



# St. Mark Catholic Church

## Mission Statement

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 parishioners to participate in the shared responsibility of worship, prayer, study and service.



April 14, 2024

## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled ... You are witnesses of these things." - Lk 24:44, 48

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### PASTORAL STAFF

**Rev. Adam Zajac**

Pastor

**Mrs. Karen Cocita**

Principal

**Mrs. Meaghan McCarthy-Silver**

Pastoral Minister

**Mrs. Julia Wallace**

Director of Music Ministry

**Mr. Michael Kay**

Youth Minister

**Mrs. Jeannette Puckett**

Parish School of Religion Director (PSR)

### SACRAMENTS

**The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:** The RCIA is open to all those interested in becoming Catholic. Contact the Parish Office 216-226-7577.

**Baptism:** Available at 12:30 p.m. the fourth Sunday of the month and at Masses by arrangement. Parents must attend a Pre-Baptism class and Godparents must have a sponsor certificate.

**Reconciliation:** Saturday, 3:00 - 3:45 p.m. or by appointment.

**Marriage:** Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance with a priest or deacon.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Please call the Parish Office.

**Communion Calls:** If you are unable to participate in the celebration of Mass and would like to receive Communion, please contact the office.

**New Parishioners:** All are welcome to join us by calling the office or visiting the website to schedule an appointment.

**Bulletin Deadline:** Bulletin Articles and Copied Items need to be in the Parish Office by 11:00 a.m. on Friday the week before the bulletin to print.

**Papal Intention**

**April:** For the role of women. We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

**Liturgy Schedule**

Scripture readings can be found online at:  
[bible.usccb.org](http://bible.usccb.org)

**Monday, April 15**

8:30am Mass.....**Presider's Intention**

**Tuesday, April 16**

6:45am Mass @ St. Mel

**Wednesday, April 17**

**Thursday, April 18**

**Friday, April 19**

6:45am Mass @ St. Mel

**Saturday, April 20**

3:00pm Confessions

3:00pm Confessions @ St. Mel

4:00pm Mass...For the Parishioners of St. Mark Parish and St. Mel Parish

4:30pm Mass @ St. Mel

**Sunday, April 21-Fourth Sunday of Easter**

7:00am Mass @ St. Mel

8:30am Mass.....Dave Adams

10:00am Mass @ St. Mel

11:30am Mass.....Phyllis Falasco Maresh

**Liturgical Ministers April 20 & 21**

**Saturday, April 20 @ 4:00pm**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Shirlee Toth, Gloria Morin, John Lewis

**Lector:** Gary Morin

**Altar Server:** Luca Drvenkar, Fia Drvenkar, Evan Lentz

**Sunday, April 21 @ 8:30am**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Jessica Hanes, Laura Skonce, Kathy OMalley

**Lector:** Michael Grathwol, Monica Svetz

**Altar Server:** Fiona Stock, Clare Stock, Joe Svetz

**Sunday, April 21 @ 11:30am**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Lisa Ditzel, Michelle Eggers, Rosanne Kelley

**Lector:** Eileen Andrews, Carole Iseli

**Altar Server:** Owen Glazier, Bill Sonby, Dominic Sutcliff

*Luke McGraw Memorial Candles*

**Weekly Intention**

**April 14**

**Dolly Tinnirello**

**IN MEMORIAM**

*May the peace of our Lord be with  
Deacon Charles Zawadzki  
And may God grant comfort to his family and friends.*

**PRAYER FOR THE SICK**

Heavenly Father, we lift up all those who are facing various illnesses. Give them the hope and courage they need today and every day. Comfort their pain, calm their fears, and surround them with Your peace. In Jesus' name, Amen!

***Please Pray for Our Sick***



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|--------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| William Adams      | Lisa Groh              | Bill Retzer          |
| Gianna Andolina    | Irene Gurchensky       | Mary Stark           |
| Carol Behnke       | David Kurth            | Nora Sudetic         |
| Jack Behnke        | Catherine Kutsick      | Lena Sunyak          |
| Katy Brent         | Loree Leasure-Poirier  | George Surovec       |
| Henry Buehner      | Jim McIlwee            | Rita Szy             |
| James Coyne        | Mary Miller            | Herb Tippie          |
| Margaret Fadrowski | Maisie Nowlin          | Georgieann Treible   |
| Nicole Foerstner   | Sr. Josette Obodzinski | Joe Wantz            |
| Mary Frantz        |                        | Charlotte Whiting    |
| Theresa Fridrich   |                        | Lillian Zahara       |
|                    |                        | Joseph Zavatchen Jr. |

***Weekly Collections***

**Sunday Envelopes:.....\$ 3,178.00**  
**Faith Direct:.....\$ 5,381.00**

**Thank you for your generosity!**

**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion Formation Sessions Spring 2024**

The Diocese will be offering formation sessions this spring. If you are interested please call the Parish Office.

