



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.

November 2, 2025

THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

"And this is the will of the one who sent me, that I should not lose anything of what he gave me, but that I should raise it on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day." - Jn 6:39-40

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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

Papal Intention

November: For the prevention of suicide. Let us pray that those who are tempted to die by suicide might find the support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

Liturgy Schedule

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

Monday, November 3

8:30am Mass Timothy Geiger

Tuesday, November 4-St. Charles Borromeo

6:45am Mass @ St. Mel

8:30am Mass Eppink Family

Wednesday, November 5

Thursday, November 6

8:30am Mass Nassim Lynch

Friday, November 7

6:45am Mass @ St. Mel

4:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday, November 8

3:00pm Confessions

3:00pm Confessions @ St. Mel

4:00pm Mass Patrick Fallon

4:30pm Mass @ St. Mel

Sunday, November 9-The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

7:00am Mass @ St. Mel

8:30am Mass..... Farrell & Moran Families

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
 Gianna Andolina
 Alex Brugh
 Henry Buehner
 James Coyne
 Matthew Craven
 Nicole Foerstner
 Mary Frantz
 Theresa Fridrich
 Amy Glazier

David Kurth
 Tom Lembach
 Gerald McArthur
 Mary Miller
 Jack Mohar
 Maisie Nowlin
 Sr. Josette Obodzinski
 Mary Stark

Aimee Roscoe
 Nora Sudetic
 George Surovec
 Barbara Thiel
 Herb Tippie
 Michele Vollmer
 Joe Wantz
 Lillian Zahara
 Lew Zahara Jr.
 Joseph Zavatchen Sr.
 Joseph Zavatchen Jr.

Pray for the Deceased

Fr. Joachim Pastirik

Francesco Russo, Father of Dominic Russo

May perpetual light shine upon them

Other Intentions

Weekly Luke McGraw Memorial Candles Intention

Maureen Gale

Liturgical Ministers	emHCs	Lectors	Servers
Saturday, November 8 @ 4:00pm	Mary Price Gloria Morin John Levis	Gary Morin	Emmet Crawford Kerri Gompf Daniel Henry
Sunday, November 9 @ 8:30am	Josh Stecz NOT FILLED (2)	Tim Mohr Monica Svetz	Lukas Horton Joe Svetz Luke Meisterics
Sunday, November 9 @ 11:30am	Rosanne Kelley Mary Stamper NOT FILLED	Agnes Butler Josh Stecz	Fiona Stock Clare Stock NOT FILLED

NEWS AND EVENTS

Offertory Collections

In-Pew Collection (past weekend) \$ 2,361.00
ParishSoft Giving \$ 2,992.00
Thank you for your generosity!

Parish News

Eucharistic Adoration

Prayer and Thanksgiving before the Lord

Join us for Eucharistic Adoration on Friday, November 7th from 4:00pm - 5:00pm.

Family Holy Hour

Our First Friday adoration will continue to provide prayerful options for people of all ages, especially families of young children. Fr. Adam will be available to hear Confession.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Schedule for September-December

Children who are in PreK and above but have not yet received their First Communion will be invited to process into the sacristy during 8:30am 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 Children's Liturgy dates are:
November 9
December 21
December 28

Reminders and Regular Events

3rd Annual St. Mark Cub Scouts Pack 268 Veterans Spaghetti Dinner

November 10, 2025 - 6:00pm-7:00pm

You are cordially invited to attend the 3rd annual St. Mark Cub Scouts Pack 268 Veterans Day Spaghetti Dinner. Join us as we honor those that served our country and help support our St. Mark Cub Scouts. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Disabled American Veterans Foundation. Hope to see you there!

- Veterans & Children 3 & under = Free
- Veterans Spouses = \$7.00
- Adults & Children = \$10.00

Holy Name Society News

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

Donut & Coffee Social

Once a month after all masses in the Social Hall. Gather with fellow parishioners. For questions contact Michael Kay at mkay@stmarkcleveland.com

Upcoming Date: November 1 & 2

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.

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: November 23

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.

