



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.



January 21, 2024

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John.

They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him. - Mk 1:19-20

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PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Adam Zajac
Pastor

Deacon Dave Lundeen
Permanent Deacon

Mrs. Karen Cocita
Principal

Mrs. Meaghan McCarthy-Silver
Pastoral Minister

Mrs. Julia 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.

Papal Intention

January: For the gift of diversity in the Church. We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

Liturgy Schedule

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

Monday, January 22

8:30am Mass.....For the Legal Protection of all Unborn

Tuesday, January 23

6:45am Mass @ St. Mel

8:30am Mass.....Don & Winn Johnson

Wednesday, January 24-St. Francis de Sales

Thursday, January 25-The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

8:30am Mass.....Dave Adams

Friday, January 26-Sts. Timothy and Titus

6:45am Mass @ St. Mel

Saturday, January 27

3:00pm Confessions

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4:00pm Mass.....William O'Donnell

4:30pm Mass @ St. Mel

Sunday, January 28-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00am Mass @ St. Mel

8:30am Mass.....Joseph Spicuzza

10:00am Mass @ St. Mel

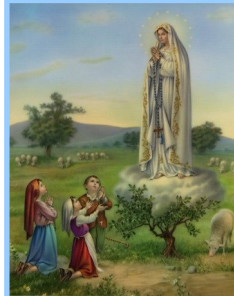
11:30am Mass.....Vernon Pellman, Jr.

Luke McGraw Memorial Candles

Weekly Intention

January 21

Special Intention



Please come to pray WITH Mary, Our Blessed Mother, in this beautiful devotion, The Rosary. We are living in troubled times and so much in need of peace within our souls and for the world. We ask Mary, Our Mother, to intercede and lead us contemplating the mysteries of Jesus. "The Family that Prays together, Stays together"...Fr. Patrick Peyton
Every Sunday following the 8:30am Mass

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



William Adams
Gianna Andolina
Carol Behnke
Jack Behnke
Katy Brent
Henry Buehner
James Coyne
Margaret Fadrowski
Nicole Foerstner
Mary Frantz
Theresa Fridrich

Lisa Groh
Irene Gurchensky
Gerri Joecken
David Kurth
Catherine Kutsick
Loree Leasure-Poirier
Cheryl McArthur
Jim McIlwee
Mary Miller
Maisie Nowlin
Sr. Josette Obodzinski

Bill Retzer
Sr. Mary Ann Spangler
Mary Stark
Nora Sudetic
Lena Sunyak
George Surovec
Herb Tippie
Georgieann Treible
Joe Wantz
Charlotte Whiting
Lillian Zahara
Joseph Zavatchen Jr.

Liturgical Ministers January 27 & 28

Saturday, January 27 @ 4:00pm

Eucharistic Ministers Michelle Eggers, John Levis, Mary Price

Lector: Al Abel

Altar Server: Fia Drvenkar, Luca Drvenkar, Evan Lentz

Sunday, January 28 @ 8:30am

Eucharistic Ministers Kathy O'Malley, Mary Stamper, Laura Skonce

Lector: Tim Mohr, Monica Svetz

Altar Server: Julia McNulty, Maeve Smith, Joe Svetz

Sunday, January 28 @ 11:30am

Eucharistic Ministers Eileen Andrews, Annamaria Masterson, Cari Foster

Lector: Lisa Braun, Carole Iseli

Altar Server: Gianna Andolina, Joseph Andolina, Clare Hurley

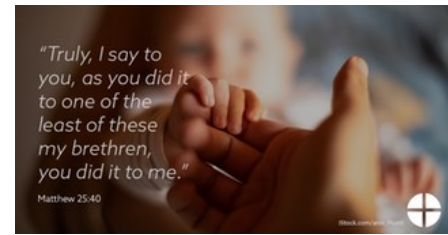
Weekly Collections

Sunday Envelopes:.....\$ 4,024.00

Faith Direct:.....\$ 5,210.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Next week we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the good News of Christ. To learn more about how your gifts make a difference, visit www.usccb.org/latin-america



RESPECT LIFE

As we remember and pray for Unborn children on this weekend, we could use this resource to assist our prayers: The U.S. Catholic Bishop's 9 Days For Life novena is on-going at [9 Day for Life](https://www.respectlife.org/9-days-signup) through January 24th.

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9 Days for Life is a novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life.

May God bless them all!

"It was such a pleasure to celebrate Christmas masses with a robust music team. If you're interested in joining us for Easter, rehearsals begin on Tuesday, January 23rd, 7-8:30pm at St. Mark. Children's Choir rehearsal begin on Tuesday, February 20th from 5:30-6:30pm and run for six weeks. Vocalists & instrumentalists are happily welcome!"

