





Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 11, 2022

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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 sponsor certificates.

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.

"Then, taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; he also divided the two fish among them all. They all ate and were satisfied."

Mark 6: 41-42

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.



ST. MARK CATHOLIC CHURCH CLEVELAND, OHIO

Liturgy Readings for the Week		
Saturday,	September 10	
	Cor 10:14-22	Lk 6:43-49
4:00 p.m.	Tom Bodle	
Sunday,	September 11-Twenty-Fe Time	ourth Sunday in Ordinary
Ex 32:7-11, 13-14	Tm 1:12-17	Lk 15:1-32
8:30 a.m.	Michael & Angela Cha	kan
11:30 a.m.	John Fischer	
Monday,	September 12	
	Cor 11:17-26, 33	Lk 7:1-10
8:30 a.m.	Presider's Intention	
Tuesday,	September 13-St. John Chrysostom	
	Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a	Lk 7:11-17
8:30 a.m.	James Keane	
Wednesday,	September 14-The Exaltation of the Holy Cross	
	Nm 21:4b-9	Jn 3:13-17
Thursday,	September 15-Our La	
	Cor 15:1-11	Jn 19:25-27
8:30 a.m.	Joseph Patten	
Friday,	September 16-Sts. Con	
0.20	Cor 15:12-20	Lk 8:1-3
8:30 a.m.	Presider's Intention	
Saturday,	September 17	T1-9.4 15
4:00 p.m.	Cor 15:35-37, 42-49 Ray Reali	LK 8:4-13
Sunday,	September 18-Twenty-Fi	th fundar in Ordinam
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Am 8:4-7	Tm 2:1-8	Lk 16:1-13
8:30 a.m.	The Parishioners of St. St. Mel Parish	Mark Parish and
11:30 a.m.	Thomas Lemmey	

Pope's Intention September: For the abolition of the death penalty. We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

Liturgical Ministers September 17 & 18

Saturday, September 17 @ 4:00pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Shirlee Toth, Gloria Morin, Tim Schmidt

Lector: Lisa Mullins

Altar Servers: Mary Kugler-Blayney, Grace Schmidt, Cristian Trump

<u>Sunday, September 18 @ 8:30am</u> Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Dave, Kathy O'Malley, Jessica Hanes Lector: Michael Grathwol, Barbara Paynter Altar Servers: Jack McGervey, Albert McGervey

Sunday, September 18 @ 11:30 Eucharistic Ministers: Cari White, Annamaria Masterson, NOT FILLED Lector: Mary Lewis, Deborah Roscoe Altar Servers: Alexandria Cromer, Owen Goggin, Eoin Mueller





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, <u>Amen!</u>

Please Pray for Our Sick

William Adams Gianna Andolina Carol Behnke Jack Behnke Katy Brent Henry Buehner Margaret Fadrowski Nicole Foerstner Helen Forlini Mary Frantz Theresa Fridrich Cecilia Frischauf Irene Gurchensky Gerri Joecken David Kurth Catherine Kutsick Loree Leasure-Poirier Mary Maloney Jim McIlwee Mary Miller Gloria Morin Maisie Nowlin Sr. Josette Obodzinski Ryan Puzzitiello Jr. Bill Retzer Sr. Mary Ann Spangler Mary Stark Nora Sudetic Lena Sunyak George Surovec Herb Tippie Joe Wantz Charlotte Whiting Lillian Zahara

Last Week's Collection

Sunday Envelopes: \$ 4,893.00
Faith Direct: \$ 5,740.00
Total Sunday Collections: \$10,633.00
Faith Direct ~ Number of Donors = 301

Thank you for your generosity!

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Have you ever found yourself wondering why the Church has such a strong devotion to the Virgin Mary? Have you ever asked why we pray to Mary when Jesus is a direct line to the Father?

The Spiritual Life Committee will be presenting a six week series entitled "The Bible and the Virgin Mary". Each session will consist of a video presentation by the Saint Paul's Center's Journey through Scripture Series and will have some time for discussion.

The series begins on Thursday, September 8th at 7pm in the St. Mel's Hall and continues on the following dates: September 15th, 22nd and October 6th, 13th and 20th. Please join us as we explore Mary's role in the Church.

ST. MARK BEREAVEMENT

Six sessions of bereavement will be offered to those who are in need of support while experiencing grief and loss. Please consider joining us as we journey together through the Seasons of Hope program.

Please call the parish office to register 216-226-7577

WEDNESDAYS AT 7PM

Oct 5 Oct 12 Oct 19 Oct 26 Nov 9 Nov 16



Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Altar Servers

Please notify in writing or by email of any dates that you are not available to serve for the next schedule, which will be from **October 2022 - January 2023**. We need this information so that all Ministers are available to fulfill their scheduled Mass times. We appreciate your continued service. The deadline to submit dates is **Friday**, **September 16, 2022** by 4:30pm to

cbirchfield@stmarkcleveland.com. Please be mindful of holidays and vacations. Thank you for your help.

If you are interested in becoming a Minister please contact the Parish Office at 216-226-7577.



