



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.

August 10, 2025

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“For at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.” - Lk 12:40

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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

August: For mutual coexistence. Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons.

Liturgy Schedule

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

Monday, August 11-St. Clare

8:30am Mass Katie Burkhart

Tuesday, August 12

6:45am Mass @ St. Mel

Wednesday, August 13

Thursday, August 14-St. Maximilian Kolbe

8:30am Mass Eufemia Esparra

7:00pm Vigil Mass **Presider's Intention**

Friday, August 15-The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:45am Mass @ St. Mel

8:30am Mass John Marron & Rosalee Walsh

12:00pm Mass @ St. Mel

Saturday, August 16

3:00pm Confessions

3:00pm Confessions @ St. Mel

4:00pm Mass Richard Mazzella

4:30pm Mass @ St. Mel

Sunday, August 17-20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00am Mass @ St. Mel

8:30am Mass Patrick Shea

10:00am Mass @ St. Mel

11:30am Mass For the Parishioners of St. Mark Parish
and the Parishioners of St. Mel Parish

12:30pm Baptisms

Pray for the Sick

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

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

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

Mindy Biggins

Wedding Banns

Michael Kay & Lauren Pawlowski III

Thomas Rastatter & Mallory Allen I

Liturgical Ministers	emHCs	Lectors	Servers
Saturday, August 16 @ 4:00pm	John Levis Bridget Blayney Gloria Morin	Gloria Morin	Mary Kugler-Blayney Kellen Lentz
Sunday, August 17 @ 8:30am	Karen Cocita Rosanne Kelley Kathy O'Malley	Mary Lewis Monica Svetz	Luke Meisterics Joe Svetz
Sunday, August 17 @ 11:30am	Jeff Joecken Lisa Ditzel Cari Foster	Eliza Kratt NOT FILLED	Joseph Sonby Bill Sonby

NEWS AND EVENTS

Offertory Collections

In-Pew Collection (past weekend)\$ 5,376.00
Faith Direct (past month weekly total)\$ 5,006.00
Thank you for your generosity!

Parish News

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday, August 15th is a Holy Day of Obligation. The mass times are as follows:

Thursday, August 14th-7:00pm @ St. Mark
Friday, August 15th-6:45am @ St. Mel
Friday, August 15th-8:30am @ St. Mark
Friday, August 15th-12:00pm @ St. Mel

VENUE CHANGE

An Evening of
Psalms
written & performed by
Lawrence & Julia Wallace
with string quartet

Saturday August 16th
6:30 PM
St. Mel Church

Recordings will be made available on St. Mark Parish FaceBook

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Schedule for May-August

We are very happy to be restarting Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 8:30am Mass at St. Mark. Children who are in PreK and above but have not yet received their First Communion will be invited to process into the sacristy during 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 dates are:

August 17th


SUMMERS **END**
CHOIR CAMP
8 / 18 - 8 / 22
1:00-1:45 GRADES 1-4 & 2:00-3:00 GRADES 5-8
RSVP WITH JULIA WALLACE [JWALLACE@STMARKCLEVELAND.COM]
NO PREVIOUS ENROLLMENT NECESSARY.
INTENDED TO PREPARE STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN CHOIR FOR SCHOOL MASS.

Parish News



Share God's Love

St. Mark/St. Mel Faith Build

*Unless the LORD builds the house,
those who build it labor in vain.
Ps. 127:1*

Prayer for the St. Mark/St. Mel Faith Build:

Lord God, we humbly ask for your blessing over the Faith build project. Bless the construction, the supervisors and the volunteers, and all those who support make the Faith Build a success. Pour your grace over the families who will live in the homes, and send peace and prosperity to the neighborhoods blessed by the Faith Build. Thank you, Lord, for giving the people of St. Mark and St. Mel the time, talent, and treasure to share with those who have less. We know, Lord, that what we do for the least among us we do for you. We trust that you will bless those who act in your name and who sacrifice for your greater glory. We ask all of this in the mighty name of Jesus Christ, your Son and our Savior!

