



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.



PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Adam Zajac
Pastor

Deacon Dave Lundeen
Business Manager, Pastoral Associate

Mrs. Karen Cocita
Principal

Mrs. Meaghan 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,	March 4		
	Dt 26:16-19	Mt 5:43-48	
4:00 p.m.	For the Parishioners of St. Mark Parish and St. Mel Parish		
Sunday,	March 5-Second Sunday of Lent		
	Gn 12:1-4a	Tm 1:8b-10	Mt 17:1-9
8:30 a.m.	Charles Grahovac		
11:30 a.m.	Tom Bodle		
Monday,	March 6		
	Dn 9:4b-10	Lk 6:36-38	
8:30 a.m.	Ed Toth		
Tuesday,	March 7		
	Is 1:10, 16-20	Mt 23:1-12	
8:30 a.m.	Presider's Intention		
Wednesday	March 8		
	Jer 18:18-20	Mt 20:17-28	
5:00-8:00 p.m.	Evening of Confession w/Eucharistic Adoration		
Thursday,	March 9		
	Jer 17:5-10	Lk 16:19-31	
8:30 a.m.	Gene & Dorothy Frank		
Friday,	March 10		
	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a 17b-28a	Mt 21:33-43, 45-46	
8:30 a.m.	Carole Benson		
6:30 p.m.	Stations of the Cross		
Saturday,	March 11		
	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20	Lk 15:1-3, 11-32	
4:00 p.m.	Betty McGowan		
Sunday,	March 12-Third Sunday of Lent		
	Ex 17:3-7	Rom 5:1-2, 5-8	Jn 4:5-42
8:30 a.m.	Dave Adams		
11:30 a.m.	John & Sharon Vertal		

Pope's Intention March: For victims of abuse. We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

Luke McGraw
Memorial Candles
Weekly Intention
March 5
Charles Grahovac

Dear Friends,

Thank you to all who participated in Catholic Charities In-Pew weekend! Because of your support, over 425,000 individuals will receive help and hope through the programs and services made possible by people like you.

If you have not had a chance to make a gift, please visit CatholicCommunity.org/donate, mail your donation to the Catholic Community Foundation at 1404 E. 9th St., Cleveland, OH 44114, or text CCHOPE to 41444.

May God continue to bless you and your loved ones.

Fr. Adam

Liturgical Ministers March 11 & 12

Saturday, March 11 @ 4:00pm

Eucharistic Ministers: John Levis, Mary Price, NOT FILLED

Lector: Carole Iseli

Altar Servers: Joseph Sowul, Patrick Sowul, Kathryn Sowul

Sunday, March 12 @ 8:30am

Eucharistic Ministers: Michael Kay, Marian Lundeen, Karen Cocita

Lector: Barbara Paynter, Monica Svetz

Altar Servers: Evan Lentz, Albert McGervey, Joe Svetz

Sunday, March 12 @ 11:30am

Eucharistic Ministers: Rosanne Kelley, Deirdre Mueller, NOT FILLED

Lector: Eileen Andrews, NOT FILLED

Altar Servers: Gianna Andolina, Eoin Mueller, Patrick Mueller

Please Pray for Our Sick

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



**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**

Stations of the Cross

March 10th - 6:30pm at St. Mark
March 17th - 12noon at St. Mel
March 24th - 12noon at St. Mel
March 31st - 12noon at St. Mel
March 31st - 7:00pm - Living Stations at St. Mark



**Diocesan Wide
Night of
Confession**

**Wednesday, March 8
5-8pm**

Prepare your hearts this Lent. Receive the sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday at any church in the diocese.

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for adoration at St. Mark throughout the evening.

**St. Mark Soup
Suppers**

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

Our speaker for March 7 will be Trapper Jack. Trapper Jack, a blind radio host, is a humorous master storyteller who exposes the awe-inspiring ways that God is communicating to the Church, the world, and us individually.



**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.

**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



Marker's 50+

St. Patrick's Day Social
Saturday, March 11th
St. Mark Social Hall
Begins after 4p.m. Mass

Corn Beef and cabbage to be provided.
Please bring a side dish to share – Irish themed!
\$15.00 per person

RSVP to Cheryl at the Parish Office by
Monday, March 6th at
216-226-7577

Join us for food, fellowship and entertainment!
Wear green!

St. Joseph Altar which will be celebrate the weekend of March 18 & 19

- Write petitions on papers found in a basket by the St. Joseph statue
- Be sure to take a fava bean, medal and prayer card

We will be collecting items for St. Edward High School Labre Ministry. The Labre ministry allows students, faculty & staff, alumni, and friends of St. Edward to directly serve the immediate needs of the poor every Thursday through the entire year. The ministry immersion, named after St. Benedict Joseph Labre, the patron saint of the homeless, allows students to see and experience the struggles of our homeless friends on the streets. This ministry is powerful as our students help prepare the meal, meet, and serve our poor brothers and sisters by coming to them (i.e. under bridges, in vacant lots, woods, etc.).