**Adopt a Spot**

Thank you to all the parishioners that currently have an Adopt a Spot and do a beautiful job at maintaining these areas of our Parish. If you are unable to continue please contact the office.

If you are interested in an area to adopt please contact Cheryl at the Parish Office 216-226-7577.



[www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net)

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*Thank you for supporting  
St. Mark Church!*



**St. Mark  
Holy Name Society**

**Welcome All  
Men and Women Parishioners  
18 and Older  
We Meet Second Tuesday of the Month  
at 6:00 in the Social Hall**

**Interested?**

**Email [jimcocita@gmail.com](mailto:jimcocita@gmail.com)**

**Save The Date**

**Holy Name Society**

**ANNUAL  
PARISH PICNIC**



**Sunday, June 30th  
12:30PM - 5:00PM**

**St. Mark Parish**

**15800 Montrose Ave.  
Cleveland, OH 44111**

*More details to follow*



# Young Family Gatherings

Once a month after 8:30 a.m. Mass, young families are welcome to gather in the Social Hall for bagels, coffee, and community.

Dates vary each month. Questions? Please contact Briana David-  
brianadavidehowardhanna.com

## 2024 UPCOMING DATES

January 21	April 21
February 11	May 19
March 24	June 9



Please come to pray WITH Mary, Our Blessed Mother, in this beautiful devotion, The Rosary. We are living in troubled times and so much in need of peace within our souls and for the world. We ask Mary, Our Mother, to intercede and lead us contemplating the mysteries of Jesus. "The Family that Prays together, Stays together"...Fr. Patrick Peyton  
Every Sunday following the 8:30am Mass

You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, Say to the Lord, "My refuge and fortress, My God in whom I trust."  
Psalm 91:1-2

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers all our military men and women presently serving and those who have returned home.

Jason Bochert, James Boone, Jr., Elijah Brolly, Kurt Brown, Nathan Chomoa, Jeremy Cole, Matthew Craven, Josh Dunleavy, T.J. Finucan, Martin Hartsel, Joe Isabella, John Kester, Randy Kloos, Stephanie Lasch, Adam Lemmerman, Torrey Lynch, Ron McDough, Andrew J. McGinty, Owen McGrew, Jake North, Jon Novak, Danny O'Malley, Sean P. O'Reilly, Nick Ortiz, Steven Podhradsky, Nico Russo, Tom Sarko, Matthew Shirley, Brady Smith, Montana Stiegelmeier, Edward Thomas, Joseph Toole, Jacob Trefney, Jonah Treible, Lukas Whitney.

God Bless them all!

Kathy O'Malley womalfam@sbcglobal.net for any updates.



## THE WEEK AHEAD IN OUR PARISH

<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>April 13</b>	
3:00 pm	Confessions	
4:00 pm	Mass	
<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>April 14</b>	
8:30 am	Mass	
9:30 am	Rosary	
11:30 am	Mass LS	
11:30 am	Sunday Pre-School	CR
<b>Monday,</b>	<b>April 15</b>	
8:30 am	Mass	
6:00 pm	Women's Retreat Mtg.	CC
6:30 pm	PSR Class Gr. 1-8	CR
<b>Tuesday,</b>	<b>April 16</b>	
7:00 pm	Parent Club Mtg.	SH
<b>Wednesday,</b>	<b>April 17</b>	
6:00 pm	Math/Science Night	G/SCH/SH/CC
<b>Thursday,</b>	<b>April 18</b>	
3:00 pm	Gym Set-up	
6:30 pm	Friends of Impett	CC
7:00 pm	Troop #293	SH/PP
<b>Friday,</b>	<b>April 19</b>	
8:00 am	St. Baldrick's	G
6:00 pm	Mother/Son Dance	G/CC
<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>April 20</b>	
3:00 pm	Confessions	
4:00 pm	Mass	
<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>April 21</b>	
8:30 am	Mass	
9:30 am	Rosary	
9:30 am	Young Families	SH
11:30 am	Mass LS	
11:30 am	Sunday Pre-School	CR
5:00 pm	Youth Group	SH

**Note: (LS)=Livestreamed**



Hi there, I am Maddie Arnold. I attend Magnificat High School as a junior. I am taking part in an Agape project at my school, where I'm doing something positive for the community or school. My contribution is to help the Cleveland Animal Protective League (APL), a local animal rescue, I wish to gather various dog toy products. The APL facilitates animal adoptions and provides services. Please consider donating the weekend of April 13 & 14. A container will be placed in the School Hallway. We appreciate any donations, but if you are unable to provide one and you observe an animal in need, please contact the police or your local adoption organization. I appreciate your help.

# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

The author of life you put to death,  
but God raised him from the dead; of this  
we are witnesses. (Acts 3:15)

### Psalm:

Lord, let your face shine on us. (Ps 4)  
Or: Alleluia.

### Second Reading:

He is expiation for our sins,  
and not for our sins only but for those of the  
whole world. (1 Jn 2:2)

### Gospel:

"Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer  
and rise from the dead on the third day." (Lk 24:46)

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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

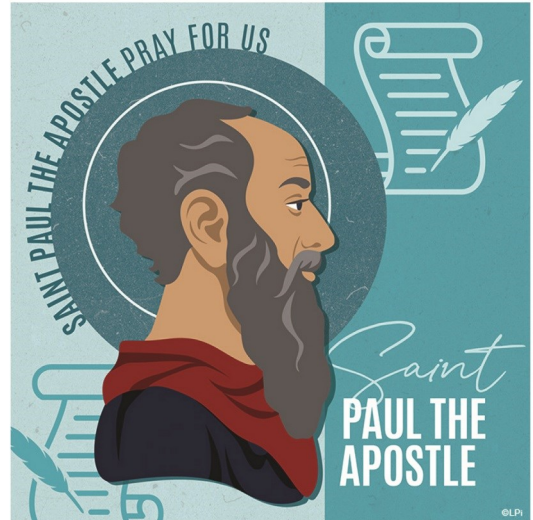
Sometimes when God appears in our path, we do not recognize him. In these moments, Jesus invites us to reach out and touch him. Remember that Christ is real, Christ is alive, and Christ stands before each one of us — so reach out. Touch him.

## Observances for the week of April 14, 2024

**Sunday:** 3rd Sunday of Easter

**Monday:** Tax Day

**Next Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer  
for Vocations



## Saint of the week

St. Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles, was the most prolific Christian missionary of all time. Due to a miraculous experience that he had on the road to Damascus, he went from persecuting early Christians to traveling all over the region preaching the Gospel of Jesus.

## Prayer in Times of Darkness

Dear Jesus,  
When I feel troubled, alone,  
frightened, be with me. Be a  
flicker of flame in this darkness.  
Help me to know you in the stark  
seasons as I do in times of elation.  
You are the light I seek.  
Amen.

## Principal News

This school year is flying by! Just before Easter break, we celebrated the accomplishments of our students for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of school. During the assembly, I shared a children's story written by Cleo Wade entitled *What the Road Said*. There were some very valuable lessons found in this story which included:

- ◆ Which way you go on your road is your choice. Sometimes we go the wrong way, and we have to work hard to get back on the right road.
- ◆ Sometimes you will stumble backwards and sometimes you will stand still. Remember that everyone of us falls at some point (I've fallen, your teachers have fallen, your friends have fallen), but it's important to remember that there are people in our lives- our families, our teachers, and our friends who will always be there to help you land back on your feet.
- ◆ In the story the road found a caterpillar and some seeds. As the seasons changed, butterflies and flowers covered the earth in beauty. The lesson here is that all of us grow and change- that is the magic of being alive!
- ◆ And one last lesson I always remind them about is to lead in kindness by being kind- lead with LOVE- and share the power of your love with others.

I challenged them- each one of them to BE A LEADER! I do believe that every one of our children has an important purpose here on Earth. Sometimes it takes a great deal of work to get back up when we fall, or not follow the wrong examples of others but rather try to do the right thing. Sometimes we have to work really hard at discovering our talents. Our children have important contributions to make in this world. They are here on purpose and deserve to be the leader of their life, which is why we celebrated their accomplishments for 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter.

