



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.



November 19, 2023

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Well done, my good and faithful servant.”
– Mt 25:21

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PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Adam Zajac
Pastor

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Business Manager, Pastoral Associate

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

November: For the Pope. We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Liturgy Schedule

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

Monday, November 20

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

Tuesday, November 21-The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

6:45am Mass @ St. Mel

Wednesday, November 22-St. Cecilia

Thursday, November 23

8:30am Mass.....Fr. Tony Muzic

Friday, November 24-St. Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions

6:45am Mass @ St. Mel

Saturday, November 25

3:00pm Confessions

3:00pm Confessions @ St. Mel

4:00pm Mass.....Michael & Mildred Spicuzza

4:30pm Mass @ St. Mel

Sunday, November 26-Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

7:00am Mass @ St. Mel

8:30am Mass.....Joseph Spicuzza

10:00am Mass @ St. Mel

11:30am Mass.....Frank Hoban

Luke McGraw Memorial Candles

Weekly Intention

November 19

Andy Helbig

The Parish Office will be closed on
Thursday, November 23rd &
Friday, November 24th

Have a Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving

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



William Adams
Gianna Andolina
Carol Behnke
Jack Behnke
Katy Brent
Henry Buehner
James Coyne
Margaret Fadrowski
Nicole Foerstner
Helen Forlini
Mary Frantz
Theresa Fridrich

Irene Gurchensky
Gerri Joecken
David Kurth
Catherine Kutsick
Loree Leasure-Poirier
Jim McIlwee
Mary Miller
Maisie Nowlin
Sr. Josette Obodzinski
Ryan Puzzitiello Jr.
Bill Retzer

Sr. Mary Ann Spangler
Mary Stark
Nora Sudetic
Lena Sunyak
George Surovec
Herb Tippie
Georgieann Treible
Joe Wantz
Charlotte Whiting
Lillian Zahara
Joseph Zaatchen Jr.

Liturgical Ministers November 25 & 26

Saturday, November 25 @ 4:00pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Price, NOT FILLED (2)

Lector: John Levis

Altar Server: Declan Fitzpatrick, Charlotte Greuloch, William Lentz

Sunday, November 26 @ 8:30am

Eucharistic Ministers: Michael Kay, Tim Schmidt, Mary Stamper

Lector: Tim Mohr, Laura Skonce

Altar Server: Julia McNulty, Kathleen Murray, Maeve Smith

Sunday, November 26 @ 11:30am

Eucharistic Ministers: Annamaria Masterson, NOT FILLED (2)

Lector: Eileen Andrews, Cari Foster

Altar Server: Jack Koch, Andrew Koch, Bill Sonby

Last Week's Collection

Sunday Envelopes (see next bulletin)
Faith Direct:.....\$ 5,185.00

Thank you for your generosity!



This year, St. Mark and St. Mel are going to be hosting an Advent Bible study using the Rejoice! Advent Journal from Ascension Press. We will meet weekly during Advent on Wednesdays at 7 in the St. Mel Hall to watch a brief video and discuss the Sunday readings. Our first meeting will be Wednesday, Nov 29.

For more information, call the parish office or email msilver@stmarkcleveland.com.

Thanksgiving Prayer

This Thanksgiving, let us remember all the good things, and people, who have come into our lives. We focus on thanking each one who has helped us, and ultimately thank god for the good gifts of this world.

Let us pray...

**God our Father,
Graciously accept from your humble people a thankful heart and spirit.
Everything we have and are able to share with others ultimately comes from your love of your creations. Often we think that everything we have is our own creation;
We ask you this day to create in us a spirit of gratitude, that we may always know that all good gifts come from you.**

**We ask this through Christ our brother, in the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

ATTENTION ALL LECTORS

Please stop in the sacristy after any weekend mass beginning this weekend, to pick up your new Lector workbook with your name on it.
The new Liturgical year begins
December 2 & 3



Tuesday, November 28, 2023

St. Mark Parish will be raising money for the new school HVAC system.

IT IS TIME TO UPGRADE! We are installing a new HVAC system that will heat and cool the main school building along with the administrative offices. It will be a HUGE improvement for the students and teachers! To not have to sweat and be uncomfortable in the excessive heat of the late summer / early fall months and not shiver in their heavy coats during the freezing temps of winter will not be missed by anyone. The teachers and students will be so happy to enjoy the benefits of your generous donations!

