



# 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.



## 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." - Mk 1:14-15

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### PASTORAL STAFF

**Rev. Adam Zajac**  
Pastor

**Deacon Dave Lundeen**  
Permanent Deacon

**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

**February:** For the terminally ill. We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

### Liturgy Schedule

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

#### Monday, February 19

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

#### Tuesday, February 20

6:45am Mass @ St. Mel

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

#### Wednesday, February 21

#### Thursday, February 22-The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

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

5:00pm Wedding

#### Friday, February 23

6:45am Mass @ St. Mel

#### Saturday, February 24

3:00pm Confessions

3:00pm Confessions @ St. Mel

4:00pm Mass.....Pryce O'Connor

4:30pm Mass @ St. Mel

#### Sunday, February 25-Second Sunday of Lent

7:00am Mass @ St. Mel

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

10:00am Mass @ St. Mel

11:30am Mass.....Robert Brandt

### Liturgical Ministers February 24 & 25

#### Saturday, February 24 @ 4:00pm

**Eucharistic Ministers** Gloria Morin, John Lewis, Bridget Blayney

**Lector:** Eliza Kratt

**Altar Server:** Huston Engle, Aidan Gompf, William Lentz

#### Sunday, February 25 @ 8:30am

**Eucharistic Ministers** Laura Skonce, Karen Cocita, Michael Kay

**Lector:** Mary Lewis, Monica Svetz

**Altar Server:** Julia McNulty, Reese Reichel, Joe Svetz

#### Sunday, February 25 @ 11:30am

**Eucharistic Ministers** Annamaria Masterson, Rosanne Kelley, Deirdre Mueller

**Lector:** Cari Foster, NOT FILLED

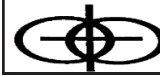
**Altar Server:** Owen Glazier, Luke Hudak, Dominic Sutcliff

### Luke McGraw Memorial Candles

### Weekly Intention

**February 18**

**Deacon Dave Lundeen**



### Banns of Marriage

### Wedding Bann III

John T. Heidinger & Shannon J. Walsh

## IN MEMORIAM

### May the peace of our Lord be with

Margaret Smith, Mother of Donna Leary and Mary Beth Smith

Jeannette Gedeon, Mother of Norine Sanniti

*And may God grant comfort to their family and friends.*

### 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  
Gerri Joecken  
David Kurth  
Catherine Kutsick  
Loree Leasure-Poirier  
Cheryl McArthur  
Jim McIlwee  
Mary Miller  
Maisie Nowlin  
Sr. Josette Obodzinski

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

### Weekly Collections

Sunday Envelopes:.....\$

Faith Direct:.....\$ 5,388.00

**Thank you for your generosity!**



## Lenten Information

### Stations of the Cross

Friday, February 16 - 12:00pm @ St. Mel  
Friday, February 23 - 6:30pm @ St. Mark  
Friday, March 1 - 12:00pm @ St. Mel  
Friday, March 8 - 6:30pm  
Friday, March 15 - 12:00pm

Friday, March 22 - 7:30pm Living Stations @ St. Mark



### *Lenten Booklets from Magnificat*

Lenten booklets are available in the vestibules of the church. Follow along with daily reflections to go deeper in prayer this season.

Suggested \$2 donation per booklet

When was the last time you were told ...

***You are Forgiven!***



You are invited to  
***An Evening of Confession***

EVERY Catholic church in the  
Diocese of Cleveland will be OPEN  
for the sacrament of reconciliation.

Wednesday, Feb. 28, 5 – 8 p.m.

***Open the door in 2024!***

### LENTEN FISH FRIES

February 23–5pm–7pm @ St. Mark  
March 1–5pm–7pm @ St. Mel  
March 8–5pm–7pm @ St. Mark  
March 15–5pm–7pm @ St. Mel  
March 22–7:30pm Living Stations @  
St. Mark

St. Mark, St. Chris, and OLA Present  
The Living Stations of the Cross

Join the youth of these parishes for this powerful  
prayer and performance as we journey through Holy  
Week this year.

Friday, March 22nd | 7:30pm | St. Mark Parish  
15800 Montrose Ave., Cleveland, OH 44111

Sunday, March 24th | 7pm | St. Christopher Parish  
20141 Detroit Rd, Rocky River, OH 44116

Friday, March 29th | 7pm | OLA Parish  
3600 Rocky River Dr, Cleveland, OH 44111



### St. Mark Parish Outreach Program Mark's Madness

There will be a second collection for the Parish Outreach program after all Masses the weekend of March 9 & 10. Envelopes can be found in the March envelope packet or on Faith Direct. All proceeds collected go directly to the St. Mark Parish Outreach fund, which helps parishioners in our parish who may need some assistance.

There is also **Marks Madness**, Sunday, March 10 from 6-8pm which is a FUN FUNdraiser for this cause. Hope to see you there! Flyers at the church entrances.