Congratulations to these students who received the following honors in Grades 5-8:

**3<sup>rd</sup> Honors:** Luke H., Charlotte K., Dylan K., Kathleen N., James W., KiShawn B., Brendan D., Owen G., Mary B., Padraig M., Ian M., Liam P., Cole C., Lajla K., Killian M., Dawson W., Caroline R., Jacob S., Olivia T., Zora G., Charlotte G., Anna O., Ian R., Corwin S., Jack W., Molly M., and Brian N.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Honors:** James B., Barrett J., Braidyn M., John M., Teagan S., Mahleah W., Rebecca B., Lauren B., Fia D., Gregory E., Elizabeth H., Robert L., Erin M., Samira S., Antonio A., Sofia C., Houston H., Aidan G., Olivia M., Patrick M., Anna T., Saoirse B., Evelyn B., Isabel D., Jackson G., Charlotte G., Paolo I., Tadhg M., Mia O., Kathryn S., Dominic S., Aleynah C., Liam F., Theodore F., William G., Calvin G., Ruby J., Benjamin L., Brendan M., Frances M., Gina P., Reese R., Joseph S., Colette A., Patrick B., Fiona C., Kevin K., Kiera L., William L., Emily P., Emma R., Daniel S., Jonah B., Clare G., Joseph P., Lilly R., Gavin S., Helen S., Chloe W., Charlotte B., London D., Wyatt G., William G., Connor M., Anna M., Vincent M., and Evelyn P.

**1<sup>st</sup> Honors:** Joseph A., Agnes B., John C., Grace C., Isabella E., Owen G., Olivia K., Corinne G., Diego I., Andrew K., Evan L., Daniel R., Camilla R., Thomas S., Evan W., Ava B., Madeline C., Grace D., Neva M., Kathleen M., Elizabeth N., Gianna A., Elizabeth C., Clare H., Julia M., Lucas S., Margaret S., Fiona S., Leah T., Cloey B., Ellie B., Benjamin B., Mary K., Clare S., Carlina V., Thomas C., Luca D., Declan F., Connor H., Emma T., Gabriel W., Leonardo D., Oliver E., Kerri G., MacKenzie H., Markeita J., Rose M., Bridget R., Logan W., Charlotte B., Bridgit C., Evelina F., Grant G., Clara G., Benjamin K., Nolan L., Alberto L., Gabriela S., and Emily S.

### Principal's Award:

Houston E. – Diligent work in web design  
Cadhla M, -Diligent work in Computer Science  
Jack C.- Always interested in learning beyond the material  
Kate N.- Radiates positivity  
Evan L.- Academic excellence, dependability, and kindness  
Diego I.- Kindness, respectfulness, and friendship  
Sofia C.- Always bringing laughter and positivity into the classroom  
Madeline C.- Strong effort and happy smiles  
Jackson G.- Always kind, polite, and helpful  
Julia M.- Kind friend to all and a commitment to academic success  
Teddy F.- Extreme generosity and kindness  
Gina P.- Makes others feel included and willingness to help  
Kiera L.- Always ready to learn with a smile on her face  
Liam I.- Kind friend and eager to learn  
Will G.- Bringing creativity and positive attitude  
Evelina F.- Making excellent contributions to class discussions  
Charlotte G.- Being considerate and setting a positive example  
Bridgit R.- Being so conscientious  
Francesca P.- Trying hard to do her best work  
Niall M.- Putting best effort into daily work  
Zoe M.- Hard working and 100% effort  
Noah P.- Works hard and gives his best effort  
Isla F.- Always thinks of others

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## *Principal News (Continued)*

### **Principal's Award:**

Charlie U.- Always ready to share what he has learned  
Marie A.- Patient and kind to her classmates  
Nora P.- Helpful and kind to her classmates  
Brendan A.- Enthusiastic learner who is always smiling  
Cora C.- Always goes above and beyond academically and spiritually  
Coralynne W.- Always being a hard worker  
Samantha P.- Always setting a positive example to others and encouraging them  
Eli P.- Always showing respect and kindness  
Olive M.- Having a smile at all times  
Elise M.- Treats everyone with kindness and compassion  
Luka P.- Loves learning and his inquisitive nature  
Brooke T.- Shows respect and kindness to all  
Caitlin F.- Cheerful and eager to learn  
Lenny S.- Always using his manners  
Kensi S.- Great helper in class  
Erin S.- Demonstrates outstanding effort, politeness, and respect  
Arthur L.- Great effort and willingness to learn  
Nova M.- Great art talent shining through  
Will L.- Great creativity  
Amelia S.- Sets a wonderful example of teamwork  
Evelyn P.- Willingness to take creative risks  
Jackson G.- Works diligently  
Brigid M.- Kind to others  
Francesca P.- Always on task and always helping  
Brynn S.- Always wanting to do more

Congratulations to all these students who continue to create the safe and caring community that embodies St. Mark School.

Mrs. Cocita

