



St. Mark Parish

St. Mark is a Catholic parish committed to fostering discipleship through the Word of God and the Sacraments. We are dedicated to providing Catholic education to our youth, to bringing a deeper relationship with Christ to our adults, and to supporting those in need through the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy. We encourage all of our parishioners to participate in the shared responsibility of worship, prayer, study and service.

June 15, 2025



THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

"But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth." - Jn 16:13a

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PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Adam Zajac
Pastor

Mrs. Christine Gunn
Principal

Mrs. Meaghan McCarthy-Silver
Pastoral Minister

Mrs. Julia Wallace
Music Ministry Director

Mr. Michael Kay
Youth Ministry Director

Mrs. Jeannette Puckett
Parish School of Religion
(PSR) Director

COMMUNITY & SACRAMENTS

New Parishioners: All are welcome to join the parish! Visit the website or call the parish office to arrange to meet a pastoral staff member.

Become Catholic: Interested in becoming Catholic? Call the parish office for an appointment with a pastoral staff member to learn more.

Infant Baptism: As you celebrate a new birth, make sure to arrange for the child's baptism. The third Sunday of the month is our regular schedule.

Reconciliation: Mercy and peace are here for you. Confession is available on Saturdays from 3:00pm to 3:45pm, or by appointment.

Marriage: Over six months we will prepare you to exchange vows before the altar. Whether engaged or civilly married, contact us to get started.

Anointing of the Sick: If you or a loved one is seriously sick, please call the parish office to arrange for a priest to visit and anoint.

Homebound: We are happy to bring Communion to you if you are unable to participate in the celebration of Mass.

LITURGY AND PRAYER INTENTIONS

Liturgy Schedule

Scripture readings can be found online at:
bible.usccb.org

Monday, June 16

8:30am MassMaureen Gale

Tuesday, June 17

6:45am Mass @ St. Mel

Wednesday, June 18

Thursday, June 19

8:30am MassJoe Patten

Friday, June 20

6:45am Mass @ St. Mel

Saturday, June 21-St. Aloysius Gonzaga

3:00pm Confessions

3:00pm Confessions @ St. Mel

4:00pm Mass Mike Lehto

4:30pm Mass @ St. Mel

Sunday, June 22-The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

7:00am Mass @ St. Mel

8:30am Mass Katie Burkhart

10:00am Mass @ St. Mel

11:30am Mass Mindy Biggins

Pray for the Sick

We commend to your personal prayers parishioners who have asked to be prayed for:

William Adams

David Kurth

Aimee Roscoe

Gianna Andolina

Tom Lembach

Nora Sudetic

Katy Brent

Gerald McArthur

George Surovec

Henry Buehner

Jim McIlwee

Barbara Thiel

James Coyne

Judy McIntyre

Herb Tippie

Matthew Craven

Mary Miller

Georgieann Treible

Nicole Foerstner

Jack Mohar

Michele Vollmer

Mary Frantz

Maisie Nowlin

Joe Wantz

Theresa Fridrich

Bill Retzer

Charlotte Whiting

Amy Glazier

Mary Stark

Lillian Zahara

Irene Gurchensky

Sr. Josette Obodzinski

Lew Zahara Jr.

Carol Hughes

Judy Reitz

Joseph Zavatchen Sr.

Joseph Zavatchen Jr.

Other Intentions

Weekly Luke McGraw Memorial Candles Intention

Mindy Biggins

Liturgical Ministers	emHCs	Lectors	Servers
Saturday, June 21 @ 4:00pm	Shirlee Toth Gloria Morin Kathy O'Malley	Gary Morin	Kellen Lentz Nolan Lentz
Sunday, June 22 @ 8:30am	Austin Tousley NOT FILLED (2)	Lisa Braun Mary Lewis	London Dinya Michael Doyle
Sunday, June 22 @ 11:30am	Shawn Wroten NOT FILLED (2)	Cari Foster Eliza Kratt	Cormac Wroten Jackson Wroten

NEWS AND EVENTS

Offertory Collections

In-Pew Collection (past week)\$ 3,063.00
Faith Direct (past month weekly total)\$ 5,394.00
Thank you for your generosity!

