



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 15, 2023

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Come to the feast."
- Mt 22:4bc

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PASTORAL STAFF

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Principal

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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 16

6:45am Mass @ St. Mel
8:30am Mass.....Toni Perciak

Tuesday, October 17-St. Ignatius of Antioch

6:45am Mass @ St. Mel
8:30am Mass (School).....Presider's Intention

Wednesday, October 18-St. Luke

Thursday, October 19-Sts. John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues

6:45am Mass @ St. Mel
8:30am Mass.....The Protection of Ohio Children

Friday, October 20

6:45am Mass @ St. Mel

Saturday, October 21

3:00pm Confessions
3:00pm Confessions @ St. Mel
4:00pm Mass.....Lucy Hauck
4:30pm Mass @ St. Mel

Sunday, October 22-Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00am Mass @ St. Mel
8:30am Mass.....Lew Zahara
10:00am Mass @ St. Mel
11:30am Mass.....Mary Buccieri

Liturgical Ministers October 21 & 22

Saturday, October 21 @ 4:00pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Shirlee Toth, Michelle Biggins, NOT FILLED

Lector: Eliza Kratt

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

Sunday, October 22 @ 8:30am

Eucharistic Ministers: Jessica Hanes, Karen Cocita, Kathy O'Malley

Lector: Mary Lewis, Monica Svetz

Altar Server: Albert McGervey, Anthony McGervey, Joe Svetz

Sunday, October 22 @ 11:30am

Eucharistic Ministers: Rosanne Kelley, NOT FILLED (2)

Lector: Eileen Andrews, NOT FILLED

Altar Server: Patrick Bryant, Owen Glazier, Dominic Sutcliff

Luke McGraw Memorial Candles

Weekly Intention

October 15

Dolly Tinnirello



Banns of Marriage

Wedding Bann III

David Griffiths & Emily Mills

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:.....\$ 3,625.25

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

World Mission Sunday

Next weekend, we'll unite with fellow Catholics globally to mark World Mission Sunday. As we reflect on Pope Francis' compelling theme, we're invited to kindle the flames of Christ's love and spread its warmth to mission territories in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe. Prepare to support the Society for the Propagation of the Faith with prayers and generosity. Thank you for being a beacon of Christ's love!

Respect Life

O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties.

Guide us as we strive to make our parish communities places of welcome and assistance for mothers in need. Help us become instruments of God's love and compassion.

Mary, Mother of the Church, graciously help us build a culture of life and a civilization of love, together with all people of good will, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life. Amen.

FOOD SUNDAY

Next weekend, the May Dugan Center has asked us to focus on just a few items for their Clients: pastas, sauces, and soups; along with cleaning supplies and hygiene items. They appreciate everything that you provide them. Thank you!
May God bless all!

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.

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.

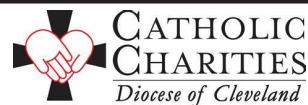
Jason Bochart, James Boone, Jr., Elijah Brolly, Kurt Brown, Nathan Chomoa, Jeremy Cole, Matthew Craven, Josh Dunleavy, T.J. Finucan, Martin Hartsel, Joe Isabella, John Kester, Randy Kloos, Stephanie Lasch, Adam Lemmerman, Torrey Lynch, Ron McDough, Andrew J. McGinty, Owen McGrew, Jake North, Jon Novak, 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



