

Liturgy Readings for the Week

Saturday,	February 18	
4:00 p.m.	Heb 11:1-7	Mk 9:2-13
	Joseph Coreno	
Sunday,	February 19-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	
8:30 a.m.	Lv 19:1-2, 17-18	Cor 3:16-23
11:30 a.m.	Charles Walsh	Mt 5:38-48
	For the Parishioners of St. Mark Parish & St. Mel Parish	
Monday,	February 20	
8:30 a.m.	Sir 1:1-10	Mk 9:14-29
	Morrisroe-Healy Family Living & Deceased	
Tuesday,	February 21	
8:30 a.m.	Sir 2:1-11	Mk 9:30-37
	Fr. Mark Fedor	
Wednesday	February 22-Ash Wednesday	
8:30 a.m.	Jl 2:12-18	Cor 5:20-6:2
12:00 p.m.	Dave Adams	Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
7:00 p.m.	Liturgy w/Ashes	
	Presider's Intention	
Thursday,	February 23	
8:30 a.m.	Dt 30:15-20	Lk 9:22-25
	Daniel Shannon	
Friday,	February 24	
8:30 a.m.	Is 58:1-9a	Mt 9:14-15
	Presider's Intention	
Saturday,	February 25	
4:00 p.m.	Is 58:9b-14	Lk 5:27-32
	Presider's Intention	
Sunday,	February 26-First Sunday of Lent	
8:30 a.m.	Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7	Rom 5:12-19
11:30 a.m.	Charles Walsh	Mt 4:1-11
	For the Parishioners of St. Mark Parish & St. Mel Parish	

Pope's Intention February: for parishes. We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, unity and welcome towards those most in need.

Luke McGraw
Memorial Candles
Weekly Intention
February 19
Special Intention

Join in praying the Rosary in Church every Sunday after the 8:30am Mass Livestreamed the 3rd Sunday of the month.



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 February 25 & 26

Saturday, February 25 @ 4:00pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Dave, John Levis, Mary Price

Lector: Paul Gambon

Altar Servers: Fia Drvenkar, Clare Hurley, Cristian Trump

Sunday, February 26 @ 8:30am

Eucharistic Ministers: Karen Cocita, Michael Kay, Sheila Gallagher

Lector: Barbara Paynter, NOT FILLED

Altar Servers: Albert McGervey, Jack McGervey, Anthony McGervey

Sunday, February 26 @ 11:30am

Eucharistic Ministers: Eileen Andrews, Deirdre Mueller, NOT FILLED

Lector: Cari Foster, Carole Iseli

Altar Servers: Joseph Andolina, Eoin Mueller, Patrick Mueller

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	



Ash Wednesday Schedule
February 22

6:45am - Mass at St. Mel
8:30am - Mass at St. Mark
12:00pm - Liturgy of the Word at St. Mark
4:30pm - Mass at St. Mel
7:00pm - Mass at St. Mark

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Please see sign-up sheets in the Sacristy
for Ash Wednesday services
Wednesday, February 22nd

Please come to our
Taize Lenten Prayer Service!

In Taize, France the custom is to come together as a community to join in meditative prayer. usually, Taize Prayer includes scripture, song, meditation, periods of silence and candle light. Please enter into this silence and allow it to touch your heart. This type of prayer is an extremely serene service which will hopefully awaken your spirit on the journey to celebrate 'Christ's redeeming act of salvation' for us.

Sunday, March 5th @ 7:00pm
St. Mark Church

Please join us for our LENTEN FISH FRY

February 24th & March 10th

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

St. Mark Social Hall

DINNERS:

Battered Fried Cod (3 pieces)	\$13
Baked Tilapia Fillets (2 pieces)	\$13
Baked Butter Crumb Cod (1 piece)	\$13
Battered Fried Shrimp (5 pieces)	\$13
Pierogi (5 pieces)	\$11
Mac & Cheese	\$11
Individual Cheese Pizza	\$10
Texas Toast Grilled Cheese	\$10

SIDES (pick 2):

Pub Fries, Green Beans, Baked Beans, Mac & Cheese,
Pierogi, Cole Slaw, Apple Sauce

EXTRAS INCLUDED:

Roll & Butter, Beverages and Cookies

Cash, Checks & Credit Cards Accepted

Take Out Available



LENTEN FAMILY RETREAT

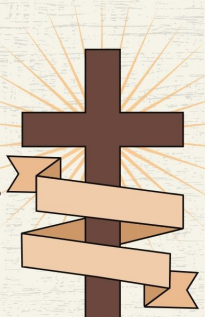
SATURDAY, MARCH 4

9-11:45AM

A DAY OF LEARNING, PRAYER, AND
FUN ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILIES OF ALL
AGES.

