



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.

October 5, 2025

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The apostles
said to the Lord,
"Increase our faith."
- Lk 17:5-6

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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

Papal Intention

October: For collaboration between different religious traditions. Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity.

Liturgy Schedule

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

Monday, October 6

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

Tuesday, October 7-Our Lady of the Rosary

6:45am Mass @ St. Mel

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

Wednesday, October 8

Thursday, October 9

8:30am MassMary Patten

Friday, October 10

6:45am Mass @ St. Mel

Saturday, October 11

3:00pm Confessions

3:00pm Confessions @ St. Mel

4:00pm Mass Dan Sunyak

4:30pm Mass @ St. Mel

Sunday, October 12-28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00am Mass @ St. Mel

8:30am Mass.....Andy Helbig

10:00am Mass @ St. Mel

11:30am MassJohn & Sharon Vertal

Pray for the Sick

We commend to your personal prayers parishioners who have asked to be prayed for:

William Adams
 Gianna Andolina
 Alex Brugh
 Henry Buehner
 James Coyne
 Matthew Craven
 Nicole Foerstner
 Mary Frantz
 Theresa Fridrich
 Amy Glazier

David Kurth
 Tom Lembach
 Gerald McArthur
 Jim McIlwee
 Judy McIntyre
 Mary Miller
 Jack Mohar
 Maisie Nowlin
 Sr. Josette Obodzinski
 Mary Stark

Aimee Roscoe
 Nora Sudetic
 George Surovec
 Barbara Thiel
 Herb Tippie
 Michele Vollmer
 Joe Wantz
 Lillian Zahara
 Lew Zahara Jr.
 Joseph Zavatchen Sr.
 Joseph Zavatchen Jr.

Other Intentions

Weekly Luke McGraw Memorial Candles Intention

Dolly Tinnirello

Liturgical Ministers	emHCs	Lectors	Servers
Saturday, October 11 @ 4:00pm	R.V. Threadgill John Levis Gloria Morin	Josh Stecz	Nolan Lentz Kellen Lentz William Lentz
Sunday, October 12 @ 8:30am	Erin Fitzpatrick Michael Kay Mary Stamper	Tim Mohr Laura Skonce	Gabriela Santos Fiona Stock Clare Stock
Sunday, October 12 @ 11:30am	Josh Stecz Annamaria Masterson Jeff Joecken	Eliza Kratt NOT FILLED	Patrick Bryant Michael Doyle Reese Reichel

NEWS AND EVENTS

Offertory Collections

In-Pew Collection (past weekend)\$1,898.00
Faith Direct (past month's weekly total)\$ 4,626.00
Thank you for your generosity!

Parish News

Join the St. Mark Bereavement Team

Offer Support!

The St. Mark Bereavement Group meets weekly in October and November to offer support to our community members who have recently experienced a loss. We are looking for compassionate people to join our team. You don't need any formal training, just a desire to listen empathetically and give testimony to God's healing love in your own life. If you are interested or want to learn more, contact Meaghan at msilver@stmarkcleveland.com or 216-226-7577 Ext. 105.

St. Mark Bereavement

Tuesdays 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 the parish office to register at 216-226-7577 Ext. 105.

October 21
October 28
November 4
November 11
November 18
November 25

Faith Direct to ParishSoft Giving

Great News - Your account has now been upgraded!

No action required: Your recurring gifts and payment information were securely transferred at your current gifting schedule. Please note, if you were a weekly giver your gifts will now process each week instead of once a month.

Need help? Below are three QR codes to some helpful articles that will help answer some questions!



(Common Questions)



(Creating and Editing Gifts)



(Managing My Giving)

Necrology Book

Booked of the Deceased

The Necrology Book (or the Book of the Deceased) will be placed in the Church. Please feel free to add the names of your loved ones who have died. The book will be left out for the entire month of October. We will pray for those who have died at the All Souls Prayer Service on Sunday, November 2nd at 7pm. The Necrology Book will remain in the Sanctuary during the month of November.

Parish News

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Schedule for September—December

Children who are in PreK and above but have not yet received their First Communion will be invited to process into the sacristy during 8:30am 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 Children's Liturgy dates are:

October 12
October 26
November 9
December 21
December 28

Reminders and Regular Events

Holy Name Society Meetings

Men's Sock and Underwear Drive October 4th-5th & 11th-12th

We are asking for donations of men's new socks and underwear in any size for the homeless and needy. Cash donations will be used to purchase socks and underwear. Collection box's will be located in all Church Vestibules. This year recipients will be Holy Name Parish on Broadway and La Sagrada Familia on Detroit Ave. Please be generous to this very important need. Call or email Jim Cocita at 216-470-3643 or jimcocita@gmail.com

Cleveland Diocese Football Fun'd Crazr

It's that time of year again!

