



# 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.



March 10, 2024

## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God. - Jn 3:20-21

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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

**March:** For the new martyrs. We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

### Liturgy Schedule

Scripture readings can be found online at:  
[bible.usccb.org](http://bible.usccb.org)

#### Monday, March 11

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

#### Tuesday, March 12

6:45am Mass @ St. Mel

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

#### Wednesday, March 13

#### Thursday, March 14

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

#### Friday, March 15

6:45am Mass @ St. Mel

5:00pm Wedding

#### Saturday, March 16

3:00pm Confessions

3:00pm Confessions @ St. Mel

4:00pm Mass.....Donna Williams

4:30pm Mass @ St. Mel

#### Sunday, March 17

7:00am Mass @ St. Mel

8:30am Mass.....Luke McGraw

10:00am Mass @ St. Mel

11:30am Mass...For the Parishioners of St. Mark Parish and  
St. Mel Parish

### Liturgical Ministers March 16 & 17

#### Saturday, March 16 @ 4:00pm

**Eucharistic Ministers** Gloria Morin, Mary Price, Bridget Blayney

**Lector:** Gary Morin

**Altar Server:** Huston Engle, Charlotte Greulich, Mary Kugler-Blayney

#### Sunday, March 17 @ 8:30am

**Eucharistic Ministers** Karen Cocita, Michael Kay, NOT FILLED

**Lector:** Mary Lewis, NOT FILLED

**Altar Server:** Anthony McGervey, Albert McGervey, Austin Tousley

#### Sunday, March 17 @ 11:30am

**Eucharistic Ministers** Eileen Andrews, Lisa Ditzel, NOT FILLED

**Lector:** Cari Foster, NOT FILLED

**Altar Server:** Clare Hurley, Jack Koch, Andrew Koch

### Luke McGraw Memorial Candles

### Weekly Intention

**March 3**

**Dolly Tinnirello**



### Banns of Marriage

### Wedding Banns III

Evan Wypasek & Melissa Finnegan

### IN MEMORIAM

*May the peace of our Lord be with  
Mark Matowitz  
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  
Mary Frantz  
Theresa Fridrich

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

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



### Weekly Collections

Sunday Envelopes:..... \$ 3,850.00

Faith Direct:..... \$ 5,381.00

**Thank you for your generosity!**



## Lenten Information

### Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 15 - 12:00pm @ St. Mel

Friday, March 22 - 7:30pm Living Stations @ St. Mark

### LENTEN FISH FRIES

March 15-5pm-7pm @ St. Mel

March 22-5pm-7pm @ St. Mark



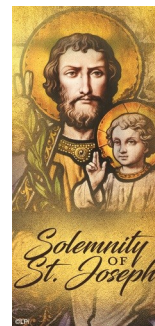
### St. Mark, St. Chris, and OLA Present The Living Stations of the Cross

Join the youth of these parishes for this powerful prayer and performance as we journey through Holy Week this year.

Friday, March 22nd | 7:30pm | St. Mark Parish  
15800 Montrose Ave., Cleveland, OH 44111

Sunday, March 24th | 7pm | St. Christopher Parish  
20141 Detroit Rd, Rocky River, OH 44116

Friday, March 29th | 7pm | OLA Parish  
3600 Rocky River Dr, Cleveland, OH 44111



### St. Joseph Altar

Celebrated the weekend of March 16 & 17

**Write petitions on papers found in a basket by the St. Joseph statue**

**Be sure to take a fava bean, medal and prayer card**

We will be collecting items for St. Edward High School Labre Ministry. The Labre ministry allows students, faculty & staff, alumni, and friends of St. Edward to directly serve the immediate needs of the poor every Thursday through the entire year. The ministry immersion, named after St. Benedict Joseph Labre, the patron saint of the homeless, allows students to see and experience the struggles of our homeless friends on the streets. This ministry is powerful as our students help prepare the meal, meet, and serve our poor brothers and sisters by coming to them.

Students hand-deliver food, clothing, hygiene kits, etc. to those we visit each week. This helps to instill in our students that every human being has dignity and that we should be preferential in charity to the poorest among us.

Any non-perishable items are appreciated especially canned soups.

### 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 Parish Outreach Program

#### Mark's Madness

There will be a second collection for the Parish Outreach program after all Masses the weekend of March 9 & 10. Envelopes can be found in the March envelope packet or on Faith Direct. All proceeds collected go directly to the St. Mark Parish Outreach fund, which helps parishioners in our parish who may need some assistance.

There is also **Marks Madness**, Sunday, March 10 from 6-8pm which is a FUN FUNdraiser for this cause. Hope to see you there! Flyers at the church entrances.

Thank you for your continued generosity!



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



#### St. Mark Holy Name Society

Welcome All  
Men and Women Parishioners  
18 and Older  
We Meet Second Tuesday of the Month  
at 6:00 in the Social Hall

Interested?