- Do you know anyone who was baptized in another Christian Church, but wants to be a member of the Catholic Church?
- Has never been baptized, but wants to be?
- Is married to a Catholic, but is not Catholic themselves, and would like to know more about the Church?

Please contact Meaghan McCarthy-Silver at the Parish Office (216-226-7577 or by email at msilver@stmarkcleveland.com for information.



ST. MARK CATHOLIC CHURCH CLEVELAND, OHIO

Hi Everyone, my name is Theo Hoelker. I am 17, and I've been a member of St. Mark Parish my whole life. I'm currently working on my Eagle Scout Project for the thrift store Treasures for Life, which mainly helps single mothers. I'm looking for a lockable cabinet about 67" x 31" x 12" to hold the store's cleaning supplies, and if anyone has one that you are willing to donate, I would be truly grateful. If you think you can help, please reach out to me at (216) 533-6662, and hopefully we can figure something out. I'm happy to pick it up myself. Thank you, and have a blessed day!



A Life in the Spirit Seminar

Our Lady of angels Prayer Group will offer a "Life in the Spirit Seminar" this Fall on eight consecutive Tuesdays, September 6th through October 25th from 7:30-9:00pm. Our most recent Popes, Paul VI to Pope Francis, have given both their approval and their support for these seminars. If you desire more for your life, this seminar can be the beginning of a 'renewal' of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Join us in the Primary school building (behind Linus Hall) 3644 Rocky River Drive (there will be signs). For more info and to register phone Verna at 216-251-3560 or Tom at 216-252-5724. There is no charge for this seminar.

Cleveland Catholic Women's Conference

All women are invited to the fourth annual Cleveland Catholic Women's Conference, Saturday, October 15th at St. Albert the Great in North Royalton, Ohio. Hear from our speakers including Lisa Lickona, Catholic author and professor, Sister Elizabeth of the Franciscan Sisters, TOR of Steubenville, Lindsay Fullerman of Fit From Faith, and musicians Jeff Botos and Patricia Allerton as they invite us to place our lives in the care of our loving and every-present God. The day will also include Mass with Fr. Damian Ference, Q & A with Bishop Malesic, and opportunities for prayer, confession, Eucharistic Adoration, and forming friendships with other women of faith. Visit Www.clecatholicwomen.org to register or for more information. Registration opened August 15.



St. Mark Youth Group Fall/Winter 2022 Schedule

Sunday September 18, 2022 Sunday Meeting - 6:30pm – 8:00pm Pavilion/Community Center

Sunday October 2, 2022 Mass Meet-Up - 11:30am Front - St. Joseph's Side

Sunday October 9, 2022 Sunday Meeting - 6:30pm-8:00pm Pavilion/Community Center

Sunday October 23, 2022 Sunday Meeting - 6:30pm-8:00pm - Community Center

Sunday November 6, 2022 Mass Meet-Up - 11:30am Front – St. Joseph's Side Sunday Meeting - 6:30pm-8:00pm - Community Center

Sunday November 20, 2022 SMYG Thanksgiving 5:30pm-8:00pm - Social Hall

Sunday December 4, 2022 Mass Meet-Up 11:30am Front – St. Joseph's Side Sunday Meeting - 6:30pm-8:00pm - Community Center

Sunday December 18, 2022 Christmas Party 6:30pm-8:30pm - Social Hall

For information or questions please contact our Youth Minister, Michael Kay at mkay@stmarkcleveland.com

September 2022 - Jesuit Retreat Center Programs & Retreats

Please see the website for September programs <u>https://www.jesuitretreatcenter.org</u>.

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VIRTUS COMPLIANCY — IMPORTANT The USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) will be doing on-site audits at parishes in the Diocese of Cleveland. It is imperative that prior to working with children coaches, scout leaders and helpers, St. Mark Staff, catechists & teachers (PSR and DAY school), parent volunteers, etc. - are Virtus compliant. This means that one must be: • Virtus trained (see below) • Current with reading on-line bulletins • Read and signed off on Policy for Protecting Children Revised 2016 (turn into Parish Office) • Read and signed off on Standards of Conduct Revised 2016 (turn into Parish Office) • New Volunteers must complete a Background Check through Virtus.org. In the Virtus website click on the "Toolbox" tab, click on the Selection.com tab and begin the process. Must have a credit card to complete. Current Volunteers with a BCI Fingerprint/ Background check must renew after 5 years through Virtus.org click on the "Toolbox" tab, click on the Selection.com tab and begin the process. Must have a credit card to complete. • Filled out a St. Mark Volunteer Application (turn into **Parish Office)** All of the above-mentioned requirements are mandatory. (You

All of the above-mentioned requirements are mandatory. (You can check your compliancy by going to "Virtus.org", signing in, and clicking on the green 'Training' tab.) If you are not sure of your compliancy, call Cheryl Birchfield at the Parish Office (216-226-7577) and your compliancy will be verified. If one is not Virtus compliant, YOU MAY NOT WORK/ VOLUNTEER WITH CHILDREN.

