



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.

February 4, 2024

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

So he went into their synagogues, preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee. - Mk 1:39

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PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Adam Zajac
Pastor

Deacon Dave Lundeen
Permanent Deacon

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

February: For the terminally ill. We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

Liturgy Schedule

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

Monday, February 5-St. Agatha

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

Tuesday, February 6-St. Paul Miki & Companions

6:45am Mass @ St. Mel

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

Wednesday, February 7

Thursday, February 8

8:30am Mass.....Women & Men in Consecrated Life

Friday, February 9

6:45am Mass @ St. Mel

Saturday, February 10

3:00pm Confessions

3:00pm Confessions @ St. Mel

4:00pm Mass.....Dolly Tinnirello

4:30pm Mass @ St. Mel

Sunday, February 11-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00am Mass @ St. Mel

8:30am Mass.....Maureen Gale

10:00am Mass @ St. Mel

11:30am Mass.....John & Sharon Vertal

Liturgical Ministers February 10 & 11

Saturday, February 10 @ 4:00pm

Eucharistic Ministers Bridget Elayne, Mary Price, Shirlee Toth

Lector: Eliza Kratt

Altar Server: Charlotte Greuloch, Mary Kugler-Elayne, Cristian Trump

Sunday, February 11 @ 8:30am

Eucharistic Ministers Michael Kay, Laura Skonce, Karen Cocita

Lector: Michael Grathwol, Mary Lewis

Altar Server: Theodore Gambon, Anthony McGerver, Albert McGerver

Sunday, February 11 @ 11:30am

Eucharistic Ministers Annamaria Masterson, Deirdre Mueller, Rosanne Kelley

Lector: Carole Iseli, Monica Svetz

Altar Server: Patrick Mueller, Edin Mueller, Terry Waters

Luke McGraw Memorial Candles

Weekly Intention

February 4

Joseph Spicuzza

IN MEMORIAM

May the peace of our Lord be with

Fr. Jerome Duke

And may God grant comfort to his family and friends.



Banns of Marriage

Wedding Bann I

John T. Heidinger & Shannon J. Walsh

Please Pray for Our Sick

William Adams

Gianna Andolina

Carol Behnke

Jack Behnke

Katy Brent

Henry Buehner

James Coyne

Margaret Fadrowski

Nicole Foerstner

Mary Frantz

Theresa Fridrich

Lisa Groh

Irene Gurchensky

Gerri Joecken

David Kurth

Catherine Kutsick

Loree Leasure-Poirier

Cheryl McArthur

Jim McIlwee

Mary Miller

Maisie Nowlin

Sr. Josette Obodzinski

Bill Retzer

Mary Stark

Nora Sudetic

Lena Sunyak

George Surovec

Herb Tippie

Georgieann Treible

Joe Wantz

Charlotte Whiting

Lillian Zahara

Joseph Zavatchen Jr.



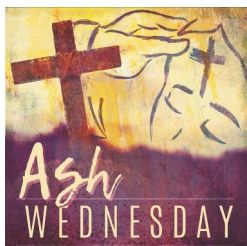
Weekly Collections

Sunday Envelopes:.....\$ 3,119.00

Faith Direct:.....\$ 5,388.00

Thank you for your generosity!

This Sunday we celebrate World Day For Consecrated Life. We recognize and give thanks for those who have consecrated their lives to God and the Church through the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. The consecrated life is one way that women and men live out their baptismal commitment as followers of Jesus. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day.



February 14th
Masses @ St. Mark 8:30am & 7:00pm
Masses @ St. Mel 6:45am & 12:00pm

Liturgical Ministers
A sign-up sheet is in the Sacristy for the 7:00pm mass

EXPERIENCE JESUS IN THE EUCHARIST

Diocese of Cleveland
Catholic Men's Fellowship Conference
Saturday, March 2, 2024

Bishop Michael G. Woost
Speaking at 3:00pm
Celebrating Mass at 4:00pm

Featured Speakers: Fr. Thomas Blau & Joe Heschmeyer

Outstanding Music
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Mass
Continental Breakfast and Lunch
Holiday Inn Rockside Rd.