Email [jimcocita@gmail.com](mailto:jimcocita@gmail.com)

Please Remember  
Deacon Dave in your Prayers

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 [womalfam@sbcglobal.net](mailto:womalfam@sbcglobal.net) for any updates.



[www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net)

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*Thank you for supporting  
St. Mark Church!*

### REQUEST FOR 2023 CONTRIBUTION REPORT

Please send a request via email to [dbroughton@stmarkcleveland.com](mailto: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 \_\_\_\_\_

# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

Early and often did the LORD, the God of their fathers,  
send his messengers to them,  
for he had compassion on his people and his  
dwelling place.

But they mocked the messengers of God,  
despised his warnings, and scoffed at his prophets,  
until the anger of the LORD against his people was  
so inflamed  
that there was no remedy. (2 Chr 36:15-16)

### Psalm:

Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you! (Ps 137)

### Second Reading:

God, who is rich in mercy,  
because of the great love he had for us,  
even when we were dead in our transgressions,  
brought us to life with Christ. (Eph 2:4-5)

### Gospel:

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him might not perish  
but might have eternal life. (Jn 3:16)

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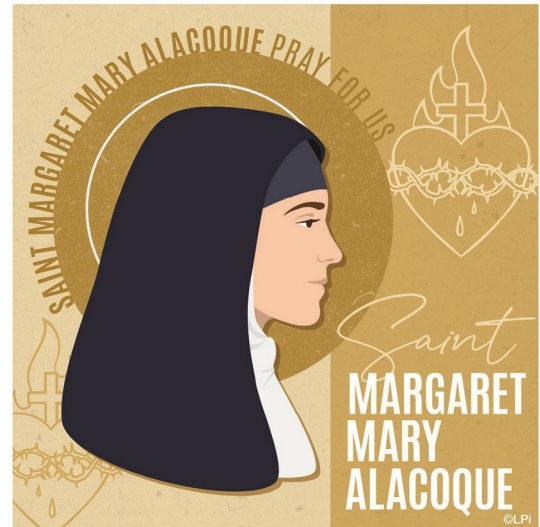
## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Out of love for us, God sent His son into the world,  
to illuminate the truth that brings salvation. But  
light can be blinding to eyes that have only seen  
darkness. Pray that God will teach us to walk  
bravely in the light.

## Observances for the week of March 10, 2024

**Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Lent, Daylight Saving Time begins

**Next Sunday:** 5th Sunday of Lent



## Saint of the week

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque was a French nun who had visions of Jesus and his Sacred Heart. She devoted her life to promoting Eucharistic adoration and the Feast of the Sacred Heart. Her Thursday night holy hours are still a common practice among modern Catholics!

## Prayer for Laetare Sunday

Dear Jesus,  
We've been in this season of Lent for a few weeks now. I want to re-commit myself in this time — renew and strengthen my resolve. Help me to use these last few weeks to grow closer to you. Amen.

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SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2024 | 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT



## Principal News

Our Kindergarten has had a great deal to celebrate lately! They went on a fieldtrip to the theater to see a live production of *Little Red Riding Hood* and the *Three Little Pigs* performed by the Tennessee Players Theatre Company. They were so excited about going- and taking a school bus to get there! After they safely boarded the bus and departed St. Mark, I found myself thinking about all the small things we take for granted every single day! These children were SO excited about getting on a bus for the first time and equally excited about going to see a live play! Upon their return, one after the other told me all about what they saw and how great the ride on the bus was. I have to admit, their enthusiasm brought me such great joy and made me think that we should all be that excited about what we do in life.

There was also a great celebration for our primary students (and their teachers) as they celebrated being 100 days smarter. Our Kindergarten came dressed as if they were 100 years old, and the other classes dressed in 100 of “something”. It was great to see the creativity of the students. I loved those dressed and actually “acting” the part of being 100 years old- aching backs, walking with the aid of walkers and canes, and lots of grey hair! This was all in great fun. The children were so proud of how much smarter they were after being in school for 100 days. Several of them told me how proud they were of knowing how to read- so well that our Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> Grades took charge of three of the school Masses by doing the readings and intercessions. They definitely are 100 days smarter!

This time of year, all of our grade levels have time set aside from their academics to spend some time in a retreat. There are many benefits to spending time in a retreat. Some of these benefits include:

- Provides time to think about accomplishments and growth and identify areas of weakness
- Helps to rediscover skills and builds self-confidence
- Allows one to take ownership of their actions
- Assists one in learning accountability through responsibility
- Instills moral virtues like perseverance and honesty
- Allows connections to be made with peers

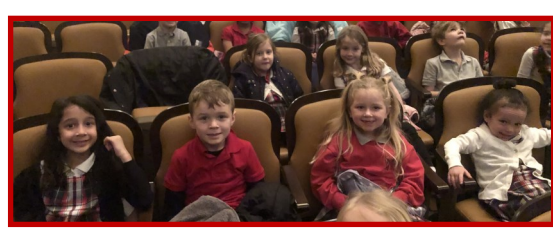
Our Kindergarten class wrapped themselves in a “pretzel-like form” and prayed this prayer: “I bow my head and twist my arms tight, before I climb in bed each night. I say a prayer to the Father above, to give him thanks and feel his love.” Of course, pretzels were a big part of their retreat day! Our 1<sup>st</sup> Grade students talked about the different ways they could spread kindness and make a difference in someone’s life then followed it up with an activity. A few of their ideas included:

- Give hugs
- Play with somebody who is alone
- Help my family
- Clean up

I am anxious to see how the other grade levels spend their time in retreat.

