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Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 18, 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 th	he Meek	
Saturday,	September 17		
Satur day,	Cor 15:35-37, 42-49	Lk 8:4-15	
4:00 p.m.	Ray Reali	ER 0.1 15	
Sunday,		September 18-Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary	
Sunday,	Time	in Sunday in Oraniary	
Am 8:4-7	Tm 2:1-8	Lk 16:1-13	
8:30 a.m.	The Parishioners of St.	Mark Parish and	
	St. Mel Parish		
11:30 a.m.	Thomas Lemmey		
Monday,	September 19		
	Prv 3:27-34	Lk 8:16-18	
8:30 a.m.	Irene Corrigan		
Tuesday,	September 20-Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon and		
	Paul Chong Ha-snag		
	Prv 21:1-6, 10-13	Lk 8:19-21	
8:30 a.m.	Michael DeGennaro		
Wednesday,	September 21-St. Matthew		
	Eph 4:1-7,11-13	Mt 9:9-13	
Thursday,	September 22		
	Eccl 1:2-11	Lk 9:7-9	
8:30 a.m.	Presider's Intention		
Friday,	September 23-St. Pius of Pietrelcina		
	Eccl 3:1-11	Lk 9:18-22	
8:30 a.m.	Presider's Intention		
Saturday,	September 24		
	Eccl 11:9-12:8	Lk 9:43b-45	
4:00 p.m.	Frank Gallagher		
Sunday,	September 25-Twenty-Sixth Sunday in		
	Ordinary Time		
Am 6:1a, 4-7	Tm 6:11-16	Lk 16:19-31	
8:30 a.m.	Mara Jandric		
11:30 a.m.	Frank & Jean Gurchensky		

**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 24 & 25

Saturday, September 24 @ 4:00pm

Eucharistic Ministers: John Levis, Michelle Biggins, Katie McAdams Lector: Al Abel

Altar Servers: Patrick Sowul, Kathryn Sowul, Joseph Sowul

### <u>Sunday, September 25 @ 8:30am</u>

Eucharistic Ministers: Laura Skonce, Mary Stamper, Michael Kay Lector: Tim Mohr, Monica Svetz Altar Servers: Evan Lentz, Joe Lentz

### <u>Sunday, September 25 @ 11:30</u>

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Dave, Mary Ruminski, Lisa Ditzel Lector: Eileen Andrews, Deborah Roscoe

Altar Servers: Joseph Andolina, Ethan Ruminski, Bill Sonby

## Luke McGraw Memorial Candles Weekly Intention September 18 Kevin Shoda



## 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:	\$	3,298.00
Faith Direct:	\$	5,740.00
Total Sunday Collections:	\$	9,038.00
Faith Direct ~ Number of Donor	rs	= 301

Thank you for your generosity!

## Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



A Catechist's Prayer CATECHETICAL SUNDAY 2022

## A Catechist's Prayer

Loving Father, pour forth your Holy Spirit upon me that I may be a good catechist of your word, your Son, Jesus Christ.

Render my mind and heart so open, receptive and responsive to your Holy Spirit that, like Mary, I might become a living instrument of your Word to others. Help me to be a faithful witness to Gospel life so that your Church may become ever more alive.

Let the fire of your love so enkindle my heart that I may be an instrument of drawing others to love of you in the Church of your Sons.

I ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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# 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 2nd to the 4th and for the men on December 9th to the 11th. 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 Deacon Dave at 216-226-7577.



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



- 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.

### FOOD SUNDAY

Next weekend, the Lakewood Community Service Center wants to liven things up a bit. They are requesting treats for the children; like cookies and crackers (but not candies), and Thanksgiving foods (boxed or canned); like mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, stuffing, vegetables, cranberry sauce, gravies, etc. Let's make them well-fed and happy! May God bless all!

### **St. Francis**

Each year on the evening of October 3rd the Franciscan family throughout the world pauses to celebrate the solemnity of our Holy Father Francis's Transitus, passing over from this life to the next. In his famous Canticle of the creatures, the saint from Assisi wrote "Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister Bodily Death, from who no one living can escape." Please join the Our Lady of Angels Secular Franciscan groups as we celebrate this blessed moment when St. Francis met Our Lord. The service which includes Sacred Scripture, Song and Silence will be at 7:00pm Monday October 3rd in the church. All are welcome!

