, see Chapel

#### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

October through May at the 11:30 AM Mass. Three separate drop-in programs for K-1, Gr. 2-3, and Gr. 4-5. No need to register.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: We would like to invite you to register. Registration forms can be found in the Narthex (lobby). Please call the parish office if you would like Father to bless your home.

BAPTISM: Infant baptism is celebrated on certain Sundays at 1:30 PM. Baptism forms are available in the Narthex (lobby).

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

EMERGENCY PAGER: In the event of a medical emergency, if you would like a priest to visit, call Father on the parish emergency pager at 519-585-4291.

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

#### NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING:

Instructions by appointment. Call 519-742-3979 or nfp@golden.net.

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 arrange to have a Mass celebrated for the intentions of a living person, or for the repose of the soul of a departed loved one, please fill out this request form, place it in a **separate** envelope and drop it in the Sunday collection, or slip it under the door of the parish office outside of office hours. The intention will be printed in the Bulletin and announced at the beginning of Mass. **Mass cards** are available at the parish office during office hours, or you can find them already signed in the narthex (lobby) and in the adoration chapel. If you prefer to make arrangements in person, you may do so during office hours, or over the phone. There is no charge for Mass intentions. The Bishop recommends an offering of \$10.00.

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I would like to have HOW MANY? Mass(es) celebrated for
☐ the intentions of (living) OR ☐ the repose of the soul of (deceased)
NAME OF LIVING OR DECEASED PERSON(S)
Please choose 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:  ☐ 7:00 AM on a Weekday ☐ 7:00 AM on a Saturday ☐ 9:30 AM on a Sunday ☐ 6:00 PM on a Friday ☐ 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) is directly related to the number of requests we receive, and how far in advance we receive them. We recommend submitting your request at least 2-3 months in advance.
Requested by:
*Daytime Phone Number:

\* We will attempt to contact you by phone if we are unable to accommodate your request.

#### TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### Worship This Week ...

#### **★ Please note our NEW Mass Times:**

**MONDAY, September 17** 

**★7:00** AM Mass + Thanh Thuy Nguyen – Xuan Nguyen

**TUESDAY, September 18** 

**★7:00 PM Mass** + Marian Schramek

**WEDNESDAY, September 19** 

7:00 AM Mass + Pauline Braun

**THURSDAY, September 20** 

7:00 AM Mass + Eva Simon

FRIDAY, September 21

7:00 AM Mass + Geno Coschi – Dan Cummins

**SATURDAY, September 22** 

**★9:00** AM Mass + Souls in Purgatory

#### TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Sept. 22/23

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20; James 3:16—4:3; Mark 9:30-37

SAT. 5:00 pm - Int. of the Parishioners of St. Mark's

SUN. 9:30 am + Gertrude Millen – G. & T. Winklemaier

11:30 am - Int. of Katherine Butcher & Frnest Doran

#### **NEW Confession Times**

Saturday mornings: 9:30 - 10:30 AM Saturday afternoons: 3:45 - 4:45 PM

#### Office Hours This Week ...

TUESDAY, Sept. 18	9:00 a.m. to 12 noon
WEDNESDAY, Sept. 19	9:00 a.m. to 12 noon
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# Offertory Last Week ... SEPT. 8/9, 2012 Registered Envelope Users \$ 3,821.50 Loose monies \$ 648.08 TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS \$ 4,469.58 Parish Mortgage Fund \$ 275.00

## **St. Mark's Spirit Crew...**Our Parish's Ministry For Youth ~ Grade 6 and Up

#### Calling all youth grade 6 and up!

If you would like to be part of the St. Mark's Spirit Crew, please sign up on the sheets in the church lobby. We are looking for your name, phone number, email address as well as noting your answers to a brief survey. PLEASE PRINT NEATLY!

Our first event is a **Games Night** planned for **Friday, Sept. 21**<sup>st</sup> **from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the church hall.** Come one, come all and plan to bring a friend!