For information or to register, go to
www.cmfneo.com or call 877-208-5585

Deadline for registration is February 20th



EASTER CHOIR

MELS & MARKS

VOCALISTS & INSTRUMENTALISTS

Holy Week & Easter Mass Schedule
Holy Thursday @ St. Mark 7 PM
Good Friday @ St. Mark 3 PM
Holy Saturday @ St. Mel 9 PM
Easter morning @ St. Mark 8:30 AM
Easter morning @ St. Mel 10 AM

Easter morning @ St. Mark 11:30 AM CHILDREN'S CHOIR
group performance plans TBD @ first rehearsal

Choir Rehearsals
Easter Choir Rehearsals BEGIN Tuesday 1/23 @ 7PM, Marks
Bring a friend!
1/23 | 1/30 | 2/6 | 2/13 | 2/20 | 2/27 | 3/5 | 3/12 | 3/19 | 3/26
Note: We may add Thursday rehearsals in March if needed.

Instrumentalists
Contact Julia.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR REHEARSALS
Tuesdays @ 5:30-6:30 PM Beginning 2/20

JWallace@StMarkCleveland.com



EASTER CHILDRENS CHOIR

**ST. MARK & ST. MEL
CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

Easter morning @ St. Mark 11:30 AM

Choir Rehearsals
During seasonal choir preparations,
K-8 Children's Choir will rehearse on Tuesday evenings.

Tuesday's 5:30-6:30 @ St. Mark
2/20 | 2/27 | 3/5 | 3/12 | 3/19 | 3/26

Saint Mark Youth Singers
(Paced for Grades 5-8)
Continue to rehearse on Mondays 2:30-3:00.
Schedule resumes on 1/22/2024

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There will not be a Marker's/Mel's social in February.
Please watch for a notice in the church bulletin for our upcoming St. Patrick's Day social.

St. Mark Youth Group Tobogganing Night

When:
February 9th, 2024 | 5:30-9:30pm

Where:
Strongsville Toboggan Chutes and Chalet
16200 Valley Pkwy, Strongsville, OH 44136

Who:
Open to anyone in Grades 9th-12th

What:
Tobogganing in the Strongsville Metroparks!
Meet at St. Mark at 5:30pm to carpool. Depart
for tobogganing by 6:00pm. Return to St. Mark
for pick-up at 9:30pm.
The cost to toboggan is \$10 per person.

How:
Sign up by emailing Michael Kay at
mkay@stmarkcleveland.com or by calling
216-904-4774.



Believeland Young Adult Retreat

APRIL 5 - 7TH

JESUIT RETREAT HOUSE

Young Adults 20s & 30s

\$40 Early Bird pricing

\$65 after January 6th

*confidential financial assistance available

Come to the quiet.
Find peace in the
Lord.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY NEWS



Welcome All Parishioners
18 and Older

We meet the second Tuesday of the Month at
6:00pm in the Social Hall

Interested?

Email Jim Cocita at jimcocita@gmail.com

Please remember Deacon Dave in your prayers!

SUPER BOWL LVIII

All are invited to the annual
St. Mark Super Bowl party
Sunday, February 11th

Admission
Free Will donation of \$10

Beer & soft drinks, pizza and snacks provided
Scoring squares and "game-question"
contests available

You may bring your own appetizers and games.
NO BYOB

Doors open at 5pm St. Mark Social Hall
Sponsored by The St. Mark Holy Name Society

Annual Cleveland Diocesan HNS Convention

Open to all. Do not need to be a member.

