



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.



19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die."
- Jn 6:48-50

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PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Adam Zajac
Pastor

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

August: For political leaders. We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.

Liturgy Schedule

Scripture readings can be found online at:
bible.usccb.org

Monday, August 12

8:30am Mass.....Eugene Frank

Tuesday, August 13

6:45am Mass @ St. Mel

Wednesday, August 14-St. Maximilian Kolbe

7:00pm Vigil Mass...For the Parishioners of St. Mark Parish
and the Parishioners of St. Mel Parish

Thursday, August 15-The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:45am Mass @ St. Mel

8:30am Mass.....John Marron & Rosaleen Walsh

12:00pm Mass @ St. Mel

Friday, August 16

6:45am Mass @ St. Mel

Saturday, August 17

3:00pm Confessions

3:00pm Confessions @ St. Mel

4:00pm Mass...For the Parishioners of St. Mark Parish and the
Parishioner of St. Mel Parish

4:30pm Mass @ St. Mel

Sunday, August 18-Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00am Mass @ St. Mel

8:30am Mass.....Tim Nahrstedt

10:00am Mass @ St. Mel

11:30am Mass.....John & Sharon Vortal

12:30pm Baptisms

Liturgical Ministers August 17 & 18

Saturday, August 17 @ 4:00pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Bridget Elayne, Gloria Morin, John Levis

Lector: Lisa Braun

Altar Server: Aidan Gompf, Mary Kugler-Elayne, NOT FILLED

Sunday, August 18 @ 8:30am

Eucharistic Ministers: Karen Cocita, Tim Schmidt, Jessica Hanes

Lector: Michael Grathwol, Mary Lewis

Altar Server: Anthony McGervey, Albert McGervey, Kathleen Murray

Sunday, August 18 @ 11:30am

Eucharistic Ministers: Lisa Ditzel, Deirdre Mueller, Michelle Egghins

Lector: Eileen Andrews, Eliza Kratt

Altar Server: Patrick Bryant, Patrick Mueller, Eoin Mueller

Luke McGraw Memorial Candles

Weekly Intention

August 11

Dolly Tinnirello

"My Daily Prayers"

is a FREE daily recording of prayers
led by the bishops and priests of the
Catholic Diocese of Cleveland,
delivered each day through email.

Lasting about 7 minutes,
"My Daily Prayers" invites you into prayer,
sharing information about each specific day,
encouraging you to enter into
a deeper relationship with God.

Sign up here:
DioceseOfCleveland.org/MyDailyPrayers



*Let's all
come together
in prayer!*



Catholic Diocese
of Cleveland

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

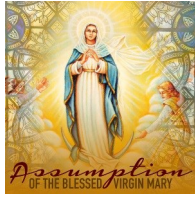
Irene Gurchensky
David Kurth
Catherine Kutsick
Jim McIlwee
Mary Miller
Maisie Nowlin
Bill Retzer
Mary Stark
Sr. Josette Obodzinski

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

Weekly Collections

Sunday Envelopes July 28.....\$ 3,151.00
Sunday Envelopes August 4.....\$ 3,118.00
Faith Direct:.....\$ 5,410.00

Thank you for your generosity!



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation. The mass schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, August 14th @ 7:00pm at St. Mark

Thursday, August 15th
6:45am at St. Mel
8:30am at St. Mark
12:00pm at St. Mel

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

St. Mark parishioners donated 67 bags of goods and \$1,284.00 to the Providence House, St. Herman's House, and West Side Catholic Center. The Centers are grateful for all of your donations which will help them take care of their Clients through the rest of Summer.

Special thanks goes to Bridget, Kathy, Mary Jane, Shirlee, Susan and Terry who got all of it sorted and delivered.

A big thanks to all of you!

May God bless us all.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

If you have a rising 2nd or 8th grader and they are not currently enrolled in St. Mark School or PSR, please call the parish office.



