



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.

JANUARY 22, 2023



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." - Mt 4:17

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PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Adam Zajac
Pastor

Deacon Dave Lundeen
Business Manager, Pastoral Associate

Mrs. Karen Cocita
Principal

Mrs. Meghan McCarthy-Silver
Pastoral Minister

Mr. Lawrence 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.

Liturgy Readings for the Week

Saturday,	January 21-St. Agnes	
4:00 p.m.	Heb 9: 2-3, 11-14	Mk 3:20-21
	Evelyn Moran	
Sunday,	January 22-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	
8:30 a.m.	Is 8:23-9:3	Cor 1:10-13, 17
11:30 a.m.	Joe Coreno	Mt 4:12-23
	John & Sharon Vertal	
Monday,	January 23	
	Heb 9:15, 24-28	Mk 3:22-30
8:30 a.m.	The Brunson Family Living	
Tuesday,	January 24-St. Francis de Sales	
	Heb 10:1-10	Mk 3:31-35
8:30 a.m.	Pope Benedict XVI	
Wednesday	January 25-The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle	
	Acts 22:3-16	Mk 16:15-18
Thursday,	January 26-Sts. Timothy and Titus	
	Heb 7:25-8:6	Mk 4:21-25
8:30 a.m.	Lois Lechman	
Friday,	January 27	
	Heb 10:32-39	Mk 4:26-34
8:30 a.m.	Presider's Intention	
Saturday,	January 28-St. Thomas Aquinas	
	Heb 11:1-2, 8-19	Mk 4:35-41
4:00 p.m.	For the Parishioners of St. Mark Parish and St. Mel Parish	
Sunday,	January 29-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	Zep 2:3; 3:12-13	Cor 1:26-31
8:30 a.m.	Dave Adams	Mt 5:1-12a
11:30 a.m.	Charlotte Marvin	

Pope's Intention January: For educators. We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fellowship rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

Luke McGraw
Memorial Candles
Weekly Intention
January 22
Special Intention

Join in praying the Rosary in Church
every Sunday after the 8:30am Mass



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!

Liturgical Ministers January 28 & 29

Saturday, January 28 @ 4:00pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Michelle Biggins, Shirlee Toth, Tim Schmidt

Lector: John Levis

Altar Servers: Madeline Gompf, Aidan Gompf, Grace Schmidt

Sunday, January 29 @ 8:30am

Eucharistic Ministers: Karen Cocita, Jessica Hanes, NOT FILLED

Lector: Mary Lewis, Monica Svetz

Altar Servers: Evan Lentz, Joe Svetz, Austin Tousley

Sunday, January 29 @ 11:30am

Eucharistic Ministers: Rosanne Kelley, Mary Ruminski, Lisa Ditzel

Lector: Eileen Andrews, Cari White

Altar Servers: Isabella Evans, Ethan Ruminski, Bill Sonby

Please Pray for Our Sick

William Adams	Gerri Joecken	Mary Stark
Gianna Andolina	David Kurth	Nora Sudetic
Carol Behnke	Catherine Kutsick	Lena Sunyak
Jack Behnke	Loree Leasure-Poirier	George Surovec
Katy Brent	Mary Maloney	Herb Tippie
Henry Buehner	Jim McIlwee	Joe Wantz
Margaret Fadrowski	Mary Miller	Charlotte Whiting
Nicole Foerstner	Betty Minotas	Lillian Zahara
Helen Forlini	Maisie Nowlin	
Mary Frantz	Sr. Josette Obodzinski	
Theresa Fridrich	Ryan Puzziello Jr.	
Cecilia Frischauf	Bill Retzer	
Irene Gurchensky	Sr. Mary Ann Spangler	

RESPECT LIFE

Dearest St. Joseph, at the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home. As God's humble servant, you guided the Holy family on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child. We praise God that as their faithful protector, you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you. May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish, and safeguard God's most precious gift of life. Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life-especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen.

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St. Joseph, defender of life,
pray for us!

Sunday Collections

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 2,568.00
Faith Direct Sunday	\$ 5,765.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Please see the below information from the envelope company St. Mark uses for their weekly contribution envelopes. We did request bulk envelopes which hopefully we will receive soon and will put at the Church entrances. In the meantime if you could please put your contributions in an envelope with your name and or ID#, this will enable us to post to your account. We apologize for this inconvenience and thank you for your understanding.

Greetings from The Church-Budget Envelope and Mailing Company.

Some of you may be aware of delays in the offering envelope mailings over the past couple months. Due to supply chain and the inability to add employees at the rate necessary has created a slow draw on production and shipping. Recently, both of those issues have been resolved. However the "cathup" would jeopardize long term delivery.