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,	November 1	
3:00 pm	Confessions	
4:00 pm	Mass	
	Donut Social	
Sunday,	November 2	
8:30 am	Mass	
8:30 am	Sunday Preschool	CR
9:30 am	Rosary	
11:30 am	Mass LS	
5:00 pm	Confirmation Group Mtg.	SH
7:00 pm	All Souls Prayer Service	CH
Monday,	November 3	
8:30 am	Mass	
4:00 pm	Basketball Prac.	G
6:30 pm	PSR Class Gr. 1-8	CR
Tuesday,	November 4	
8:30 am	Mass/2nd Floor	
4:00 pm	Basketball Prac.	G
4:15 pm	OCIA	FR
7:00 pm	Bereavement Mtg.	FR
7:00 pm	Choir Prac.	CH
Wednesday,	November 5	
1:30 pm	Awards Assembly	G
4:00 pm	Basketball Prac.	G
7:00 pm	Bible Timeline	CC
Thursday,	November 6	
8:30 am	Mass	
6:00 pm	Scout Pack #268	SH
7:00 pm	Confirmation Cand/Sponsor Mtg.	CH
7:00 pm	Troop #293	SH
Friday,	November 7	
9:30 am	Veteran's Day Prayer Service	CH
4:00 pm	Eucharistic Adoration	CH
4:00 pm	Basketball Prac.	G
5:00 pm	Adoration Family Social	SH
Saturday,	November 8	
3:00 pm	Confessions	
4:00 pm	Mass	
Sunday,	November 9	
8:30 am	Mass	
8:30 am	Sunday Preschool	CR
8:30 am	Children's Liturgy of the Word	SS
9:30 am	Rosary	
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NEWS AND EVENTS

Regional and Diocesan News and Events



YOU'RE INVITED

NOVEMBERFEST

Italian Dinner

Hosted by:
BORROMEO & SAINT MARY SEMINARIES

Great Food | 50/50 | Raffle Baskets

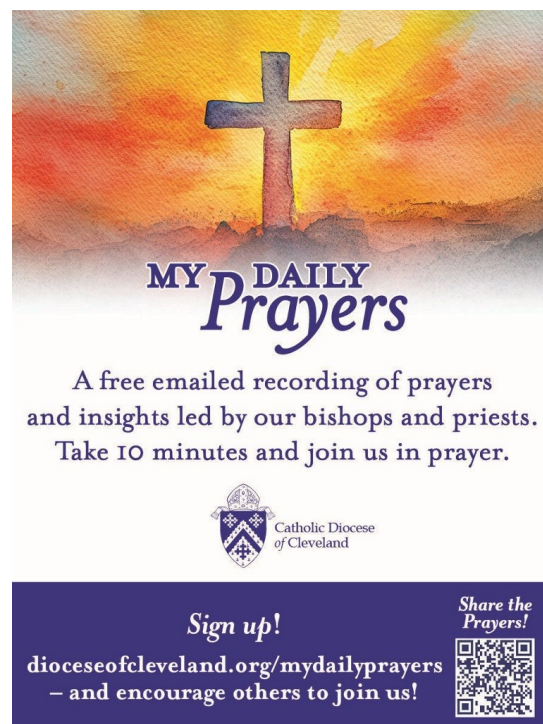
NOVEMBER 8, 2025
5:00PM - 8:00PM

28700 EUCLID AVENUE
WICKLIFFE, OH 44092

Adults: \$12
Children: \$6
Children Under 6: Free
Youth Group Discount
Available for 10+ (Call for details)

No reservations necessary.
Dinner tickets sold at the door
until 7:30pm

For more info call 440.943.7600



MY DAILY Prayers

A free emailed recording of prayers
and insights led by our bishops and priests.
Take 10 minutes and join us in prayer.

 Catholic Diocese
of Cleveland

Sign up!
dioceseofcleveland.org/mydailyprayers
– and encourage others to join us!

Share the Prayers!



Join Fr. Doug Koesel, pastor of Blessed Trinity Parish, for 13 glorious days in Croatia, Montenegro, Slovenia, Hungary and Slovakia, June 8th - 20th, 2026. Cost is \$5,599 and includes airfare from anywhere in the US. For more information contact Fr. Doug at dkoesel@blessedtrinitycleveland.org. The trip includes airport taxes, security fees, transfers, hotels, transportation with luxury bus, all breakfasts and dinners, all guided tours, and tips. Here is a link for the trip: https://www.proximotravel.com/trip-store/?action=view_trip&triptemplateid=482

Jubilee Audience of Pope Leo XIV, on 22 October 2025

Cycle of Catechesis – Jubilee 2025. Jesus Christ our Hope. IV. The Resurrection of Christ and the Challenges of the Contemporary World 2. *The Resurrection of Christ, the Response to Human Sadness*

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning! And welcome to you all!

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is an event that one never finishes contemplating and meditating on, and the more one explores it, the more one is filled with wonder, drawn in as if by an overwhelming yet fascinating light. It was an explosion of life and joy that changed the meaning of reality itself, from negative to positive; yet it did not happen in a striking way, much less a violent one, but gently, hidden, one might say humbly.

Today we will reflect on how Christ's resurrection can heal one of the malaises of our time: sadness. Intrusive and widespread, sadness accompanies the days of many people. It is a feeling of precariousness, at times profound desperation, which invades one's inner space and seems to prevail over any impetus to joy.

