

# 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.



#### PASTORAL STAFF

**Rev. Adam Zajac** *Pastor* 

**Deacon Dave Lundeen** 

Business Manager, Pastoral Associate

**Mrs. Karen Cocita** Principal

Mrs. Meaghan McCarthy-Silver

Pastoral Minister

Mr. Lawrence 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.

## Liturgy Readings for the Week

Saturday, November 12-St. Josaphat

Jn 5-8 Lk 18:1-8

4:00 p.m Raymond & Patricia Winans

Sunday November 13-Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mal 3:19-20a Thes 3:7-12 Lk 21:5-19

8:30 a.m Nick & Marie Purenciu

11:30 a.m. Mindy Biggins **Monday, November 14** 

Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5 Lk 18:35-43

8:30 a.m. The McGuire Family

Tuesday, November 15

Rv 3:1-6, 14-22 Lk 19:1-10

8:30 a.m Michael DeLuca

Wednesday, November 16

Rv 4:1-11 Lk 19:11-28

Thursday, November 17-St. Elizabeth of Hungary

Rv 5:1-10 Lk 19:41-44

8:30 a.m. For Nicaragua Christians

Friday November 18

Rv 10:8-11 Lk 19:45-48

8:30 a.m. **Presider's Intention** 

Saturday, November 19

Rv 11:4-12 Lk 20:27-40

4:00 p.m Stephen & Irene Blasko

Sunday November 20-Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Sm 5:1-3 Col 1:12-20 Lk 23:35-43
For the Parishioners of St. Mark Parish & St. Mel Parish

11:30 a.m. Deborah Miller

**Pope Intention November**: For children who suffer. We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

#### Liturgical Ministers November 19 & 20

#### Saturday, November 19 @ 4:00pm

**Eucharistic Ministers:** John Levis, Tim Schmidt, Shilree Toth

Lector: Al Abel

8:30 a.m

Altar Servers: Madeline Gompf, Grace Schmidt, Cristian

Trump

Sunday, November 20 @ 8:30am

Eucharistic Ministers: Lisa Ditzel, Kathy O'Malley, Laura

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Lector: Tim Mohr, Melanie Whiting

Altar Servers: Anthony McGervey, Jack McGervey, Albert

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#### Sunday, November 20 @ 11:30am

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Deacon Dave, Marian Lundeen, Cari

White

Lector: Deborah Roscoe, NOT FILLED

Altar Servers: Alexandria Cromer, Isabella Evens, Ian McCoy

Luke McGraw Memorial Candles Weekly Intention November 13 Gib McGee

#### **ATTENTION ALL LECTORS**

Please stop in the sacristy after any weekend mass beginning next weekend, to pick up your new Lector workbook with your name on it.

The new Liturgical year begins November 26 & 27

#### 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

Nora Sudetic Gerri Joecken William Adams Lena Sunyak David Kurth Gianna Andolina George Surovec Catherine Kutsick Carol Behnke Loree Leasure-Poirier Herb Tippie Jack Behnke Joe Wantz Mary Maloney Katy Brent Charlotte Whiting Jim McIlwee Henry Buehner Lillian Zahara Mary Miller Margaret Fadrowski

Nicole Foerstner Maisie Nowlin

Helen Forlini Sr. Josette Obodzinski Mary Frantz Ryan Puzzitiello Jr.

Theresa Fridrich Bill Retzer

Cecilia Frischauf Sr. Mary Ann Spangler

Irene Gurchensky Mary Stark

## Last Week's Collection

Sunday Envelopes \$ 2,581.00 Faith Direct \$ 5,405.00 Total Sunday Contributions \$ 7,986.00

Faith Direct ~ Number of Donors = 260

Thank you for your generosity!

## AFTER MASS SOCIAL NOVEMBER 19 & 20 - ALL ARE INVITED

The Holy Name Society invites you to join them after all Masses the weekend of November 19 & 20. Light snacks will be served after the 4pm Mass, and donuts and coffee after the 8:30 and 11:30 am Masses.