Thank you for your continued generosity!



### FOOD SUNDAY

Blessed Trinity/Bountiful Basement has asked for some items for their Clients that they cannot normally get. Next weekend, we will be collecting canned chicken, stews, chili, pork & beans, creamed chicken & creamed mushroom soups, wide egg noodles, and black olives. The people could also use hygiene items, laundry soap, cleaning supplies, and toilet paper.

They appreciate everything that you donate. As always, please check the expiration dates. Thank you!  
May God bless all!

### Prayer Vigil for Peace in Ukraine

All are invited to attend a Prayer Vigil for Peace in Ukraine at 6:00pm, Saturday, February 24 in the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, 1007 Superior Ave., Cleveland. The event, marking the second anniversary of the war, will be hosted by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland and Greater Cleveland's Ukrainian community. Bishop Edward Malesic is scheduled to be the principal speaker and clergy from the orthodox communities are expected to participate. For more information, email [cma@gmail.com](mailto:cma@gmail.com)

## EASTER CHOIR MELS & MARKS

VOCALISTS & INSTRUMENTALISTS

#### Holy Week & Easter Mass Schedule

Holy Thursday @ St. Mark 7 PM

Good Friday @ St. Mark 3 PM

Holy Saturday @ St. Mel 9 PM

Easter morning @ St. Mark 8:30 AM

Easter morning @ St. Mel 10 AM

Easter morning @ St. Mark 11:30 AM CHILDREN'S CHOIR  
group performance plans TBD @ first rehearsal

#### Choir Rehearsals

Easter Choir Rehearsals BEGIN Tuesday 1/23 @ 7PM, Marks

Bring a friend!

1/23 | 1/30 | 2/6 | 2/13 | 2/20 | 2/27 | 3/5 | 3/12 | 3/19 | 3/26

Note: We may add Thursday rehearsals in March if needed.

#### Instrumentalists

Contact Julia.

#### CHILDREN'S CHOIR REHEARSALS

Tuesdays @ 5:30-6:30 PM Beginning 2/20

[JWallace@StMarkCleveland.com](mailto:JWallace@StMarkCleveland.com)



### ST. MARK & ST. MEL CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Easter morning @ St. Mark 11:30 AM

#### Choir Rehearsals

During seasonal choir preparations,  
K-8 Children's Choir will rehearse on Tuesday evenings.

Tuesday's 5:30-6:30 @ St. Mark

2/20 | 2/27 | 3/5 | 3/12 | 3/19 | 3/26

#### Saint Mark Youth Singers

(Paced for Grades 5-8)

Continue to rehearse on Mondays 2:30-3:00.

Schedule resumes on 1/22/2024

[JWallace@StMarkCleveland.com](mailto:JWallace@StMarkCleveland.com)



## Principal News

I want to congratulate our students who received awards for their academics or for the values each has displayed in the classroom over this last quarter of school. As I told the students at the assembly, each one of them is gifted with unique and special talents. It is the job of each one of them to discover what those gifts are! Sometimes it takes a great deal of hard work to discover those talents, which is why we celebrate student accomplishments at the end of every quarter.

**Third Honors:** Luke H., Kathleen N., Brendan D., Brianna D., Mary B., Robert L., Erin M., Antonio A., Ian M., Evelyn B., Isabel D., Charlotte G., Liam P., Liam F., Willian G., Calvin G., Anna T., Gina P., Dawson W., Nicholas H., Tavia J., Jacob S., Jonah B., Zora G., Anna O., Lilly R., Ian R., Kendra A., and Lukas B.

**Second Honors:** James B., Isabella E., Owen G., Barrett J., Dylan K., Braidyn M., John M., Teagan S., James W., Mahleah W., Ki-Shawn B., Rebecca B., Lauren B., Fia D., Elizabeth H., Diego I., Andrew K., Thomas S., Samira S., Ava B., Sofia C., Madeline C., Houston E., Aidan G., Emily K., Olivia M., Neva M., Patrick M., Elizabeth N., Saoirse B., Elizabeth C., Jackson G., Tadhg M., Mia O., Lucas S., Ella S., Kathryn S., Fiona S., Dominic S., Ellie B., Cole C., Aleynah C., Ruby J., Lajla K., Benjamin L., Brendan M., Killian M., Reese R., Joseph S., Colette A., Patrick B., Thomas C., Fiona C., Connor H., Kevin K., Kiera L., Emily P., Emma R., Caroline R., Daniel S., Emma T., Olivia T., Leonardo D., Oliver E., Clare G., Kerri G., Gavin S., Corwin S., Chloe W., Logan W., Charlotte B., Charlotte B., London D., Wyatt G., William G., Alberto L., Connor M., Anna M., Brian N., and Evelyn P.

