



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.

OCTOBER 30, 2022

31st Sunday

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

When he reached the place, Jesus looked up and said, "Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house." And he came down quickly and received him with joy. - Lk 19:5-6

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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.

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Liturgy Readings for the Week

Saturday,	October 29	Phil 1:18b-26	Lk 14:1, 7-11
4:00 p.m.	Mildren Hagan		
Sunday	October 30-Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time	Wis 11:22-12:2	Thes 1:11-2:2 Lk 19:1-10
8:30 a.m.	Presider's Intention		
11:30 a.m.	Richard Kiefer		
Monday,	October 31	Phil 2:1-4	Lk 14:12-14
8:30 a.m.	Lois Cowan		
Tuesday,	November 1-All Saints	Rv 7:2-4, 9-14	Jn 3:1-3 Mt 5:1-12
8:30 a.m.	Presider's Intention		
Wednesday,	November 2-All Souls' Day	Wis 3:1-9	Jn 6:37-40
Thursday,	November 3	Phil 3:3-8a	Lk 15:1-10
8:30 a.m.	Presider's Intention		
Friday	November 4-St. Charles Borromeo	Phil 3:17-4:1	Lk 16:1-8
8:30 a.m.	Presider's Intention		
Saturday,	November 5	Phil 4:10-19	Lk 16:9-15
4:00 p.m.	Richard Kiefer		
Sunday	November 6-Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mt 7:1-2, 9-14	Thes 2:16-3:5 Lk 20:27-38
8:30 a.m.	Janet Loya		
11:30 a.m.	Madelyn Smith		

Luke McGraw
Memorial Candles
Weekly Intention
October 30
For all the Departed

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!

Pope Intention October: For a Church open to everyone. We pray for the Church, ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel; may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity, and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.

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 5 & 6

Saturday, November 5 @ 4:00pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Dave, Marian Lundeen, Mary Price

Lector: Carole Iseli

Altar Servers: Aidan Gompf, Madeline Gompf, Cristian Trump

Sunday, November 6 @ 8:30am

Eucharistic Ministers: Kathy O'Malley, Shirlee Toth, Sheila Gallagher

Lector: Mary Lewis, **NOT FILLED**

Altar Servers: Albert McGervey, Fiona Stock, Lillian Stock

Sunday, November 6 @ 11:30am

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Ruminski, Cari White, Deirdre Mueller

Lector: Deborah Roscoe, **NOT FILLED**

Altar Servers: Eoin Mueller, Patrick Mueller, Ethan Ruminski

Please Pray for Our Sick

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

From Fr. Adam,

Friends,

For a few years I have been considering how beat up our pews are, and it seems to finally be the time to move forward with this project.

Our current pews are mostly made out of particle board with a thick layer of veneer, with only the legs and very tops of the back being actual hardwood. As most of you know, the church was built with the idea of it being only temporary and the hope of building a grander, more permanent church on the other side of Montrose Avenue (land which the parish owned at the time). The construction of the freeway put an end to that idea with too many parishioners losing their homes and the parish decreasing in size. But no doubt at the time of construction they opted for cheaper material with the idea that it only needed to last a few decades. A few more decades later, the pews have been repaired many times from the seats splitting, and the veneer is starting to bubble and wear away. Certainly the sanitizing we did daily during the pandemic accelerated their deterioration.

The cost of simply refinishing the pews would be over \$50,000, which would not at all be worth it considering their poor material. New pews would range from roughly \$115,000 to \$150,000. After consulting with the finance council, we felt that purchasing new pews of solid, quality material would be best for the parish in the long run. Unexpectedly a few months after committing to the idea, an exceedingly generous parishioner had remembered us in his will and left a donation of a little over \$100,000. And so between that gift and the price of wood going down to more normal levels after the spike last year, it seems that we have an opportunity to replace them. We hope to defray the remaining cost by committing the We Give Catholic fundraiser to this purpose on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving. In the back of the church this weekend and next, in the vestibule that exits to Montrose Avenue, are two sample pews of different styles and wood stains. Please take a look and vote on your preference.

We did consider if it would be possible to get more space between the pews. Going from the current 32 inch separation to the more modern standard of 36 inches would mean losing a significant number of pews and seating capacity, which would be a problem for major funerals and weddings, first communion, and Christmas/Easter masses. It would also be a major problem for our school masses which currently use up almost the full church. The pews of course have kneelers and book holders as one would expect. The earliest the new pews would be ready is June of 2023. We would not be able to use the church for two or possibly three weeks. During that time we could either relocate masses to the gym, or to St. Mel's. Once we have a firm installation date and get closer to the summer, we will certainly make sure everyone has plenty of warning on where to go.

In Christ,



Fr. Adam



Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests.

Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments.

Help our priests to be strong in their vocation.

Set their souls on fire with love for your people.

Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom.

Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel.

Allow them to experience joy in their ministry.

Help them to become instruments of your divine grace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest.

Amen.

