



# 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.

June 8, 2025

## PENTECOST SUNDAY

"We will come to him and  
make our dwelling with him."  
- Jn 14:23

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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](http://bible.usccb.org)

### Monday, June 9-The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

8:30am Mass .....Sheila McGuire

### Tuesday, June 10

6:45am Mass @ St. Mel

### Wednesday, June 11-St. Barnabas

### Thursday, June 12

### Friday, June 13-St. Anthony of Padua

6:45am Mass @ St. Mel

### Saturday, June 14

3:00pm Confessions

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4:00pm Mass ..... For the Parishioners of St. Mark Parish  
and the Parishioners of St. Mel Parish

4:30pm Mass @ St. Mel

### Sunday, June 15-The Most Holy Trinity

7:00am Mass @ St. Mel

8:30am Mass ..... Mike Lehto

10:00am Mass @ St. Mel

11:30am Mass ..... Evelyn Moran

## 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	Georgieann Treible
Nicole Foerstner	Jack Mohar	Joe Wantz
Mary Frantz	Maisie Nowlin	Charlotte Whiting
Theresa Fridrich	Bill Retzer	Lillian Zahara
Irene Gurchensky	Mary Stark	Lew Zahara Jr.
Carol Hughes	Sr. Josette Obodzinski	Joseph Zavatchen Sr.
	Judy Reitz	Joseph Zavatchen Jr.

## Pray for the Deceased

Ray Klimczyk, Father of Dean Klimczyk

Robert Kasarda, Father of Laurie Hertelendy

May perpetual light shine upon them

## Other Intentions

### Weekly Luke McGraw Memorial Candles Intention

Dolly Tinnirello

### Baptized This Week

Walter Griffiths

Liturgical Ministers	emHCs	Lectors	Servers
Saturday, June 14 @ 4:00pm	Mary Price John Levis Marian Lundeen	Lou Toth	Kerri Gompf Mary Kugler-Blayney
Sunday, June 15 @ 8:30am	Michael Kay Mary Stamper Annamaria Masterson	Tim Mohr NOT FILLED	Luke Meisterics Colin Weaver
Sunday, June 15 @ 11:30am	Lisa Ditzel Rosanne Kelley Deirdre Mueller	Mary Lewis NOT FILLED	Eoin Mueller Patrick Mueller

## NEWS AND EVENTS

### Offertory Collections

In-Pew Collection (past week) .....\$ 3,364.50  
Faith Direct (past month weekly total) .....\$ 5,394.00  
Thank you for your generosity!

### Parish News

#### St. Mark Bereavement Group

Tuesday's at 7pm

Six sessions of bereavement will be offered to those who are in need of support while experiencing grief and loss. Please consider joining us as we journey together through the Seasons of Hope program. Please call Meaghan at the Parish Office to register 216-226-7577.

May 20  
May 27  
June 3  
June 10  
June 17  
June 24

#### 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:

May 18th  
June 1st  
June 8th  
July 13th  
August 3rd  
August 17th

#### St. Mark PSR Program 2025-2026

Registration

Our St. Mark PSR program is on Monday evenings from 6:30 – 7:30 in the school building. We serve students in Grades 1 – 8. Students in grades 2 and 8 are prepared to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist (grade 2) and Confirmation (Grade 8), as part of our curriculum. **For a student to receive these Sacraments they MUST be enrolled and attend PSR the previous year.**

You can register in a number of different ways for the 2025-2026 school year:

**Registration is due with payment by June 10, 2025.**

1. Current PSR families will receive a packet with the registration materials. The packet will be sent home with your child.
2. The materials can be downloaded from the St. Mark Church website [www.stmarkcleveland.com](http://www.stmarkcleveland.com), under heading FAMILIES (at the top of the page) and by clicking the PSR tab.
3. Registration materials can also be picked up at the Parish Office.

Registration forms and payment can be dropped off at the Parish Office or put in the Sunday collection, marked to the attention of PSR.

Classes will begin in September.

For any questions or additional information, you can contact Jeannette Puckett at the Parish Office at 216-226-7577 or through email at [jpuckettpsr@stmarkcleveland.com](mailto:jpuckettpsr@stmarkcleveland.com).