Parish News

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Schedule for May-August

We are very happy to be restarting Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 8:30am Mass at St. Mark. Children who are in PreK and above but have not yet received their First Communion will be invited to process into the sacristy during Mass to hear the Gospel proclaimed in an accessible way. Children's Liturgy of the Word is meant to shed light on the Gospel when a passage is particularly challenging for children to understand, so it will only take place on Sundays when it has been determined to be useful and appropriate. We will publish a schedule of the chosen dates a few months at a time.

The upcoming dates are:

May 18th
June 1st
June 8th
July 13th
August 3rd
August 17th

Food Sunday

June 21 & 22

St. Patrick - West Park serves over 60 families each month. Next weekend, they have requested these items for their clients: canned peas, corn, green beans, pork & beans, chili w/beans, beef stew, sloppy joe, tuna, spaghetti & sauce w/ meat, chicken noodle/tomato/cream of mushroom soups, ramen noodles, canned peaches/pears/mixed fruits, apple sauce in jars, rice, instant potatoes, egg noodles, stuffing, mac & cheese, cereal, pancake mix & syrup, jello, peanut butter & jelly (squeezable), and saltine crackers. All of your donations are appreciated.

Thank you! May God bless us all.



A free emailed recording of prayers
and insights led by our bishops and priests.
Take 10 minutes and join us in prayer.



Sign up!

dioceseofcleveland.org/mydailyprayers
– and encourage others to join us!

Share the
Prayers!



Share God's Love

St. Mark/St. Mel Faith Build

Dean's Greenhouse 2025 Spring In-Store Fundraiser

to benefit the St. Mark/St. Mel Faith Build

May 1 through June 30

Spring has sprung, and it's time to spruce up your garden and yard! Shop Dean's Greenhouse for all your gardening needs starting May 1, 2025, through June 30, 2025, mention St. Mark/St. Mel when you check out, and Dean's will donate 20% of your purchase to the St. Mark/St. Mel Faith Build.

Dean's Greenhouse is located at 3984 Porter Road, Westlake, 44145.

www.deansgreenhouse.com; 440-871-2050

Questions? Email Amy Asseff at aasseff@aol.com.

Reminders and Regular Events

Holy Name Society Meetings

Fellowship, prayer, and service for all parishioners

All men and women of the parish ages 18 and older are welcome to join the St. Mark Holy Name Society. Meetings are the second Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm in either the Picnic Pavilion or Social Hall. At these gatherings, we dine together and discuss what event we will be doing next to help the community of St. Mark. If you would like to know more, contact Jim Cocita at: jimcocita@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE:

Sunday, June 29th 12:30-5:00pm

Holy Name Society Annual Parish Picnic. Join us for a day of gathering with others from St. Mark and St. Mel and former families of the parishes. This is a Free Will Donation! There will be hamburgers, hot dogs, brauts, ice cream and beverages. We will have games for kids of all ages. Bring a dish to share! More information to come at a later date. See you there!

Young Family Gatherings

Connect with other young parents

Once a month after the 8:30am mass, young families are welcome to gather in the Social Hall (or Pavilion) for bagels, coffee, and community. Dates vary each month. For questions contact Briana David at: bciancibello@gmail.com

Upcoming Dates: June 29th

Sunday Rosary

A devotion to enrich your prayer life

Please come to pray with Mary, Our Blessed Mother, in this beautiful devotion. Parishioners gather in the church to pray the rosary after the 8:30am mass every Sunday. Contemplating the mysteries of the life of Christ, we pray for peace and grace in the world.

VIRTUS Program Compliancy

Check that you are up-to-date!

All staff and all volunteers who work with children (such as coaches, catechists, scout leaders, parent volunteers, etc.) are required to stay compliant with the VIRTUS program. No exceptions are made. This program is required by the Diocese of Cleveland, and we are audited annually.

For existing volunteers:

- Stay current with the online bulletins
- Renew your BCI Fingerprint and Background check every five years through virtusonline.org (see the Toolbox tab for selection.com background check).