Sadness robs life of meaning and vigour, turning it into a directionless and meaningless journey. This very current experience reminds us of the famous account in the Gospel of Luke (24: 13-29) of the two disciples of Emmaus. Disappointed and discouraged, they leave Jerusalem, leaving behind the hopes they held in Jesus, who has been crucified and entombed. In the opening lines, this episode presents a paradigm of human sadness: the end of the objective to which so much energy has been invested, the destruction of what seemed to be the essence of their lives. Their hope is dashed; desolation has taken hold of their hearts. Everything has imploded in a very short space of time, between Friday and Saturday, in a dramatic sequence of events.

The paradox is truly emblematic: this sad journey of defeat and return to ordinary life occurs on the same day as the victory of light, of the Pasch that has been fully consummated. The two men turn their backs on Golgotha, on the terrible scene of the cross, still imprinted on their eyes and their hearts. It seems that all is lost. They must return to their former lives, keeping a low profile and hoping not to be recognized.

At a certain point, a traveller joins the two disciples, perhaps one of the many pilgrims who have been to Jerusalem for Easter. It is the risen Jesus, but they do not recognize him. Sadness clouds their gaze, erasing the promise that the Master had made several times: that he would be killed and that on the third day he would rise again. The stranger approaches and shows interest in what they are saying. The text says that the two "stood still, looking sad" (Lk 24:17). The Greek adjective used describes an all-encompassing sadness: the paralysis of the soul is apparent on their faces.

Jesus listens to them, allowing them to unburden their disappointment. Then, with great frankness, he rebukes them for being "foolish ... and slow of heart to believe that all the prophets have declared!" (v. 25), and through the Scriptures he shows that Christ had to suffer, die and rise again. The warmth of hope is rekindled in the hearts of the two disciples, and then, when night falls and they arrive at their destination, they invite their mysterious travelling companion to stay with them.

Jesus accepts, and takes his seat at the table with them. Then he takes the bread, breaks it and offers it. At that moment, the two disciples recognize him... but he immediately disappears from their view (vv. 30-31). The gesture of the breaking of the bread reopens the eyes of the heart, illuminating once again the vision clouded by despair. And then everything becomes clear: the shared journey, the tender and powerful word, the light of truth... Immediately, joy is rekindled, energy flows back into their weary limbs, and gratitude returns to their memory. And the two hurry back to Jerusalem to tell the others everything.

"The Lord has risen indeed" (cf. v. 34). In this adverb, *indeed*, the certain outcome of our history as human beings is fulfilled. It is no coincidence that this is the greeting Christians exchange on Easter Day. Jesus did not rise in words, but in deeds, with his body bearing the marks of his passion, a perennial seal of his love for us. The victory of life is not an empty word, but a real, tangible fact.

May the unexpected joy of the disciples of Emmaus be a gentle reminder to us when the going gets tough. It is the Risen One who radically changes our perspective, instilling the hope that fills the void of sadness. On the paths of the heart, the Risen One walks with us and for us. He bears witness to the defeat of death and affirms the victory of life, despite the darkness of Calvary. History still has much goodness to hope for.

To recognize the Resurrection means to change one's outlook on the world: to return to the light to recognize the Truth that has saved us, and that saves us. Sisters and brothers, let us remain watchful every day in the wonder of the Pasch of the risen Jesus. He alone makes the impossible possible!

PARISH GRADE SCHOOL

Our kindergarten and 8th grade students came together in a special STREAM Lab project that beautifully showcased our school theme, *ROAR—Rising to the Challenge!* Working side by side, the 8th graders helped our newest learners design and 3D print personalized name tags for the kindergartners' bookbags.

3D printing is a process that creates a physical object from a digital design by building it layer by layer using a special type of plastic filament. It allows students to bring their ideas to life—turning something they design on a computer into a real, tangible item they can hold in their hands!

The project was more than just a lesson in technology—it was a lesson in collaboration, a key 21st-century skill that prepares students to think creatively, communicate effectively, and work together toward a shared goal. Our 8th graders demonstrated true leadership as they guided the kindergartners through the design process, showing kindness, patience, and encouragement every step of the way.

For the kindergarten students, this was an exciting opportunity to see their older schoolmates as role models and mentors. For the 8th graders, it was a chance to live out their faith through service—helping others, sharing their skills, and showing what it means to be part of a caring, faith-filled community.

Our STREAM Lab made this hands-on, faith-infused collaboration possible—combining science, technology, creativity, and compassion. These kinds of learning experiences are made possible through the generosity of our parish community, donors, and by taking advantage of available grant opportunities. This support allows us to continue providing innovative and meaningful learning experiences that help our students grow in both knowledge and faith.

And we're not quite sure who had more fun—the kindergartners or the 8th graders!

A special thank-you to the teachers who took the time to plan and provide this meaningful opportunity for our students. Together, our students and staff truly *ROARed* by rising to the challenge and working as one school family—learning, serving, and growing in faith.