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 David at: bciancibello@gmail.com

Upcoming Dates: August 17th
September 14th

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. At these gatherings, we dine together and discuss what event we will be doing next to help the community of St. Mark. If you would like to know more, contact Jim Cocita at: jimcocita@gmail.com

St. Mark Sunday School 2025-2026

Registration Information

Register now to save your child's space in Sunday School for the 2025-2026 year! Sunday School is open to children ages 3-6 and takes place during the 8:30am Sunday Mass. In-person registration will take place in the school hallway on Saturday/Sunday August 30th & 31st after all masses. Forms are available at all Church entrances. You can also drop off registration forms to the parish office. Classes begin September 7th. Any questions, please contact: Molly Stottner at mollystottner@hotmail.com

St. Mark Sunday School Volunteers

We are currently seeking volunteers to assist in teaching Sunday School for the 2025-2026 school year! High school students are welcome to assist. Adults 18 and over must be Virtus compliant to volunteer. Classes begin September 7th, and meet during the 8:30am Sunday mass. Please contact Molly Stottner at the above email address.

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.

Military

Please pray for our military presently serving.

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

NEWS AND EVENTS

Regional and Diocesan News and Events

Life in the Spirit Seminar

Diocesan Catholic Renewal Ministries

Come to renew your love for Jesus, and to develop an even fuller relationship with Him. Having already received the Spirit in Baptism and confirmation, we come to know more fully that it is the Holy Spirit who makes our relationship with Jesus throb with life. We meet in the Primary bldg. of Our Lady of Angels School. The seminar begins September 9th for eight consecutive Tuesday evenings through October 28th from 7:30-9:00pm. Please phone Verna, 216-251-3560 or Tom, 216-536-6495 for information or to register. There is no charge for this seminar.

Cleveland Catholic Women's Day of Reflection

Hope Does Not Disappoint Romans 5:5

Please join us on Saturday, October 11th from 9:00am - 3:00pm at the Holiday Inn, 6001 Rockside Rd., Independence. Tickets go on sale August 11th. www.tobcle.org

General Parish Calendar

Saturday,	August 9	
1:00 pm	Wedding	
3:00 pm	Confessions	
4:00 pm	Mass	
Sunday,	August 10	
8:30 am	Mass	
9:30 am	Rosary	
11:30 am	Mass LS	
Monday,	August 11	
8:30 am	Mass	
Tuesday,	August 12	
5:00 pm	Volleyball Prac.	G
5:30 pm	Cheerleading Prac.	PP
6:30 pm	Athletic Assoc. Parent Mtg.	G
Wednesday,	August 13	
9:00 am	Teacher Mtg.	SH
5:00 pm	Volleyball Prac.	G
Thursday,	August 14	
8:30 am	Mass w/Teachers	
9:30 am	Teacher Retreat/Mtg.	SH
7:00 pm	Mass	
Friday,	August 15	
8:30 am	Mass	
6:00 pm	Volleyball Prac.	G
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8:30 am	Mass	
8:30 am	Children's Liturgy of the Word	SS
9:30 am	Rosary	
9:30 am	Young Families	SH/PP
11:30 am	Mass LS	
12:30 pm	Reserved	PP

Jubilee Audience of Pope Leo XIV, on 30 July 2025

Cycle of Catechesis – Jubilee 2025. Jesus Christ our hope. II. The life of Jesus. 12. The healing of a deaf man with a speech impediment. They were exceedingly astonished and they said, "He has done all things well; he even makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak." (Mk 7:37)

Dear brothers and sisters,

With this catechesis, we conclude our journey through the public life of Jesus, marked by encounters, parables, and healings.

This time in which we live also needs healing. Our world is marked by a climate of violence and hatred that demeans human dignity. We live in a society that is becoming ill due to a kind of "bulimia" of social media connections: we are hyperconnected, bombarded by images, sometimes false or distorted. We are overwhelmed by countless messages that stir within us a storm of contradictory emotions.

In this scenario, it is possible that within us arises the desire to turn everything off. We may come to prefer not to feel anything anymore. Even our words risk being misunderstood, and we may be tempted to close ourselves in silence, into a lack of communication where, despite our closeness, we are no longer able to say to one another the most simple and profound things.

In this regard, today I would like to reflect on a passage from the Gospel of Mark that presents us with a man who cannot speak or hear (cf. Mk 7:31–37). Just as it can sometimes happen to us, perhaps this man chose not to speak anymore because he did not feel understood; he chose to shut off every voice because he had been disappointed and wounded by what he had heard. In fact, it is not he who goes to Jesus to be healed, but others bring him. One may think that the people who take him to the Master are concerned about his isolation. The Christian community, however, has also seen in these people an image of the Church, which accompanies each person to Jesus so that they may listen to His word. The episode takes place in pagan territory, so we are in a context where other voices tend to drown out God's voice.

