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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 3-St. Greg		
1.00	Cor 4:6b-15	Lk 6:1-5	
4:00 p.m.	The Parishioners of St St. Mel Parish	. Mark Parish and	
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Sunday,	Time	hird Sunday in Ordinary	
Wis 9:13-18b	Phlm 9:10, 12-17	Lk 14:25-33	
8:30 a.m.	Brenna Brossard		
11:30 a.m.	Dolly Tinnirello		
Monday,	September 5		
	Cor 5:1-8	Lk 6:6-11	
8:30 a.m.	Presider's Intention		
Tuesday,	September 6		
	Cor 6:1-11	Lk 6:12-19	
8:30 a.m.	Timothy Speer		
Wednesday,	September 7		
	Cor 7:25-31	Lk 6:20-26	
Thursday,	September 8-The Nat	September 8-The Nativity of the Blessed	
	Ûirgin Mary		
	Mi 5:1-4a	Mt 1:16, 18-23	
8:30 a.m.	Janet Loya		
Friday,	September 9		
	Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27	Lk 6:39-42	
8:30 a.m.	John P. Gavin		
Saturday,	September 10		
	Cor 10:14-22	Lk 6:43-49	
4:00 p.m.	Tom Bodle		
Sunday,	September 11-Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Ex 32:7-11, 13-14	Tm 1:12-17	Lk 15:1-32	
8:30 a.m.	Michael & Angela Ch	akan	
11:30 a.m.	John Fischer		

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 10 & 11

Saturday, September 10 @ 4:00pm Eucharistic Ministers: Michelle Biggins, John Levis, NOT FILLED Lector: Carole Iseli

Altar Servers: Madeline Gompf, Joseph Sowul, Patrick Sowul

Sunday, September 11 @ 8:30am

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Dave, Sheila Gallagher, Laura Skonce Lector: Mary Lewis, Melanie Whiting Altar Servers: Anthony McGervey, Richard Ziemann

Sunday, September 11 @ 11:30 Eucharistic Ministers: Deirdre Mueller, Rosanne Kelley, Mary Ruminski Lector: Deborah Roscoe, NOT FILLED Altar Servers: Ben Berger, Isabella Evans, Ethan Ruminski



May the peace of our Lord be with Fr. Russ Lowe and may God grant comfort to his family and friends.



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

Cast Week's Collection

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 3,799.00	
Faith Direct:	\$ 5,740.00	
Total Sunday Collections:	\$ 9,539.00	
Faith Direct ~ Number of Donor	s = 301	

Thank you for your generosity!

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Spiritual Life Committee, please contact Deacon Dave at the St. Mark office 216-226-7577

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.



Register now to save your child's space in Sunday School for the 2022-2023 year! Sunday School is open to children ages 3-5 and takes place during the 11:30am Mass. Inperson registration will take place in the school hallway on Saturday/Sunday September 3rd & 4th. Forms are available at all entrances to the Church. You can also drop off registration forms to the Parish Office. Classes begin Sunday, September 11th.

> Please Contact: Molly Stottner at mollystottner@hotmail.com with any questions

Volunteer!

We are currently seeking volunteers to assist in teaching Sunday School during the 2022-2023 school year! Classes will begin September 11th and meet each week during the 11:30am mass.

Please contact Molly Stottner to find out how you can help!

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 everypresent 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.



Please join us for our first event of the fall. All parishioners 50 and over are invited to join us at the 4:00pm mass on Saturday, September 10th followed by a cookout in the pavilion. Hotdogs, hamburgers and beverages provided. Donations of \$10 is requested per person. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Call the Parish Office or email Dave Adams at adams@stmarkwestpark.com to reserve your spot. See you there!



St. Mark Youth Group Fall/Winter 2022 Schedule

Sunday September 4, 2022 Movie Night - 7:30p – 10:00pm Pavilion / Parking Lot (bring a chair)

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

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

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!



Sunday, September 11 An Event to Honor the Memory and Survivors of Cleveland's Fallen Safety Forces

Flyer's can be found at all Church entrances!

THE	WEEK AHEAD IN OUR PARISH	
Saturday,	September 3	
3:00 pm	Confessions	
4:00 pm	Mass	
	Sunday Pre-School Registration	
Sunday,	September 4	
8:30 am	Mass	
9:30 am	Rosary	CH
11:30 am	Mass (LS)	
7:00 pm	YG Movie Night	PL/CC
Monday,	September 5	
	Parish Office Closed	
	School Closed	
8:30 am	Mass	
Tuesday,	September 6	
8:30 am	Mass w/1st Floor	
3:00 pm	RCIC	SH
6:00 pm	Volleyball Prac.	G
Wednesday,	September 7	
5:00 pm	Volleyball Prac.	
5:30 pm	RCIC	CC
6:30 pm	Pack #268 Mtg. Den Mtg.	SH
Thursday,	September 8	
8:30 am	Mass	
4:00 pm	Volleyball Prac.	G
6:00 pm	Pack #268 Den Mtg.	SH
7:00 pm	Troop #293	SH
7:00 pm	Virgin Mary Bible Session	St. Mel
Friday,	September 9	
8:30 am	Mass	
5:00 pm	Volleyball Prac.	G
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	CH
9:30 am	Young Families Social	SH/PP
11:30 am	Mass (LS)	C P
11:30 am	Sunday Preschool	CR
1:30 pm	CYO Volleyball Games	G/FR

