



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.

July 13, 2025



15th Sunday

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

"But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight." - Lk 10:33

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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, July 14-St. Kateri Tekakwitha

8:30am MassPresider’s Intention

Tuesday, July 15-St. Bonaventure

6:45am Mass @ St. Mel

Wednesday, July 16

Thursday, July 17

Friday, July 18

6:45am Mass @ St. Mel

Saturday, July 19

3:00pm Confessions

3:00pm Confessions @ St. Mel

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

4:30pm Mass @ St. Mel

Sunday, July 20-16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00am Mass @ St. Mel

8:30am MassAndy Helbig

10:00am Mass @ St. Mel

11:30am MassJohn Gallagher

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	Michele Vollmer
Nicole Foerstner	Jack Mohar	Joe Wantz
Mary Frantz	Maisie Nowlin	Charlotte Whiting
Theresa Fridrich	Sr. Josette Obodzinski	Lillian Zahara
Amy Glazier	Mary Stark	Lew Zahara Jr.
Carol Hughes		Joseph Zavatchen Sr.
		Joseph Zavatchen Jr.

Pray for the Deceased

Irene Gurchensky, Sister of Marian Lundeen
Eufemia Esparra, Mother of Lillian Esparra Maddox

May perpetual light shine upon them

Other Intentions

Weekly Luke McGraw Memorial Candles Intention

Dolly Tinnirello

Liturgical Ministers	emHCs	Lectors	Servers
Saturday, July 19 @ 4:00pm	Mary Price Shirlee Toth R.V. Threadgill	Gary Morin	Mary Kugler-Blayney NOT FILLED
Sunday, July 20 @ 8:30am	Michael Kay Kathy O’Malley NOT FILLED	Mary Lewis Tim Mohr	Luke Meisterics Colin Weaver
Sunday, July 20 @ 11:30am	Cari Foster Deirdre Mueller NOT FILLED	Eliza Kratt NOT FILLED	Kate Dillinger Michael Doyle

NEWS AND EVENTS

Offertory Collections

In-Pew Collection (June 29)\$ 2,023.00
In-Pew Collection (July 6)\$ 4,877.00
Faith Direct (past month weekly total)\$ 4,788.00
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:

July 13th, August 3rd and August 17th



Share God's Love

St. Mark/St. Mel Faith Build

Registration is Open!

Build site volunteer registration is open for the St. Mark/St. Mel 2025 Faith Build. Anyone aged 16 or older can volunteer at a build site. Volunteers under 18 must be accompanied by an adult volunteer.

2025 Build Dates:

- Thursday, July 24
- Saturday, August 2
- Saturday, September 13
- Saturday, September 27 (Neighborhood Spruce Up Day)

Email Amy Asseff for a link to the registration page:
aasseff@aol.com

Please keep the Faith Build and its volunteers in your prayers!

MY DAILY Prayers

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

Catholic Diocese
of Cleveland

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

Share the Prayers!

Christmas in July

Health Items will be the focus for next weekend.

Clients of the Providence House, St. Herman's House, and the West Side Catholic Center. They need hygiene products, mouthwash, body wash, shampoo & conditioner, deodorant, Miralax, children's Motrin & Claritin, Aquaphor baby healing ointment, nasal saline spray, band-aids, first aid kits, triple antibiotic ointment, women's underwear, and men's boxer briefs.

The Centers could also use dishwashing liquid, bleach, disposable gloves (latex & powder free), disinfectant spray cleaner (Lysol), and sanitizing wipes.

They appreciate all of your donations. Thank you.

May God bless all!

Reminders and Regular Events

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: July 13th
August 17th
September 14th

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

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.

Military

Please pray for our military presently serving.

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

General Parish Calendar

Saturday,	July 12	
3:00 pm	Confessions	
4:00 pm	Mass	
Sunday,	July 13	
8:30 am	Mass	
8:30 am	Children's Liturgy of the Word	
9:30 am	Rosary	
9:30 am	Young Families	SH/PP
11:30 am	Mass LS	
6:00 pm	Youth Group	CC
Monday,	July 14	
8:30 am	Mass	
Tuesday,	July 15	
Wednesday,	July 16	
Thursday,	July 17	
7:00 pm	Troop #293	SH/PP
Friday,	July 18	
Saturday,	July 19	
3:00 pm	Confessions	
4:00 pm	Mass	
Sunday,	July 20	
8:30 am	Mass	
9:30 am	Rosary	
11:30 am	Mass LS	

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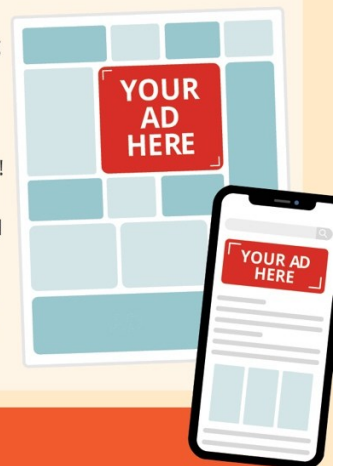
PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES

The Support of Your Business is Greatly Appreciated

Vic Preisel from LPI, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. It is the support of the business community that helps to make our church thrive. Please consider purchasing an ad as your participation makes our bulletin successful, and you attract customers!

