



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 20, 2024

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.” - Mk 10:43-45

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PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Adam Zajac
Pastor

Mrs. Karen Cocita
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 a shared mission. We pray that the church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.

Liturgy Schedule

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

- Monday, October 21**
8:30am Mass Mary Buccieri
- Tuesday, October 22**
6:45am Mass @ St. Mel
- Wednesday, October 23**
- Thursday, October 24**
- Friday, October 25**
6:45am Mass @ St. Mel
- Saturday, October 26**
3:00pm Confessions
3:00pm Confessions @ St. Mel
4:00pm Mass Lew Zahara
4:30pm Mass @ St. Mel
- Sunday, October 27-30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
7:00am Mass @ St. Mel
8:30am Mass Theresa Blackman
10:00am Mass @ St. Mel
11:30am Mass Carmine Filice

Pray for the Sick

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

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| William Adams | Irene Gurchensky | Nora Sudetic |
| Gianna Andolina | David Kurth | Lena Sunyak |
| Carol Behnke | Catherine Kutsick | George Surovec |
| Jack Behnke | Pat McAndrew | Herb Tippie |
| Katy Brent | Jim McIlwee | Georgieann Treible |
| Henry Buehner | Mary Miller | Joe Wantz |
| James Coyne | Maisie Nowlin | Charlotte Whiting |
| Matthew Craven | Bill Retzer | Lillian Zahara |
| Margaret Fadrowski | Mary Stark | Lew Zahara Jr. |
| Nicole Foerstner | Sr. Josette Obodzinski | Joseph Zavatchen Jr. |
| Mary Frantz | | |
| Theresa Fridrich | | |

Pray for the Deceased

Mary Meaney, Mother of Sean Meaney

May perpetual light shine upon them

Other Intentions

Weekly Luke McGraw Memorial Candles Intention

Dolly Tinnirello

Baptized This Week

Gabriela Ana Abreo

Liturgical Ministers	emHCs		Lectors	Servers
Saturday, October 26 @ 4:00pm	Mary Price Marian Lundeen Rosanne Kelley		Al Abel	Declan Fitzpatrick Kerri Gompf Aidan Gompf
Sunday, October 27 @ 8:30am	Michael Kay Mary Stamper Austin Tousley		Michael Grathwol Monica Svetz	Albert McGervey Anthony McGervey Fiona Stock
Sunday, October 27 @ 11:30am	Michelle Biggins Cari Foster Deirdre Mueller		Eileen Andrews Eliza Kratt	Lukas Horton Eoin Mueller Joseph Sonby

Offertory Collections

In-Pew Collection (past Sunday).....\$ 2,879.00
Faith Direct (past month total)\$ 5,038.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Parish News

All Saints Day

Holy Day of Obligation

Mass schedule for the Holy Day of Obligation Friday, November 1st is as follows:

6:45am @ St. Mel

8:30am @ St. Mark

12:00pm @ St. Mel

7:00pm @ St. Mark

(Liturgical Ministers - Please see sign up sheet in the Sacristy for the 7:00pm mass?)

All Souls' Day Memorial Mass

November 2, 2024 - 10:00am at St. Mark

Honor and pray for all the beloved dead from St. Mark and St. Mel parish, particularly those who passed away in the past year, at our All Souls' Day Mass for the Dead.

Necrology Book

Book 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 Mass on Saturday, November 2nd at 10am. The Necrology Book will remain in the Sanctuary during the month of November.



Second Collection - All Masses - October 19-20

A second collection to benefit the St. Mark/St. Mel Faith Build will be taken at all masses the weekend of October 19-20.

Greater Cleveland Habitat for Humanity President/CEO and St. Mark Alumnus John Litten will speak briefly about the faith Build at all masses.

Checks may be made payable to St. Mark Church; please add "2024 Faith Build" on the note line.

If you won't be present at the masses but wish to contribute, you may drop off donations at the Parish Office.

