



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.



November 12, 2023

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“‘Lord, Lord, open the door for us!’ But he said in reply, ‘Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.’”
- Mt 25:11-12

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Mrs. Julia Wallace

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Youth Minister

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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

November: For the Pope. We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Liturgy Schedule

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

Monday, November 13-St. Francis Xavier

8:30am Mass.....Mary Buccieri

Tuesday, November 14

8:30am Mass.....Presider's Intention

6:45am Mass @ St. Mel

Wednesday, November 15

Thursday, November 16

8:30am Mass.....Presider's Intention

Friday, November 17-St. Elizaeth of Hungary

6:45am Mass @ St. Mel

Saturday, November 18

3:00pm Confessions

3:00pm Confessions @ St. Mel

4:00pm Mass.....Stephan & Irene Blasko

4:30pm Mass @ St. Mel

Sunday, November 19-Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00am Mass @ St. Mel

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

10:00am Mass @ St. Mel

11:30am Mass...For The Parishioners at St. Mark Parish and
St. Mel Parish

Liturgical Ministers November 18 & 19

Saturday, November 18 @ 4:00pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Kathy O'Malley, Shirley Toth, NOT FILLED

Lector: Paul Garbon

Altar Server: Mary Kugler-Blayney, Joseph Sowul, Patrick Sowul

Sunday, November 19 @ 8:30am

Eucharistic Ministers: Laura Skonce, Jessica Hanes, Karen Cocita

Lector: Mary Lewis, Monica Svetz

Altar Server: Bob LoPresti, Joe Svetz, Austin Tousley

Sunday, November 19 @ 11:30am

Eucharistic Ministers: Lisa Ditzel, Deirdre Mueller, NOT FILLED

Lector: Lisa Braun, Carole Iseli

Altar Server: Owen Glazier, Eoin Mueller, Patrick Mueller

Luke McGraw Memorial Candles

Weekly Intention

November 12

Dolly Tinnirello

IN MEMORIAM

*May the peace of our Lord be with
Thomas Smith, Brother of Mary Craven
And may God grant comfort to his family and friends.*

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
Helen Forlini
Mary Frantz
Theresa Fridrich

Irene Gurchensky
Gerri Joecken
David Kurth
Catherine Kutsick
Loree Leasure-Poirier
Jim McIlwee
Mary Miller
Maisie Nowlin
Sr. Josette Obodzinski
Ryan Puzzitiello Jr.
Bill Retzer

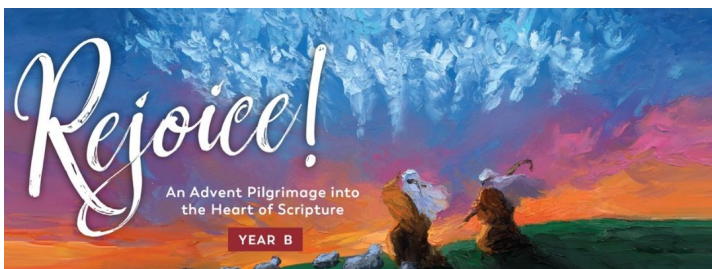
Sr. Mary Ann Spangler
Mary Stark
Nora Sudetic
Lena Sunyak
George Surovec
Herb Tippie
Georgieann Treible
Joe Wantz
Charlotte Whiting
Lillian Zahara
Joseph Zaatchen Jr.



Last Week's Collection

Sunday Envelopes:.....\$ 3,678.00
Faith Direct:.....\$ 5,185.00

Thank you for your generosity!



This year, St. Mark and St. Mel are going to be hosting an Advent Bible study using the Rejoice! Advent Journal from Ascension Press. We will meet weekly during Advent on Wednesdays at 7 in the St. Mel Hall to watch a brief video and discuss the Sunday readings. Our first meeting will be Wednesday, Nov 29.

Please sign up by calling the parish office, emailing msilver@stmarkcleveland.com, or on the signs around the church by Nov 13.



Tuesday, November 28, 2023

St. Mark Parish will be raising money for the new School HVAC system.

The project is estimated to cost \$1.1 million dollars, which includes replacing the old boiler with the new HVAC system, updated electrical system and drop ceilings with new lights fixtures in the classrooms. This is a much needed addition to the school building that will be made possible by your generous donations!

Watch the bulletins for more information each week!

**Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion,
Lectors, Sacristans, Ushers, Music Ministers,
Arts & Environment and Funeral Servers**

**Please join us for an
Evening of Reflection**

Thursday, November 16th 7pm at St. Mel

**Please RSVP to
stmel.net/rsvp**



Performances (Attend one or both)

ST. MARK 12/24 @ 4PM Mass. CALL TIME 3:00 PM

ST. MEL 12/24 @ 6PM Mass. CALL TIME 5:30 PM

Choir Rehearsals

Wednesday 11/29 @ 7PM- Bring a friend!

Wednesday 12/6 @ 7PM

Wednesday 12/13 @ 7PM

Wednesday 12/20 @ 7PM

Instrumentalists

RSVP VIA Email by 11/22

11/29 Sheet music distribution

Wednesday 12/6 @ 8PM Rehearsal

Wednesday 12/13 @ 8PM Rehearsal

Wednesday 12/30 @ 7PM COMBINED

ALL REHEARSALS HELD @ MEL'S

JWallace@StMarkCleveland.com

ATTENTION ALL LECTORS

Please stop in the sacristy after any weekend mass beginning this weekend, to pick up your new Lector workbook with your name on it.

The new Liturgical year begins
December 2 & 3

SCHOOL MASS PLAYLIST

Add the Saint Mark School Music Ministry Playlist to your browser & replay our celebration in your daily life! Search "SMS '23 Music Ministry" on YouTube.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY NEWS

Congratulations Deacon Dave for
winning the
Cleveland Diocesan Union of
Holy Name Societies
Distinguished Service Award

Congratulations
St. Mark Lions Varsity Football Team
CYO Champions
From the Holy Name Society

St. Mark Small Faith Sharing Groups

Are you interested in joining a group of like-minded
parishioners to dig into God's Word, share your faith journey,
and make new friends? Join a small faith sharing group!

Groups will be formed based on preferred meeting times and
similarities (gender, age range, etc.), as much as possible.
Sign up if you would like to learn more - no need to fully
commit at this time!

Call Meaghan at 216-226-7577 ex. 105, email
msilver@stmarkcleveland.com, or sign up in the school hallway

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.



Giving Tree Donations



Preparations are underway for our St. Mark Giving Tree
ministry! We will be serving the following organizations:
May Dugan Center, Fatima Family Center, St. Thomas
School, University Settlement Adult, University Settlement
Youth, St. Francis School and St. Mark Parish and school.
Ornaments will be placed on the Giving Tree located at the
front of the church beginning the weekend of **November
25 and 26.**

If you take an ornament to purchase a gift, please remem-
ber to attach the tag to the outside of the wrapped gift or
gift bag as the gifts are sorted by organization and checked
that each gift has been returned prior to delivery. Please
note that if multiple gift ideas are listed on the ornament,
you need not purchase every item listed. Or, if you are una-
ble to find a requested item, it is no problem to purchase a
similar item or gift card.

If you are ordering gifts online, please be mindful of deliv-
ery dates and possible shipping delays. Please return all
wrapped gifts under the Giving Tree by **NOON on Sun-
day, December 10.** At that time, the gifts are prepared for
delivery.

So many people make this ministry a huge success every
year and we could not make it all happen without many
helping hands. Thank you for your generous support and
making Christmas wishes come true for so many people in
our community!

Please join us in honoring our St. Mark teachers that retired
during the Covid years. Saturday, November 18th following
the 4pm mass in the Social Hall. Light refreshments will be
served.

Thank you for your many years of teaching our children. Mary
Ann Barry, Sue Burtch, Mary Krisko and Jan Welty.

Holiday Craft Fair
Saturday, November 18
Our Lady of Angels—Linus Hall
9:00am-3:00pm
51 vendors - All Handcrafted