There is so much to celebrate at St. Mark School every single day. We are so richly blessed with little hearts who want to do so much!

Mrs. Cocita



## THE WEEK AHEAD IN OUR PARISH

<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>March 9</b>	
9:00am-2:00 pm	K-2 Basketball	G
3:00 pm	Confessions	
4:00 pm	Mass	
5:00 pm	Marker's 50+	SH
	<b><i>Outreach Second Collection</i></b>	
<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>March 10</b>	
8:30 am	Mass	
9:30 am	Rosary	
11:30 am	Mass LS w/HNS Corporate Communion and Youth Choir	
11:30 am	Sunday Pre-School	CR
12:30 pm	Holy Name Mtg.	SH
12:30pm-3:30 pm	K-2 Basketball	G
4:00 pm	Living Stations	CH
6:00 pm	Mark's Madness	G/CC/FR
<b>Monday,</b>	<b>March 11</b>	
8:30 am	Mass	
6:00 pm	Living Stations	CH
6:00-7:15 pm	Track Practice	G
6:30 pm	PSR Class Gr. 1-8	CR
<b>Tuesday,</b>	<b>March 12</b>	
8:30 am	Mass w/2nd Floor	
5:30 pm	Children's Choir	CH
6:00 pm	Holy Name Mtg.	SH
6:00-7:15 pm	Track Practice	G
7:00 pm	Choir	CH
<b>Wednesday,</b>	<b>March 13</b>	
5:15 pm	Daisy Troop	SH
6:00 pm	Scout Pack #268	SH
6:00-7:15 pm	Track Practice	G
<b>Thursday,</b>	<b>March 14</b>	
8:30 am	Mass	
6:00 pm	Scout Pack #268	SH
7:00 pm	Troop #293	SH/PP
<b>Friday,</b>	<b>March 15</b>	
12:00 pm	Stations of the Cross @ St. Mel	
2:00 pm	School Stations	CH
5:00 pm	Wedding	CH
5:00 pm	Fish Fry @ St. Mel	
<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>March 16</b>	
3:00 pm	Confessions	
4:00 pm	Mass	
	<b>St. Joseph Altar</b>	
<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>March 17</b>	
8:30 am	Mass	
9:30 am	Rosary	
11:30 am	Mass LS	
11:30 am	Sunday Pre-School	CR

**Note: (LS)=Livestreamed**

## 2024 Spring Candy Sale Fundraiser



We are so excited to once again partner with Sweet Designs in Lakewood to offer our Spring Easter Candy Sale! This is a win-win for you and our school! You get amazing chocolate to fill Easter baskets and 25% of all net sales will be donated back to St. Mark Parent Club. Proceeds from this sale will be allocated towards covering costs for next year's 6th grade camp at Camp Christopher.

- To order go to [www.sweetdesigns.com](http://www.sweetdesigns.com) between February 23rd and March 10th to place orders by clicking on **"Fundraiser"** at the top of the website.
- Complete your sales via the site and payment will be made directly to Sweet Designs via the online store.
- Orders will be delivered to St. Mark between March 18th and March 22nd. Orders will be packed by students and we will schedule pick up times to get your candy orders to you.
- We encourage you to promote it as much as possible to raise funds for our school. Share the flier with friends and family, share on Social Media, etc.

Sweet Designs Chocolatier candy is delicious and locally made, so we are proud to offer this opportunity to our St. Mark Community and look forward to filling up your Easter Baskets this year!

### St. Baldrick's

On Friday, March 22nd, we are honored to once again host our 10th St. Baldrick's Head Shaving Event "Shave your Mane" to raise funds for pediatric cancer research. Over the past 10 years, we have donated over \$522,000 to the St. Baldrick's Foundation supporting research dollars for our friends battling cancer now and for the future. This year our goal is to shave over 100 heads and raise a total of \$50,000.

All St. Mark students, friends and family are invited to join us through a variety of different efforts over the next two months.

### **Dine to Donate:**

- Two amazing local restaurants are offering Dine to Donate days to order lunch/dinner pick up or delivery and will donate a portion of the order proceeds to our cause.
- Tuesday, March 12th at Dina's Pizza & Pub.
- Join us to the Celebrity Bartending Event at PJ McIntyre's on Thursday, March 21st from 6-10pm.

Visit the link to register or to donate to our shaves:  
<https://www.stbaldricks.org/events/StMark2024>