PLEASE REGISTER BY 2/28 BY
CALLING THE PARISH OFFICE OR
EMAILING

MSILVER@STMARKCLEVELAND.COM



St. Mark Soup Suppers

MARCH 7, 21, AND 28
6:30 IN THE ST. MARK SOCIAL
HALL

Come for soup, fellowship, and a
brief Lenten-themed talk.
Call the Parish Office for more
information or to register.



Soup Supper Volunteers Needed

If you are interested in bringing
a large homemade soup to one
of our Soup Supper nights,
please call Cheryl at the parish
office to sign up.

2023 Magnificat Lenten
Reflection booklets will be at the
Church entrances this weekend.
The cost is \$2.00 each.
Please return envelopes to the Parish Office



The 2023 Catholic Charities Appeal is underway with an in-pew commitment process taking place this weekend. This is not a special collection; rather, the Catholic charities Appeal represents the chance for all Catholics to make a significant pledge, payable in installments, to Catholic Charities, diocese of Cleveland in order to support its mission of a society that stands united in its support of the "least among us." Many parishioners have received a letter from Bishop Malesic requesting their support. If you have received the mailing, please respond to it. There is a box on the in-pew envelope to indicate that you have responded by mail.

A time to heal. A time to help. Your support of the 2023 Catholic Charities Appeal helps us to carry out the mission that Jesus entrusted to us: 'I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.' Please consider a generous gift that will change the lives of the 400,000 who are served each year in Northeast Ohio. Please pray for the success of the Appeal, which provides for essential programs and services in need throughout all eight counties of the Diocese of Cleveland.



SAVE THE DATE
Mark's Madness 2023
Sunday, March 19th 6-8pm

This fundraising basketball games between 8th grade day school/PSR students and coaches/teachers of all sports supports our Parish Outreach program, which helps fellow parishioners in times of need. Please plan on attending this FUN fundraising event. Pre-pay admission and Family Pass forms are available at the doors of the Church, School and online on the school and church websites.

There will be a Second Collection the weekend of March 18 & 19.

Thank you for your support of this very helpful program for our Parish.

FOOD SUNDAY

The Bountiful Basement at Blessed Trinity parish serves over 100 families each week. For next weekend, they have asked us to focus on just a few items that they are out of. These are ingredient soups: cream of chicken, cream of mushroom, and chicken noodles; plus elbow macaroni and wide noodles; then stews; and juice. They appreciate all that you do for them. May God bless all!

St. Mark School Registration for 2023-2024

Registration for the 2023-2024 school year began in January for all returning families with new student(s) going into Preschool or Kindergarten. There are currently only a few spots remaining in Preschool. Registration will take place using your Digital Academy account. The Digital Academy link can also be found on the school website's main page.

Open registration for new families to St. Mark School entering Pre-school through 8th grade is currently going on now through the month of February. Registration will take place through the Digital Academy link on the school website's main page. Interested families may arrange a private tour by contacting the school office at 216-521-4115.



St. Baldrick's School Bake Sale

- Calling all Bakers!! Tuesday and Wednesday February 28th and March 1st
- Calling all bakers - your baking skills are needed!! Please send in individually wrapped items for our St. Baldrick's bake sale. The bake sale will take place during the school lunch periods in the social hall. (NO PEANUTS PLEASE)
- All funds raised will be donated to our St. Baldrick's fundraising goal helping fund research for childhood cancer.
- All items will be priced at \$1.00 to sell to students during their lunch periods.
- We will begin accepting bakery donations starting Monday, February 27th. Please send the items to the school.
- We appreciate your help. This has been a big fundraiser in years past and we are excited to host it once again.