THE WEEK AHEAD IN OUR PARISH

Saturday,	November 11	
10:00 am	Basketball Practice	G
3:00 pm	Confessions	
4:00 pm	Mass	
5:00 pm	Marker's 50+	SH
Sunday,	November 12	
8:30 am	Mass	
9:30 am	Rosary	CH
9:30 am	Young Families	SH
11:30 am	Mass (LS)	
11:30 am	Sunday Preschool	CR
2:00 pm	Basketball Practice	G
Monday,	November 13	
8:30 am	Mass	
4:00-9:00 pm	Basketball Practice	G
6:00 pm	Women's Retreat Mtg.	CC
6:00 pm	Men's Retreat Mtg.	SS
6:30 pm	PSR Class Gr. 1-8	CR
Tuesday,	November 14	
8:30 am	Mass w/1st Fl.	
4:30 pm	RCIC	CC
4:00-9:00 pm	Basketball Practice	G
6:00 pm	Holy Name Mtg.	SH/PP
7:00 pm	Parent Club Mtg.	CC
Wednesday,	November 15	
9:30 am	Geography Bee	G
4:00-9:00 pm	Basketball Practice	
5:15 pm	Daisy Troop	SH
7:00 pm	Bereavement	FR
Thursday,	November 16	
8:30 am	Mass	
4:00-9:00 pm	Basketball Practice	G
6:00 pm	Scout Pack #268	SH
7:00 pm	Troop #293	SH/PP
Friday,	November 17	
4:00-8:00 pm	Basketball Practice	G
Saturday,	November 18	
10:00am-2:00 pm	Basketball Practice	G
10:00 am	First Reconciliation	CH
3:00 pm	Confessions	
4:00 pm	Mass	
5:00 pm	Teacher's Retirement Social	SH
Sunday,	November 19	
8:30 am	Mass	
9:30 am	Rosary	CH
11:30 am	Mass (LS)	
11:30 am	Sunday Preschool	CR
2:00-8:00 pm	Basketball Practice	G

Note: (LS)=Livestreamed

VIRTUS COMPLIANCY — IMPORTANT

The USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) will be doing on-site audits at parishes in the Diocese of Cleveland. It is imperative that prior to working with children - coaches, scout leaders and helpers, St. Mark Staff, catechists & teachers (PSR and DAY school), parent volunteers, etc. - are Virtus compliant. This means that one must be:

- Virtus trained (see below)
- **Current with reading on-line bulletins**
- Read and signed off on Policy for **Protecting Children Revised 2016 (turn into Parish Office)**
- Read and signed off on **Standards of Conduct Revised 2016 (turn into Parish Office)**
- **New Volunteers must complete a Background Check through Virtus.org.** In the Virtus website click on the "Toolbox" tab, click on the Selection.com tab and begin the process. Must have a credit card to complete.
- **Current Volunteers with a BCI Fingerprint/Background check must renew after 5 years through Virtus.org click on the "Toolbox" tab, click on the Selection.com tab and begin the process. Must have a credit card to complete.**
- Filled out a **St. Mark Volunteer Application (turn into Parish Office)**

All of the above-mentioned requirements are mandatory. (You can check your compliancy by going to "Virtus.org", signing in, and clicking on the green 'Training' tab.) If you are not sure of your compliancy, call Cheryl Birchfield at the Parish Office (216-226-7577) and your compliancy will be verified. If one is not Virtus compliant, **YOU MAY NOT WORK/VOLUNTEER WITH CHILDREN.**

To see available Virtus training sessions please go to Virtusonline.org click on First Time Registrant, Begin Registration Process also available is List of Sessions, select the Cleveland Diocese. You MUST register to attend a session.



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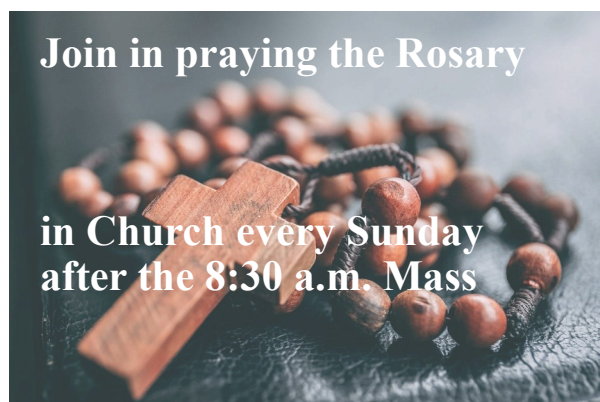
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If you forgot your user name or password follow the directions on the login screen.

If you have questions about Faith Direct go to the FAQ section of the website for answers.

*Thank you for supporting
St. Mark Church!*



Principal News

Time is flying by so quickly! It is hard to believe that Halloween has passed and we are only a few short weeks away from Thanksgiving. Below are two very emotionally different events our students experienced which I wanted to share with you. This is how life evolves when dealing with children, which is why I love what I do every single day!

