



# 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.

July 20, 2025



## 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

Jesus entered a village where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary who sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak. - Lk 10:38-39

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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

Liturgy Schedule

Scripture readings can be found online at:  
[bible.usccb.org](http://bible.usccb.org)

Monday, July 21

8:30am Mass .....Joan Andrews

Tuesday, July 22-St. Mary Magdalene

6:45am Mass @ St. Mel

Wednesday, July 23

Thursday, July 24

Friday, July 25-St. James

6:45am Mass @ St. Mel

Saturday, July 26-Sts. Joachim and Anne

3:00pm Confessions

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4:00pm Mass ..... Ruth Lanaghan & Jeri Kurth

4:30pm Mass @ St. Mel

Sunday, July 27-17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00am Mass @ St. Mel

8:30am Mass .....Joseph Spicuzza

10:00am Mass @ St. Mel

11:30am Mass .....Lana Conroy

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

Katy Brent

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

Charlotte Whiting

Lillian Zahara

Lew Zahara Jr.

Joseph Zavatchen Sr.

Joseph Zavatchen Jr.

Pray for the Deceased

Angela Vitanza, Mother of Lisa Reardon

May perpetual light shine upon them

Other Intentions

Weekly Luke McGraw Memorial Candles Intention

Dan Sunyak

Wedding Banns

Curtis Pratt III & Katelyn Senz /

Liturgical Ministers	emHCs	Lectors	Servers
Saturday, July 26 @ 4:00pm	Bridget Blayney Marian Lundeen John Levis	Al Abel	Eoin Mueller Patrick Mueller
Sunday, July 27 @ 8:30am	Mary Stamper Austin Tousley Laura Skonce	Agnes Butler Michael Grathwol	Clare Stock Fiona Stock
Sunday, July 27 @ 11:30am	Shawn Wroten Annamaria Masterson Lisa Ditzel	Amanda Conklin Monica Svetz	Hunter Conklin Rowan Schleter

## NEWS AND EVENTS

### Offertory Collections

In-Pew Collection (past weekend) .....\$ 3,163.00  
Faith Direct (past month weekly total) .....\$ 4,788.00  
Thank you for your generosity!

### Parish News

#### 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 3rd and August 17th

### School News

St. Mark Class of 2021! Join us for an evening of s'mores, stories, and reconnecting with old friends before you all head off on your next adventure!

- ◆ **Date:** Friday, August 8
- ◆ **Time:** 8:00 pm
- ◆ **Location:** St. Mark Pavillion

We'll have plenty of s'mores and lots of laughs as you look back on your grade school memories and look ahead to what's next.

Whether you're staying close to home or heading across the country, we'd love to see you before the next chapter begins!

**Please RSVP by Wednesday, August 6 by scanning the QR code or emailing the school office at [office@stmarkwestpark.com](mailto:office@stmarkwestpark.com).**



## Share God's Love

### St. Mark/St. Mel Faith Build

Registration is Open!

Build site volunteer registration is open for the St. Mark/St. Mel 2025 Faith Build. Anyone aged 16 or older can volunteer at a build site. Volunteers under 18 must be accompanied by an adult volunteer.

2025 Build Dates:

- Thursday, July 24
- Saturday, August 2
- Saturday, September 13
- Saturday, September 27 (Neighborhood Spruce Up Day)

Email Amy Asseff for a link to the registration page: [aasseff@aol.com](mailto:aasseff@aol.com)

Please keep the Faith Build and its volunteers in your prayers!

### Christmas in July

Feeding their Clients will be the focus for next weekend.

Providence House, St. Herman's House and West Side Catholic Center have requested the following food items.

Canned fruits, meats, and mixed vegetables (large); cereal, PBJ, applesauce, drink mixes (lemonade, iced tea, kool-aid), Ensure/Boost drinks, Gatorade, instant coffee packets/ small jars, PediaSure (chocolate & vanilla), sugar (canister), salt & pepper (packets & canister), jello & pudding snack pack cups, popcorn, cookies, crackers (cheese, graham, saltine), BBQ sauce (large), ranch dressing, and condiments. Please check the expiration dates. Lets keep their folks well fed in August.

They appreciate all of your donations. Thank you.