Church bulletin advertising is a cost-effective way to advertise 52 times per year and show support for your local community; in turn, parishioners will support you!

Digital advertising allows your business to be front and center to anyone who visits a church profile page on ParishesOnline.com — that's approximately 500,000 page views per month!



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NEWS AND EVENTS

Regional and Diocesan News and Events

The FEST

Mark your calendars!

Join us for the highlight of the summer....The FEST on Sunday, August 3rd. The FEST is an inspiring day of faith, family and fun - all for FREE. Come and hear the best of the Contemporary Christian Artists: Maverick City Music, Danny Gokey, Ben Fuller and Seph Schlueter. There's something for everyone at The FEST from meaningful displays to faith-based crafts and activities for the kids. You can visit the Marc's Mom's Relaxation Station along with getting your favorite summer foods at family friendly prices!

Invite family and friends for the 25th anniversary of The FEST held on the campus of the Center for Pastoral Leadership in Wickliffe. The day begins at 12 noon and continues until 8pm when we come together United in faith...hope and love...for a beautiful outdoor Mass followed by an amazing American Fireworks Display. For all the details go to: www.theFEST.us. For thousands across our region it truly is the highlight of the summer. Please join us!!!

Catholic Renewal Ministries' 42nd Annual Conference

Saturday, July 26, 2025

All are invited to attend Catholic Renewal Ministries' 42nd Annual Conference to be held on Saturday, July 26, 2025, at St. Albert the Great Parish Life Center, 6667 Wallings Rd., North Royalton. This year's theme is "The Joy of the Lord is My Strength". Guest speakers will be Dr. Jaci Sabol, a neuropsychologist, who is a longtime worship leader and speaker on the faith and who serves on the board of Faith on Fire!, Dave Van Vickie, a popular speaker who presents on topics related to spiritual warfare, our call to holiness, and authentic Catholic spirituality, and Fr. Bob Franco, the Bishop's Liaison for Charismatic Renewal in the Cleveland Diocese. Auxiliary Bishop Michael G. Woost will be the celebrant for the Vigil Mass, and Matt Fafrak will lead us in contemporary praise music throughout the day and evening.

Visit the CRM website: www.crmweb.org or call 440-944-9445 for more information. Advance registration postmarked by Wednesday, July 16th, is \$40, and at the door \$50. Come, as we praise and exalt Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit and celebrate the Jubilee Year.



**WEDNESDAY
EVENINGS
LIVE**

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

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

saintjohncathedral.com

The poster features a red background with white text for the event title. To the right, the event details are listed in red and black text. At the bottom, there is a silhouette of a crowd with their hands raised, and a circular logo of the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist.

Jubilee Audience of Pope Leo XIV, on 25 June 2025

Cycle of Catechesis – Jubilee 2025. Jesus Christ our Hope. II. The life of Jesus. The Healings. 11. *The bleeding woman and Jairus' daughter. "Do not be afraid; just have faith!" (Mk 5:36)*

Dear brothers and sisters,

Today we will again consider the healings of Jesus as a sign of hope. In Him, there is a strength that we too can experience when we enter into a relationship with His Person.

A very widespread ailment of our time is the fatigue of living: reality seems to us to be too complex, burdensome, difficult to face. And so we switch off, we fall asleep, in the delusion that, upon waking, things will be different. But reality has to be faced, and together with Jesus, we can do it well. At times we feel blocked by the judgment of those who claim to put labels on others.

It seems to me that these situations can find an answer in a passage from the Gospel of Mark, where two stories intertwine: that of the twelve-year-old girl, who is sick in bed and is dying; and that of a woman who has been bleeding for precisely twelve years, and seeks out Jesus in order to be healed (cf. Mk 5:21-43).

Between these two female figures, the Evangelist places the character of the girl's father: he does not stay at home complaining about his daughter's illness, but rather he goes out and asks for help. Although he is an official of the synagogue, he makes no demands on account of his social position. When it is necessary to wait, he does not lose his patience, and he waits. And when they come to tell him that his daughter is dead and it is pointless to disturb the Master, he continues to have faith and to hope.