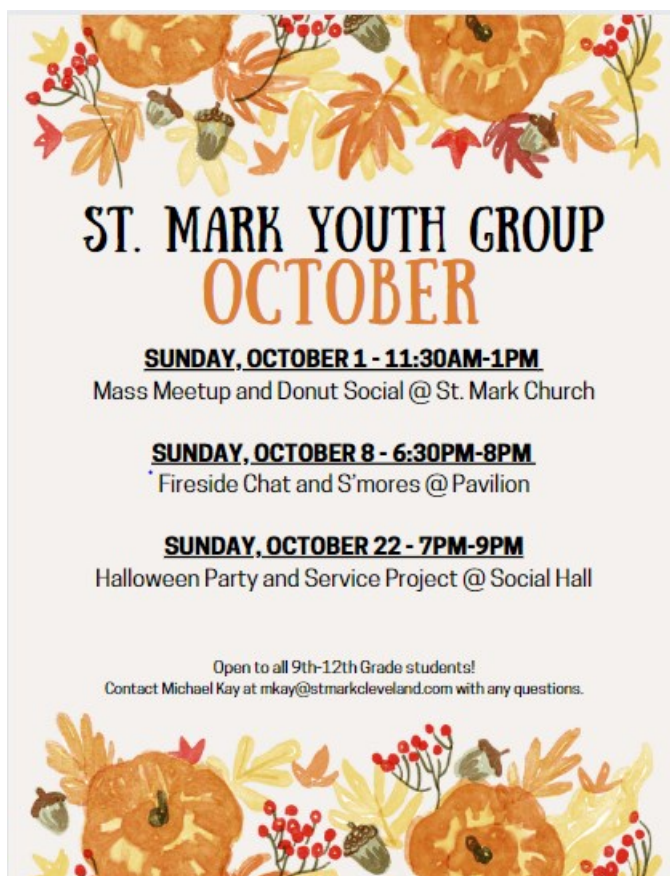
A Journey into the Unknown: Refugee Simulation and Action

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>



ST. MARK YOUTH GROUP OCTOBER

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1 - 11:30AM-1PM
Mass Meetup and Donut Social @ St. Mark Church

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8 - 6:30PM-8PM
Fireside Chat and S'mores @ Pavilion

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22 - 7PM-9PM
Halloween Party and Service Project @ Social Hall

Open to all 9th-12th Grade students!
Contact Michael Kay at mkay@stmarkcleveland.com with any questions.

THE WEEK AHEAD IN OUR PARISH

Saturday,	October 14	
1:30 pm	Wedding	
3:00 pm	Confessions	
4:00 pm	Mass	
Sunday,	October 15	
8:30 am	Mass	
9:30 am	Rosary	CH
11:30 am	Mass (LS)	
11:30 am	Sunday Preschool	CR
Monday,	October 16	
8:30 am	Mass	
4:00 pm	Volleyball Prac.	G
6:00 pm	Cheerleading Pizza Party	SH
6:30 pm	PSR Class Gr. 1-8	CR
Tuesday,	October 17	
8:30 am	Mass w/1st Floor	
4:00 pm	Volleyball Prac./Cheer Prac.	G
7:00 pm	Parent Club Mtg.	SH
Wednesday,	October 18	
4:00 pm	Volleyball Prac.	G
Thursday,	October 19	
8:30 am	Mass	
4:00 pm	Volleyball Prac.	G
5:00 pm	Rehearsal	CH
7:00 pm	Troop #293	SH/PP
Friday,	October 20	
4:00 pm	Wedding Ceremony	CH
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

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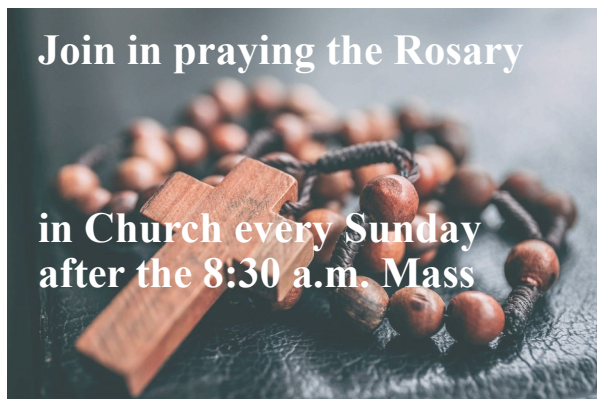
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If you have questions about Faith Direct go to the FAQ section of the website for answers.