New and interested volunteers working with children:

- Attend a VIRTUS training. Registration is through virtusonline.org.
- Read and sign the 2016 Policy for Protecting Children.
- Read and sign the 2016 Standards of Conduct.
- Complete a background check through virtusonline.org (see the Toolbox tab for selection.com background check).
- Complete the St. Mark Volunteer Application

Full information can be found on our parish website. To verify that you are in compliance call the parish office.

NEWS AND EVENTS

Regional and Diocesan News and Events

Pilgrimage to Italy

May 11 - 21, 2026

Join Fr. Rob Ramser for an unforgettable pilgrimage to Italy. Italy is not just any country - it's a vibrant and enchanting destination that attracts millions of visitors each year, making it the most visited country in the world! Its breathtaking landscapes, exquisite cuisine, and warm hospitality are just a few of the reasons why Italy is a perfect destination for Catholic pilgrims. But what truly sets Italy apart is its rich history and deep roots in the Catholic faith. From the holy city of Rome to the picturesque towns of Assisi, Siena, Florence, Padua and Venice, every corner of Italy is infused with relics, miracles and the wonders of our faith. As you travel through each city, you will witness the beauty of the Italian countryside, experience the poetics of its architecture, and immerse yourself in a history that spans thousands of years. We guarantee that this pilgrimage will capture your heart and strengthen your faith in unforgettable ways. Travel dates are May 11th - 21st, 2026 with a cost of \$5,000 per person (includes airfare, 4 star hotels, ground transportation, Catholic Tour guide, admission fees and more). Find more information and sign up at <https://trinitytourtravels.wetravel.com/trips/fr-robert-ramser-classic-italy-trinity-tour-travels-57532832> or call Trinity Tours at 800-687-0306.

General Parish Calendar

Saturday,	June 14	
3:00 pm	Confessions	
4:00 pm	Mass	
Sunday,	June 15	
8:30 am	Mass	
9:30 am	Rosary	
11:30 am	Mass LS	
Monday,	June 16	
8:30 am	Mass	
Tuesday,	June 17	
7:00 pm	Choir Ice Cream Social	PP
7:00 pm	Bereavement	FR
Wednesday,	June 18	
7:00 pm	Bible Timeline	CC
Thursday,	June 19	
	Parish Office Closed	
8:30 am	Mass	
7:00 pm	Troop #293	SH/PP
Friday,	June 20	
Saturday,	June 21	
12:15 pm	Class 1980 School Tour	Sch
3:00 pm	Confessions	
4:00 pm	Mass	
Sunday,	June 22	
	Food Sunday	
8:30 am	Mass	
9:30 am	Rosary	
11:30 am	Mass LS	

Military

Please pray for our military presently serving.

Josh Dunleavy, Nick Hupka, John Kazanowski, Randy Kloos, Sean O'Reilly, Nico Russo, Matthew Shirley, Jonah Treible

**WEDNESDAY
EVENINGS
LIVE**

**+ VESPERS + LIVE MUSIC
+ COMMUNITY + FOOD**

CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST
Wednesdays in the courtyard | 5:30-8PM

saintjohncathedral.com



General Audience of Pope Leo XIV, on 4 June 2025

Cycle of Catechesis – Jubilee 2025. Jesus Christ our Hope. II. The life of Jesus. The parables 8. *The labourers in the vineyard*. “And he said to them, ‘You too go into my vineyard’”(Mt 20:4)

Dear brothers and sisters,

I would like to look at one of Jesus’ parables again. Also in this case, it is a story that fosters our hope. Indeed, at times we have the impression that we cannot find meaning for our lives: we feel useless, inadequate, just like the labourers who wait in the marketplace, waiting for someone to hire them to work. But sometimes time passes, life goes by, and we do not feel acknowledged or appreciated. Perhaps we did not arrive in time, others appeared before us, or problems held us up elsewhere.

The metaphor of the marketplace is very appropriate for our times too, because the market is the place of business, where unfortunately even affection and dignity are bought and sold, in the attempt to earn something. And when we do not feel appreciated, acknowledged, we risk selling ourselves to the first bidder. Instead, the Lord reminds us that our life is worthy, and his wish is to help us discover this.