EASTER CHOIR MELS & MARKS

VOCALISTS & INSTRUMENTALISTS

Holy Week & Easter Mass Schedule

Holy Thursday @ St. Mark 7 PM

Good Friday @ St. Mark 3 PM

Holy Saturday @ St. Mel 9 PM

Easter morning @ St. Mark 8:30 AM

Easter morning @ St. Mel 10 AM

Easter morning @ St. Mark 11:30 AM CHILDREN'S CHOIR

group performance plans TBD @ first rehearsal

Choir Rehearsals

Easter Choir Rehearsals BEGIN Tuesday 1/23 @ 7PM, Marks

Bring a friend!

1/23 | 1/30 | 2/6 | 2/13 | 2/20 | 2/27 | 3/5 | 3/12 | 3/19 | 3/26

Note: We may add Thursday rehearsals in March if needed.

Instrumentalists

Contact Julia.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR REHEARSALS

Tuesdays @ 5:30-6:30 PM Beginning 2/20

JWallace@StMarkCleveland.com

EASTER CHILDRENS CHOIR

ST. MARK & ST. MEL
CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Easter morning @ St. Mark 11:30 AM

Choir Rehearsals

During seasonal choir preparations,
K-8 Children's Choir will rehearse on Tuesday evenings.

Tuesday's 5:30-6:30 @ St. Mark

2/20 | 2/27 | 3/5 | 3/12 | 3/19 | 3/26

Saint Mark Youth Singers

(Paced for Grades 5-8)

Continue to rehearse on Mondays 2:30-3:00.

Schedule resumes on 1/22/2024

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First Friday Commitment Wanted

On every first Friday of the month we regularly have Eucharistic Adoration from 3:30pm to 7:00pm. While all parishioners are always welcome to come and pray during that time, we would like to have a roster of parishioners committed to coming at specific times. If you would like to sign up for an hour of adoration beginning on any half-hour of the time for adoration, please call the Parish Office.

St. Mark Youth Group Tobogganing Night

When:
February 9th, 2024 | 5:30-9:30pm

Where:
Strongsville Toboggan Chutes and Chalet
16200 Valley Pkwy, Strongsville, OH 44136

Who:
Open to anyone in Grades 9th-12th

What:
Tobogganing in the Strongsville Metroparks!
Meet at St. Mark at 5:30pm to carpool. Depart
for tobogganing by 6:00pm. Return to St. Mark
for pick-up at 9:30pm.
The cost to toboggan is \$10 per person.

How:
Sign up by emailing Michael Kay at
mkay@stmarkcleveland.com or by calling
216-904-4774.

FOOD SUNDAY

Next weekend, we start another new year of helping feed the poor in our area! St. Patrick - West Park hands out all these items to their Clients: canned peas, corn, green beans, pork & beans, beef stew, sloppy joe, chili w/beans, sauce w/meat, spaghetti, tuna, chicken noodle/tomato/cream of mushroom soups, ramen noodles, peaches, pears, mixed fruits, apple sauce (jar), rice, instant potatoes, egg noodles, stuffing, mac & cheese, cereal, pancake mix & syrup, jello, peanut butter & jelly (squeezable), and saltine crackers.

They appreciate all of your donations.
Thank you!
May God bless us all!

HOLY NAME SOCIETY NEWS



Welcome All Parishioners
18 and Older

We meet the second Tuesday of the Month at
6:00pm in the Social Hall

Interested?
Email Jim Cocita at jimcocita@gmail.com

Please remember Deacon Dave in your prayers!



All are invited to the annual
St. Mark Super Bowl party
Sunday, February 11th

Admission
Free Will donation of \$10

Beer & soft drinks, pizza and snacks provided
Scoring squares and "game-question"
contests available

You may bring your own appetizers and games.
NO BYOB

Doors open at 5pm St. Mark Social Hall
Sponsored by The St. Mark Holy Name Society

Birthright Baby Bottle Donations

We are sponsoring a fundraiser for Birthright, a pregnancy crisis and counseling center. Baby bottles will be available to pick up at all Church entrances. If you are able, please pick up a baby bottle, fill it with spare change to 'help make a change in a young woman's life'. Please return the filled bottles the weekend of January 13 & 14 and January 20 & 21. Bottles may also be returned to the Parish Office.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