The conversation between this father and Jesus is interrupted by the bleeding woman, who manages to come close to Jesus and to touch his cloak (v. 27). This woman, with great courage, made the decision that would change her life: everyone continued to tell her to keep her distance, to keep out of view. They had condemned her to stay hidden and isolated. At times, we too can be victims of the judgment of others, who presume to put a robe on us that is not our own. And then we suffer, and cannot come out of it.

That woman embarks on the path of salvation when the faith that Jesus can heal her germinates: so, she finds the strength to come out and go in search of him. She wants to reach out and at least touch his garment.

Around Jesus there is a large crowd, and therefore many people were touching him, and yet nothing happens to them. Instead, when this woman touches Jesus, she is healed. Where does the difference lie? In his commentary on this point of the text, Saint Augustine says – in Jesus' name – "The crowd jostles, faith touches" (*Sermon 243, 2, 2*). It is thus: every time we perform an act of faith addressed to Jesus, contact is established with Him, and immediately his grace comes out from Him. At times we are unaware of it, but in a secret and real way, grace reaches us and gradually transforms our life from within.

Perhaps today too, many people approach Jesus in a superficial way, without truly believing in his power. We walk the surfaces of our churches, but maybe our heart is elsewhere! This woman, silent and anonymous, conquers her fears, touches the heart of Jesus with her hands, considered unclean because of her illness. And she is immediately healed. Jesus says to her: "Daughter, your faith has saved you. Go in peace" (Mk 5:34).

In the meantime, the father receives the news that his daughter is dead. Jesus says to him: "Do not be afraid; just have faith" (v. 36). He then goes to the house and, seeing that everyone is weeping and wailing, says: "The child is not dead but asleep" (v. 39). He enters the chamber where the child is lying, takes her hand, and says to her: "*Talità kum*", "Little girl, arise!". The girl stands up and starts to walk (cf. vv. 41-42). Jesus' act shows us that not only does He heal from every illness, but He also awakens from death. For God, who is eternal Life, death of the body is like sleep. True death is that of the soul: of this we must be afraid!

One last detail: Jesus, after reviving the child, tells the parents to give her something to eat (cf. v. 43). Here is another very concrete sign of Jesus' closeness to our humanity. But we can also understand it in a deeper sense, and ask ourselves: when our children are in crisis and need spiritual nourishment, do we know how to give it to them? And how can we, if we ourselves are not nourished by the Gospel?

Dear brothers and sisters, in life there are moments of disappointment and discouragement, and there is also the experience of death. Let us learn from that woman, from that father: let us go to Jesus: He can heal us, He can revive us. Jesus is our hope!

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

No, it is something very near to you,
already in your mouths and in your hearts;
you have only to carry it out." (Dt 30:14)

Psalm:

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life. (Ps 19)

Second Reading:

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of all creation. (Col 1:15)

Gospel:

*You shall love the Lord, your God,
with all your heart,
with all your being,
with all your strength,
and with all your mind,
and your neighbor as yourself.* (Lk 10:25)

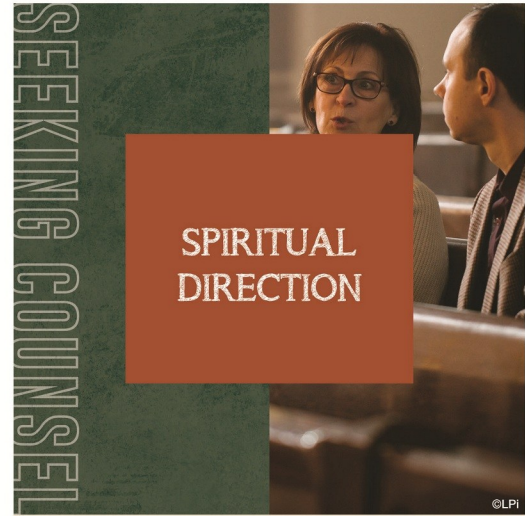
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Everyone is our neighbor — those we love
and those we can't stand, the people we
agree with and the people whose opinions we
hate. In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that we
must not only see ourselves in every person
we meet — we must see him, too.

Observances for the week of July 13, 2025

- Sunday:** 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin
Tuesday: St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Wednesday: Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Friday: St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest
Next Sunday: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Devotions, Explained!

Spiritual direction is the practice
of seeking counsel from someone
who is learned in the faith for the
purpose of discerning the will of
God in one's life.

Prayer for Charity

Give me the grace, Lord, to
truly see those around me: the
overlooked, the uncomfortable,
the odd and disliked.
Your kingdom is one of belonging,
help us to be the types of
neighbors who see and respond
with Godly generosity.
Amen.

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