



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.



14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When the sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given him? What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands!" - Mk 6:2

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PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Adam Zajac
Pastor

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

July: For the pastoral care of the sick. We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.

Liturgy Schedule

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

Monday, July 8

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

Tuesday, July 9

6:45am Mass @ St. Mel

Wednesday, July 10

Thursday, July 11

Friday, July 12

6:45am Mass @ St. Mel

Saturday, July 13

3:00pm Confessions

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4:00pm Mass.....John Jenkins

4:30pm Mass @ St. Mel

Sunday, July 14-Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00am Mass @ St. Mel

8:30am Mass.....Lauretta & Bud Zeber

10:00am Mass @ St. Mel

11:30am Mass.....Dolly Tinnirello

Luke McGraw Memorial Candles

Weekly Intention

July 7th

Joseph Spicuzza

"My Daily Prayers"

is a FREE daily recording of prayers led by the bishops and priests of the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, delivered each day through email.

Lasting about 7 minutes, "My Daily Prayers" invites you into prayer, sharing information about each specific day, encouraging you to enter into a deeper relationship with God.

Sign up here:
DioceseOfCleveland.org/MyDailyPrayers



Let's all
come together
in prayer!



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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
Annmaria Masterson
Mary Miller
Maisie Nowlin
Sr. Josette Obodzinski

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



Liturgical Ministers July 13 & 14

Saturday, July 13 @ 4:00pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Price, Bridget Blayney, NOT FILLED

Lector: Paul Gambon

Altar Server: Kathryn Sowul, Joseph Sowul, Patrick Sowul

Sunday, July 14 @ 8:30am

Eucharistic Ministers: Karen Cocita, Tim Schmidt, Kathy OMalley

Lector: Lisa Braun, Laura Skonce

Altar Server: Kathleen Murray, Reese Reichel, Grace Schmidt

Sunday, July 14 @ 11:30am

Eucharistic Ministers: Rosanne Kelley, Michelle Higgins, NOT FILLED

Lector: Eileen Andrews, Carole Iseli

Altar Server: Patrick Bryant, Owen Goggin, Braidyn McKenna

Weekly Collections

Sunday Envelopes see July 14th bulletin

Faith Direct:..... \$ 5,302.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Friends,

The papal intention this past month was “for migrants fleeing their homes, that migrants fleeing from war hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.” I don’t know if you make the effort to learn in detail some of the things happening in this larger world, pushing past the two minute news media videos and social media blurbs to dive into deep, detailed articles and documentaries and first hand accounts and so on. I try to when I have the time. The things suffered by children and innocents in the hidden parts of the world like Sudan and Afghanistan, let alone the places more visible to us like Ukraine and Gaza, are simply...I want to say “inhuman” but that would lessen the culpability of the murderers.

Geopolitics and global migration is no simple topic. But thinking of people taking on life threatening journeys to flee from life threatening war and hunger, I have appreciated praying this intention with the heart that Pope Francis naturally has as the spiritual father of all the faithful, regardless of where they are from and where they are going. It strikes me as a modern gospel of the good Samaritan, who does not think of the mutual hatred between Samaritans and Jews of the time, but thinks of a broken and beaten man who needs help.

This month of July the papal intention will be, “for the pastoral care of the sick, that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.”

In Christ,



Fr. Adam



CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Babies and Children (up to age 12) will be our focus next weekend. The Providence House and West Side Catholic Center have requested baby food, formula, diapers (#4-5-6), pull-ups (large), baby wipes, and baby lotion, toys (ages 6-12). All of your donations are appreciated. Thank you!

Do you have questions about the Catholic faith?

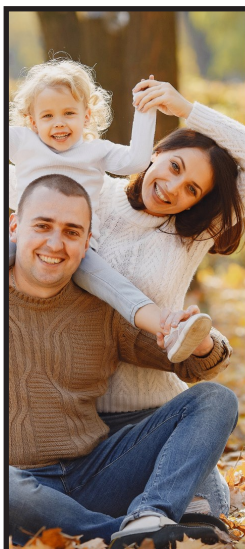
ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

HAVE YOU BEEN BAPTIZED, BUT HAVE NOT MADE YOUR FIRST COMMUNION OR BEEN CONFIRMED?

DO YOU HAVE CHILDREN OVER SEVEN WHO HAVE NOT BEEN BAPTIZED OR ARE BEHIND ON THEIR SACRAMENTS?

If you are interested in learning about becoming Catholic or receiving all the sacraments of initiation, please call the parish office or email Meaghan McCarthy-Silver (msilver@stmarkscleveland.com).

Please share this message with friends and family!



Young Family Gatherings

Once a month after 8:30 a.m. Mass, young families are welcome to gather in the Social Hall/ Pavilion for bagels, coffee, and community.

Dates vary each month. Questions? Please contact Briana David-bciancibello@gmail.com

2024 UPCOMING DATES

July 21
August 25
September 22
October 13



**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

MUSIC MINISTRY

summer music opportunities!

Ice Pops & Tiny Boppers Sing Praise!