#### "Caring for the Caregiver"

St. Mark C.W.L. is hosting this presentation and ALL ARE WELCOME! Please join us **Wednesday**, **September 19**<sup>th</sup> **at 7:30 p.m.** in the church hall. We are pleased to welcome Teresa Hartnett, Director at the Family Ministry Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. This excellent presentation is pumped full of information that can help you cope, no matter what age you are, with making sure you take care of YOU first. We are looking forward to seeing you there. So that we have enough chairs and refreshments, please RSVP to Donna by phone at 519-579-9492 or email stmarkcwl@gmail.com.

#### **Natural Family Planning Clinics**

The Natural Family Planning Centre is holding 4 clinics this coming year 2012-2013 for anyone interested in learning about the modern methods of Natural Family Planning. The first clinic is being held at St. Mark's Parish, 55 Driftwood Drive in Kitchener on **Tuesday, September 25**<sup>th</sup> from 7-9 p.m. This clinic will focus on the Sympto-Thermal Method. For further information please see the bulletin board for our poster or call 519-742-3979. Natural Family Planning is more than a method, it is a way of life. Learning about good gynecological health at an early age is essential for any woman whether she is single or married. Please come out and join us!

#### Alpha Course

Looking for answers? The Alpha Course is an opportunity for anyone to explore the meaning of life in a relaxed, non-threatening manner. It's low key, friendly and fun! Listen, learn, discuss, discover and ask anything. The course begins on **Thursday, Sept 27**<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 p.m. and there is still time to register! For more information or if you are interested in registering for the course please contact Ron Denomme at 519-884-3389 or rondenomme@live.ca.

#### St. Mark's 25th Anniversary Celebration

**1988 – 2013** • Join our parish preparation team to help celebrate this great event! Meet on **Wednesday, October 9**<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the church. Bring your experiences and ideas!

#### **Christmas Bazaar**

With school just around the corner, we have a realization that Christmas is fast approaching and we have "just the thing" to help you with some of those shopping worries. Our annual St. Mark Christmas Bazaar & Bake Sale will take place on **Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>** from **8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** We are looking for vendors of all types to help make this annual event a success. Tables are limited, so they will be reserved on a first-come first-served basis. If you are interested in booking a table, please contact Susan at 519-744-4469 or email <a href="mailto:sweetsbysusan@rogers.com">sweetsbysusan@rogers.com</a>.

#### Youth Leadership Needed!

The St. Mark's Spirit Crew, a youth group for young people in grade 6 and up, is looking for more leadership volunteers. We are involved in faith sharing, community Service and special events throughout the school year. The commitment can be flexible, but remember that many hands make light work. If you are interested in becoming involved in this very rewarding ministry, please contact **Kate or Tom Boettger** at 519-745-6065.

#### R.C.I..A. Journey of Conversion – for the parish

RCIA can renew parish life. The RCIA is a journey of inquiry and conversion for the person participating in the initiation process, and by extension it can be a journey of conversion for the whole parish! That is, conversion happens if the parish fully embraces the process of initiation and walks the journey of faith with the candidates for initiation.

**The parishioner's role in RCIA**: The entire Christian community is responsible for the initiation of its newest disciples. Here are some specific ways:

**Inviting** those you know that could benefit from this program.

As mentoring community. Every baptized parishioner has a role in initiation of our new members. We are part of that mentoring community that apprentices the new disciples. By observing our prayer, words, deeds and actions in the parish and in the broader community our newest members learn what it means to live as a Catholic Christian today. We provide the examples. We are the models. RCIA depends on us because we make up the Christian community.

**As a Prayer companion.** A parishioner could dedicate themselves to prayerfully support a candidate throughout their journey.

As sponsors. In addition to the prayers we offer for our candidates and the examples we provide, there are other specific ways parishioners are involved in RCIA. Baptized members of the community serve as sponsors for candidates in the RCIA. A sponsor is an active member of the parish who walks with the candidate on the journey to new, fuller life in Christ. The sponsor supports and guides the candidate along the way. The sponsor is the candidate's personal connection to the parish.

