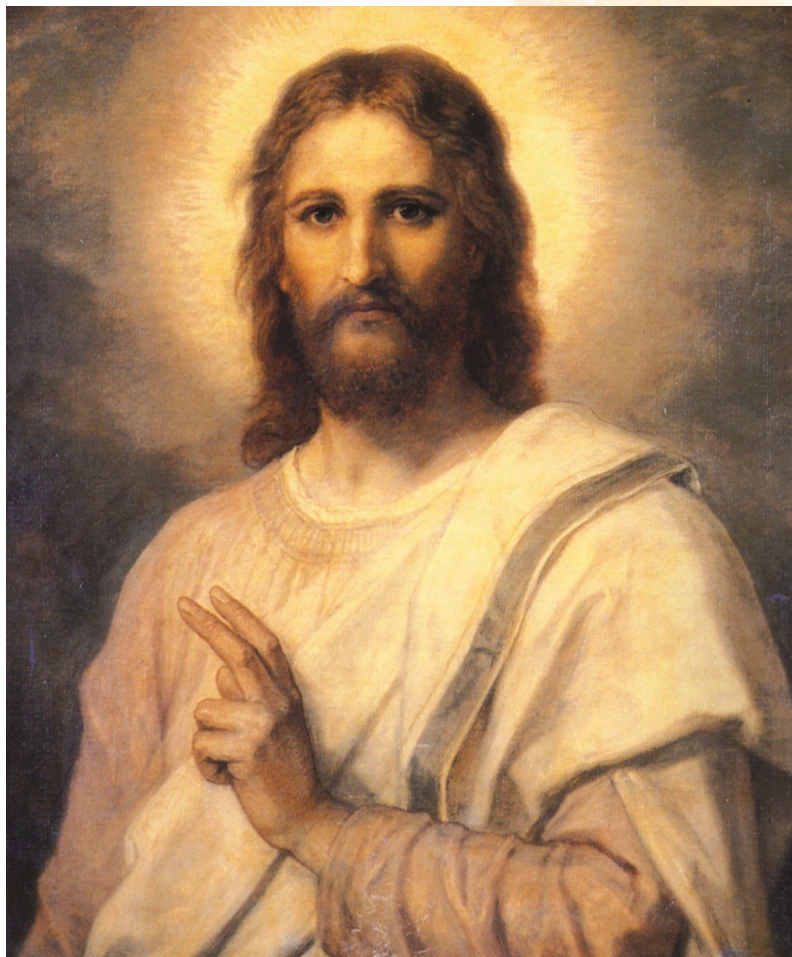




St. Mark Parish

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 of our parishioners to participate in the shared responsibility of worship, prayer, study and service.



July 27, 2025

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Suppose one of you has a friend to whom he goes at midnight and says, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread,’ and he says in reply from within, ‘Do not bother me.’ I tell you, if he does not get up to give the visitor the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence.” - Lk 11:5b, 7a, 8

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PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Adam Zajac
Pastor

Mrs. Christine Gunn
Principal

Mrs. Meaghan McCarthy-Silver
Pastoral Minister

Mrs. Julia Wallace
Music Ministry Director

Mr. Michael Kay
Youth Ministry Director

Mrs. Jeannette Puckett
Parish School of Religion
(PSR) Director

COMMUNITY & SACRAMENTS

New Parishioners: All are welcome to join the parish! Visit the website or call the parish office to arrange to meet a pastoral staff member.

Become Catholic: Interested in becoming Catholic? Call the parish office for an appointment with a pastoral staff member to learn more.

Infant Baptism: As you celebrate a new birth, make sure to arrange for the child's baptism. The third Sunday of the month is our regular schedule.

Reconciliation: Mercy and peace are here for you. Confession is available on Saturdays from 3:00pm to 3:45pm, or by appointment.

Marriage: Over six months we will prepare you to exchange vows before the altar. Whether engaged or civilly married, contact us to get started.

Anointing of the Sick: If you or a loved one is seriously sick, please call the parish office to arrange for a priest to visit and anoint.

Homebound: We are happy to bring Communion to you if you are unable to participate in the celebration of Mass.