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.

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.

Necrology Book

The Necrology Book (or the Book of the Deceased) will be placed in the Church. Please feel free to add the names of your loved ones who have died. the Book will be left out for the entire month of October. During the month of November the Necrology Book will be presented during the Offertory procession at all Masses. Please remember to honor all our deceased loved ones by adding their names to the Necrology Book.



The parishioner-led Prayer Group will meet on Thursday, November 3rd at 7pm in the Servers Sacristy. this is a great opportunity to relax, pray, grow in faith, and make a difference in our world. There is a book available near the Sacred Heart Statue in the Church for prayer requests. The group will pray for these requests. Feel free to share answered prayers here also. Please join us! There is no need to sign up.

ALL SOULS DAY PRAYER SERVICE

Wednesday,
November 2nd at
7pm in the church



Please call the Parish Office if
you would like to bring up a
candle for your loved one

Our Lady of Angels Strategies for Strengthening Relationships Breakfast Buffet Sunday, November 6th

The program includes an interactive presentation based on the Gottman Method, where couples learn and practice ways to enhance trust, understanding, intimacy, and self-awareness as they build connection with their spouse. The presenter is licensed clinical counselor, Nicole Melchi from Kent Psychological Associates. We will begin with Mass at 11:00am followed by a breakfast buffet and presentation in Linus Hall. The cost is \$35 per couple. Registration deadline is October 28th, please register here <https://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/events>.



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*Thank you for supporting
St. Mark Church!*

Fundraiser for St. Augustine Health Ministries

Come join Angels on the Avenue, along with our friends and neighbors Matt and Jason from Murderous Mayhem, as we host a murder mystery benefit for St. Augustine Health Ministries on Saturday, November 19th at St. Mel's Hall. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. Stop after mass or come on your own! Event will be catered by La Campagna in Westlake with dessert from Top Tier Cake in Westlake. Reservations are required. Dinner selections consists of three (3) different Fall classics. For more information or to place a reservation, please call Joe Dailey at 216-701-3143. This is a night of great laughs while helping a great cause!

St. Mark Parent Club

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Parent club will have 2 great raffle baskets at Night at the Races for the golfers in the community.

- 1) SAWMILL CREEK - which includes an overnight stay in a standard room for up to 4 guests and a round of golf for 4.
- 2) PINE HILLS GOLF CLUB - A round of golf for 4 guests with golf cart;
PLUS a GOLFTEC 1-2-3 Package
Swing Evaluation; Lessons & Practice Sessions

Tickets are \$10 each; 3 for \$25 or 8 for \$50
contact Eileen Estergall at ebutterfield8@yahoo.com
(if you buy more than 1 ticket you can split them up and have a chance at both, or put them all in
Option 1 or Option 2)
Winner need not be present

Markers 50+ News

Please join us for our next event on
Saturday, November 12th!

4:00pm: Join us for mass

5:00pm: Gathering in the Social Hall

*Sandwiches, sides and beverages provided

*Please bring a pie to share

*\$10 cost per person

*Bring your favorite board games and playing cards for our activity.

*We will also be collecting non-perishable food items for the Thanksgiving food collection.

*Please RSVP to dadams@stmarkwestpark.com or call Cheryl at the St. Mark Parish Office 216-226-7577

Joe Thomas Autographed Helmet Raffle Tickets

This year Parent Club will be selling raffle tickets for a Cleveland Browns helmet
AUTOGRAPHED BY FUTURE HALL OF FAME JOE THOMAS!!!!
(includes Certificate of Authenticity with a current retail value of \$400.00)

We are offering you the chance to participate in the Night At The Races raffle early. Even if you are not able to attend on November 5th, you can still get in on the fun!
Drawing for the Joe Thomas autographed helmet will be held at the event on Saturday, November 5th. You do not need to be present to win. Tickets will also be available for purchase at the event.

Ticket Prices: \$5 Each - or - \$20 for 5



If you would like to purchase some of these tickets, please send the completed form back to school with payment in an envelope marked NATR Raffle by Friday, October 28, 2022! We will send your ticket confirmation home with your student listed below.

Please make checks payable to St. Mark Parent Club

Please contact Melanie Burke at melanieburke08@gmail.com with any questions or for Venmo information.

Night at the Races Coach Joe Thomas Autographed Helmet Raffle Order Form
1 Ticket - \$5 5 Tickets - \$20

Please Return this Form, Completed Tickets, and Payment to School marked NATR Raffle by October 28th!