THE WEEK AHEAD IN OUR PARISH

Saturday,	February 18		
3:00 pm	Confessions		
4:00 pm	Mass		
	<i>Catholic Charities Appeal</i>		
Sunday,	February 19		
8:30 am	Mass		
9:30 am	Rosary LS	CH	
9:30 am	Young Families	SH	
11:30 am	Mass (LS)		
11:30 am	Sunday Preschool	CR	
4:00 pm	Living Stations Practice	CH	
Monday,	February 20		
	<i>School Closed</i>		
	<i>Parish Office Closed</i>		
8:30 am	Mass		
6:30 pm	Living Stations Practice	CH	
Tuesday,	February 21		
8:30 am	Mass		
5:00 pm	A & E Decorating	CH	
Wednesday,	February 22		
8:30 am	Mass w/School		
12:00 pm	Service w/Ashes		
7:00 pm	Mass		
Thursday,	February 23		
8:30 am	Mass		
7:00 pm	Troop #293	SH	
9:00 pm	Fish Fry set-up	SH	
Friday,	February 24		
8:30 am	Mass		
5:00 pm	Fish Fry	SH	
6:30 pm	Stations of the Cross	CH	
Saturday,	February 25		
3:00 pm	Confessions		
4:00 pm	Mass		
	<i>Food Sunday</i>		
Sunday,	February 26		
8:30 am	Mass		
9:30 am	Rosary	CH	
9:30 am	Young Families	SH	
11:30 am	Mass w/Pack #268 (LS)		
11:30 am	Sunday Preschool	CR	
12:30 pm	Pack #268 Blue & Gold Dinner	SH	
4:00 pm	Living Stations Practice	CH	

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, 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 _____

Sunday Collections

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 3,393.00
Faith Direct Sunday	\$ 5,765.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

PRINCIPAL NEWS

In an article written by Terry Pluto and published just last Sunday in the Plain Dealer titled, "The Power of Today," he writes: "Simple gestures- reaching out to let others know you care, volunteering, patience, being faithful... each day is a blessing; each day is a chance." While his article centered mainly on John Adams, who banged the drum for nearly 3,900 Tribe games over 49 years, it also focused on how God is truly blessing us when we are doing something for someone else.

Just this past week, our Prayer Partners got together and created Valentines for others. They made them for each other, for residents in nursing facilities, and for some of our shut-ins. Several of the 5th Grade students inquired if I thought it would be OK if their Prayer Partners and they made Valentines for Mrs. Adams. Yet again this year, these children touched not only Mrs. Adams' heart, but mine as well. Their empathy is exactly what Terry Pluto was writing about in his article: our simple gestures can have a profound impact upon others.

Last week, Ms. Allen, one of our tutors, put together a presentation on Africa for our students in Gr. 5-8 since February is Black History month. She had traveled to several of the 54 countries in Africa, so she was able to share some first-hand stories and photos of her experiences. In all, she spoke about Senegal, Ghana, Ethiopia, Kenya, and Egypt. In her presentation she spoke about the culture found in each of these countries including: dress, language, religion, food, music, literature, dance, customs, and holidays. Some of her facts included:

- More than one language is spoken by the people of Senegal than any other African country
- Most market places are very different from the market places we are accustomed to seeing here in the United States.
- In Ethiopia, 67% of the population is Christian
- In Kenya, 85% of the population practices Christianity

Some of her key takeaways included:

- Take advantage of opportunities to travel
- Study and learn about the culture before you visit so you understand the culture and your surroundings
- Look for similarities and respect differences
- Learn more than one language
- Be open to trying different food

Ms. Allen brought many artifacts with her so the students could see exactly what she was speaking about. The younger students then had the opportunity to walk past these artifacts. The children were most amazed about how delicious the food looked, and how crowded their urban areas were when compared to the rural areas. Many thanks to Ms. Allen for this presentation.

Congratulations to the following students who received Honors for the 2nd Quarter:

3rd Honors: Dawson W., Gina P., Adlee R., Calvin G., Connor H., Kevin K., Kiera L., Benjamin L., Charlotte G., Mia O., Liam P., Ella S., Dominic S., Anna T., Saoirse B., Jackson G., Paolo I., Charlotte K., Richard K., Padraig M., Layla V., Rocco W., Mary K., Braidyn M., Henry C., Kiera R., and Molly M.