THE WEEK AHEAD IN OUR PARISH

Saturday,	January 20	
9:00 am	Basketball Tournament	FR/G
3:00 pm	Confessions	
4:00 pm	Mass	
	<i>Baby Bottle Drop Off</i>	
Sunday,	January 21	
8:30 am	Mass	
9:30 am	Rosary	
9:30 am	Young Families	SH
11:30 am	Mass (LS)	
11:30 am	Sunday Pre-School	CR
1:00 pm	Basketball Tournament	FR/G
4:00 pm	Living Stations	CH
6:00 pm	Youth Group	CC
Monday,	January 22	
8:30 am	Mass	
2:30 pm	Youth Choir Prac.	CH
5:00 pm	Basketball Tournament	FR/G
6:00 pm	Living Stations	CH
6:30 pm	PSR Class Gr. 1-8	CR
Tuesday,	January 23	
8:30 am	Mass 2/2nd Floor	
5:00 pm	Basketball Tournament	FR/G
7:00 pm	Choir Prac.	CH
Wednesday,	January 24	
	<i>Science Fair</i>	<i>SH</i>
1:30 pm	Awards Assembly	CH
3:00 pm	School	SH
5:00 pm	Basketball Tournament	FR/G
6:30 pm	Scout Pack #268	SH
Thursday,	January 25	
	<i>Science Fair</i>	<i>SH</i>
8:30 am	Mass	
5:00 pm	Basketball Tournament	FR/G
7:00 pm	Candidate/Sponsor Night	CH
7:00 pm	Troop #293	CC
Friday,	January 26	
	<i>Science Fair</i>	<i>SH</i>
	<i>Book Fair</i>	<i>SH</i>
5:00 pm	Basketball Tournament	FR/G
Saturday,	January 27	
	<i>Science Fair</i>	<i>SH</i>
	<i>Book Fair</i>	<i>SH</i>
9:00 am	Basketball Tournament	FR/G
3:00 pm	Confessions	
4:00 pm	Mass	
Sunday,	January 28	
	<i>Catholic Schools Week</i>	
	<i>Foos Sunday</i>	
	<i>Science & Book Fair</i>	<i>SH</i>
8:30 am	Mass w/Teachers	
9:30 am	School Open House	SCH/G
9:30 am	Rosary	
11:30 am	Mass w/Youth Choir (LS)	
1:00 pm	Basketball Tournament	FR/G
4:00 pm	Living Stations	CH

Note: (LS)=Livestreamed



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*Thank you for supporting
St. Mark Church!*

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!

Kathy O'Malley womalfam@sbcglobal.net for any updates.



REQUEST FOR 2023 CONTRIBUTION REPORT

Please send a request via email to dbroughton@stmarkcleveland.com or fill out this form and return it to the Parish Office.

Name (print) _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Email report to: _____

Pick up at Parish Office _____ Mail to above address _____

Principal News

Padua Franciscan High School's Fine Arts Department sponsors an Art and Literary Competition for students at the elementary level every year. Several of our children had submissions made to this and received a certificate for their work being chosen for entry. Congratulations to Max L., Norah P., Declan H., Clara G., Liam L., and Barrett J. Three of our students, Raynah Y., Ada P., and Kathryn S. placed in the top three for their grade levels and received special recognition and awards. Congratulations to all these students as well as their Art teacher, Mrs. Hanna. Some of their submitted art work is found below.

Our St. Edward Classroom of Champions Team has finished strong each month of competition. Scoring for this event is based on both speed and accuracy. This month the topic was Fine Arts. I am happy to report that our team from St. Mark walked away in 1st Place and is currently in the lead for the entire year thus far. Our students practice with their moderators, Miss McLaughlin and Mrs. Hanna, during their lunch hours preparing for the monthly topics as well as possible. I continue to wish them good luck as the months progress. A special thanks to St. Edward High School for sponsoring this competition for academics.

Last week, we celebrated our Cleveland Browns with a Browns Day here at school. Student Council and other students made posters to cheer them on. One of our parents, Mr. Reichel and his son, hung their large Cleveland Browns flag in front of the school, a flag that once used to hang over Cleveland Browns Stadium. Throughout the day, classes were encouraged to get their photos taken in front of the flag. News stations came out to photograph our Cleveland Browns fans. While the outcome wasn't what we expected or hoped for, we are very proud of all that the Browns were able to accomplish when faced with adversity. I believe all of us can say... wait till next year!

Finally, as we celebrate *School Choice Week*, we are thankful to provide a Catholic education for any family who wants to take advantage of this opportunity because of the scholarships available through the state of Ohio. School registration for our current families begins this week, and registration for new families begins the week of February 5th.

Mrs. Cocita



St. Mark School Registration for 2023-2024

Registration for the 2023-2024 school year will begin on Monday, January 29, 2024, for all returning families and returning families with new student(s) going into Pre-school or Kindergarten.

Registration will take place using your Digital Academy account. The Digital Academy link can also be found on the school website's main page. Priority registration concludes Sunday February 4, 2024.

Open registration for new families to St. Mark School entering K-8 will begin Monday February 5, 2024. Registration will take place through the Digital Academy link on the school website's main page. Interested families may arrange a private tour by contacting the school office at 216-524-4115.



St. Mark School Open House will take place on Sunday, January 28, 2024, between 9:30-11:30. Prospective new families will have the opportunity to tour the school and meet the classroom teachers.