Faith Formation Parent Cafe

November 4 at 6:30pm in the St. Mark Social Hall

As part of our family faith formation project sponsored by NCCL, we will be hosting a "Parent Café" listening session to learn more about the needs of parents in our community. Parents of children birth through high school are invited to attend and answer a few opened ended questions about your challenges and successes raising children of faith. Light refreshments will be available Please RSVP to the St. Mark parish office by October 30th. 216-226-7577

Reminders and Regular Events

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 Dave at:

bciancibello@gmail.com

Upcoming Dates: October 20

NEWS AND EVENTS

Reminders and Regular Events

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

Please join us November 2nd & 3rd after all masses.

St. Mark Youth Group

October Schedule

Friday, October 18 - 6:00pm-9:00pm

Fall Festival Trip @ Mapleside Farms

Sunday, October 27 - 6:30pm-8:00pm

Sunday Night Meeting @ Community Center

Sunday, November 3 - 11:30am-3pm

Mass Meetup & Donut Social @ St. Mark Church

Service Event @ Garfield Elementary Garden

Open to all 9th-12th Grade students! Contact Michael Kay at mkay@stmarkcleveland.com or 216-904-4774 with any questions and to RSVP.

Holy Name Society Meetings

Fellowship, prayer, and service for all parishioners

All men and women of the parish ages 18 and older are welcome to join the St. Mark Holy Name Society. Meetings are the second Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm in either the Picnic Pavilion or Social Hall. If you would like to know more, contact Jim Cocita at:

jimcocita@gmail.com

HNS FOOTBALL CRAZR FUNDRAISER

Sponsored by the Cleveland Diocese-HNS

Annual Cleveland Diocese - HNS Fundraiser. One ticket donation is \$10.00 for ten weeks of football games. There are three different teams each week printed on the ticket. Ten chances to win each week. Top eight highest scores win anywhere from \$150 to \$30. Two lowest scores win \$40 to \$30. The ten weeks of games are November 3rd - January 5th.

Contact Jim Cocita at jimcocita@gmail.com for more information and tickets.

Food Sunday

May Dugan Center

The May Dugan Center has remodeled their building to better serve their Clients. For next weekend, they have requested self-contained meals, like hearty soups and stews; pastas, and PBJ. The people could also use hygiene products, like shampoo, bar soap, dishwashing liquid, paper towels, toilet paper; and cleaning supplies, like Lysol wipes, disinfectant, and glass cleaners.

All of your donations are appreciated. May God bless us all!

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.

Regional and Diocesan News and Events

Hurricane Relief

Catholic Charities USA

Catholic Charities USA, the official domestic disaster relief agency of the Catholic Church in the United States, is currently providing support and assistance to its Diocesan Catholic Charities member agencies throughout the regions that are being impacted by Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton. Catholic Charities USA is accepting donations via this form to provide humanitarian relief to those in need through the good work of Catholic Charities agencies

https://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/?form=helene&utm_campaign=20240924_00211_HeleneWeb&utm_medium=organic&utm_source=website&utm_content=disaster

Regional and Diocesan News and Events

Borromeo Seminary & St. Mary Seminary's

Novemberfest - Annual Italian Dinner

Please join us Saturday, November 16th from 5:00pm-8:00pm for great food - 50/50 Raffles. Cost: Adults: \$12, Children, ages 6-12 \$6, Children under 6, Free. Dinner tickets will be sold at the door until 7:30pm. No reservations are needed. Call (440) 943-7600 for more information.