**First Honors:** Joseph A., Agnes B., Jack C., Grace C., Olivia K., Gregory E., Corinne G., Even L., Daniel R., Camilla R., Evan W., Grace D., Kathleen M., Gianna A., Clare H., Julia M., Margaret S., Leah T., Cloey B., Benjamin B., Theodore F., Mary K., Frances M., Clare S., Carlina V., Luca D., Declan F., William L., Gabriel W., MacKenzie H., Markeita J., Rose M., Joseph P., Bridget R., Helen S., Jack W., Brigid C., Evelina F., Grant G., Clara G., Nolan L., Gabriela S., and Emily S.

**Principal's Award:** Piper S., Ava C., Eleanor S., Savanalynn B., Zoe P., Leo M., Emily W., Ryan N., Margaret M., Padraig E., Harry S., Bella B., Charlie U., Emmet C., Reagan K., James E., Luciana B., Kellen L., Declan F., Emma R., Elizabeth C., Lucas S., Omar A., Grace D., James B., Dylan K., Emilia A., Nolan S., Elijah Y., Rose M., Evelyn P., Charlotte B., Calvin G., Clare S., Mary B., Evan W., William L., Maura K., Celeste A., Amara J., Liam W., Arya S., Isla F., Thomas C. (x2), Piper S., Cole C., Quinn K., Patrick M., and Keeley K.

Mrs. Cocita



## THE WEEK AHEAD IN OUR PARISH

<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>February 17</b>	
3:00 pm	Confessions	
4:00 pm	Mass	
<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>February 18</b>	
8:30 am	Mass	
9:30 am	Rosary	
11:30 am	Mass	
11:30 am	Sunday Pre-School	CR
4:00 pm	Living Stations	CH
<b>Monday,</b>	<b>February 19</b>	
	<b><i>Parish Office Closed</i></b>	
	<b><i>School Closed</i></b>	
8:30 am	Mass	
5:00 pm	Basketball Tournament	FR/G
<b>Tuesday,</b>	<b>February 20</b>	
8:30 am	Mass w/1st Floor	
5:00 pm	Basketball Tournament	FR/G
5:30 pm	Children's Choir	CH
7:00 pm	Parent Club Mtg.	SH
7:00 pm	Choir	CH
<b>Wednesday,</b>	<b>February 21</b>	
5:00 pm	Basketball Tournament	FR/G
5:15 pm	Daisy's	SH
<b>Thursday,</b>	<b>February 22</b>	
8:30 am	Mass	
5:00 pm	Wedding	CH
5:00 pm	Basketball Tournament	FR/G
6:30 pm	Friends of Impett	CC
7:00 pm	Troop #293	SH
<b>Friday,</b>	<b>February 23</b>	
2:00 pm	School Stations of the Cross	CH
5:00 pm	Basketball Tournament	FR/G
5:00 pm	Fish Fry	SH
6:30 pm	Stations of the Cross	CH
<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>February 24</b>	
9:00 am	Basketball Tournament	FR/G
3:00 pm	Confessions	
4:00 pm	Mass	
	<b><i>Food Sunday</i></b>	
<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>February 25</b>	
8:30 am	Mass	
9:30 am	Rosary	
11:30 am	Mass	
11:30 am	Sunday Pre-School	CR
1:00 pm	Basketball Tournament	FR/G
4:00 pm	Living Stations	CH

**Note: (LS)=Livestreamed**



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*Thank you for supporting  
St. Mark Church!*

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 Stiegelmeier, 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 2023 CONTRIBUTION REPORT

Please send a request via email to [dbroughton@stmarkcleveland.com](mailto:dbroughton@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 \_\_\_\_\_



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

# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

God said to Noah and to his sons with him:  
"See, I am now establishing my covenant with you  
and your descendants after you  
and with every living creature that was with you."  
(Gn 9:8-10)

### Psalm:

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who  
keep your covenant. (Ps 25)

### Second Reading:

It is not a removal of dirt from the body  
but an appeal to God for a clear conscience,  
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. (1 Pt 3:21)

### Gospel:

He was among wild beasts,  
and the angels ministered to him. (Mk 1:13)

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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

In the desert, Jesus endured forty days of hardship and temptation. But he did not endure it alone: "the angels ministered to him," the Gospel tells us. Remember that you do not face Lent alone. God is beside you in your journey to the desert.

## Observances for the week of February 18, 2024

- Sunday:** 1st Sunday of Lent  
**Monday:** Presidents' Day  
**Wednesday:** St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
**Thursday:** The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle  
**Friday:** St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr  
**Next Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Lent



## Saint of the week

St. Pius X's devotion to the Eucharist was truly inspiring! He lowered the age of First Communion to seven years old, encouraging young hearts to encounter Christ early-on. He also advocated that everyone, regardless of their social class, should have access to the Eucharist.

## Prayer for Lent

Dear Jesus,  
This is the first Sunday of Lent, and I want to commit myself more deeply to you this season. Inspire me with the Lenten penances you most desire, the ones that help me to grow ever nearer to you. Amen.