Football Craz'r is a ticket with ten chances to win over ten weeks. Cost is \$10. Winners: "Highest" and "Lowest" points across all sweepstakes entries win a prize each week for that 10-week professional football season. \$1,000 in prizes will be awarded weekly for 10 weeks, for a total of \$10,000. For more information and tickets, email Jim Cocita at jimcocita@gmail.com

Donut & Coffee Social

Once a month after all masses in the Social Hall. Gather with fellow parishioners. For questions contact Michael Kay at mkay@stmarkcleveland.com

Upcoming Date: October 4 & 5

General Parish Calendar

Saturday,	October 4	
10:00 am	CYO Volleyball Games	G/FR
3:00 pm	Confessions	
4:00 pm	Mass	
	Holy Name Socks & Underwear Drive	
	Donut Social	
Sunday,	October 5	
8:30 am	Mass HNS/Corporate Communion	
8:30 am	Sunday Preschool	CR
9:30 am	Rosary	
11:30 am	Mass LS	
Monday,	October 6	
8:30 am	Mass	
5:00 pm	Volleyball Prac.	G
5:15 pm	OCIA	CC
6:30 pm	PSR Class Gr. 1-8	CR
Tuesday,	October 7	
8:30 am	Mass w/All School	
4:30 pm	OCIA	CC
5:00 pm	Volleyball Prac.	G
5:30 pm	Cheerleading Prac.	PP
7:00 pm	Choir Prac.	CH
Wednesday,	October 8	
5:00 pm	Volleyball Prac.	G
5:30 pm	Brownie Troop #70996	SH
Thursday,	October 9	
8:30 am	Mass	
5:00 pm	Volleyball Prac.	G
6:00 pm	Scout Pack #268	SH
7:00 pm	Troop #293	SH
Friday,	October 10	
9:00 am	Grandparents Day (A-L)	
12:30 pm	Grandparents Day (M-Z)	
5:00 pm	SMAA Set-up	PP/CC
Saturday,	October 11	
3:00 pm	Confessions	
4:00 pm	Mass	
5:30 pm	SMAA Clambake/Reverse Raffle	PP/CC
	Holy Name Socks & Underwear Drive	
Sunday,	October 12	
8:30 am	Mass	
8:30 am	Sunday Preschool	CR
8:30 am	Children's Liturgy of the Word	SS
9:30 am	Rosary	
9:30 am	Young Families	SH
11:30 am	Mass LS	

NEWS AND EVENTS

Reminders and Regular Events

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.

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: October 12

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.

Military

Please pray for our military presently serving.

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

Regional and Diocesan News and Events

Celebrating the Gift of Life and Protecting the Unborn

October is Respect Life Month

This weekend we celebrate Respect Life Sunday, a time to reaffirm our belief that every human life is a sacred gift from God, worthy of protection from conception to natural death. Rooted in the Gospel and the words of St. John Paul II - *"Respect, protect, love, and serve life, every human life!"* - we are invited to pray, learn, and act in ways that witness to the dignity of all. May this week strengthen our resolve to be missionary disciples who build a true culture of life.

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

The rash one has no integrity;
but the just one, because of his faith, shall live. (Hb 2:4)

Psalm:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 95)

Second Reading:

For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice
but rather of power and love and self-control. (2 Tm 1:7)

Gospel:

"If you have faith the size of a mustard seed,
you would say to this mulberry tree,
'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,'
and it would obey you." (Lk 17:6)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The Apostles beg Jesus for increased faith, but they don't really want faith. They want a magical feeling of certainty that requires no effort. Real faith must grow and sprout roots in fertile soil. Real faith requires attention and work. Are we willing to work?

Observances for the week of October 5, 2025

- Sunday:** 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Respect Life Sunday
- Monday:** St. Bruno, Priest; Bl. Marie Rose Durocher,
Virgin
- Tuesday:** Our Lady of the Rosary
- Thursday:** St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs;
St. John Leonardi, Priest
- Saturday:** St. John XXIII, Pope
- Next Sunday:** 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



GOD IS
GOOD, ALL
THE TIME

Devotions, *Explained!*

This popular phrase is an affirmation of God's faithfulness amidst the trials of life, a theme that is presented again and again in Scripture: come what may, God will be with us.

Prayer to Respect Life

Dear God,
Help us to hear Your voice,
especially when You speak on
behalf of the voiceless,
the overlooked, and the forgotten.
Keep our ears attuned, and work
through us in a way that loves,
blesses, assures, supports, and
strengthens LIFE.
Amen.

We are committed to forming students who grow in both knowledge and faith, developing the skills they need to succeed in today's world while remaining rooted in Gospel values. One of the ways we foster this growth is through our STREAM Lab, an exciting space where science, technology, religion, engineering, art, and math come together in creative and meaningful ways.

Using project-based learning and guided by our fantastic STREAM teacher, Mrs. Henley, students in all grade levels are able to explore concepts that connect to one or more STREAM disciplines. Some projects are designed to extend topics already introduced in the classroom, while others are stand-alone lessons created to spark curiosity and problem-solving.

The purpose of the STREAM Lab is not only academic. It is a space designed to encourage a growth mindset, teaching students that perseverance, effort, and reflection are keys to success. Projects also reinforce essential teamwork skills, teaching children the value of collaboration and shared problem-solving. By encountering challenges in a supportive environment, students learn to build resilience, to try again after mistakes, and to approach new tasks with curiosity and creativity.

Already this year, students have been busy exploring new ideas through hands-on projects. Third graders designed and tested ball runs using Keva planks as an introduction to the principles of force and motion. Second graders created Lego mazes for Hex Bugs, developing their understanding of design and engineering through playful experimentation. First graders read *21 Elephants and Still Standing*, the story of the Brooklyn Bridge, and then built their own bridges sturdy enough to hold mini elephants, bringing history, engineering, and imagination together.

Through these experiences, our students are not only gaining academic knowledge but also learning to see the world with wonder, perseverance, and faith. In the STREAM Lab, they discover that curiosity is a gift, problem-solving is an opportunity, and collaboration is a pathway to building stronger communities. With Christ as our guide, the STREAM Lab invites our children to grow as learners, creators, and disciples, prepared to bring their unique gifts into the world.

Have a great week!

Mrs. Gunn