Students hand-deliver food, clothing, hygiene kits, etc. to those we visit each week. This helps to instill in our students that every human being has dignity and that we should be preferential in charity to the poorest among us.

Any perishable items are appreciated especially canned soups.



There will be a second collection for Parish Outreach at all Masses on the weekend of March 18 & 19. Envelopes can be found in the March envelope packets or on Faith Direct. All proceeds collected go directly to the St. Mark Parish Outreach fund, which helps the parishioners in our parish who may need assistance.

There is also Marks Madness Sunday, March 19th from 6-8pm, which is a FUN Fundraiser for this cause. Hope to see you there!

Thank you for your continued generosity!

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 _____

THE WEEK AHEAD IN OUR PARISH

Saturday, March 4		
9:00 am	Lenten Family Retreat	SH/CH
3:00 pm	Confessions	
4:00 pm	Mass	
	<i>Snack & Donut Social after all masses</i>	<i>SH</i>
Sunday, March 5		
8:30 am	Mass	
9:30 am	Rosary	CH
11:30 am	Mass (LS) w/HNS Corporate Comm.	
11:30 am	Sunday Preschool	CR
12:30 pm	A & E Decorating	CH
7:00 pm	Taize Prayer Service	CH
Monday, March 6		
8:30 am	Mass	
2:45 pm	Children's Choir Rehearsals	
6:30 pm	PSR Class Gr. 1-8	CR
6:30 pm	Living Stations Practice	CH
7:00 pm	Athletic Assoc. Mtg.	CC
Tuesday, March 7		
8:30 am	Mass w/1st Floor	
6:30 pm	Lenten Soup Supper	SH
Wednesday, March 8		
5:00 pm	Evening of Confession w/Eucharistic Adoration	CH
6:30 pm	Scout Pack #268 Den Mtg.	SH
7:00 pm	Parent Club Mtg.	CC
Thursday, March 9		
8:30 am	Mass	
6:00 pm	Pack #268 Den Mtg.	SH
7:00 pm	Troop #293	CC
9:00 pm	Fish Fry set-up	SH
Friday, March 10		
	<i>School Closed</i>	
8:30 am	Mass	
5:00 pm	Fish Fry	SH
6:30 pm	Stations of the Cross	CH
Saturday, March 11		
9:30 am	K-2 Basketball	G
3:00 pm	Confessions	
4:00 pm	Mass	
5:00 pm	Marker's 50+ Social	SH
Sunday, March 12		
8:30 am	Mass	
9:30 am	Rosary	CH
11:30 am	Mass (LS)	
11:30 am	Sunday Preschool	CR
1:00 pm	K-2 Basketball	G
7:00 pm	Living Stations Prac.	CH

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.



Easter Candy Sale Sweet Designs Chocolatier

The St. Mark 5th graders will be sponsoring an Easter candy fundraiser to support their Camp Christopher trip next school year. Please see instructions for ordering at all Church entrances or go to www.sweetdesigns.com between March 1st and March 17th and click on "Fundraiser" at the top of the website and select "St. Mark". Order pick-up will be on Saturday, April 1st. It will be a drive-up and pick-up.

Shave Your Mane Help Support our 9th Annual St. Baldrick's Event Friday, March 24th - St. Mark School

Join our St. Mark community as we work together to raise funds for childhood cancer research. Students and their families are invited to Shave Your Mane by shaving their heads or donating a ponytail at the St. Baldrick's Head Shaving Event! You can register to shave your head or donate your ponytail, sponsor a shavee, donate to our team, or participate in any of our additional fundraising opportunities:

- Thursday, March 9th - Shop at Only in Clev - 20% of all orders will go towards Shave Your Mane if you mention our event and Dine to Donate at Westpark Station
- Thursday, March 23rd - Celebrity Bartending Night at PJ McIntyre's 6-10pm
- Friday, March 24th - Our Shave Your Mane Event in the St. Mark Gym 8:30-11:30am

Donations also accepted to the team via the registration link below.

www.stbaldricks.org/events/StMark2023

Sunday Collections

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 4,729.00
Faith Direct Sunday	\$ 5,566.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

PRINCIPAL NEWS

This past week, we celebrated Literature week, a week devoted to reading and writing. We had some special visitors, members of our Cleveland Police Department, in our building. They shared the book *Awesome Adventures with Caddie the Rescue Dog* written by Natalie McCurry, a retired police officer, with our students and then spent some time answering questions the children had. Apollo, an emotional support dog for the CPD, came along with Officer Chris, who explained Apollo's role. Officer Chris explained to the students the meaning behind Apollo's name, "Light in Darkness" because of the support he brings to officers when dealing with some difficult situations. When Apollo was first brought to the CPD, he needed a name, so the officers were provided an opportunity to name him. One of our dads, Officer Lentz, submitted the name Apollo, which was chosen. A special thank you goes out to Officer Tom Ross for organizing this wonderful event with Mrs. Horning, our librarian, as well as to all the officers who came out, including our Commander Jarod Schlacht. Besides Commander Schlacht and Officer Ross, a special thank you goes out to Officer Bellomy, Officer Reddy, Officer Caraballo, Officer Gomez, Officer Litton, and Officer Porter with Apollo. It was wonderful having them here in our school.