Also in the parable we are commenting on today, there are labourers awaiting someone who will hire them for the day. We are at Chapter 20 of the Gospel of Matthew, and here too we find a character whose behaviour is unusual, who surprises and challenges us. He is the owner of a vineyard, who comes out in person in search of his labourers. Evidently, he wants to establish a personal relationship with them.

As I was saying, it is a parable that gives hope, because it tells us that this landowner goes out several times to go and look for those who are waiting to give meaning to their lives. The landowner goes out immediately at dawn and then, every three hours, he returns in search of workers to send to his vineyard. Following this schedule, after going out at three o’clock in the afternoon, there would be no reason to go out again, because the working day ended at six.

This tireless master, who wants at all costs to give value to the life of every one of us, instead goes out at five. The labourers who had remained in the marketplace had probably given up all hope. That day had come to nothing. Nevertheless, someone still believed in them. What point is there to take on labourers only for the last hour of the working day? And yet, even when it seems we are able to do little in life, it is always worthwhile. There is always the possibility to find meaning, because God loves our life.

And the originality of this landowner is also seen at the end of the day, at pay time. The master had agreed to pay the first workers, who go into the vineyard at dawn, one denarius, which was a typical day’s wage. He tells the others he will give them what is fair. And it is right here that the parable provokes us: what is fair? For the owner of the vineyard, that is, for God, it is just that each person has what he needs to live. He called the labourers personally, he knows their dignity, and on the basis of this, he wants to pay them, and he gives all of them one denarius.

The story says that the labourers from the first hour are disappointed: they cannot see the beauty of the gesture of the landowner, who was not unjust, but simply generous; who looked not only at merit, but also at need. God wants to give his Kingdom, that is, full, eternal and happy life, to everyone. And this is what Jesus does with us: he does not establish rankings, he gives all of himself to those who open their hearts to him.

In the light of this parable, today’s Christian might be tempted to think, “Why start work immediately? If the pay is the same, why work more?”. Saint Augustine responds to these doubts, saying: “Why dost thou put off him that calleth thee, certain as thou art of the reward, but uncertain of the day? Take heed then lest peradventure what he is to give thee by promise, thou take from thyself by delay”. [1]

I would like to say, especially to the young, do not wait, but respond enthusiastically to the Lord who calls us to work in his vineyard. Do not delay, roll up your sleeves, because the Lord is generous and you will not be disappointed! Working in his vineyard, you will find an answer to that profound question you carry within you: what is the meaning of my life?

Dear brothers and sisters, let us not be discouraged! Even in the dark moments of life, when time passes without giving us the answers we seek, let us ask the Lord who will come out again and find us where we are waiting for him. He is generous, and he will come soon!

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"When the Lord established the heavens I was there,
when he marked out the vault over the face
of the deep;
when he made firm the skies above,
when he fixed fast the foundations of the earth; (Prv 8:27)

Psalm:

O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!
(Ps 8)

Second Reading:

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.
(Rom 5:1)

Gospel:

Everything that the Father has is mine;
for this reason I told you that he will take from what
is mine
and declare it to you." (Jn 16:15)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Jesus knew how it would be. He knew we
would stumble in the dark, grasping for
answers. And so he sent us a light: the Holy
Spirit, the illumination of all that is true. Dare
we look into the light? Are we ready to see
the truth?

Observances for the week of June 15, 2025

Sunday: The Most Holy Trinity; Father's Day
Thursday: St. Romuald, Abbot
Friday: World Refugee Day
Saturday: St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious
Next Sunday: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ



Devotions, *Explained!*

Popularized in the 17th century by a French priest named Fr. Claude Bernard, the Memorare is a prayer to the Blessed Mother in which the supplicant calls upon the maternal love and protection of Mary's intercession in an hour of dire need.

Prayer of Christian Love

Glory be to God the Father,
God the Son, and God the
Holy Spirit, who calls us
into communion with Him,
a life of grace and mystery,
reconciliation and unity.
Amen.