Center for Pastoral Leadership
28700 Euclid Ave., Wickliffe, OH 44092

General Parish Calendar

Saturday,	October 19	
10:00am-2:00 pm	CYO Volleyball Games	G/FR
3:00 pm	Confessions	
4:00 pm	Mass	
Sunday,	October 20	
8:30 am	Sunday PreSchool	CR
9:30 am	Rosary	
9:30 am	Young Families	PP/SH
11:30 am	Mass LS	
1:30pm-6:30 pm	CYO Volleyball Game	G/FR
Monday,	October 21	
8:30 am	Mass	
Tuesday,	October 22	
4:30 pm	RCIC	CC
6:00 pm	Cheerleading Banquet	SH
7:00 pm	Bereavement	FR
Wednesday,	October 23	
4:00 pm	RCIA	CC
5:30 pm	Daisy Troop Mtg.	SH
Thursday,	October 24	
3:00 pm	Faculty Mtg.	SH
3:00 pm	Halloween Party Set-up	SH
7:00 pm	Troop #293	CC
Friday,	October 25	
8:00 am	Halloween Party	SH
12:00 pm	Halloween Dance Gr. 5-8	G
Saturday,	October 26	
10:00 am	Family of Faith	CC
3:00 pm	Confessions	
3:30 pm	8th Gr. Fundraiser Drop off (before & after mass)	SH
4:00 pm	Mass	
	Food Sunday	
Sunday,	October 27	
8:00 am	8th Gr. Fundraiser Drop off (before & after masses)	SH
8:30 am	Sunday PreSchool	CR
9:30 am	Rosary	
11:30 am	Mass LS	
3:30 pm	Athletic XC Dinner	SH
6:30 pm	Youth Group	CC

Note: (LS)=Livestreamed

General Audience of Pope Francis, on 9 October 2024

Cycle of Catechesis. The Spirit and the Bride. The Holy Spirit guides the people of God towards Jesus our hope. 8. «They were all filled with the Holy Spirit» The Holy Spirit in the Acts of the Apostles

In our itinerary of catechesis on the Holy Spirit and the Church, today we will refer to the Book of the Acts of the Apostles.

The account of the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost begins with a description of some preparatory signs – the rush of wind and the tongues of fire – but finds its conclusion in the affirmation that “*they were all filled with the Holy Spirit*” (Acts 2:4). Saint Luke – who wrote the Acts of the Apostles – emphasizes that the Holy Spirit is He who ensures the *universality* and *unity* of the Church. The immediate effect of being “filled with the Holy Spirit” is that the Apostles “began to speak in other tongues”, and came out of the Upper Room to proclaim Jesus Christ to the crowd (cf. Acts 2:4 et seq.).

In so doing, Luke wished to highlight the universal mission of the Church, as a sign of a new unity between all peoples. We see the Spirit work for unity in two ways. On the one hand, He drives the Church outwards, so that she can welcome an ever-greater number of people and peoples; on the other hand, she gathers them within to consolidate the unity achieved. He teaches her to expand in universality, and consolidate in unity. Universal and one: this is the mystery of the Church.

We see the first of the two movements – universality – in process in Chapter 10 of the Acts, in the episode of the conversion of Cornelius. On the day of Pentecost, the Apostles had proclaimed Christ to all the Jews and observers of the Mosaic law, whatever people they belonged to. It takes another “Pentecost”, very similar to the first, in the house of the centurion Cornelius, to induce the Apostles to expand their horizon and break down the last barrier, the one between Jews and pagans (cf. Acts 10-11).

This ethnical expansion is accompanied by a geographical one. Paul – we read again in the *Acts of the Apostles* (cf. 16:6-10) – wanted to proclaim the Gospel in a new region of Asia Minor; but it is written that they had been “forbidden by the Holy Spirit”; he attempted to enter Bithyn’ia, “but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them”. We immediately discover the reason for these surprising prohibitions of the Spirit: the following night the Apostle received in a dream the order to pass into Macedonia. The Gospel thus left its native Asia and entered into Europe.

The second movement of the Holy Spirit – that which creates unity – is seen in action in Chapter 15 of the Acts, in the proceedings of the so-called Council of Jerusalem. The problem is how to ensure that the universality achieved does not compromise the unity of the Church. The Holy Spirit does not always create unity suddenly, with miraculous and decisive actions, as at Pentecost. He also does so – and in the majority of cases – with discreet work, respecting human time and differences, passing through people and

institutions, prayer and confrontation. In, we would say today, a synodal manner. Indeed, this is what happens at the Council of Jerusalem, regarding the matter of the obligations of the Mosaic Law to be imposed on those who converted from paganism. The solution was announced to the entire Church, with the well-known words: “For it has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us...” (Acts 15:28).