LITURGY AND PRAYER INTENTIONS

Liturgy Schedule

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

Monday, July 28

8:30am MassAngela Vitanza

Tuesday, July 29-Sts. Martha, Mary & Lazarus

6:45am Mass @ St. Mel

Wednesday, July 30

Thursday, July 31-St. Ignatius of Loyola

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

Friday, August 1-St. Alphonsus Liguori

6:45am Mass @ St. Mel

4:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday, August 2

3:00pm Confessions

3:00pm Confessions @ St. Mel

4:00pm MassRita Szy

4:30pm Mass @ St. Mel

Sunday, August 3-18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00am Mass @ St. Mel

8:30am Mass For the Parishioners of St. Mark Parish
and the Parishioners of St. Mel Parish

10:00am Mass @ St. Mel

11:30am Mass Dolly Tinnirello

Pray for the Sick

We commend to your personal prayers parishioners who have asked to be prayed for:

William Adams	David Kurth	Aimee Roscoe
Gianna Andolina	Tom Lembach	Nora Sudetic
Katy Brent	Gerald McArthur	George Surovec
Henry Buehner	Jim McIlwee	Barbara Thiel
James Coyne	Judy McIntyre	Herb Tippie
Matthew Craven	Mary Miller	Michele Vollmer
Nicole Foerstner	Jack Mohar	Joe Wantz
Mary Frantz	Maisie Nowlin	Charlotte Whiting
Theresa Fridrich	Sr. Josette Obodzinski	Lillian Zahara
Amy Glazier	Mary Stark	Lew Zahara Jr.
Carol Hughes		Joseph Zavatchen Sr.
		Joseph Zavatchen Jr.

Pray for the Deceased

Angela Csontos

May perpetual light shine upon them

Other Intentions

Weekly Luke McGraw Memorial Candles Intention

Dorothy Rhew

Wedding Banns

Curtis Pratt III & Katelyn Senz II

Liturgical Ministers	emHCs	Lectors	Servers
Saturday, August 2 @ 4:00pm	Shirlee Toth Gloria Morin Erin Fitzpatrick	R.V. Threadgill	Declan Fitzpatrick William Lentz
Sunday, August 3 @ 8:30am	Karen Cocita Kathy O'Malley NOT FILLED	Mary Lewis Tim Mohr	Adlee Rave Joe Svetz
Sunday, August 3 @ 11:30am	Cari Foster Rosanne Kelley NOT FILLED	Eliza Kratt NOT FILLED	Andrew Koch Emily Koch

NEWS AND EVENTS

Offertory Collections

In-Pew Collection (past weekend)\$ 2,221.00
Faith Direct (past month weekly total)\$ 4,788.00
Thank you for your generosity!

Parish News

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Schedule for May-August

We are very happy to be restarting Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 8:30am Mass at St. Mark. Children who are in PreK and above but have not yet received their First Communion will be invited to process into the sacristy during Mass to hear the Gospel proclaimed in an accessible way. Children's Liturgy of the Word is meant to shed light on the Gospel when a passage is particularly challenging for children to understand, so it will only take place on Sundays when it has been determined to be useful and appropriate. We will publish a schedule of the chosen dates a few months at a time.

The upcoming dates are:

August 3rd and August 17th

School News

St. Mark Class of 2021! Join us for an evening of s'mores, stories, and reconnecting with old friends before you all head off on your next adventure!

- ◆ **Date:** Friday, August 8
- ◆ **Time:** 8:00 pm
- ◆ **Location:** St. Mark Pavillion

We'll have plenty of s'mores and lots of laughs as you look back on your grade school memories and look ahead to what's next.

Whether you're staying close to home or heading across the country, we'd love to see you before the next chapter begins!

Please RSVP by Wednesday, August 6 by scanning the QR code or emailing the school office at office@stmarkwestpark.com.



Mission Appeal

August 2 & 3

Greetings!

My name is Fr. Prasanna Mese, a missionary priest from the Diocese of Kurnool in southern India, where I was ordained in 2010. After serving for ten years in Texas (2012-2022), I returned to my home diocese to continue ministering to the faithful. Today, I want to share with you the realities and needs of the Catholic community in India.