Saturday, February 17, 2024

St. Brendan Parish

Mass at 9:00am

Convention to follow in the School Cafeteria
Light Continental Brunch and Lunch included

\$15.00 per person

Reservations by Friday, February 9th

Email Jim Cocita at
jimcocita@gmail.com for a form

THE WEEK AHEAD IN OUR PARISH

Saturday,	February 3	
9:00 am	Basketball Tournament	FR/G
3:00 pm	Confessions	
4:00 pm	Mass	
	<i>Donut Social after all masses</i>	
Sunday,	February 4	
8:30 am	Mass	
9:30 am	Rosary	
11:30 am	Mass	
11:30 am	Sunday Pre-School	CR
1:00 pm	Basketball Tournament	FR/G
4:00 pm	Living Stations	CH
Monday,	February 5	
8:30 am	Mass	
2:30 pm	Youth Choir Prac.	CH
5:00 pm	Basketball Tournament	FR/G
6:00 pm	Living Stations	CH
6:30 pm	PSR Class Gr. 1-8	CR
Tuesday,	February 6	
8:30 am	Mass 2nd Floor	
5:00 pm	Basketball Tournament	FR/G
7:00 pm	Choir Prac.	CH
Wednesday,	February 7	
5:00 pm	Basketball Tournament	FR/G
6:00 pm	Scout Pack #268	SH
Thursday,	February 8	
8:30 am	Mass	
5:00 pm	Basketball Tournament	FR/G
7:00 pm	Pastoral Council	CC
7:00 pm	Troop #293	SH
Friday,	February 9	
5:00 pm	Basketball Tournament	FR/G
Saturday,	February 10	
3:00 pm	Confessions	
4:00 pm	Mass	
	<i>Catholic Charities In-Pew</i>	
Sunday,	February 11	
8:30 am	Mass	
9:30 am	Rosary	
9:30 am	Young Families	SH
11:30 am	Mass	
11:30 am	Sunday Pre-School	CR
4:00 pm	Living Stations	CH
5:00 pm	HNS Super Bowl Party	SH

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*Thank you for supporting
St. Mark Church!*

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 Stiegelmeyer, Edward Thomas, Joseph Toole, Jacob Trefney, Jonah Treible, Lukas Whitney.

God Bless them all!

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



REQUEST FOR 2023 CONTRIBUTION REPORT

Please send a request via email to dbroughton@stmarkcleveland.com or fill out this form and return it to the Parish Office.

Name (print) _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Email report to: _____

Pick up at Parish Office _____ Mail to above address _____



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

Principal News

We had a great week last week celebrating Catholic Schools' Week! To begin, our Open House last Sunday hosted many new families touring the school for the first time, some returning as alumni, or current students showcasing their excellent work. It was great to see so many families in attendance. It was only the beginning of a week-long celebration of our Catholic school.

A special note of congratulations to these current 8th Grade students who were awarded scholarships from the following Catholic high schools: Holy Name, Magnificat, St. Edward, St. Ignatius, and St. Joseph Academy.

Jack C.	Evan L.
Daniel R.	Agnes B.
Fia D.	Elizabeth H.
Olivia K.	Camilla R.
Joseph A.	Gregory E.

Students in Gr. 6 and 8 along with many students from Gr. 1-4 had their Science Fair projects on display. I took the time to read every one of their boards and was quite impressed with the information I learned. Here are a few of their topics:

Liam L.- What Type of Onion Makes You Cry the Most?

Dawson W.- How Much Salt Does It Take To Make an Egg Float?

Kiera L.- Does a Larger Wire Produce More Light than a Smaller Wire?

Joey A.- What Brand of Heavy Duty Tape Can Hold the Most Weight?

Caroline R.- Does Sugar Dissolve More Quickly in Warm or Cold Water?

Amalies C.- Does a White Candle Melt Faster than a Colored Candle?

Clare S.- Which Bridge Structure Type Can Hold More Weight?

Olivia K.- How Does the pH of a Liquid Affect its Ability to Solidify into a Sphere?