Saint Augustine explains the unity achieved by the Holy Spirit with an image, which has become classic: “How the soul is of the body of man is the holy Spirit of the body of Christ, which is the Church” [1]. The image helps us to understand something important. The Holy Spirit does not create the unity of the Church from the outside; He does not limit Himself to commanding us to be united. He Himself is the “bond of unity”. It is He who creates the unity of the Church.

As always, we will conclude with a thought that helps us to pass from the Church as a whole to each one of us. The unity of the Church is the unity between people and is not achieved on the drawing board, but in life. It is implemented in life. We all want unity, we all desire it from the depths of our heart; and yet it is so difficult to attain that, even within marriage and the family, union and concord are among the most difficult things to achieve and even harder to maintain.

The reason why unity among us is difficult is that, yes, everyone wants unity, but based on one’s own point of view, without considering that the other person in front of him thinks exactly the same thing about his “own” point of view. In this way, unity becomes even more elusive. The unity life, the unity of Pentecost, according to the Spirit, is achieved when one makes the effort to put God, not oneself, at the centre. Christian unity is built in this way too: not waiting for others to reach us where we are, but moving together towards Christ.

Let us ask the Holy Spirit to help us be instruments of unity and peace.

PARISH GRADE SCHOOL

And our history continues....An interesting fact that our children learned this past week at school as we celebrated the beginning of our St. Mark heritage, is that the stone cross was placed above the 2nd floor of the church at 3:00 PM on Good Friday, the holy hour of our Lord's death, on April 18, 1952.

On September 4, 1956, there were 800 families in St. Mark Parish. Nine sisters and two lay teachers guided 486 children in the teachings of Christ. A Capital Expansion Fund Campaign was conducted to keep the parish financially sound and to make it possible for the proposed church/auditorium in the future.

Sr. Rita Marie Hughes became principal of St. Mark in 1962. She was principal until 1967. (She was principal when I first started at St. Mark.) She taught all day in addition to her duties as principal. Here are some memories from the 1960's:

- The gym was in the Social Hall
- The school uniform was a grey and green plaid
- The sisters wore blue habits and veils
- Students were sent to the Principal's Office for "consequences"
- Students did fire drills and continued doing "air raid" drills
- The only "technology" were film strip projectors and record players (which are making a come back!)
- There were no electives in school
- The Beatles and "Hippies" were becoming quite popular

Enjoy the photos below, and if you look really close in the 1967 Graduation photo, you should see three somewhat familiar faces- Bob Moran, Tony Laco, and me!

To fast forward to today, our children took a little time last week to begin learning about our heritage as a school and parish. Students viewed a 5 minute video to start off the afternoon. Then there were two activities. One was a scavenger hunt using the History of St. Mark timeline located on the school website, and the other was a St. Mark bingo game. Students had to locate answers to the following questions:

Who was our founding Pastor? Reverend James Downie

The day ground was broken for St Mark Church, July 25, 1948

The year and season that St Mark Church opened, Summer of 1949

The statue and fountain under the awning of St Mark represents St. Theresa, the Little Flower of Jesus

The first Mass was said in our own new building on what feast day? The Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

St. Mark School opened its doors for how many students? 220 students. The first teachers were Sisters from which group? Immaculate Heart of Mary

How many students were in St Mark's first graduating class? 22 students.

In 1950, St Mark had its first snow day- how many inches of snow was there? 22 inches, almost 2 feet!

The 75th year anniversary is represented by a... diamond.

The new gym and Community Center were built in what year? In 1993.

What huge football accomplishment happened for the first time in 1983? St Mark won the CYO Football Championship. (They won it again last year!)

What was added to the school in 1991? The modular unit

What athletic accomplishment happened in 2012? 8th Grade girls win city championship.

During what year did several grades get Chromebooks? 2015.

When did Father Adam become Pastor of St. Mark? 2019

Our plan is to do activities throughout the year and not just on one day because our children are an important part of our rich legacy and heritage.

Have a wonderful week!
Mrs. Cocita

