

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

WEEKDAY MASSES
Mon. Wed. Thu. Fri. at 7:00 AM
Tuesday at 7:00 PM
Saturday at 9:00 AM

CONFESSIONS
Saturday 9:30 - 10:30 AM and 3:45 - 4:45 PM
or at other times by appointment.

ADORATION CHAPEL
Perpetual Adoration: Spots open, see Chapel
Divine Mercy: Fridays 3:00 PM
Our Lady's Rosary: 1st Saturday at 10:00 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. Please fill out a form from the church lobby and drop it off at the parish office. Parents and godparents are requested to come to the 11:30 AM Mass on the 1st Sunday of the month and stay for a brief preparation meeting.

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.

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.

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 church 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.

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 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:

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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 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-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Worship This Week ...

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

MONDAY, September 24

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

TUESDAY, September 25

* **7:00 PM Mass** - Int. of family of Omer Paret – Ramonda Paret

WEDNESDAY, September 26

7:00 AM Mass - In Thanksgiving – Luiz Macedo

THURSDAY, September 27

7:00 AM Mass + Fergus Hartman

FRIDAY, September 28

7:00 AM Mass - Special Intention

SATURDAY, September 29

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

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Sept. 29/30

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

SAT. 5:00 pm + Michael Rebol

SUN. 9:30 am + Kefleyesus Tensia – E. Habtay

11:30 am + Connie Doepel

- Int. of the Parishioners of St. Mark's

Don't forget our new Confession Times:

Every Saturday from 9:30 - 10:30 AM and 3:45 - 4:45 PM

Office Hours This Week ...

TUESDAY, Sept. 25 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 26 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon

THURSDAY, Sept. 27 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon



Offertory Last Week ...

SEPT. 15/16, 2012

Registered Envelope Users \$ 3,133.00

Loose monies \$ 417.22

TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS \$ 3,550.22

Parish Mortgage Fund..... \$ 290.00

SEPT. 29/30:

Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada

Through your contribution to this collection, you can support the Bishops in their pastoral ministry, in the fields of catechesis, ecumenism, interfaith relations, social justice, liturgy, doctrine, relations with Indigenous peoples, international aid and family life.



Knights of Columbus

St. Mark's Council 9276 monthly meeting:

Tuesday, September 25th at 7:00 p.m.

www.kofc9276.org

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 1st, you are invited to join them in their Novena in her honour. By reciting the prayer below from **Sept. 23rd to Oct. 1st**, 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.*

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 **this Tuesday, Sept. 25th** 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 **this Thursday, Sept. 27th 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.

Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary

All are welcome to attend the Legion of Mary's celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Please join us on **Sunday, October 7th** at 10:45 a.m. to say the Rosary in honor of our Blessed Mother. This could be a great way to kick off your Thanksgiving Day festivities with your families!

St. Mark's 25th Anniversary Celebration

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



FREE DANCE!

Saturday, Oct. 13th at 8:00 p.m. at St. Mark's Parish Hall. Music provided by Mid-Life Crisis. Admission tickets available after masses on week-end of Sept. 29th and 30th. Only 1 pair of tickets per couple.

Annual Christmas Bazaar

Saturday, November 3rd from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parish hall. 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 sweetsbysusan@rogers.com.



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.

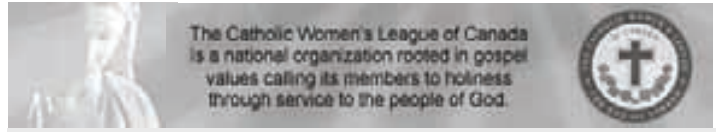
As a Prayer companion. A parishioner could dedicate themselves to prayerfully support a candidate throughout their journey.

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



C.W.L. Corner ...

Our Lady of the Rosary Shrine Trip – Saturday, October 13th

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 stmarkcwl@gmail.com to book your ticket. Visit www.olshrine.ca for more info.

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

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION: In 1963, the C.W.L. sent one million rosaries to which country? **Last Week's Answer:** In 1957 the C.W.L. began to use the League Banner.

Stratford Family Catechism – Lay Apostolate for Families

Family Catechism is a chance for you and your family to learn more about our authentic Catholic faith with other Catholic families. Families meet at Jeanne Sauvé School in Stratford on a Saturday from 10:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. twice each month. Separate catechism classes are held for children ranging from little toddlers to high school age. There is also an adult catechism class for parents. Family Catechism runs from October to March. This year's dates are **Sept. 29; Oct. 13, 27; Nov. 3, 17; Dec. 1, 15; Jan. 5, 19; Feb. 2, 16; March 9, 23**. For more information please contact: Chris and Barb Runstedler 519-595-8435; Jim & Carla-Mae Nyenhuis 519-393-5717; Paul & Angela Gras 519-273-6397.

Interested in writing?

Several St. Mark's parishioners are interested in forming a writers' critique group for the purposes of improving our writing, encouraging one another, and publishing our work. If you write, or aspire to write, fiction or non-fiction that is compatible with Catholic ideals, and would be interested in participating, please contact Jane Petrovich at 519-886-0725. Time and place to be determined.

Volunteer Screening Reminder

This is a reminder for those who are currently volunteering in high risk ministries and who received a letter over the summer asking for an updated police check for work in the vulnerable sector (high-risk ministry involving youth, the elderly, the disabled, etc.).

If you received a letter and have not yet submitted your completed police check, I would ask that you complete the application by the **first week of October** (as it takes 4-6 weeks before the check is completed). I would also ask that the **leaders of the following ministries** email me in order that I can pass along some further information and answer any questions you may have regarding this initiative:

Youth Group; Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick (the coordinators for each of the different nursing homes); Legion of Mary; Marriage Tribunal; Children's Liturgy of the Word; Vacation Bible School; Knights of Columbus; Children's Choir.

My email address is maryemily.mccullough@gmail.com. Thank you very much for your help in this initiative, and for your service to our parish family. May the Lord continue to bless you in your ministry! In Jesus and Mary, Mary-Emily McCullough, Volunteer Screening Coordinator.

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