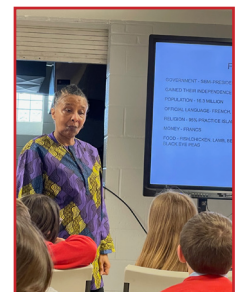
2nd Honors: Colette A., Patrick B., Fiona C., Cole C., Will G., Nicholas H., Killian M., Frances M., Emily P., Reese R., Gabe W., Ellie B., Benjamin B., Thomas C., Aleyah C., Luca D., Stella H., Caroline R., Jacob S., Olivia T., Evelyn B., Emmet K., Emily K., Olivia M., Tadhg M., Neva M., Patrick M., Kathryn S., Sofia C., Isabel D., Houston E., Ian Mc., Fiona S., James B., Lauren B., Dylan K., Robert L., Erin M., KiShawn B., Becky B., Gregory E., Diego I., John M., Kathleen N., Thomas S., Teagan S., Evan W., Mahleah W., Samara G., Isabella R., Maeve S., Angelica Z., Teagan B., Maura B., Raegan K., Casey K., Kendra K., Faith M., Patrick M., Tristan R., and Joseph S.

1st Honors: Cloey B., Theodore F., Ruby J., Lajla K., Emma R., Liam L., Declan F., Joseph S., Clare S., Emma T., Carlina V., Gianna A., Madeline C., Grace D., Julia M., Ava B., Elizabeth C., Aidan G., Clare H., Kathleen M., Elizabeth N., Margaret S., Leah T., Agnes B., Jack C., Owen G., Elizabeth H., Luke H., Barrett J., Olivia K., Andrew K., Daniel R., Camilla R., Joseph A., Grace C., Fia D., Isabella E., Corinne G., Evan L., Samira S., Louis F., Madeline G., Grayson H., Grace H., Dylan H., Aoife K., Elizabeth K., Margaret M., Leah M., Isabella N., Mason O., Grace S., Lillian S., Terrence W., Logan F., Sienna H., Patrick L., Milani M., Sean M., Eoin M., Elyse R., Tessa R., and Caroline S.

Principal's Award: Quinn K., Lilly R., Sean M., Tommy C., Emmet K., Eliza K., Luciana B., Benjamin L., Madeline C., Edward P., Dylan H., Alberto L., Maura B., Casey K., Isabella N., Madeline G., Thomas S., Mahleah W., Abigail F., Owen G., Fiona S., Houston E., Liam P., Gianna A., Carlina V., Olivia T., Colette A., Will G., Emily S., Gavin S., Markeita J., Nolan L., Colin W., Francesca P., Jax G., Zoe M., Maria M., Eli S., Gabrielle D., Harrison H., Harrison H., Maura K., Jocelyn S., Sullivan P., Olive M., Ronan B., Luka P., and Adeline K.,

I closed our Honors Assembly with this thought: "Every one of you has been challenged to make a positive difference in the lives of others. Have you reached out in kindness to others during recess who are by themselves? Have you complimented one of your classmates? Have you been helpful at home? Think about this quote from Helen Keller, "Alone we can do so little; TOGETHER we can do so much." We need each other, we need to share ideas, share our skills, share laughter, be there in support.... Because we are ONE TEAM with ONE MISSION. We help each other grow every day." or as Terry Pluto put it, "Each day is a blessing; each day is a chance."

Mrs. Cocita



Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"Take no revenge and cherish no grudge against any of your people.
You shall love your neighbor as yourself.
I am the LORD." (Lv 19:18)

Psalm:

The Lord is kind and merciful. (Ps 103)

Second Reading:

All belong to you, and you to Christ, and Christ to God.
(1 Cor 3:22-23)

Gospel:

"You have heard that it was said,
You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.
But I say to you, love your enemies
and pray for those who persecute you." (Mt 5:43-44)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Want to be a real revolutionary? Defy the fallen impulses of human nature. Love your enemy. Pray for your persecutor. Give to those who would take. We can do hard things, Christians. We aren't perfect, but our God is.

Observances for the week of February 19, 2023

- Sunday:** 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Presidents' Day
Tuesday: St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Wednesday: Ash Wednesday
Thursday: St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr
Next Sunday: 1st Sunday of Lent



Saint of the week

Venerable Félix Varela was a thought leader, professor, scholar, political leader, and cultural champion for immigrant families. Originally from Cuba, he served in Spain and in the United States as a pastoral luminary in every community he engaged.

Prayer

Prayer for Venerable Félix Varela y Morales's intercession

Holy and righteous God, you created us in your image.

Grant us grace to contend fearlessly against evil and make no peace with oppression.

Help us, like your servant Venerable Felix Varela,

to work for justice among people and nations, to the glory of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns

with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

(Prayer Source: -Adapted from Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006), page 60

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