## Share God's Love

### St. Mark/St. Mel Faith Build

**Dean's Greenhouse 2025 Spring In-Store Fundraiser**

**to benefit the St. Mark/St. Mel Faith Build**

**May 1 through June 30**

Spring has sprung, and it's time to spruce up your garden and yard! Shop Dean's Greenhouse for all your gardening needs starting May 1, 2025, through June 30, 2025, mention St. Mark/St. Mel when you check out, and Dean's will donate 20% of your purchase to the St. Mark/St. Mel Faith Build.

Dean's Greenhouse is located at 3984 Porter Road, Westlake, 44145.

[www.deansgreenhouse.com](http://www.deansgreenhouse.com); 440-871-2050

Questions? Email Amy Asseff at [aasseff@aol.com](mailto:aasseff@aol.com).



### 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

#### SAVE THE DATE:

Sunday, June 29th 12:30-5:00pm

Holy Name Society Annual Parish Picnic. Join us for a day of gathering with others from St. Mark and St. Mel and former families of the parishes. This is a Free Will Donation! There will be hamburgers, hot dogs, brauts, ice cream and beverages. We will have games for kids of all ages. Bring a dish to share! More information to come at a later date. See you there!

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#### 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 Dave at: bciancibello@gmail.com

Upcoming Dates: June 29th

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#### 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.

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#### 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](http://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](http://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](http://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.

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# NEWS AND EVENTS

## Regional and Diocesan News and Events

### Jubilee Anniversary Mass

Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist

We are always excited to celebrate the jubilee anniversary Mass for couples married 50 years. This Mass is celebrated at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in downtown Cleveland. On Sunday, June 29, 2025 at 2:00pm we will celebrate with all couples married in 1975. Everyone is invited and may bring family with them. Doors open at 1:30pm. This is not a tickets event. No registration required.

The Office of Marriage and Family Ministry is pleased to provide a letter from Bishop Malesic and a certificate for all couples married 50 years. Attendance at the 50th Wedding Anniversary Mass is not required.

Please go to the [www.dioceseofcleveland.org](http://www.dioceseofcleveland.org) website and search 50th Wedding Anniversary Jubilee Mass for more information and to request a certificate.

General Parish Calendar	
Saturday,	June 7
3:00 pm	Confessions
4:00 pm	Mass
Sunday,	June 8
8:30 am	Mass
8:30 am	Children's Liturgy of the Word SS
9:30 am	Rosary
11:30 am	Mass LS
6:00 pm	Youth Group CC/PP
Monday,	June 9
8:30 am	Mass
Tuesday,	June 10
6:00 pm	Holy Name Mtg. SH/PP
7:00 pm	Bereavement FR
Wednesday,	June 11
5:30 pm	Daisy's
Thursday,	June 12
7:00 pm	Troop #293 SH
Friday,	June 13
Saturday,	June 14
3:00 pm	Confessions
4:00 pm	Mass
Sunday,	June 15
8:30 am	Mass
9:30 am	Rosary
11:30 am	Mass LS

### 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](http://www.theFEST.us). For thousands across our region it truly is the highlight of the summer. Please join us!!!

### Military

Please pray for our military presently serving.

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

## General Audience of Pope Leo XIV, on 28 May 2025

**Cycle of Catechesis – Jubilee 2025. Jesus Christ our Hope. II. The life of Jesus. The parables 7. “Jesus Christ our hope. The Samaritan. When he saw him, he had compassion” (Lk 10:33b)**

Dear brothers and sisters,

We will continue to meditate on some parables of the Gospel, which are an opportunity to change perspective and open ourselves up to hope. The lack of hope, at times, is due to the fact that we fixate on a certain rigid and closed way of seeing things, and the parables help us to look at them from another point of view.

Today I would like to talk to you about an expert, knowledgeable person, a doctor of the Law, who however needs to change his perspective, because he is concentrated on himself and does not notice others (cf. Lk 10:25-37). Indeed, he questions Jesus on the way in which eternal life is “inherited”, using an expression that intends it as an unequivocal right. But behind this question perhaps it is precisely the need for attention that is concealed: the only word he asks Jesus to explain is the term “neighbor”, which literally means *he who is near*.