Purchaser Name _____
Phone Number _____
Student Name _____ Room Number _____
Email _____
Number of Raffle Tickets _____
Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

St. Mark 8th Grade Fundraiser

You're invited to an Applebee's Flapjack Fundraiser Breakfast on Sunday, November 6 from 8am 59 10am at Applebee's located in the Westgate Shopping Center (20705 Center Ridge Rd., Fairview Park). Meal tickets are \$10 per person and include pancakes, breakfast potatoes, bacon, coffee, milk, juice and soft drinks. 50/50 and basket raffle tickets will also be available for purchase at the event! Winners do not need to be present. For more information or to reserve your space, contact Jacquie Gonet at 440-668-5529 or jaxonay@yahoo.com

Reservations and payment due by Wednesday, November 2nd. Please make checks payable to: St. Mark Parish Memo: Applebee's Breakfast. Mail checks to: St. Mark Parish, 15800 Montrose Ave., Cleveland, OH 44111 or drop off in the collection basket at mass.

Tickets will be distributed at Applebee's on the day of the event under the ticket holder's name. Event proceeds support the St. Mark 8th graders field trip to Washington D.C.

PRINCIPAL NEWS

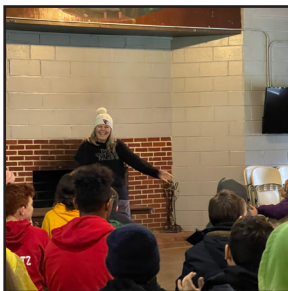
We opened our doors to a very special Grandparents'/ Special Persons' Day last Tuesday. We split the day up to host our grandparents and Special Persons in two sessions to accommodate the numbers expected. There was such excitement as our children awaited the arrival of their Special Guests. yet we took time to remember in prayer those who could not be with us. (Grandparents and other Special People in our lives are always with us.) We began each session in a very packed church with a prayer service. At the prayer service, I shared this reflection with all of our honored guests:

*"Few can bring the warmth we can find in their embrace.
And little more is needed to bring love than the smile on their face.
They have a supply of special stories, yet they have time to wipe a tear,
Or give us reasons to make us laugh.
They grow more precious through the years.
I believe that God sent us these Special People as our legacy from above,
To share the moments of our lives as extra measures of His love."*

Following the prayer service, our children and their guests made their way back to the classrooms where teachers had a variety of activities prepared. As I walked around the classrooms, there were very active games of Kahoot occurring, number and letter bingo, line dancing, questions from the past, math games, and a host of other activities! To close Grandparents'/ Special Persons' Day, they were treated to a presentation created by our WSMS staff on the importance these people are in the lives of so many of our children. I would have to say that for me, this is always one of our more powerful faith experiences because we were together as a school united in prayer, and we had the good fortune of having so many of our Grandparents and Special Persons present.

Our students in Gr. 6-8 spent two days the previous week at Camp Christopher. Although the weather did not cooperate, spirits were high and a great time was had by all. Normally, only the 6th Grade attends Camp Christopher, but because of Covid, students in Gr. 7&8 missed their opportunities, and I wanted them to have that same great outdoor experience. Camp Christopher provides an Environmental Education Program which allows the science of ecology to move beyond textbooks. The course includes the academic-oriented examination of many domains of environmental sciences, including habitats, predator-prey relationships, and human relationships with nature. The pictures say it all!

Have a great week!
Mrs. Cocita



THE WEEK AHEAD IN OUR PARISH

Saturday,	October 29	
3:00 pm	Confessions	
4:00 pm	Mass	
Sunday,	October 30	
8:30 am	Mass	
9:30 am	Rosary	CH
11:30 am	Mass w/Children's Choir (LS)	
11:30 am	Sunday Preschool	CR
Monday,	October 31	
8:30 am	Mass	
2:00 pm	Children's Choir Rehearsals	CH
Tuesday,	November 1	
8:30 am	Mass w/School	
6:00 pm	6th Gr. Football Social	SH
Wednesday,	November 2	
3:00 pm	RCIC	SH
4:00 pm	Confirmation Group Loftus	SH
5:30 pm	RCIC	CC
6:30 pm	Scout Pack #268 Den Mtg.	SH
7:00 pm	Prayer Service	CH
Thursday,	November 3	
8:30 am	Mass	
6:00 pm	Pack #268 Den Mtg.	SH
7:00 pm	Troop #293	CC
Friday,	November 4	
8:30 am	Mass	
9:00 am	School Eucharistic Adoration	
3:30 pm	Eucharistic Adoration	
Saturday,	November 5	
3:00 pm	Confessions	
4:00 pm	Mass w/HNS Corporate Communion	
Sunday,	November 6	
8:30 am	Mass	
9:30 am	Rosary	CH
11:30 am	Mass w/Youth Group (LS)	
11:30 am	Sunday Preschool	CR
6:30 pm	Youth Group	CC

Note: (LS)=Livestreamed



St. Mark Youth Group Fall/Winter 2022 Schedule

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

Last Week's Collection

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 3,744.00
Faith Direct	\$ 5,405.00
Total Sunday Contributions	\$ 9,149.00

Faith Direct ~ Number of Donors = 260

Thank you for your generosity!

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 Stieglmeyer, Edward Thomas, Joseph Toole, Jacob Trefney, Jonah Treible, Lukas Whitney.
God Bless them all!

Kathy O'Malley
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