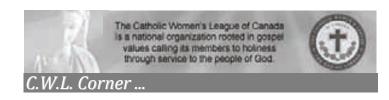
Please call the office if you are available for any of these roles, and Pam will make a list for Fr. Don.

#### For Adults (16+) Interested in Conversion

One of the chief works of the Church is to instruct people in the faith. There are always people being directed by the Holy Spirit to join the Church. If you or someone you know is interested then let us know as soon as possible. Many details must be discussed, of course, and we will do so at the appropriate time. For now, pick up an RCIA registration form in the church lobby, fill it out and get it to the office or to me personally. Keep praying for guidance and above all do everything possible to get to Mass every Sunday. May the Lord bring to completion the good work He has begun in you. God Bless. – Fr. Don

#### 40 Days for Life

For forty days (Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> to Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>) people will silently pray outside abortion facilities for the Lord's grace to stop an heinous evil. (It is believed that an average of 12 children are killed at Freeport Hospital each week.) Participants undertake to pray silently (and peacefully!) on the roadside opposite the entrance to Freeport Hospital (which houses the local centre for the procedure) for a one-hour period during the event. In the past, several local parishes have participated. Perhaps St. Mark's Parish might be able to do this. A Saturday or Sunday would seem to offer the best opportunity for most people. Contact Bernard Crawley at <a href="mailto:bjc63@rogers.com">bjc63@rogers.com</a> or 519-744-1952. More info available from K-W Right to Life at <a href="mailto:www.kwrtl.ca">www.kwrtl.ca</a> or 519-746-5433.



**Hello Ladies!** We hope you all had a fantastic and safe summer. The St. Mark C.W.L. Executive has been working hard to plan upcoming events for the remaining months of 2012. We hope you can join us for all or as many as you are able to. We are excited to offer you the following:

"Caring for the Caregiver" – Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> Mass at 6:00 p.m.; Meeting at 7:00 p.m.; Speaker at 7:30 p.m. Service pins will be presented this evening during the meeting portion. If you have reached your 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> year as a C.W.L. member and you have not received your pin, please let us know. With parish transfers, etc., not all years of service have been accounted for so it would be helpful if you could let us know what year you joined so that our records can be fixed if they are incorrect.

Our Lady of the Rosary Shrine Trip – Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>
The C.W.L. of St Mark's Parish is proud to provide you with another opportunity to be part of this wonderful trip to Our Lady of the Rosary Shrine in Merlin, Ontario. We will travel by deluxe coach to the shrine. Our day will start with a visit to the grounds, then an open-air Mass (weather permitting), lunch, Rosary procession, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and finish with Benediction. The Shrine has various trails and a store you can explore. Our bus will leave at 7:30 am sharp from St Mark's church parking lot, and return between 5:30 and 6 pm. Cost is \$27 per person. Please dress for the weather and bring a bag lunch. Contact Kim Friesen at 519-500-1964 or e-mail <a href="mailto:stmarkcwl@gmail.com">stmarkcwl@gmail.com</a> to book your ticket. Visit <a href="mailto:www.olshrine.ca">www.olshrine.ca</a> for more info.

#### How well do you know the C.W.L.?

This Week's Question: In 1957 the C.W.L. began to use

this League item ... what is it?

Last Week's Answer: In 1948 the League Office moved

from Montreal, Quebec to Ottawa, Ontario.

#### Novena to St. Therese of the Child Jesus

As the Carmelite Nuns prepare to celebrate the Feast Day of St. Therese of the Child Jesus on October 1<sup>st</sup>, you are invited to join them in their Novena in her honour. By reciting the prayer below from Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> to Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>, we confidently implore the intercession of this great Carmelite saint who has promised to spend her heaven doing good on earth.

**Novena Prayer** (Sept. 23 – Oct. 1) Remember, O most gracious Rose Queen, your promise of never leaving any request made to you without an answer, and of coming down to earth to do good. Full of confidence in your power with the Sacred Heart, we implore your intercession in our need and beg of you to obtain the Rose we so urgently request, if such be God's holy will. Amen.

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