*Thank you for supporting
St. Mark Church!*



Principal News

October 4th is the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. Our children have always had an interest in his life because of his love for animals and the many acts of kindness for which he was known. St. Francis was born into a wealthy family and chose to give that up to live a life of simplicity and poverty. He began the Franciscan Order, which is still in existence today. Later he helped to establish the Poor Clares for women. He asked that the Poor Clares live simple lives of austerity, seclusion, and poverty. Later, St. Francis established The Third Order of St. Francis which was intended for lay men and women who had a desire to perform charity and social service for others.

Francis was known for his love of nature and animals. He is often pictured with animals including a wolf. This is because legend has it that he could tame wild animals. One story told how Francis learned that the Italian town of Gubbio had a vicious wolf that was killing its sheep. Francis went to the town to confront the wolf. The wolf became tame and never attacked the town again.

Some other interesting facts about St. Francis include he is known for setting up the first Nativity scene to celebrate Christmas, and he received the stigmata on his hands, feet, and side before he died. The stigmata replicates the wounds Christ received while dying on the cross. In many of the religion classes, the school children learned about the life of St. Francis. I asked the children in K-3 to bring in their favorite stuffed animals to celebrate the feast day of this important saint. At morning announcements, I shared some stories about St. Francis and at the end of the day, we prayed a special prayer. In between, I invited everyone to go out to the pavilion where a statue of St. Francis welcomes all. It was very evident when visiting classrooms, that their teachers took time to share some special stories about this saint; I even learned a few fun facts!

There was quite an array of animals in our building on October 4th. Although live animals would have been better, it was a great reminder to the children who this saint was. I got to meet an octopus, many colorful dogs and cats, a chinchilla, a lamb, a squirrel (Fr. Adam's favorite animal), a whale, a giraffe, an elephant, a horse, fish, and a host of other animals. I invited the students in every class to pose for a group photo hugging their animal friends, and if they forgot their stuffed animals, they gave themselves a squeeze. As you can see, they enjoyed themselves on this special school day.

I was lucky enough ten years ago to visit Assisi on a trip to Italy. I remember the feeling of walking the same ground that so many saints had once walked, including St. Clare and St. Francis. It certainly is very humbling.

I want to leave you with two of my favorite quotes from St. Francis:

- "Preach the Gospel at all times and when necessary, use words."
- "Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible."

Have a great week; I know we will! Remember to make every day count.

Mrs. Cocita



Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

The Lord GOD will wipe away
the tears from every face. (Is 25:8)

Psalm:

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days
of my life. (Ps 23)

Second Reading:

I have learned the secret of being well fed and of
going hungry,
of living in abundance and of being in need.
I can do all things in him who strengthens me.
(Phil 4:12-13)

Gospel:

"Go out, therefore, into the main roads
and invite to the feast whomever you find." (Mt 22:9)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The goodness and mercy of God are gifts He
wants to share with each one of us, but we have
to be ready to receive them. Let's be prepared for
whatever the Lord will ask of us this week.

Observances for the week of October 15, 2023

- Sunday:** 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin
- Tuesday:** St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr
- Wednesday:** St. Luke, Evangelist
- Thursday:** Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs
- Friday:** St. Paul of the Cross, Priest
- Next Sunday:** 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday



Saint of the week

Saint Rafael Guízar y Valencia was a Catholic bishop who cared for the poor in Mexico. He bravely continued his mission while in exile, in the face of constant life-threatening conflicts with the Mexican government.

Prayer

Our Lord and God, In Saint Rafael Guízar
You have given us a model of a shepherd for
the children, the poor, the sick, and those far
from You. Grant us through his intercession
that we may live united in our families; that
the Mexican nation may have peace and
harmony; that the sick who live in our homes
be lovingly cared for and receive healing
from their diseases; that marriages that
have been broken find a reason to fight and
overcome the evil that stalks them.

Attend to our supplications and hear our
needs so that one day, like Saint Rafael
Guízar, we can all contemplate the beauty of
Your glory in eternity.

We ask you through your Son Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of
the Holy Spirit and God the father, for ever
and ever.

Amen.

*(Prayer Source: <https://www.facebook.com/SanRafaelGuizarV/posts/654984824967963/>,
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