In order to get back to expected levels of timely deliveries, we are forced to suspend the production of the remaining supply of your February envelopes. The offering envelopes will resume and be delivered by the first Sunday in March. Quarterly supply will restart in April.

Never in our company's history have we had to skip scheduled mailings and we are doing all we can to make sure this never happens again. We deeply apologize for this necessary course of action and the inconveniences this has caused you and your church family.

The Church - Budget Envelope Mailing Company Management Team

Birthright Baby Bottle Donations

Please drop off baby bottles this weekend January 21 & 22 at the Church entrances.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

You're invited to join..

The Living Stations

Come learn more about this powerful prayer and join us at one of our information nights.

Sunday, January 29th - 6:30-8:00pm - St. Chris
20141 Detroit Road
Rocky River, OH 44116

Monday, January 30th - 6:30-8:00pm - St. Mark
15800 Montrose Ave.
Cleveland, OH 44111

All 7th through 12th Grade students are welcome.

Protecting God's Children

The Diocese of Cleveland's "Protecting God's Children" program is a continuing effort to instruct and inform everyone about the protection of children from sexual abuse. To report any past or present suspected inappropriate behavior toward children by priests, deacons, religious, lay ecclesial ministers or personnel associated with the Church, please contact the Diocesan Response Service Office at (216-334-2999) or via email at response_services@dioceseofcleveland.org. You are also asked to immediately inform local authorities about inappropriate behavior.

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 current 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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YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

Full weekend
Friday 2/17 @7PM — Sunday 2/19 @12PM

Desert Retreat Center

\$65 suggested donation for the weekend

Scholarships available.
(No one refused because of finances.)



Scan to RSVP

THE WEEK AHEAD IN OUR PARISH

Saturday, January 21		
9:00-2:00 pm	Basketball Tournament	G
3:00 pm	Confessions	
4:00 pm	Mass	
5:00-9:00 pm	Basketball Tournament	G
	<i>Baby Bottle Return</i>	
	<i>Food Sunday</i>	
Sunday, January 22		
8:30 am	Mass	
9:30 am	Rosary	CH
11:30 am	Mass (LS)	
11:30 am	Sunday Preschool	CR
1:00-9:00pm	Basketball Tournament	G
6:30 pm	Youth Group Mtg.	SH
Monday, January 23		
8:30 am	Mass	
2:45 pm	Children's Choir Rehearsals	
5:00 pm	Basketball Tournament	G
6:30 pm	PSR Class Gr. 1-8	CR
7:00 pm	Spiritual Life Mtg.	CC
9:00 pm	HS Basketball Practice	G
Tuesday, January 24		
8:30 am	Mass w/2nd Floor	
5:00 pm	Basketball Tournament	G
9:00 pm	HS Basketball Practice	G
Wednesday, January 25		
8:00 am	Science Fair	SH
1:30 pm	Awards Assembly	CH
5:00-9:00pm	Basketball Tournament	G
7:00 pm	Baptism Class	CC
9:00 pm	HS Basketball Practice	G
Thursday, January 26		
8:00 am	Science Fair	SH
8:30 am	Mass	
5:00-9:00 pm	Basketball Tournament	G
6:30 pm	Confirmation Candidate/Sponsor Night	CH
7:00 pm	Troop #293	CC
Friday, January 27		
8:00 am	Science Fair	SH
8:00 am	Book Fair	SH
8:30 am	Mass	
5:00-9:00 pm	Basketball Tournament	G
Saturday, January 28		
	<i>Science & Book Fair</i>	<i>SH</i>
9:00-2:00 pm	Basketball Tournament	G
3:00 pm	Confessions	
4:00 pm	Mass	
5:00-9:00 pm	Basketball Tournament	G
Sunday, January 29		
	<i>Science & Book Fair</i>	<i>SH</i>
8:30 am	Mass w/Teachers	
9:30 am	Rosary	CH
11:30 am	Mass (LS)	
11:30 am	Sunday Preschool	CR
1:00-9:00pm	Basketball Tournament	G

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 Stiegelmeyer, Edward Thomas, Joseph Toole, Jacob Trefney, Jonah Treible, Lukas Whitney.
God Bless them all!

Kathy O'Malley

womalfam@sbcglobal.net for any updates.



REQUEST FOR 2022 CONTRIBUTION REPORT

Please send a request via email to twinans@stmarkcleveland.com or fill out this form and return it to the Parish Office.

Name (print) _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Email report to: _____

Pick up at Parish Office _____ Mail to above address _____

PRINCIPAL NEWS

Our Classroom of Champions Team, consisting of some 7th and 8th Grade students recently participated in St. Ed's January competition. And what a competition it was! The topic this month was Fine Arts. Questions ranged from the ages of some of our early composers, to identifying the artist who painted a certain work of art, and even incorporated some mathematical questions based on birth dates added and then multiplied by the number of symphonies written by Beethoven. Seventeen teams were competing against one another, and in the end, St. Mark placed 2nd! I was so proud of our team! Congratulations to Miss McLaughlin and Mrs. Gallagher who practice with the team during their recess periods.