Ages 3-5

June 2 | June 16 | July 7 | July 21 | Aug 4
12:30-12:45 in the Pavilion

Saint Mark Childrens Choir Summer Camp

Grades K-3 (designed for early readers)

July 29-Aug 2 9:30 AM- 10:00 AM

Saint Mark Youth Singers Summer Camp

Grades 4-8

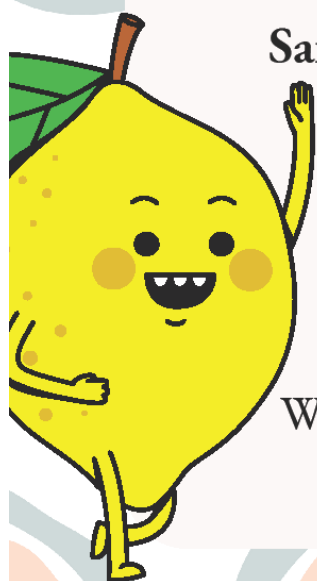
July 29- Aug 2 10:00 AM-11:00 AM

Cantors In-Training

Grades 7-12 By Audition

Weekly private lessons 12:30-1:30 on Sundays.

RSVP to JWallace@StMarkCleveland.com



THE WEEK AHEAD IN OUR PARISH

Saturday,	July 6	
10:00 am	Funeral	
3:00 pm	Confessions	
4:00 pm	Mass	
	<i>Christmas in July</i>	
Sunday,	July 7	
8:30 am	Mass	
9:30 am	Rosary	
11:30 am	Mass LS	
12:30 pm	Youth Choir	PP
Monday,	July 8	
8:30 am	Mass	
Tuesday,	July 9	
Wednesday,	July 10	
Thursday,	July 11	
Friday,	July 12	
Saturday,	July 13	
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Note: (LS)=Livestreamed

Come Join Our Pride of Little Lions!

We have a limited number of open spots in our Pre-K program for the 2024-2025 school year. Both half-day and full-day programs are available. Contact the school office at 216-521-4115 or office@stmarkwestpark.com for more information.



Please see Parish Council Meeting Minutes on the Church website at stmarkcleveland.com



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

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, Roan Viancourt, Lukas Whitney.

God Bless them all!

Kathy O'Malley womalfam@sbcglobal.net for any updates.



SMYG Summer Schedule



Community Garden Service Event
Sat, June 22 | 10a-2p
3800 W 140th St, Cleveland, OH 44111

Sunday Night Meeting
Sun, June 23 | 6:30-8p | St. Mark Pavilion

St. Mark Parish Picnic
Sun, June 30 | 12:30-5p | St. Mark

SMYG Summer Retreat
Fri, July 12 to Sun, July 14 | Inspiration Hills

Sunday Meeting
Sun, July 28 | Time TBD | St. Mark

SMYG Mass Meetup & Milkshakes
Sat, August 10 | 4p | St. Mark

SMYG Car Wash Fundraiser
Sun, August 11 | 8a-1p | St. Mark

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of July 7, 2024

Sunday:

Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 (2cd)/
2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a

Monday:

Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5,
6-7, 8-9/Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday:

Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8,
9-10/Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday:

Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/
Mt 10:1-7

Thursday:

Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16/
Mt 10:7-15

Friday:

Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14
and 17/Mt 10:16-23

Saturday:

Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mt 10:24-33

Next Sunday:

Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/
Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13



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Gospel Meditation Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Recently I watched a bunch of YouTube videos on how to optimize willpower in the face of weakness. The message was: do not accept your weakness. Crush it. Dominate it. In one video, however, at the end of a rant by a willpower coach, the muscular stoic admitted, "You'll never actually get what you want, no matter how hard you try." Amazingly, he admitted that willpower alone is not sufficient for us weak-willed humans.

What does God want us to do with our weaknesses, if crushing them with willpower won't work? For example, what should I do with my tendency to arrogance and self-isolation? Or my procrastination? Or my intellectual and physical limitations? Or my selfishness?

The counter-intuitive answer is clear in this week's words from St Paul, "**I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses in order that the power of Christ may dwell in me** (2 Cor. 12:9)." Boast of our weaknesses? Paul isn't promoting weak-mindedness or laziness. Rather, he perceives that Jesus loves us not despite our weaknesses but because of them. Boasting of our weakness means claiming human will is not all we have. It means turning to God whenever we feel weak, which—let's face it—is almost all the time. When we do, we learn to love our weaknesses, because it's there that we meet the strength of Christ. This week, I challenge us to find ways to boast not in willpower but in weakness.

— *Father John Muir*

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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

But you shall say to them: Thus says the Lord GOD!
And whether they heed or resist
— for they are a rebellious house —
they shall know that a prophet has been among them. (Ez 2:4-5)

Psalm:

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy. (Ps 123)

Second Reading:

I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses,
in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me.
(2 Cor 12:9)

Gospel:

"A prophet is not without honor except in his native place
and among his own kin and in his own house." (Mk 6:4)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

When Jesus taught in the synagogue of his native place, he didn't fit the image of the Messiah the people expected. They dismissed him. Let's learn from their example and remember that God often comes to us in forms that are surprising — even challenging.

Observances for the week of July 7, 2024

Sunday: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday: St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest,
and Companions, Martyrs
Thursday: St. Benedict, Abbot
Saturday: St. Henry
Next Sunday: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saint of the week

Born to a noble family in Florence, St. Mary Magdalen de' Pazzi (1566–1607), has been called the “ecstatic saint” or “The Passion Flower of the Eucharist,” because of the trance-like state, or ecstasy, she entered after receiving Holy Communion.

Prayer for Truth

Dear Lord,
Your prophets were those who spoke Your Truth.
Help me to be a speaker of truth as well, one who reminds of Your love, encourages the lowly, and points ever more deeply to You.
Amen.

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