May God bless all!



## 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

### 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

### General Parish Calendar

<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>July 19</b>	
3:00 pm	Confessions	
4:00 pm	Mass	
	<b>Christmas in July</b>	
<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>July 20</b>	
8:30 am	Mass	
9:30 am	Rosary	
11:30 am	Mass LS	
<b>Monday,</b>	<b>July 21</b>	
8:30 am	Mass	
5:30 pm	Baptism Class	CC
<b>Tuesday,</b>	<b>July 22</b>	
<b>Wednesday,</b>	<b>July 23</b>	
7:00 pm	Bible Timeline	CC
<b>Thursday,</b>	<b>July 24</b>	
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### VIRTUS Program Compliance

Check that you are up-to-date!

All staff and all volunteers who work with children (such as coaches, catechists, scout leaders, parent volunteers, etc.) are required to stay compliant with the VIRTUS program. No exceptions are made. This program is required by the Diocese of Cleveland, and we are audited annually.

For existing volunteers:

- Stay current with the online bulletins
- Renew your BCI Fingerprint and Background check every five years through virtusonline.org (see the Toolbox tab for selection.com background check).

New and interested volunteers working with children:

- Attend a VIRTUS training. Registration is through virtusonline.org.
- Read and sign the 2016 Policy for Protecting Children.
- Read and sign the 2016 Standards of Conduct.
- Complete a background check through virtusonline.org (see the Toolbox tab for selection.com background check).
- Complete the St. Mark Volunteer Application

Full information can be found on our parish website. To verify that you are in compliance call the parish office.

## NEWS AND EVENTS

### AVAILABLE NOW! PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES

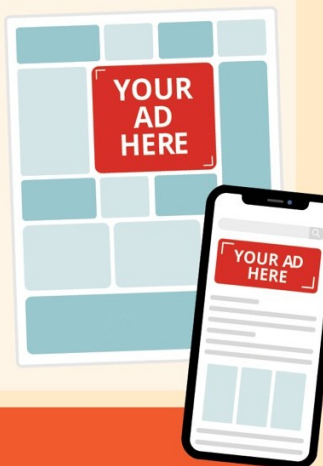
#### The Support of Your Business is Greatly Appreciated

**Vic Preisel** from LPi, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. It is the support of the business community that helps to make our church thrive. Please consider purchasing an ad as your participation makes our bulletin successful, and you attract customers!

#### Church bulletin advertising

is a cost-effective way to advertise 52 times per year and show support for your local community; in turn, parishioners will support you!

**Digital advertising** allows your business to be front and center to anyone who visits a church profile page on [ParishesOnline.com](http://ParishesOnline.com) — that's approximately 500,000 page views per month!



**Vic Preisel**  
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### Regional and Diocesan News and Events

#### The FEST

Mark your calendars!

Join us for the highlight of the summer....The FEST on Sunday, August 3rd. The FEST is an inspiring day of faith, family and fun - all for FREE. Come and hear the best of the Contemporary Christian Artists: Maverick City Music, Danny Gokey, Ben Fuller and Seph Schlueter. There's something for everyone at The FEST from meaningful displays to faith-based crafts and activities for the kids. You can visit the Marc's Mom's Relaxation Station along with getting your favorite summer foods at family friendly prices!

Invite family and friends for the 25th anniversary of The FEST held on the campus of the Center for Pastoral Leadership in Wickliffe. The day begins at 12 noon and continues until 8pm when we come together United in faith...hope and love...for a beautiful outdoor Mass followed by an amazing American Fireworks Display. For all the details go to: [www.theFEST.us](http://www.theFEST.us). For thousands across our region it truly is the highlight of the summer. Please join us!!!

A poster for 'Wednesday Evenings Live' at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. The poster features a red background with the text 'WEDNESDAY EVENINGS LIVE' in white. To the right, it says '+ VESPERS + LIVE MUSIC + COMMUNITY + FOOD'. Below that, it says 'CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST' and 'Wednesdays in the courtyard | 5:30-8PM'. At the bottom, it says 'saintjohncathedral.com' and shows a crowd of people with their hands raised. There is also a circular logo on the bottom right.