Jesus therefore tells a parable that is a path for transforming that question, to pass from *who loves me?* to *who has loved?* The first is an immature question, the second is the question of an adult who has understood the meaning of his life. The first question is the one we ask when we sit in the corner and wait, the second is the one that drives us to set out on the path.

The parable that Jesus tells has, in fact, a road as its setting, and it is a difficult and impervious road, like life. It is the road travelled by a man going down from Jerusalem, the city on the mountain, to Jericho, the city below sea level. It is an image that already foreshadows what might happen: it happens that the man is attacked, beaten, robbed and left half dead. It is the experience that happens when situations, people, sometimes even those we have trusted, take everything from us and leave us in the middle of the road.

However, life is made up of encounters, and in these encounters, we emerge for what we are. We find ourselves in front of others, faced with their fragility and weakness, and we can decide what to do: to take care of them or pretend nothing is wrong. A priest and a Levite go down that same road. They are people who serve in the Temple of Jerusalem, who live in the sacred space. And yet, the practice of worship does not automatically lead to being compassionate. Indeed, before being a religious matter, compassion is a question of humanity! Before being believers, we are called to be human.

We can imagine that, after staying a long time in Jerusalem, that priest and that Levite are in a hurry to return home. It is indeed haste, so present in our lives, that very often prevents us from feeling compassion. Those who think that their own journey must take precedence are not willing to stop for another.

But here comes someone who is actually able to stop: he is a Samaritan, hence a person belonging to a despised people (cf. 2 Kings 17). In his case, the text does not specify the direction, but only says that he was travelling. Religiosity does not enter into this. This Samaritan simply stops because he is a man faced with another man in need of help.

Compassion is expressed through practical gestures. The Evangelist Luke ponders the actions of the Samaritan, whom we call “good”, but in the text he is simply a person: a Samaritan approaches, because if you want to help someone, you cannot think of keeping your distance, you have to get involved, get dirty, perhaps be contaminated; he binds the wounds after cleaning them with oil and wine; he loads him onto his horse, taking on the burden, because one who truly helps if one is willing to feel the weight of the other’s pain; he takes him to an inn where he spends money, “two silver coins”, more or less two days of work; and he undertakes to return and eventually pay more, because the other is not a package to deliver, but someone to care for.

Dear brothers and sisters, when will we too be capable of interrupting our journey and having compassion? When we understand that the wounded man in the street represents each one of us. And then the memory of all the times that Jesus stopped to take care of us will make us more capable of compassion.

Let us pray, then, that we can grow in humanity, so that our relationships may be truer and richer in compassion. Let us ask the Heart of Jesus for the grace increasingly to have the same feelings as him.

# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire,  
which parted and came to rest on each one of them. (Acts 2:3)

### Psalm:

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. (Ps 104)  
Or: Alleluia.

### Second Reading:

As a body is one though it has many parts,  
and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body,  
so also Christ. (1 Cor 12:12)

### Gospel:

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you.  
As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (Jn 20:21)

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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"Whoever loves me will keep my word," Jesus tells his disciples, "and my Father...will come to him and make our dwelling with him." We know what's at stake. We know what we have to do. So when the Father comes, will He make His dwelling with us?

## Observances for the week of June 8, 2025

- Sunday:** Pentecost Sunday  
**Monday:** Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church  
**Wednesday:** St. Barnabas, Apostle  
**Friday:** St. Anthony of Padua,  
Priest and Doctor of the Church  
**Saturday:** Flag Day  
**Next Sunday:** The Most Holy Trinity; Father's Day



## Devotions, *Explained!*

The practice of praying before meals is Biblical, and in the Gospels, Jesus is shown praying before the Last Supper and other meals. In *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis urged the faithful "to return to this beautiful and meaningful custom."

## Prayer for Pentecost

Holy Spirit of God —  
Disturb this room with your  
presence today, filling us,  
empowering us, emboldening us.  
Descend upon us with your  
gifts, your inspiration, and your  
promptings.  
Lead us to where we should go,  
stirring within us the movement  
of God.  
Amen.