Our mission addresses significant challenges, including:

- Providing free education to over 1,500 impoverished children.
- Offering medical assistance and housing to the disadvantaged.
- Fostering the self-empowerment of women.
- Carrying out evangelization efforts.

In India, Christians are a minority, with Catholics making up only 1% of the population. Our diocese has 155 priests and 438 religious sisters dedicated to serving the poor. Additionally, many young men and women are currently discerning their vocations as future priests and nuns.

I invite you to learn more about Catholicism in my region. I hope this information is both enlightening and inspiring. Thank you for your kind attention and generosity.

Sincerely,
Fr. M. Prasanna



Registration is Open!

Build site volunteer registration is open for the St. Mark/St. Mel 2025 Faith Build. Anyone aged 16 or older can volunteer at a build site. Volunteers under 18 must be accompanied by an adult volunteer.

2025 Build Dates:

- Thursday, July 24
- Saturday, August 2
- Saturday, September 13
- Saturday, September 27 (Neighborhood Spruce Up Day)

Email Amy Asseff for a link to the registration page: aasseff@aol.com

Please keep the Faith Build and its volunteers in your prayers!

Reminders and Regular Events

Young Family Gatherings

Connect with other young parents

Once a month after the 8:30am mass, young families are welcome to gather in the Social Hall (or Pavilion) for bagels, coffee, and community. Dates vary each month. For questions contact Briana David at: bciancibello@gmail.com

Upcoming Dates: August 17th
September 14th

Holy Name Society Meetings

Fellowship, prayer, and service for all parishioners

All men and women of the parish ages 18 and older are welcome to join the St. Mark Holy Name Society. Meetings are the second Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm in either the Picnic Pavilion or Social Hall. At these gatherings, we dine together and discuss what event we will be doing next to help the community of St. Mark. If you would like to know more, contact Jim Cocita at: jimcocita@gmail.com

Sunday Rosary

A devotion to enrich your prayer life

Please come to pray with Mary, Our Blessed Mother, in this beautiful devotion. Parishioners gather in the church to pray the rosary after the 8:30am mass every Sunday. Contemplating the mysteries of the life of Christ, we pray for peace and grace in the world.

Military

Please pray for our military presently serving.

Josh Dunleavy, Nick Hupka, John Kazanowski, Randy Kloos, Sean O'Reilly, Nico Russo, Matthew Shirley

General Parish Calendar

Saturday,	July 26	
3:00 pm	Confessions	
4:00 pm	Mass	
Sunday,	July 27	
8:30 am	Mass	
9:30 am	Rosary	
11:30 am	Mass LS	
Monday,	July 28	
8:30 am	Mass	
5:00 pm	Volleyball Prac.	G
Tuesday,	July 29	
5:00 pm	Uniform Set-up	SH
5:00 pm	Volleyball Prac.	G
Wednesday,	July 30	
5:00 pm	Volleyball Prac.	G
6:00 pm	School Uniform Resale	SH
Thursday,	July 31	
8:30 am	Mass	
5:00 pm	Volleyball Prac.	G
7:00 pm	Troop #293	SH/PP
Friday,	August 1	
4:00 pm	Eucharistic Adoration	
6:00 pm	Volleyball Prac.	G
Saturday,	August 2	
3:00 pm	Confessions	
4:00 pm	Mass	
Sunday,	August 3	
8:30 am	Mass	
8:30 am	Children's Liturgy of the Word	SS
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11:30 am	Mass LS	

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VIRTUS Program Compliance

Check that you are up-to-date!

All staff and all volunteers who work with children (such as coaches, catechists, scout leaders, parent volunteers, etc.) are required to stay compliant with the VIRTUS program. No exceptions are made. This program is required by the Diocese of Cleveland, and we are audited annually.

For existing volunteers:

- Stay current with the online bulletins
- Renew your BCI Fingerprint and Background check every five years through virtusonline.org (see the Toolbox tab for selection.com background check).

New and interested volunteers working with children:

- Attend a VIRTUS training. Registration is through virtusonline.org.
- Read and sign the 2016 Policy for Protecting Children.
- Read and sign the 2016 Standards of Conduct.
- Complete a background check through virtusonline.org (see the Toolbox tab for selection.com background check).
- Complete the St. Mark Volunteer Application

Full information can be found on our parish website. To verify that you are in compliance call the parish office.

