



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.



October 22, 2023

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Repay to Caesar what
belongs to Caesar and to
God what belongs to God."
- Mt 22:21

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PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Adam Zajac
Pastor

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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

October: For the Synod. We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the Peripheries of the world.

Liturgy Schedule

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

Monday, October 23

6:45am Mass @ St. Mel

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

Tuesday, October 24

6:45am Mass @ St. Mel

Wednesday, October 25

Thursday, October 26

6:45am Mass @ St. Mel

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

Friday, October 27

6:45am Mass @ St. Mel

Saturday, October 28

3:00pm Confessions

3:00pm Confessions @ St. Mel

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

4:30pm Mass @ St. Mel

Sunday, October 29-Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00am Mass @ St. Mel

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

10:00am Mass @ St. Mel

11:30am Mass.....Brian McGraw

Liturgical Ministers October 28 & 29

Saturday, October 28 @ 4:00pm

Eucharistic Ministers: John Lewis, Mary Price, NOT FILLED

Lector: Lisa Braun

Altar Server: Morgan Adkins, Declan Fitzpatrick, Aidan Gompf

Sunday, October 29 @ 8:30am

Eucharistic Ministers: Laura Skonce, Mary Stamper, NOT FILLED

Lector: Tim Mohr, NOT FILLED

Altar Server: Julia McNulty, Kathleen Murray, Maeve Smith

Sunday, October 29 @ 11:30am

Eucharistic Ministers: Cari Foster, Annamaria Masterson, Deirdre Mueller

Lector: Carole Iseli

Altar Server: Owen Goggin, Eoin Mueller, Bill Sonby

Luke McGraw Memorial Candles

Weekly Intention

October 22

Mary Buccieri

ALL
SAINTS
DAY

Wednesday, November 1st is a
Holy Day of Obligation

Masses will be celebrated as follows:

6:45am @ St. Mel

8:30am @ St. Mark w/School

12:00pm @ St. Mel

7:00pm @ St. Mark

**Minister sign-up sheet for the 7pm Mass
is in the Sacristy.**

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:.....\$ 3,257.00
Faith Direct:.....\$ 5,498.00

Thank you for your generosity!



A MILE FOR MARY

Eucharistic Procession from Our Lady of Angels to St. Mark

Saturday, October 28
 Mass at OLA - 9AM
 Procession - 9:30AM
 Adoration at St. Mark - approx. 10:15AM
 Refreshments and a presentation of the Byzantine Icon of Our Lady of Fatima - 11:30AM

Veterans Observance

Veterans and their families are invited to join the students of St. Mark School as we come together in church to celebrate the men and women who have served in the armed forces of our country on Friday, November 10, 2023 at 9:30 A.M.

Coffee and donuts will be served in the Social Hall immediately following the ceremony.

Please RSVP through the school office at 216-521-4115 or email office@stmarkwestpark.com. by Monday, October 30th.

Consider joining us so we can pray together as we pay our respects to you. Students may sit with their Veteran guests in reserved pews.



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.



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ST. MARK BEREAVEMENT

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 216-226-7577

WEDNESDAYS AT 7PM

Oct 4
 Oct 11
 Oct 25
 Nov 1
 Nov 8
 Nov 15

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."

Psalms 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 Bochart, 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.



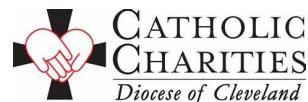
The Diocese of Cleveland CYO are seeking high school, college students and adults interested in officiating basketball. Trainings will be held starting on Sunday, October 15 from 6:00pm-8:00pm, for six consecutive Sunday's. The trainings will be held at Walsh Jesuit High School, 4550 Wyoga Lake Rd., Cuyahoga Falls, 44224. These are mandatory training sessions. If you are interested, please register at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/W9X6XJF> Or you may contact Tim Shovlin Academy Assigner at tshovlin@neo.rr.com

Retreat

As we anticipate this Advent Season, we are blest to be able to offer opportunities for the women and men of our parish to renew hope, belief and faith in God's promise of infinite good for us and for our loved ones.