Jesus' behavior may initially seem strange, because He takes this person aside (v. 33a). In this way, He seems to emphasize his isolation, but on closer look, it helps us to understand what lies behind the silence and closure of this man, as if Jesus had perceived his need for intimacy and closeness.

Before anything else, Jesus offers him silent closeness, through gestures that speak of a profound encounter: He touches this man's ears and tongue (cf. v. 33b). Jesus does not use many words; He says only what is necessary in that moment: "Be opened!" (v. 34). Mark uses the word in Aramaic—*Eph'phatha*—as though to let us hear, almost "in person" its sound and breath. This simple and beautiful word

contains the invitation that Jesus addresses to this man who had stopped listening and speaking. It is as if Jesus were saying to him: "Be opened to this world that frightens you! Be opened to the relationships that have disappointed you! Be opened to the life you have given up facing!". Closing in on oneself, in fact, is never a solution.

After the encounter with Jesus, that person not only begins to speak again, but he does so "plainly" (v. 35). This adverb, inserted by the Evangelist, seems to suggest something deeper about the reasons for his silence. Perhaps this man had stopped speaking because he felt he was saying things the wrong way, perhaps he felt inadequate. All of us experience what it means to be misunderstood, to feel that we are not truly heard. All of us need to ask the Lord to heal our way of communicating, not only so that we may be more effective, but also so that we may avoid wounding others with our words.

To begin speaking correctly again is the start of a journey, it is not yet the destination. In fact, Jesus forbids that man from talking about what has happened to him (cf. v. 36). To truly know Jesus, one must complete a journey; one must remain with Him and also pass through His Passion. When we have seen Him humiliated and suffering, when we have experienced the saving power of His Cross, then we can say that we have truly come to know Him. There are no shortcuts to becoming disciples of Jesus.

Dear brothers and sisters, let us ask the Lord that we may learn to communicate with honesty and prudence. Let us pray for all those who have been wounded by the words of others. Let us pray for the Church, that she may never fail in her mission to lead people to Jesus, so that they may hear His Word, be healed by it, and in turn become bearers of His message of salvation.

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

The night of the passover was known beforehand
to our fathers,
that, with sure knowledge of the oaths in which they
put their faith,
they might have courage. (Wis 18:6-7)

Psalm:

Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own. (Ps 33)

Second Reading:

Faith is the realization of what is hoped for
and evidence of things not seen. (Heb 11:1)

Gospel:

Much will be required of the person entrusted with much,
and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted
with more." (Lk 12:48)

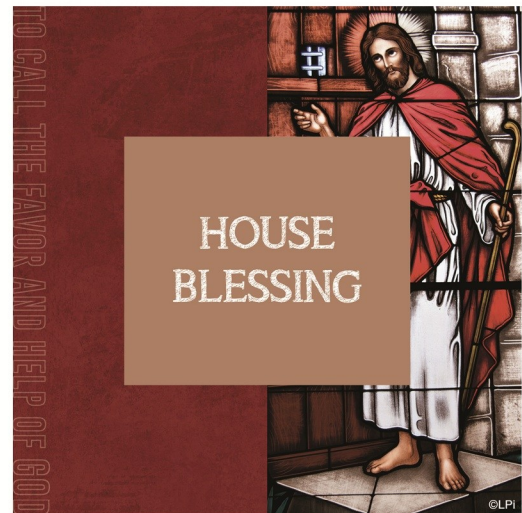
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

We are the servants and God is our master.
He has told us His will, and given us all that
we need to carry out His directions. Do
we have the courage to act as our master
desires? Do we have what it takes to be
stewards of God's grace?

Observances for the week of August 10, 2025

Sunday: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Clare, Virgin
Tuesday: St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious
Wednesday: Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs
Thursday: St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr
Friday: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Saturday: St. Stephen of Hungary
Next Sunday: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Devotions, *Explained!*

Catholics who move to a new place of residence often wish to have their dwelling blessed, to call the favor and help of God upon all those who live in the house and all those who will enter it. The Roman Ritual provides two formats for such blessings.

Prayer for Generosity

God who has gifted me every good thing,
Help me to remember what truly matters.
To treasure love above all else,
and to serve readily.
Amen.

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