Speaking of competitions, our Athletic Association is once again sponsoring a basketball tournament which hosts many teams from all over Cleveland. This past week, I had the pleasure of watching our 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade boys' and girls' teams compete in championship games. I was very impressed with the progression of skills from one grade to the next, and I was very impressed with the sportsmanship I saw both on and off the court. Not only were our students in the stands cheering their classmates on, but also acknowledging the skills of their opponents. On the court, I saw players helping one another up; it did not make a difference which team they belonged to. Sports play an important role in a young person's life. It's good for the mind, body, and spirit while teaching problem-solving skills, leadership, and dedication. I assure you we have many student leaders coming up! A special note of thanks to our entire Athletic Association and the many volunteers that it takes to put a tournament of this magnitude on.

Also this past week, several of our Student Council members attended an all-day leadership inservice with one of their moderators, Ms. Albrigo. Upon their return, I asked a few of them to share some thoughts about their day:

Dylan: "I learned that confidence is key. Without it, fear would take over. Fear could fill our minds with doubt."

Danny: "I found the conference to be very informational, and I took a lot away from it. One thing I learned is that people pay attention to what you do more than what you say. This means leaders need to act like leaders."

Agnes: "The Student Council conference was really influential, and I was inspired, above all, to let go of my fears and self-doubt, and trust others. We were challenged to trust each other, unite, and work as a team. The speaker definitely inspired confidence and freedom to be me."

The students all agreed that "Working together is the key to success."

School Choice Week begins January 22nd. The goal is to raise awareness about the K-12 education options available to families in communities across the country. The movement is committed to including all school choice perspectives- traditional public schools, public charter schools, magnet schools, private schools, online academies, and homeschooling. Its goal is to empower parents to choose the right school for their children. School choice is important because every child deserves an effective, challenging, and motivating education that inspires them to be successful and achieve their dreams. Some of our students have been working on a video about what makes St. Mark so special. I am anxious to see it next week as we celebrate School Choice! Thanks to Mrs. Greuloch for moderating this group of students.

Our Open House for Catholic Schools' Week is Sunday, January 29th from 9:30-11:30. Take some time to walk our hallways, view the work occurring in our classrooms and STREAM Lab, visit the Scholastic Book Fair and Science Fair projects in the Social Hall, and receive a tasty treat by the gym. We have much to celebrate, and we look forward to sharing this with you.

Have a great week!

Mrs. Cocita



WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 22, 2023

- Sunday:** Is 8:23—9:3/Ps 27:1,4, 13-14 (1a)/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17
- Monday:** Heb 9:15, 24-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Mk 3:22-30
- Tuesday:** Heb 10:1-10/Ps 40:2 and 4ab, 708a, 10, 11/Mk 3:31-35
- Wednesday:** Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18
- Thursday:** 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Tit 1:1-5/12/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25
- Friday:** Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40/Mk 4:26-34
- Saturday:** Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Mk 4:35-41
- Next Sunday:** Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (Matthew 5:3)/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 22, 2023

- Sunday:** 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin, Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
- Tuesday:** St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Wednesday:** The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
- Thursday:** Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops
- Friday:** St. Angela Merici, Virgin
- Saturday:** St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church
- Next Sunday:** 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Celebrate Catholic Schools Week

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

When Jesus called Simon and Andrew, they left “at once” to follow him; when he called James and John, they did likewise. St. Peter, St. Andrew, St. James and St. John, pray for us, that God will grant us similar courage and clarity when called by Christ.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Marianne Cope immigrated to the USA from Germany when she was a child. A gifted leader, she oversaw schools, hospitals, and missions during her long life. Most notably, she volunteered to provide care to those outcast with leprosy in Hawaii.

PRAYER

Prayer for St. Marianne Cope's intercession

Lord Jesus, you who gave us your commandment of love of God and neighbor, and identified yourself in a special way with the most needy of your people, hear our prayer. Faithful to your teaching, St. Marianne Cope loved and served her neighbor, especially the most desolate outcast, giving herself generously and heroically for those afflicted by leprosy. She alleviated their physical and spiritual sufferings, thus helping them to accept their afflictions with patience.

Her care and concern for others manifested the great love you have for us. Through her merits and intercession, grant us the favor which we confidently ask of you so that the people of God, following the inspiration of her life and apostolate, may practice charity towards all according to your word and example.

Amen.

(Prayer Source: <https://www.saintmarianne.org/prayer---novena2.html>)