We will be offering an opportunity to take some time for reflection and preparation for the season of Christmas. A weekend for women will be held on December 1st to the 3rd and for the men on December 8th to the 10th.. These weekends will be held at the Bethany Retreat Center in Chardon.

More details will be available in future bulletins. If you have any questions please contact the Parish Office at 216-226-7577.



A Journey into the Unknown: Refugee Simulation and Action

What would you do if your family was forced to flee your home with little notice and only a backpack?

This is the reality that many migrants face due to war, political upheaval, and climate change. The St. Luke Social Action Ministry has partnered with the Diocesan Social Action Office to bring you a unique program that will give you insight into the immigrant and refugee crises of today.

Date: Sunday, November 12
Time: 2:00-3:30pm (check in opens at 1:30)
Location: St. Luke Parish, McBride Hall
Look for a green awning over the door.
(Elevator/ramp are available, but no handicap restrooms.)

All are welcome, bring a friend! Program is free. RSVPs requested. RSVP to the Parish: 216-521-0184 or online: <https://shorturl.at/cpEV6>

THE WEEK AHEAD IN OUR PARISH

Saturday,	October 21	
3:00 pm	Confessions	
4:00 pm	Mass	
	Food Sunday	
Sunday,	October 22	
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
7:00 pm	Youth Group	SH
Monday,	October 23	
8:30 am	Mass	
6:00 pm	Women's Retreat Mtg.	CC
6:30 pm	PSR Class Gr. 1-8	CR
Tuesday,	October 24	
Wednesday,	October 25	
5:00 pm	Viva Spanish	CC
5:15 pm	Daisy's Troop	SH
7:00 pm	8th Gr. DC Mtg.	SH
7:00 pm	Bereavement	FR
Thursday,	October 26	
8:30 am	Mass	
3:00 pm	Student Council	G
7:00 pm	Troop #293	SH/PP
Friday,	October 27	
8:00 am	Halloween Parties	G/SH/PP
Saturday,	October 28	
3:00 pm	Confessions	
4:00 pm	Mass	
Sunday,	October 29	
8:30 am	Mass	
9:30 am	Rosary	CH
9:45 am	Confirmation Parent Group Mtg.	SH
11:30 am	Mass (LS)	
11:30 am	Sunday Preschool	CR

Note: (LS)=Livestreamed

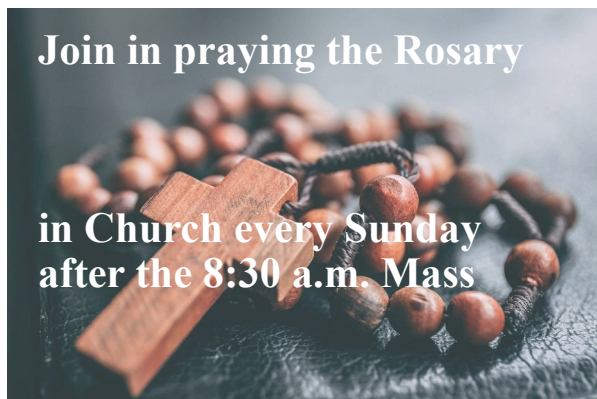
VIRTUS COMPLIANCY — IMPORTANT

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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*Thank you for supporting
St. Mark Church!*

Principal News

We have really been busy these past few weeks! The students in K-8 spent time over the past two weeks completing their MAP tests, which are completed three times throughout the school year. Many of you probably remember taking the Iowa Test of Basic Skills; these are newer electronic versions. These tests give teachers a great snapshot into their students' academic progress, including areas of strength and weakness. To provide some relief during testing, Dr. Rentz had the children in the 1st Grade moving expressively to music with scarves. The children learned about smooth sounding music compared to separated sounding music. They certainly enjoyed themselves. Our 3rd Grade students recently spent some time learning about water conservation. The students were placed in stations where people from the Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District's Stormwater Education Program spoke to them and then they had an activity to perform. I asked the students to share some reflections on what they learned. Here are a few:

- Brendan: My favorite station was when I learned how gas and chemicals can pollute the Earth.
- Evan: It is good to keep our environment healthy.
- Aidan: I learned what I can do to help plants, animals, and our planet Earth. I also learned how to know who polluted a river.
- Johnny: We made bracelets using the water cycle. It was fun rolling the dice and learning about where water comes from.
- Charlie: We made a city and tried to help prevent toxic stuff from polluting it.
- Isla: The city I created had a park, a hot dog stand, and a trash can. I put up signs that said, "Don't litter." There was a little turtle island. It was fun. I appreciated it.
- Nora: I learned so much. I love science!
- Hannah: I made a beach and sprayed water to make it rain. I liked making bracelets with beads that represented the different water types: clouds, rivers, streams, and lakes.
- Nicholas: "It was great to learn about the environment.
- Skylar: My favorite thing I did is EVERYTHING!
- Finn: I learned how pollution enters water and the effects it has.
- Gabrielle: I learned that pollution is bad for water.
- Fred: I learned about the cycle of water. Water moves, evaporates, and becomes water droplets.

A special thanks goes out to Jacki Zevenbergen, Stormwater Education Program Manager, for making arrangements for her team of instructors to visit to our campus.

This past week, students in PreK- Gr. 8 viewed virtual presentations from the Ohio Optometric Association regarding their eyes. PreK and Kindergarten watched *Sammy Safe- Eyes* while students in Gr. 1 and 2 were listening to a presentation called *the Adventures of Rhet and Tina*. Not to be left out, the students in Gr. 3-5 were listening to *The Case of Vinny Vision*, and students in Gr. 6-8 were challenged with the presentation called *What's Your EYE-Q? Following all these presentations, I asked the students to share some important facts they learned:*

- Our pupils get bigger or smaller depending on how bright it is.
- People can be farsighted or nearsighted. We learned tongue twisters to remember the difference: Farsighted makes fairytales fuzzy. Nearsighted makes Neptune not clear.
- Eyebrows help keep sweat out of our eyes.
- We need our eyes for so many things, so it is really important that we keep our eyes away from dangerous things.
- The eye simulator was really cool- how you can experience different eye diseases.
- There is a cone in the back of your eye that generates color.
- To see, you need three things: your eye-brain-light.
- The eye is not shaped like a football, but round like a soccer ball.
- Smoking, drinking alcohol, and rubbing your eyes actually hurt your eyes.
- Cataracts are one of the most common eye diseases.
- Signs of diabetes can be shown in an eye exam.
- Caucasians over the age of 65 have the most risk of having Macular Degeneration.
- Looking at the sun for too long can hurt your eyes.
- The cornea is the most sensitive part of your body.
- It is important to go to the eye doctor once a year.

Have a great week, and take care of your eyes!

Mrs. Cocita



Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, Cyrus,
whose right hand I grasp,
subduing nations before him. (Is 45:1)

Psalm:

Give the Lord glory and honor. (Ps 96)

Second Reading:

We give thanks to God always for all of you,
remembering you in our prayers,
unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and
labor of love. (1 Thes 1:2-3)

Gospel:

"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar
and to God what belongs to God." (Mt 22:21)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

God is greater than this world, and his truth is stronger than all its ideologies. Remember that no matter how we vote, who we agree with or what our background is, we belong to Him alone.

Observances for the week of October 22, 2023

Sunday: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
World Mission Sunday

Monday: St. John of Capistrano, Priest

Tuesday: St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

Saturday: Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles

Next Sunday: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saint of the week

Venerable Rafael Cordero y Molina dedicated his life to the free education of children in Puerto Rico. Born into a black family and, thus, barred from the local schools as a child, he established a school committed to inclusion and provided free education for any in need.

Prayer

Our Lord and God, You instilled in your Servant, Rafael Cordero y Molina, a Puerto Rican layman, an ardent zeal for the integral education of children and a luminous charity toward the poor and helpless. Help me to also respond with the generosity of service to those in need in around me. I ask of You, if it is Your will, that You grant me (my intercession) so that Your servant Rafael is elevated to sainthood.

Amen.

(Prayer Source: <https://elvisitantepr.com/rafael-cordero-ejemplo-de-humildad-y-servicio/> translation by LPI.)

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