



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 6, 2025

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whatever town you enter
and they welcome you,
eat what is set before you,
cure the sick in it and say
to them, 'The kingdom of
God is at hand for you.'"

- Lk 10:8-9

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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 7

8:30am Mass Terry & Cynthia McManamon

Tuesday, July 8

6:45am Mass @ St. Mel

Wednesday, July 9

Thursday, July 10

8:30am Mass Katie Burkhart

Friday, July 11-St. Benedict

6:45am Mass @ St. Mel

Saturday, July 12

3:00pm Confessions

3:00pm Confessions @ St. Mel

4:00pm Mass Ed Toth

4:30pm Mass @ St. Mel

Sunday, July 13-Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00am Mass @ St. Mel

8:30am Mass Rita Szy

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.
Irene Gurchensky		Joseph Zavatchen Sr.
Carol Hughes		Joseph Zavatchen Jr.

Other Intentions

Weekly Luke McGraw Memorial Candles Intention

Madeline McMahon

Wedding Banns III

Benjamin Campbell & Collette Joyce

Liturgical Ministers	emHCs	Lectors	Servers
Saturday, July 12 @ 4:00pm	Lou Toth John Levis Marian Lundeen	Al Abel	Declan Fitzpatrick Kerri Gompf
Sunday, July 13 @ 8:30am	Mary Stamper Karen Cocita Bridget Blayney	Michael Grathwol Laura Skonce	London Dinya Gabriela Santos
Sunday, July 13 @ 11:30am	Rosanne Kelley Annamaria Masterson Shawn Wroten	Agnes Butler NOT FILLED	Cormac Wroten Jackson Wroten

NEWS AND EVENTS

Offertory Collections

In-Pew Collection (see 7/13 bulletin) \$
Faith Direct (past month weekly total) \$ 5,394.00
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:

July 13th, August 3rd and August 17th




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.



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

Share the Prayers!



Share God's Love

St. Mark/St. Mel Faith Build

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!

Christmas in July

Babies and Children (up to age 12) will be our focus next weekend.

The Providence House and West Side Catholic Center have requested diapers (sizes #4-5-6), pull-ups (large), clothing (toddler and older), boys & girls underwear, girls undershirts (sizes 2T-7), children's shoes, and toys/activities (ages 6-12). All new items only please. All of your donations are appreciated. Thank you! May God bless all!

Reminders and Regular Events

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

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: July 13th
August 17th
September 14th

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.

VIRTUS Program Compliancy

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.

General Parish Calendar

Saturday,	June 28
3:00 pm	Confessions
4:00 pm	Mass
Sunday,	June 29
8:30 am	Mass
9:30 am	Rosary
11:30 am	Mass LS
12:30 pm	Parish Picnic CC/PL
12:30 pm	Young Families @ Parish Picnic
Monday,	June 30
8:30 am	Mass
Tuesday,	July 1
Wednesday,	July 2
Thursday,	July 3
8:30 am	Mass
5:00 pm	Pastoral Picnic St. Mark & St. Mel PP
7:00 pm	Troop #293 SH
Friday,	July 4
	Parish Office Closed
4:00 pm	Eucharistic Adoration
Saturday,	July 5
3:00 pm	Confessions
4:00 pm	Mass
Sunday,	July 6
8:30 am	Mass
9:30 am	Rosary
11:30 am	Mass LS

Military

Please pray for our military presently serving.

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

NEWS AND EVENTS

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!!!

Catholic Renewal Ministries' 42nd Annual Conference

Saturday, July 26, 2025

All are invited to attend Catholic Renewal Ministries' 42nd Annual Conference to be held on Saturday, July 26, 2025, at St. Albert the Great Parish Life Center, 6667 Wallings Rd., North Royalton. This year's theme is "The Joy of the Lord is My Strength". Guest speakers will be Dr. Jaci Sabol, a neuropsychologist, who is a longtime worship leader and speaker on the faith and who serves on the board of Faith on Fire!, Dave Van Vickie, a popular speaker who presents on topics related to spiritual warfare, our call to holiness, and authentic Catholic spirituality, and Fr. Bob Franco, the Bishop's Liaison for Charismatic Renewal in the Cleveland Diocese. Auxiliary Bishop Michael G. Woost will be the celebrant for the Vigil Mass, and Matt Fafrak will lead us in contemporary praise music throughout the day and evening.

Visit the CRM website: www.crmweb.org or call 440-944-9445 for more information. Advance registration postmarked by Wednesday, July 16th, is \$40, and at the door \$50. Come, as we praise and exalt Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit and celebrate the Jubilee Year.