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# Worship & Meditation

## Readings for the week of July 20, 2025

### Sunday:

Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 (1a)/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42

### Monday:

Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6/  
Mt 12:38-42

### Tuesday:

Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4,  
5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

### Wednesday:

Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26,  
27-28/Mt 13:1-9

### Thursday:

Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55,  
56/Mt 13:10-17

### Friday:

2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5,  
6/Mt 20:20-28

### Saturday:

Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/  
Mt 13:24-30

### Next Sunday:

Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 (3a)/  
Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

One of my close friends is a hermit priest who lives on a desert mountain. Recently I found myself in a group conversation about him. One vehemently objected, "What does he do up there all day? Nothing! Priests are down here working, running parishes, making a difference, and he... he is doing nothing! What a waste." The words dripped with indignation and resentment. Most of the group quietly nodded in silent agreement. Were they correct?

No! To see why, consider a similar scenario in this week's Gospel. Jesus visits his friends Martha and Mary. A hardworking and exasperated Martha complains to Jesus that her sister is attending to him rather than to urgent household tasks. Our Lord, rather than praising hospitality, explicitly celebrates the less-productive sister for doing the **"one necessary thing."** He praises her for she **"has chosen the better part"** (Luke 10:42). Mary is busy doing what matters.

Before we freak out like Martha, consider that all work — domestic, manual, professional, ministerial, contemplative — is done to help us (sooner or later) to experience the love that makes us happy. We should be thankful for those who focus on the "better part" of radical, ceaseless prayer. They invite us to remember the purpose of all work is the enjoyment of love. Contemplatives, hermits, anyone fervently committed to prayer—they invite us to cast aside our forgetful, resentful, and self-aggrandizing attitudes in exchange for hearts ready to do what is finally necessary.

— Father John Muir

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# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

They asked Abraham, "Where is your wife Sarah?"  
He replied, "There in the tent."  
One of them said, "I will surely return to you about  
this time next year,  
and Sarah will then have a son." (Gn 18:10)

### Psalm:

He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord. (Ps 15)

### Second Reading:

It is Christ in you, the hope for glory.  
It is he whom we proclaim. (Col 1:27-28)

### Gospel:

The Lord said to her in reply,  
"Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried  
about many things.  
There is need of only one thing.  
Mary has chosen the better part  
and it will not be taken from her." (Lk 10:42)

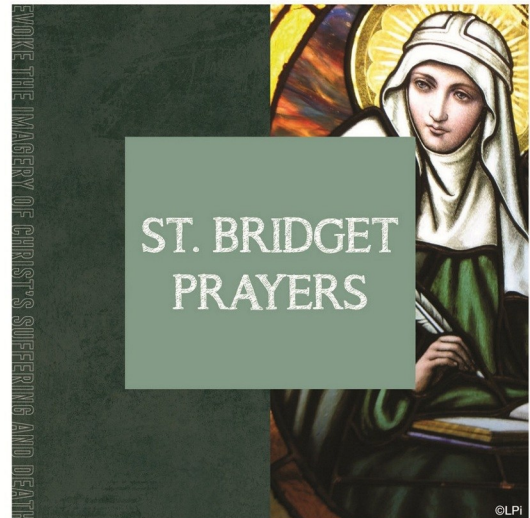
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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

In life, there are so many "Marthas" — people and situations that distract us from God. But if we imitate Mary and sit calmly at the feet of Jesus, his Word will guard our hearts from the anxiety of the world.

## Observances for the week of July 20, 2025

<b>Sunday:</b>	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
<b>Monday:</b>	St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church
<b>Tuesday:</b>	St. Mary Magdalene
<b>Wednesday:</b>	St. Bridget, Religious
<b>Thursday:</b>	St. Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest
<b>Friday:</b>	St. James, Apostle
<b>Saturday:</b>	Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Devotions, *Explained!*

The St. Bridget Prayers evoke the imagery of Christ's suffering and death, plead for the forgiveness of the supplicant's sins, for a happy death, for fear and love of the Lord, and for a renunciation of worldly desires.

## Prayer for Focus

Lord, help me to remember what matters and who matters.  
And then help me to prioritize  
rightly and wisely, with Your  
heaven as my guide.  
Amen.

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