To see available Virtus training sessions please go to Virtusonline.org click on First Time Registrant, Begin Registration Process also available is List of Sessions, select the Cleveland Diocese. You MUST register to attend a session.

There will be a Virtus Training Session held at St. Mark on Wednesday, September 28th from 6-9pm You must register to attend on the Virtus website!

THE	WEEK AHEAD IN OUR PARISH	
Saturday,	September 10	
9:00 am	CYO Volleyball Games	G/FR
3:00 pm	Confessions	
4:00 pm	Mass	
5:00 pm	Marker's 50+ Cookout	PP
Sunday,	September 11	
8:30 am	Mass	
9:30 am	Rosary	СН
9:30 am	Young Families Social	SH/PP
11:30 am	Mass (LS)	511/11
11:30 am	Sunday Preschool	CR
1:30 pm	CYO Volleyball Games	G/FR
Monday,	September 12	0/110
8:30 am	Mass	
4:00 pm	Diocesan Mtg.	SH
4:00 pm	Volleyball/Cheerleading Prac.	G
6:30 pm	PSR First Day of Class/Opening Ma	-
Tuesday,	September 13	ass CII/CIX
8:30 am	Mass w/2nd Floor	
	Volleyball Prac.	G
6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Holy Name Society Mtg.	SH
Wednesday,	September 14	511
	Volleyball Prac.	
5:00 pm 6:30 pm	Pack #268 Mtg. Den Mtg.	SH
7:00 pm	Parent Club Mtg.	CC
Thursday,	September 15	CC
8:30 am	Mass	
4:00 pm	Volleyball Prac.	G
7:00 pm	Troop #293	SH
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7:00 pm	Virgin Mary Bible Session September 16	St. Mei
Friday, 8:30 am	Mass	
	Volleyball Prac.	G
5:00 pm Saturday,	September 17	G
9:00 am	CYO Volleyball Games	G/FR
3:00 am	Confessions	O/TIX
4:00 pm	Mass	
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Sunday,	Catechetical Sunday	
8:30 am	Mass w/Catechists	
9:30 am	Rosary	СН
11:30 am	Mass (LS)	
11:30 am	Sunday Preschool	CR
	Youth Group	PP/CC
6:30 pm	i ouui oioup	11/00

Note: (LS)=Livestreamed

Calendar Abbreviations

R = RECTORY	CH = CHURCH
SS = SERVER'S SACRISTY	SCH = SCHOOL HALLWAY
SchH2 = 1ST FLOOR HALL	CR = CLASSROOM
CL = CLASSROOM	SH = SOCIAL HALL
G = GYMNASIUM	CC = COMMUNITY CENTER
FR = FACULTY ROOM	L = LIBRARY
PP = PICNIC PAVILION	PL = PARKING LOT

PRINCIPAL NEWS

It has been a great start to our new school year. This week, we welcomed sixteen PreK students into St. Mark as members of the Class of 2032! That seems really hard to believe! Their smiles were so infectious as they entered their classroom for the very first time, but parents and grandparent entered a little teary-eyed. Waiting for them was their teacher, Mrs. Amy Melvin-Marko and her aide, Mrs. Lynda Boriska. I cannot wait to share with you all the fun activities that will go on in their classroom this year.

I am sure many of you have items hanging on your refrigerator- although I am one who tries not to! Just this past week, I saw this quote hanging on the side of my sister's refrigerator, and I thought how powerfully true this is, so I wanted to share it with all of you.

"Smile often. Pray. Tell those that you love that you do. Rediscover old friends. Make new ones. Hope. Grow. Give. Give in. Buy some flowers. Share them. Keep a promise. Laugh often. Reach out. Hug a child. Slow down. See a sunrise. Listen to rain. Trust life. Have faith. Enjoy. Make some mistakes. Learn from them. Explore the unknown. Celebrate your own life. Give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others."

Many of these actions are quite attainable if we put our minds to it. For example, prayer is something we can do at any time in our day. I consider myself to be so lucky to be so close to church, although I do not need a church to pray. I often times drop into church before leaving for the day just to pray for a solution to a problem or just in thanksgiving for a great day. Taking time for personal prayer is transformational. Being a part of Mass, the greatest form of prayer, I find to be even more transformational for me.

I love the last part of the quote. Can you imagine how different this world would be if we spent more time improving ourselves and less time criticizing others? I found myself really thinking about that. How easy it is to find fault with others. Yet, we all make mistakes. And that is ok- as long as we learn from them.

Finally, I encourage you to celebrate your own life. All of us have special gifts and talents that should be shared with others; celebrate those gifts. As the school year enfolds, many of the gifts and talents of our students will emerge. This is just another additional "perk" of working in a school- watching children discover their special gifts and talents- and not just discovering these gifts, but exploring ways to put them to use for the benefit of others. I see our teachers sharing their gifts in their classrooms every day. One goal I have set for myself this year is to let them know how valuable every one of them is to the success of our school. Each one of them brings a special gift to St. Mark. I consider myself to be quite blessed to be part of such a caring group of professionals.

Have a great week! Mrs. Cocita







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