Our children celebrated Halloween the Friday before with individual classroom parties for the students in Gr. PreK-4, hosted by Parent Club, while the older students attended an afternoon dance, sponsored by our Student Council. Parent Club brought back their Haunted House as well as a variety of games and activities set up in stations for the younger students to enjoy during their assigned class party times. This was a large event with individual stations that the children moved to, with each station featuring a different activity. This called for a host of volunteers, and Parent Club answered the call! Many thanks to them for hosting such a memorable event. At the opposite end of the building, the gym was transformed into a spooky dance hall with a photo booth, activities, and lots of music for dancing with our older students. Student Council, under the direction of Ms. DeGennaro, Mrs. Gunn, and Ms. Wazevich started planning for this event weeks before, paying very close attention to detail to assure its success. As evidenced by all the dancing that was occurring, it was a huge success. Because the weather cooperated so beautifully, the entire school was able to go outside for our Halloween stroll, so students and parents could see all the great costumes and join in the fun. It is always great to see the creative costumes the students come up with. One of the students even came dressed as me! Halloween 2023 is now a memory, but a great one for the record book.

Last week, our students in the 8th Grade visited the B'nai Jeshurun Congregation to learn about the Holocaust as well as hear personal stories from some Holocaust survivors who experienced this time in history as young children. The program is called *Face to Face*. Prior to the trip, our students study the background leading up to the Holocaust both in their Reading and Social Studies classes. The empathy and compassion the students gain from this trip is always heartfelt. After their return, I asked them to share some reflections with me on their takeaways. Here are what a few of them had to say:

Cami: It was difficult to understand how people could hurt other people just like them that much.

Erin: I am so beyond grateful that we got to hear from the children and grandchildren of Holocaust survivors. This once in a lifetime experience made me feel a mix of emotions. We got to take a picture with two ladies who were actual survivors. We are very fortunate.

Samira: It is important to learn from this that even the smallest act of kindness can go a long way.

Lauren: Seeing a survivor and hearing her story was both very cool and sad. I felt sorry for her when she said the temperature went below zero. I freeze in classrooms that are 55-60 degrees, so I can't imagine how miserable that was.

Drew: Being able to meet and listen to people who survived this horrific event is really amazing. This was a great trip and a once in a lifetime moment that I would highly recommend.

Danny: We were so blessed to hear from actual survivors. One important take-away was that they never gave up. Whether it was Mrs. Buchwald's dad and his family escaping capture by the Nazi's, surviving in a freezing Siberian labor camp, crossing a chunk of Europe to stay away from the Nazi's- they just never gave up hope. Overall, we were so blessed as a school to be able to go on this trip and be some of the last people to meet Holocaust survivors. This was such a wonderful experience.

Evan: The lessons learned from the survivors' stories will stick with me forever. The conditions these survivors had to go through were horrid, but by learning these stories, we can make sure this never happens again. We can also try to create more peace from these lessons to hope for a better and safer future. Hopefully each one of us can go out and create a better world.

Fia: I have never connected to an event as much as the Holocaust.

Owen: This fieldtrip made me realize how powerful faith is.

All I can say is these words, written from the hands of our children, say it much better than I ever could. Life experiences can be transforming, and our 8th Grade learned that first-hand. Special thanks to Mrs. Riordan for making these arrangements for this trip to occur.

Mrs. Cocita



Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Resplendent and unfading is wisdom,
and she is readily perceived by those who love her,
and found by those who seek her. (Wis 6:12)

Psalm:

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God. (Ps 63)

Second Reading:

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose,
so too will God, through Jesus,
bring with him those who have fallen asleep.
(1 Thes 4:14)

Gospel:

"Therefore, stay awake,
for you know neither the day nor the hour." (Mt 25:13)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

God knows that, sooner or later, we all face a night that is long and dark. He has given each of us exactly what we need to make it through. If we keep Him with us, the light will not go out.

Observances for the week of November 12, 2023

- Sunday:** 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin
Wednesday: St. Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Thursday: St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, Virgin
Friday: St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious
Saturday: The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin
Next Sunday: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saint of the week

Saint Rose-Philippine Duchesne was a French Roman Catholic religious sister and missionary who served France during the French Revolution before immigrating to the USA. She established the First Sacred Heart convent in North America and dedicated her life in service to the poor.

Prayer

Lord, You alone are the Center in which I find rest. Give me Your arm to support me, Your shoulders to carry me, Your breast to lean upon, Your Cross to uphold me, Your Body to nourish me. In You, Lord, I sleep and rest in peace.

Amen.

-Saint Rose-Philippine Duchesne

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