Note: (LS)=Livestreamed

Calendar Abbreviations

R = RECTORY SS = SERVER'S SACRISTY SchH2 = 1ST FLOOR HALL CL = CLASSROOM G = GYMNASIUM FR = FACULTY ROOM PP = PICNIC PAVILION

CH = CHURCH SCH = SCHOOL HALLWAY CR = CLASSROOM SH = SOCIAL HALL CC = COMMUNITY CENTER L = LIBRARY PL = PARKING LOT

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 5th

PRINCIPAL NEWS

The team we have on place here at school is a true blessing to everyone involved. I watched this week as our veteran teachers took time to assist our two new teachers, making sure their questions were answered and needs met. Teachers assisted one another in getting classrooms together, helped one another with setting up Activpanels in their classrooms, and were just present for general questions because as I told all of the teachers, there is never a silly question. The positivity and excitement continued to grow as the first day of school neared- and the first day did not disappoint! Not only were the teachers and parents happy- but so were the children! Hearing laughter, receiving happy hugs upon their arrivals, and just the overall excitement on the part of the children across all age groups was just so wonderful. I am most looking forward to what the school year brings because we are planning to resume all our "normal" activities- and adding a few more. It is very exciting!

A special congratulations goes out to one of our teachers, Mrs. Patricia McGinty, upon receiving a Special SPARK Teacher Recognition Award, presented to her in early August. I want to share with all of you the reasons I nominated her for this award: "Patricia McGinty, is an extraordinary educator who truly SPARKS not only her students but the entire St. Mark School community. As a classroom teacher, she articulates from the very first day of school clear student goals to both her students and their parents, provides ongoing progress monitoring on her children to assess in particular their reading growth and communicates data to parents and administration, provides instructional strategies aligned with that data collection, collaborates with colleagues in an effort to advance student knowledge to include a cross-curricular approach within varying disciplines, facilitates offsite and remote educational opportunities for her students, engages local community members and parents to share their work, engages in professional development opportunities to remain current in all aspects of education, serves on various school committees, instructs college students in the evening as an adjunct professor at CSU, and finds time to volunteer at both her parish and school functions to enhance our parish and school's mission and vision. Mrs. McGinty begins all that she does with prayer and truly leads by example as evidenced by being an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. Mrs. McGinty finds great joy in teaching, especially preparing her students to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist Because she recognizes the importance of cross-curricular and multidisciplinary education, she is always seeking out opportunities for her students. Some examples of experiences include Young Astronaut Day, where the students were able to meet and spend time visiting Astronaut Douglas Wheelock on several occasions, NASA Mars Exploration Team which met after school, Cleveland Public Library where students were able to visit with Felton Thomas Jr., Director of the Cleveland Public Library. She has arranged, visits with meteorologists from Channels 3, 5, and 19, therapy dog visits in an effort to build reading fluency, in-person visits from authors and artist, and the Cleveland Metroparks Eco Explorers She was involved n planning our *Blue Roar Day* which received an award from Values in Action this year. Her high level of energy and passion together create a very positive classroom culture for learning. As a class, her students celebrate personal successes because year after year her students share a common belief- they LOVE LEARNING. It doesn't get any better than that! This is the most significant impact she makes in her children year after year. They are not afraid to take risks. It is an absolute pleasure to be in her classroom- at any given time they may be dancing, singing, writing, reading, constructing, and laughing together. Patty has taken the lead or been a committee member on various committees such as our Literacy Week, Math and Science Night, Career Day, Catholic Schools' Week activities, Grandparents' Day, school dances, May Crowning, and the Kindness Challenge and has served as a grade band lead teacher for Accreditation. These only name a few! Mrs. McGinty continues to seek out opportunities and PD that enhance her instruction and will seek out colleagues for advice or suggestions, tapping into their levels of expertise. Likewise, she makes herself available to those on staff who need her assistance. She is an asset to our faculty and highly regarded by teachers, parents, and students. Mrs. McGinty is a great example of a teacher who wears her heart on her sleeve and skips to school every day! Congratulations, Mrs. McGinty!

Our entire teaching staff recognizes that as a Catholic school, our first priority is to further develop the faith in each of our children, following in the footsteps of their parents. We begin and end every day in prayer, taking time to remember all those who are most in need of our prayers. Religion is taught every day- both as instruction and as a way of life, because as Fr. Adam reminded the faculty at our opening retreat, religion encompasses all that we are.

Have a great week! Mrs. Cocita







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