The school is doing a homeroom challenge to see which class can raise the most money! When you log into We Give Catholic on November 28 you will see each classroom's page, you can donate to as many as you would like!

Watch the bulletins for more information each week!



Performances (Attend one or both)
ST. MEL 12/24 @ 6PM Mass. CALL TIME 5:30 PM
ST. MARK 12/24 @ 10PM Mass. CALL TIME 9:00 PM

Choir Rehearsals
Tuesday 11/28 @ 7PM- Bring a friend!
Tuesday 12/5 @ 7PM
Tuesday 12/12 @ 7PM
Wednesday 12/ 20 @ 7PM

Instrumentalists
RSVP VIA Email by 11/22
11/28 Sheet music distribution
Tuesday 12/5 @ 8PM Rehearsal
Tuesday 12/12 @ 8PM Rehearsal
Wednesday 12/20 @ 7PM COMBINED

ALL REHEARSALS HELD @ MARKS

CHILDRENS CHOIR will sing on 12/24 @ 4PM, Marks

JWallace@StMarkCleveland.com



Troop #293 Annual Christmas Tree Sale

"Freshly Cut North Carolina Frasier-Fir Trees"

Friday, December 1 - 5-9pm
Saturday, December 2 - 10:30am-7:00pm
Sunday, December 3 - Noon-3:00pm

Cash and Check accepted

(\$5.00 off your tree if purchased on
Friday evening with a copy of the
Parish bulletin.



St. Mark Small Faith Sharing Groups

Are you interested in joining a group of like-minded parishioners to dig into God's Word, share your faith journey, and make new friends? Join a small faith sharing group!

Groups will be formed based on preferred meeting times and similarities (gender, age range, etc.), as much as possible.

Sign up if you would like to learn more - no need to fully commit at this time!

Call Meaghan at 216-226-7577 ex. 105, email
msilver@stmarkcleveland.com, or sign up in the school hallway

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.



Preparations are underway for our St. Mark Giving Tree ministry! We will be serving the following organizations: May Dugan Center, Fatima Family Center, St. Thomas School, University Settlement Adult, University Settlement Youth, St. Francis School and St. Mark Parish and school. Ornaments will be placed on the Giving Tree located at the front of the church beginning the weekend of **November 25 and 26**.

If you take an ornament to purchase a gift, please remember to attach the tag to the outside of the wrapped gift or gift bag as the gifts are sorted by organization and checked that each gift has been returned prior to delivery. Please note that if multiple gift ideas are listed on the ornament, you need not purchase every item listed. Or, if you are unable to find a requested item, it is no problem to purchase a similar item or gift card.

If you are ordering gifts online, please be mindful of delivery dates and possible shipping delays. Please return all wrapped gifts under the Giving Tree by **NOON on Sunday, December 10**. At that time, the gifts are prepared for delivery.

So many people make this ministry a huge success every year and we could not make it all happen without many helping hands. Thank you for your generous support and making Christmas wishes come true for so many people in our community!

Retreat

As we anticipate this Advent Season, we are blest to be able to offer opportunities for the women and men of our parish to renew hope, belief and faith in God's promise of infinite good for us and for our loved ones.

We will be offering an opportunity to take some time for reflection and preparation for the season of Christmas. A weekend for women will be held on December 1st to the 3rd and for the men on December 8th to the 10th.. These weekends will be held at the Bethany Retreat Center in Chardon.

More details will be available in future bulletins. If you have any questions please contact the Parish Office at 216-226-7577.