Regional and Diocesan News and Events

The FEST

Mark your calendars!

Join us for the highlight of the summer....The FEST on Sunday, August 3rd. The FEST is an inspiring day of faith, family and fun - all for FREE. Come and hear the best of the Contemporary Christian Artists: Maverick City Music, Danny Gokey, Ben Fuller and Seph Schlueter. There's something for everyone at The FEST from meaningful displays to faith-based crafts and activities for the kids. You can visit the Marc's Mom's Relaxation Station along with getting your favorite summer foods at family friendly prices!

Invite family and friends for the 25th anniversary of The FEST held on the campus of the Center for Pastoral Leadership in Wickliffe. The day begins at 12 noon and continues until 8pm when we come together United in faith...hope and love...for a beautiful outdoor Mass followed by an amazing American Fireworks Display. For all the details go to: www.theFEST.us. For thousands across our region it truly is the highlight of the summer. Please join us!!!

AVAILABLE NOW!

PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES

The Support of Your Business is Greatly Appreciated

Vic Preisel from LPI, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. It is the support of the business community that helps to make our church thrive. Please consider purchasing an ad as your participation makes our bulletin successful, and you attract customers!

Church bulletin advertising is a cost-effective way to advertise 52 times per year and show support for your local community; in turn, parishioners will support you!

Digital advertising allows your business to be front and center to anyone who visits a church profile page on ParishesOnline.com — that's approximately 500,000 page views per month!





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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Far be it from you to do such a thing,
to make the innocent die with the guilty
so that the innocent and the guilty would be treated alike!
Should not the judge of all the world act with justice?" (Gn 18:25)

Psalm:

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me. (Ps 138)

Second Reading:

You were buried with him in baptism,
in which you were also raised with him
through faith in the power of God. (Col 2:12)

Gospel:

"And I tell you, ask and you will receive;
seek and you will find;
knock and the door will be opened to you." (Lk 11:9)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"Lord, teach us to pray." The disciples are asking how to approach God, how to communicate with Him. Jesus' answer? Have no fear, and have no embarrassment. God waits at the door. Knock. The conversation is yours to start.

Observances for the week of July 27, 2025

- Sunday:** 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday: Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus
Wednesday: St. Peter Chrysologus,
Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Thursday: St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
Friday: St. Alphonsus Liguori,
Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Saturday: St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop;
St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest
Next Sunday: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Devotions, Explained!

The daily examen is a spiritual practice whereby one places himself in the presence of God, prayerfully reflecting on the blessings of the day, the actions he took, and the invitation God has for his future decisions.

Prayer for Hope

Lord,
Restore my hope!
Where I fear the future, write a
new script in my heart.
Where I doubt Your goodness, fill
me anew.
Give me steadfast hope for a
beautiful tomorrow.
Amen.

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Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of July 27, 2025

Sunday:

Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 (3a)/
Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13

Monday:

Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22,
23/Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday:

Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9,
10-11, 12-13/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday:

Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9/Mt 13:44-46

Thursday:

Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and
8a, 11/Mt 13:47-53

Friday:

Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4,
5-6, 10-11ab/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday:

Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday:

Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14,
17 (1)/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Once I went to a hospice facility to celebrate Last Rites for an elderly dying man. His family had told me that he had been uncommunicative for days. At the conclusion of the ritual, we began to recite the Our Father prayer. To everyone's surprise, his lips moved, clearly mouthing the words to the Lord's prayer. Stripped of most of his faculties, the man could still pray those precious God-given petitions. A lifetime of prayer had planted the words even deeper than his failing consciousness.

Do we want the Lord's prayer to be as deeply embedded in us? If we want to be people of hope, we should. Recall that our Lord immediately follows the prayer by saying: **"Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you" (Luke 11:9).** We only ask, search and knock because we hope that the request is not in vain. Everything we could possibly hope for is contained in the prayer. Praying the Our Father deepens our hope.

We should consciously pour all our hopes into the Lord's prayer; we should allow it to be an expression of hope, not simply rote words. Then, over time, it builds up our hope in God. It sinks deep into our souls and bodies. How blessed we are when these words of hope are on our lips, even when everything else seems to fail.

— Father John Muir

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