They will also raffle two turkeys at each social.

There is no cost to enter but you must be present to win.

Please join us to wish each other a happy and safe Thanksgiving!





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 26 and 27.

If you take an ornament to purchase an item, 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 11. 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. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Gayle Harper at 216-931-6237. Volunteer opportunities include writing out wish lists on ornaments, sorting gifts on December 11 and delivering gifts to the organizations the morning of December 12. Thank you for your generous support and making Christmas wishes come true for so many people in our community!



This year, St. Mark is going to be hosting an Advent Bible study using the Rejoice! Advent Journal from Ascension Press. Everyone who signs up by November 14 will receive a beautiful illustrated journal. We will then meet weekly during Advent on Mondays at 6:30 in the Social Hall to watch a brief video and discuss the Sunday readings. Our first meeting with be Monday, November 21.

If you would like to join us on this Advent journey, **please sign up by 11/14**. You may sign up by the doors of the church, by calling the parish office, or by emailing msilver@stmarkcleveland.com.



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.

Posters and applications are available at the Church doors. Transportation will be provided if needed.

If you have any questions please contact Deacon Dave at 216-226-7577.

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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!

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**Sunday, November 13 SMYG Thanksgiving** 

5:30pm-8:00pm Social Hall

**Sunday, December 4** Mass Meet-Up 11:30am

Front - St. Joseph's Side 6:30pm-8:00pm Mtg. - CC

**Sunday, December 18 Christmas Party** 

6:30pm-8:30pm-Social Hall

\*\*\*A joint Advent event with St. Christopher Youth Group is being planned for a date TBD in December. Please stay tuned for updates via text and email for details on this event.\*\*\*



## Tuesday, November 29th

https://www.wegivecatholic.org/organization/stmark

**Holiday Craft Fair** Sunday, November 19th 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Our Lady of Angels - Linus Hall 3644 Rocky River Dr., Cleveland Free Admission and Free Parking



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#### PRINCIPAL NEWS

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states, "We believe in the communion of all the faithful of Christ, those who are pilgrims on earth, the dead who are being purified, and the blessed in heaven, all together forming one Church; and we believe that in this communion, the merciful love of God and his saints is always attentive to our prayers. (962)" On Tuesday, November 1, we saw many of these former saints here on earth come alive again through our 2nd Grade students who chose a saint, researched who the saint was and what each one accomplished in life that canonized them as a saint. Following Mass, the student saints had the opportunity to identify which saint they were dressed up as and then shared one special fact about that saint. Not only was it interesting to listen to each one of them, this also provided the children with an opportunity to speak in front of a large group- the entire school!

Here are a few of the saints the children researched: Saint Sebastian, Saint Georgia, St. Elizabeth of Hungary, St. Amelia, Saint Mother Teresa, St. Mary, St. Blaise, St. Noel, St. William of Perth, St. Patrick, St. Sophia, St. Lucy, St. Patrick, St. Mark. St. Luigi, St. Catherine of Siena, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Joseph, St. Rose, St. John the Baptist, St. Elizabeth, and St. Ann- to name only a few of our saints in Heaven. As our students left, I reminded them that they needed to act like these saints throughout the day-all day! I was so proud of each one of them. They were very knowledgeable about these saints and could not wait to share that knowledge. It was another great memory at St. Mark!

Every class also spent time in Eucharistic Adoration last Friday. Following morning Mass, the Eucharist was placed into a Luna, which was then inserted into the Monstrance. The Monstrance was then placed on the altar for adoration by every class. There was a presence of children in church every minute throughout the day. Because this is the year of Eucharist Revival, I took the opportunity to invite our families to join in adoration of the Eucharist with their children since each class had a specific time assigned. I was so please with the number of families who were able to attend and spend time in prayer as a family. The reverence and respect that our children have before the Eucharist is both touching and heartwarming. It reaffirms exactly why we are a Catholic school so richly blessed with faith-filled families.

Have a great week! Mrs. Cocita

