THE WEEK AHEAD IN OUR PARISH

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| Saturday, | November 18 | |
| 10:00am-2:00 pm | Basketball Practice | G |
| 10:00 am | First Reconciliation | CH |
| 3:00 pm | Confessions | |
| 4:00 pm | Mass | |
| 5:00 pm | Teacher's Retirement Social | SH |
| Sunday, | November 19 | |
| 8:30 am | Mass | |
| 9:30 am | Rosary | CH |
| 11:30 am | Mass (LS) | |
| 11:30 am | Sunday Preschool | CR |
| 2:00-8:00 pm | Basketball Practice | G |
| Monday, | November 20 | |
| 8:30 am | Mass | |
| 1:50 pm | Rosary Club | CH |
| 4:00-9:00 pm | Basketball Practice | G |
| 6:30 pm | PSR Class Gr. 1-8 | CR |
| Tuesday, | November 21 | |
| 8:30 am | Mass w/2nd Fl. | |
| 4:00-9:00 pm | Basketball Practice | G |
| Wednesday, | November 22 | |
| 4:00-9:00 pm | School Closed | |
| Thursday, | November 23 | |
| | School Closed | |
| | Parish Office Closed | |
| 8:30 am | Mass | |
| Friday, | November 24 | |
| | School Closed | |
| | Parish Office Closed | |
| 4:00-8:00 pm | Basketball Practice | G |
| Saturday, | November 25 | |
| 10:00am-2:00 pm | Basketball Practice | G |
| 3:00 pm | Confessions | |
| 4:00 pm | Mass | |
| Sunday, | November 26 | |
| 8:30 am | Mass | |
| 9:30 am | Rosary | CH |
| 11:30 am | Mass (LS) | |
| 2:00-8:00 pm | Basketball Practice | G |

Note: (LS)=Livestreamed

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 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.**

Happy Thanksgiving

Join in praying the Rosary

**in Church every Sunday
after the 8:30 a.m. Mass**



www.faithdirect.net

St. Mark Church # OH274

If you are using Faith Direct for eGiving....please access the website, log in and verify that all of your information is correct. You may need to update bank account or credit card numbers.

If you forgot your user name or password follow the directions on the login screen.

If you have questions about Faith Direct go to the FAQ section of the website for answers.

*Thank you for supporting
St. Mark Church!*

Principal News

Our quarterly award ceremony is always so special for me because it provides an opportunity to recognize the hard work, achievement, and accomplishments of our students. Just last week, all of our children spent time in the presence of the Eucharist at church during our scheduled Eucharistic Adoration. We invited parents and other family members to join their children in prayerful adoration, and it was great to see the response. This week, we had that same great response because so many parents came out to be present for our Awards Ceremony. Many of you may remember what Bishop Perez would always say when he was Bishop here in Cleveland, "God is good all the time, and all the time, God is good." I reminded the students of this and reminded them that each one of them has been created with some very special gifts or talents, and it is our job to help them discover what these are, so they can share them with others.

Congratulations to the following students who received the following Honors:

Third Honors: Clare G., Zora G., Lilly R., Corwin S., Chloe W., Logan W., Josephine G., Vincent M., Brian N., Seamus W., Calvin G., Gina P., Stella H., Nicholas H., Tavia J., Jacob S., Theo G., Ian M., MacKenzie W., Charlotte G., Paolo I., Liam P., James B., Abigail F., Charlotte K., Michael M., Kathleen N., Rocco W., James W., and Owen G.

Second Honors: Jonah B., Leo D., Oliver E., Kerri G., MacKenzie H., Anna O., Joseph P., Ian R., Gavin S., Jack W., Kendra A., Charlotte B., London D., William G., Clara G., Alberto L., Connor M., Anna M., Evelyn P., Gabriela S., Ellie B., Benjamin B., Cole C., Aleynah C., William G., Ruby J., Lajla K., Benjamin L., Brendan M., Killian M., Frances M., Reese R., Dawson W., Patrick B., Thomas C., Fiona C., Luca D., Declan F., Kevin K., Caroline R., Olivia T., Antonio A., Sofia C., Madeline C., Houston E., Aidan G., Emily K., Neva M., Patrick M., Anna T., Saoirse B., Evelyn B., Elizabeth C., Isabel D., Jackson G., Tadhg M., Mia O., Lucan S., Ella S., Kathryn S., Fiona S., Dominic S., Luke H., Barrett J., Dylan K., Braidyn M., Teagan S., Mahleah W., KiShawn B., Brianna D., Fia D., Gregory E., Corinne G., Elizabeth H., Drew K., Mary B., Richard K., Robert L., Erin M., and Thomas S.