A poster for "Wednesday Evenings Live" at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. The poster features a red background with white text. The main title "WEDNESDAY EVENINGS LIVE" is in large, bold, white letters. To the right, it says "+ VESPERS + LIVE MUSIC" and "+ COMMUNITY + FOOD" in red. Below that, it says "CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST" and "Wednesdays in the courtyard | 5:30-8PM" in black. At the bottom, it says "saintjohncathedral.com" in red. There is a small circular logo on the right side of the poster. The background of the poster shows a crowd of people with their hands raised in the air.

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Jubilee Audience of Pope Leo XIV, on 18 June 2025

CATECHESIS OF THE HOLY FATHER

To hope is to connect. Irenaeus of Lyon

I offer a warm greeting to all of you who are taking part in the Jubilee of Sport and in this international gathering on “The Momentum of Hope,” sponsored by the Dicastery for Culture and Education. The time you spend together in these days will offer you a valuable opportunity to think about the relationship between athletic activity and the virtue of hope. When we think of it, sports are animated by hope, in the sense that they involve striving towards a goal, constantly trying to improve our performance and learning to work with others as a team. At the same time, our deepest hopes challenge us to make the world of sports an arena where authentically human and Christian values can be exercised and communicated to others for the building of a better world.

In the spirit of this Jubilee, then, I encourage you, and also the participants in the International Motorbike Rally, each in your own way, to be “missionaries of hope,” working to bring about a culture of ever greater solidarity, acceptance and fraternity. To all of you I cordially impart my Blessing.

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Dear brothers and sisters:

This morning we take up the series of catecheses on the Jubilee theme of hope begun by Pope Francis earlier this year. Like Jesus himself, God and man, the evangelical virtue of hope connects heaven and earth, our world and the kingdom of heaven. We see this reflected in the life of Saint Irenaeus of Lyon, a great bishop and theologian of the second century. Irenaeus was born in Asia Minor, nurtured in its apostolic traditions, and migrated to Europe as a missionary of the Gospel. His ministry was above all one of unity, grounded in the person of Jesus himself, true God and true man. By taking on our flesh, Jesus united us to one another, reconciling divisions and charging us to acknowledge him in all our brothers and sisters, especially the poor and those in need. Inspired by this teaching of Saint Irenaeus, may we work together for unity in our communities, opening doors and building bridges in place of walls. In this way, as pilgrims of hope, may we bear living witness to the Gospel message of unity, reconciliation and peace in Christ.

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Lo, I will spread prosperity over Jerusalem like a river,
and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing torrent. (Is 66:12)

Psalm:

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. (Ps 66)

Second Reading:

From now on, let no one make troubles for me;
for I bear the marks of Jesus on my body. (Gal 6:17)

Gospel:

Nevertheless, do not rejoice because the spirits
are subject to you,
but rejoice because your names are written in heaven." (Lk 10:20)

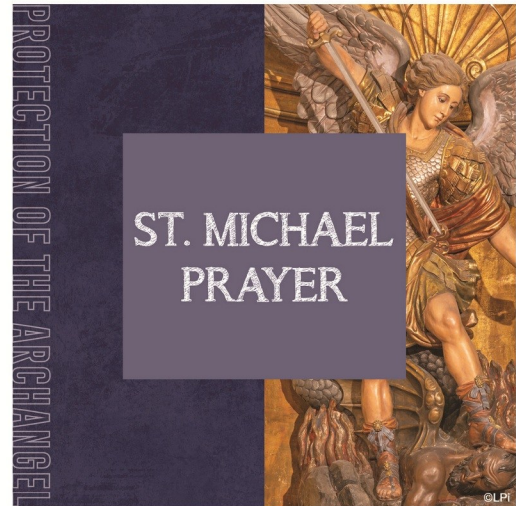
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

As he sends his disciples into the world to proclaim his name, Jesus tells them to be bold. He tells them to be flexible. To be forgiving. To be faithful. As we enter this week, let's remember these instructions. It's good advice, in any century.

Observances for the week of July 6, 2025

Sunday:	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wednesday:	St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
Friday:	St. Benedict, Abbot
Next Sunday:	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Devotions, Explained!

The prayer to St. Michael, composed by Pope Leo XIII, invokes the protection of the archangel Michael in the ongoing spiritual battle for the souls of all mankind. It is commonly said at the end of the rosary and by some parishes after the conclusion of Mass.

Prayer for Evangelization

As You reach out to the world,
Lord, let us be Your hands!
As You answer those crying, send us.
Let us be Your people, answer to
prayers prayed, comfort to the
afflicted.
May we be laborers in Your
harvest.
Amen.