### 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>.

## Twenty-Fifth 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!

#### THE WEEK AHEAD IN OUR PARISH September 17 Saturday, 9:00 am CŶO Volleyball Games G/FR 3:00 pm Confessions 4:00 pm Mass Sunday, September 18 **Catechetical Sunday** 8:30 am Mass w/Catechists 9:30 am Rosary CH 11:30 am Mass (LS) 11:30 am Sunday Preschool CR PP/CC 6:30 pm Youth Group September 19 Monday, 8:30 am Mass 4:00 pm Volleyball/Cheerleading Prac. G 6:30 pm PSR Class Gr. 1-8 CR Tuesday, September 20 8:30 am Mass w/School SH RCIC 3:00 pm 6:00 pm Volleyball Prac. G PP/SH 7:00 pm Holy Name Society Cookout Wednesday, September 21 5:00 pm Volleyball Prac. 6:30 pm Pack #268 Mtg. Den Mtg. SH 7:00 pm Parent Club Mtg. CC Thursday, September 22 8:30 am Mass 4:00 pm Volleyball Prac. G

#### 6:30 pm 8th Gr. Confirmation Parent//Candidate Mtg. CH 7:00 pm Troop #293 SH 7:00 pm Virgin Mary Bible Session St. Mel Friday, September 23 8:00 am G/SCH/SH Heritage Day 8:30 am Mass 5:00 pm Volleyball Prac. G Saturday, September 24 9:00 am CYO Volleyball Games G/FR Confessions 3:00 pm 4:00 pm Mass Sunday, September 25 Food Sunday 8:30 am Mass 9:30 am Rosary CH 11:30 am Mass (LS) 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

### PRINCIPAL NEWS

"Be a hero to someone every day." This is just one of the many thoughts our students were left to think about, following the Kindness Assembly held here Friday a week ago.

Mr. Bob Votruba, brother of St. Mark parishioner Mary Jane Miller, spent Friday with our students talking about his "One Million Acts of Kindness" campaign. As a part of his commitment to spreading the message of KINDNESS, Mr. Bob has visited the 48 continental states over the past fifteen years. To accomplish this, he told the students that he sold most of his possessions, and lives on his bus with his dog Bogie. He shared a story of his friend Scott who was visiting Cambodia and came across some children living in a 3<sup>rd</sup> World garbage dump. Scott knew he had to do something. Over a relatively short period of time, Scott started a school, acquired books and computers, and provided food and uniforms for these children. This man forever changed the lives of those children.

Mr. Bob explained to our children how "simple acts" can be transformational because all of us can be heroes to others in small ways that change not only those on the receiving end, but those on the giving end as well. During his presentation, he shared many photos of places he has visited and the kind people he has met.

Mr. Bob told the students that the great thing about kindness is that it makes us feel good about ourselves. He told them to Just think about Jesus Christ and the unconditional love he has for all of us- it is something we should do for others because acts of kindness stay with you forever. He asked some of the teachers to share an act of kindness they experienced from when they were in grade school and how it made them feel. One teacher remembered the friendship bracelets she and another student shared; another teacher talked about how a student shared her lunch with her because she forgot hers. Acts of kindness do stay with you forever. Mr. Bob closed with this thought, "Kindness starts with one word, one act, one thought. Kindness is contagious."

We also celebrated *Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance* last Monday with a beautiful prayer service around our Peace Pole out front of school. Patriot Day occurs on September 11<sup>th</sup> of each year in memory of the people killed in the September 11<sup>th</sup> attacks of the year 2001. We prayed for the First Responders- firefighters, law enforcement officers, emergency workers and service members – who answered the call of duty. We prayed for the victims and their families as well as for the civilians who rushed into action. And we prayed for peace- peace within ourselves, among family members., and throughout this world. Those of us who lived through 911 (our school children were not even born) witnessed many examples of kindness through the unplanned acts of heroism on 911. A great lesson for all of us to remember is one that Mr. Bob spoke about: "One person can make a big difference in another person's life." Many people made a difference on 911.

Have a great week! Mrs. Cocita













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