First Honors: Markeita J., Rose M., Bridget R., Helen S., Brigid C., Charlotte B., Evelina F., Grant G., Nolan L., Emily S., Cloey B., Liam F., Theodore F., Mary K., Joseph S., Clare S., Carlina V., Colette A., Connor H., William L., Emily P., Emma R., Emma T., Gabriel W., Ava B., Grace D., Olivia M., Kathleen M., Elizabeth N., Gianna A., Clare H., Julia M., Margaret S., Leah T., Joseph A., Agnes B., Jack C., Grace C., Isabella E., Owen G., Olivia K., John M., Rebecca B., Lauren B., Diego I., Evan L., Daniel R., Camilla R., Samira S., and Evan W.

Our school theme this year is "Make Every Day Count." Every one of our children has been challenged to make a positive difference in the lives of others. Congratulations to these students who received the Principal's Award for "Making Every Day Count: James W., Teagan S., Samira S., Owen G., Houston E., Elizabeth N., Fiona S., Ella S., Dawson W., Aleynah C., Emily P., Patrick B., Kerri G., Gavin S., Molly M., Alberto L., Colton K., Brynn S., Adrianna M., Colin W., Jace G., Sophia P., Gabrielle D., Meadow Y., Amelia S., Liam W., Fionn J., Maura K., Charlotte S., Michael Z., Harmony L., Nolan S., Kelly D., Samuel G., Therese T., Ana S., Eamon F., Kieran D., Fiona C., Lucas F., River D., Mary B. (2x's), Evan W., Margaret S., Maura K., Noah K., Joseph S., Anna O., and Declan H.

Congratulations to all our students who work hard every single day "Making Every Day Count"! I am very proud of them.

Mrs. Cocita



Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

She brings him good, and not evil,
all the days of her life.
She obtains wool and flax
and works with loving hands. (Prv 31:12-13)

Psalm:

Blessed are those who fear the Lord. (Ps 128)

Second Reading:

But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness,
for that day to overtake you like a thief.
For all of you are children of the light
and children of the day. (1 Thes 5:4-5)

Gospel:

"Since you were faithful in small matters,
I will give you great responsibilities.
Come, share your master's joy." (Mt 25:21)

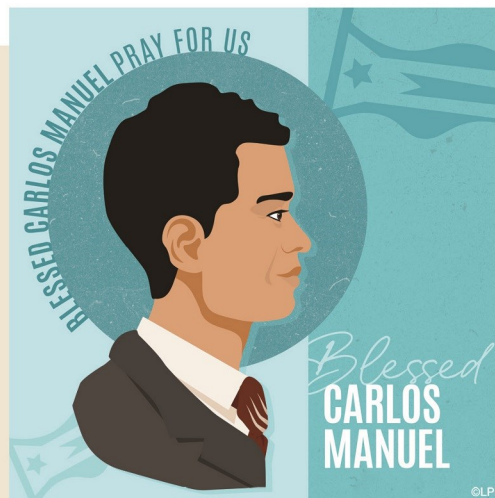
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

God entrusts special gifts to each of us, but they are not gifts to be hoarded and hidden. Let's work each and every day to multiply those gifts in the world.

Observances for the week of November 19, 2023

- Sunday:** 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Tuesday:** The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Wednesday:** St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr
- Thursday:** St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr;
St. Columban, Abbot; Bl. Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest and Martyr; Thanksgiving Day
- Friday:** St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest,
and Companions, Martyrs
- Saturday:** St. Catherine of Alexandria,
Virgin and Martyr
- Next Sunday:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



Saint of the week

Blessed Carlos Manuel or, Blessed Charlie, was a Puerto Rican layman who dedicated his life to serving the Church. He worked and studied diligently to spread his love of the Catholic faith, especially the liturgy and sacred music to all those he touched.

Prayer

Oh God, Father of Goodness, who inspired Blessed Carlos Manuel with an ardent devotion to the Paschal Mystery and moved by the generosity of Your grace, led him to the joyful celebration of the mysteries celebrated in the Liturgy; You also filled your servant with apostolic zeal and love for those in need.

Grant us, through his intercession, that, celebrating with faith the holy mysteries of the Death and Resurrection of Your Son, we may live in life what we celebrate in the Liturgy. Grant us, too, the special grace that we now ask of you (ask for the grace that is desired).

Through Jesus Christ your Son and our Lord. Amen.

(Prayer Source: <https://www.pmariam.org/vida-4-beato-carlos-manuel.html#:~:text=Oh%20Dios%2C%20Padre%20de%20Bondad,y%20amor%20a%20los%20necesitados.> Translation by LPi.)

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