Corinne G.- How Does Sugar Affect a Boiling Rate?

Cami R.- Fast Food Filth (Cami counted the number of bacteria colonies in a petri dish taken off fast food counters at McDonalds, Cane's, Burger King, and Wendy's.)

Danny R.- Baking Soda vs. Baking Powder

Libby H.- Soil Types and Their Effects on Plant Growth

Dakota B.- Heat Machine (Dakota connected copper wires to create heat.)

Mae M.- Capillary Action

I am very proud of all our students who participated in this year's Science Fair! Their boards were well put together and each student was judged by an adult involved in the sciences. The judges were very complimentary about how well the students spoke and how knowledgeable each one was about the chosen topic.

The overall Science Fair winners for students in Gr. 6 and 8 were:

Gr. 6: Gabe W. (1st Place)

Clare S. (2nd Place)

Kiera L. (3rd Place)

Gr. 8: Agnes B. (1st Place)

Olivia K. (2nd Place)

Camilla R. (3rd Place)

Congratulations to Miss Gaudreau and Mrs. Kehl, who prepared our students for this event.

Congratulations also to all our Spelling Bee contestants who participated in our yearly Spelling Bee competition. They were so confident and calm. It was quite impressive!

Kindergarten: Joseph S., Adeline B., Eloise H., Griffin G.

1st Grade: Cahill R., Arthur L., Harmony L., Liam B.

2nd Grade: Adrian M., Oria E., Celeste A., Kenny G.

3rd Grade: Aidan A., Vic P., William L., Sebastian G.

4th Grade: Adelaide C., Arya S., Emilia A., Jax G.

5th Grade: Charlotte B., McKenzie H., Grant G., Ian R.

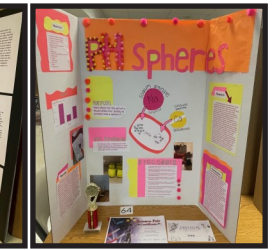
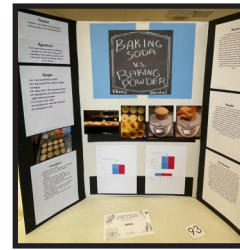
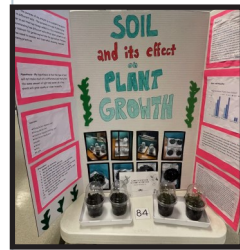
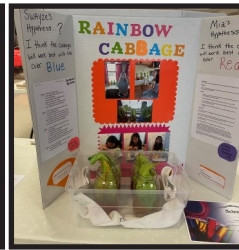
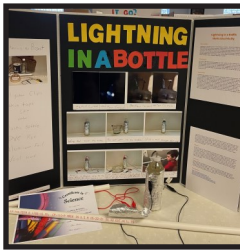
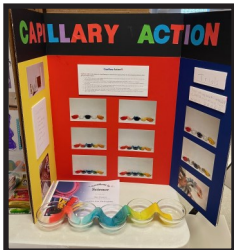
6th Grade: Ruby J., Mary K., Emma T., Gabriel W.

7th Grade: Gianna A., Ava B., Charlotte D., Kathleen M.

8th Grade: Joseph A., KiShawn B., Jack C., Daniel R.

There are so many great opportunities our children are given every day here at St. Mark. We are truly blessed as a community.

Mrs. Cocita



St. Mark School Registration for 2023-2024

Registration for the 2023-2024 school year will begin on Monday, January 29, 2024 for all returning families and returning families with new student(s) going into Pre- school or Kindergarten.

Registration will take place using your Digital Academy account. The Digital Academy link can also be found on the school website's main page. Priority registration concludes Sunday February 4, 2024.

Open registration for new families to St. Mark School entering K-8 will begin Monday, February 5, 2024. Registration will take place through the Digital Academy link on the school website's main page (www.stmarkwestpark.com)

Interested families may arrange a private tour by contacting the school office at 216-521-4115.