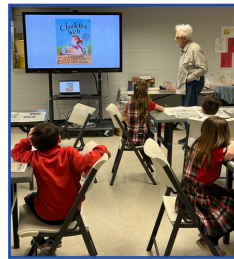
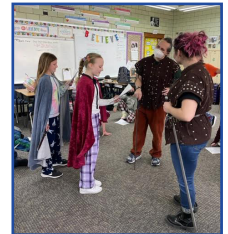
Some of our other activities held during Literature Week included DEAR Time- "Drop Everything and Read," as well as a visit from local artist George Woideck, from the Center for Art and Literacy, who read the children a book recommended by their classroom teacher and connected it to art. The students worked with different mediums such as clay, paper, and string.

We also had a "Dress as your Favorite Book or Character Day." I found it quite interesting to see the creative costumes that so many of our children and teachers wore. Miss Dunleavy was dressed as the lead character in the book *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie* by author Laura Nimeroff. Reading brings great pleasure in so many ways!

I can remember how daunting it was to read any of Shakespeare's plays back in high school because the vernacular was so difficult to understand as well as some of the themes. We have come a long way in education today because now our students in the 6th-8th Grades study the life of William Shakespeare and several of his plays. These plays are brought to life right in the classroom because of the Great Lakes Shakespearean actors who spend an entire week with our students, after the students have read *Macbeth*, *Julius Caesar*, and *Romeo and Juliet* in their reading classes. William Shakespeare contributed to the standardization of the English language in the 17th and 18th centuries because as his work gained importance, people began to recognize consistent spelling, compound words, and the addition of prefixes and suffixes to words already commonly used. He invented around 1700 words which we still use in everyday English today, words such as "generous, negotiate, and amazement." Shakespeare wrote about timeless themes such as life and death, youth versus age, love and hate, fate and free will, to name only a few. In an article written by Celtic English Academy, it states, "It truly is amazing that one person could have such an influence on a language. What Shakespeare has taught us is that success comes through being creative, playing with language, and finding new ways to communicate."

We had a great time celebrating Literature Week. I look forward to next year's already! It is such a delight to see children so excited about READING! Have a great week!

Mrs. Cocita



Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

I will make of you a great nation,
and I will bless you;
I will make your name great,
so that you will be a blessing. (Gn 12:2)

Psalm:

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our
trust in you. (Ps 33)

Second Reading:

Bear your share of hardship for the gospel
with the strength that comes from God.
He saved us and called us to a holy life.
(2 Tm 1:8-9)

Gospel:

Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother,
and led them up a high mountain by themselves.
And he was transfigured before them;
his face shone like the sun. (Mt 17:1-2)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

We have been tasked with the awesome responsibility of bearing witness to Jesus transfigured. We have seen what is real. We have heard what is true. Do we have the courage to rise, and not be afraid?

Observances for the week of March 5, 2023

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent
Tuesday: Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs
Wednesday: St. John of God, Religious
Thursday: St. Frances of Rome, Religious
Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent, Daylight Saving Time begins



Saint of the week

Sister Thea Bowman tirelessly blazed a way for Black Catholics to fully live their faith out loud and with joy! You can listen to her music on all streaming services and experience her legacy though the many institutions that now boast her name.

Prayer

Prayer for Servant of God Sister Thea Bowman's intercession

Ever loving God, who by your infinite goodness inflamed the heart of your servant and religious, Sister Thea Bowman with an ardent love for you and the People of God; a love expressed through her indomitable spirit, deep and abiding faith, dedicated teaching, exuberant singing, and unwavering witnessing of the joy of the Gospel.

Her prophetic witness continues to inspire us to share the Good News with those whom we encounter; most especially the poor, oppressed, and marginalized. May Sister Thea's life and legacy compel us to walk together, to pray together, and to remain together as missionary disciples ushering in the new evangelization for the Church we love.

Gracious God imbue us with the grace and perseverance that you gave your servant, Sister Thea. For in turbulent times of racial injustice, she sought equity, peace, and reconciliation. In times of intolerance and ignorance, she brought wisdom, awareness, unity, and charity. In times of pain, sickness, and suffering, she taught us how to live fully until called home to the land of promise. If it be your Will, O God, glorify our beloved Sister Thea, by granting the favor I now request through her intercession (mention your request), so that all may know of her goodness and holiness and may imitate her love for You and Your Church. We ask this through Your Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