St. Mark Sunday School Note: Time Change

Register now to save your child's space in Sunday School for the 2024-2025 year! Sunday School is open to children ages 3-5 and takes place during the **8:30am** Mass. In-person registration will take place in the school hallway on Saturday, August 31 & September 1. Forms are available at all entrances to the church. You can also drop off registration forms to the parish office. Classes begin September 8th.

Volunteer!

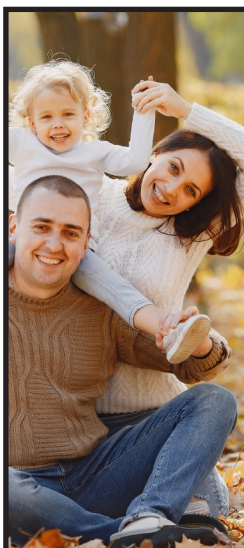
We are currently seeking volunteers to assist in teaching Sunday School for the 2024-25 school year! Adults over 18 years of age must be Virtus Compliant to volunteer. Classes begin September 8th and meet during the 8:30am Sunday mass.

Please contact:

Molly Stottner

mollystottner@hotmail.com

For information regarding registration or volunteering



Young Family Gatherings

Once a month after 8:30 a.m. Mass, young families are welcome to gather in the Social Hall/ Pavilion for bagels, coffee, and community.

Dates vary each month. Questions? Please contact Briana David-
bciancibello@gmail.com

2024 UPCOMING DATES

July 21
 August 25
 September 22
 October 13



**St. Mark
Holy Name Society**

**Welcome All
Men and Women Parishioners
18 and Older
We Meet Second Tuesday of the Month
at 6:00 in the Social Hall**

**Interested?
Email jimcocita@gmail.com**

**6th Annual Cleveland Catholic Women's Day of Reflection
"Inflame Me With Thy Love"**

Saturday, September 28th - 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
St. Albert the Great Parish Center, North Royalton

Join us for a day of spiritual renewal featuring:
Mass with Bishop Edward C. Malesic
Speakers: Heather Khym and Fr. Boniface Hicks
Music by MarySarah Menkhaus

Register at www.cleatholicwomen.org Cost \$45 (Students \$25, Religious free)

Ignite your faith and connect with other Catholic women!

**Retrouvaille
A Lifeline for Married Couples
A Unique Program to Strengthen and Heal Your Marriage - Beginning September 20-22, 2024**

The Retrouvaille program is designed to help married couples develop improved ways of communicating and relating to each other in order to overcome challenges which have left them feeling frustrated, hurt, distant, or even hopeless. Retrouvaille, which means rediscovery, is open to couples of all faiths and is supported by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland. This program consists of a weekend experience and six follow up sessions.

For more information or to register, visit:
www.helpourmarriage.org or call Shelly or Rob at 216-509-0301 or 440-836-4810.

**SMYG
Summer
Schedule**



**Sunday Night Fireside Meeting
Sun, July 28 | 8p - ~9:15p
St. Mark Pavilion**

**SMYG Mass Meetup & Milkshakes
Sat, August 10 | 4p - ~5:30p
St. Mark Church and Social Hall**

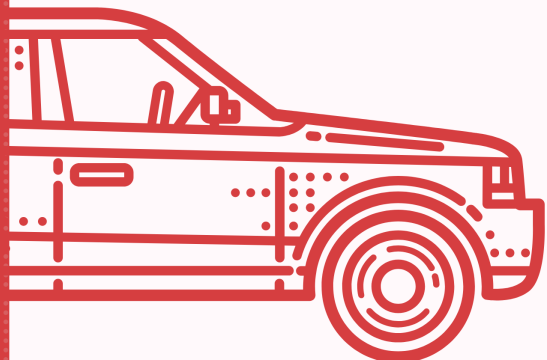
**SMYG Car Wash Fundraiser
Sun, August 11 | 8a-1p
Community Center + Parking Lot**

ST. MARK YOUTH GROUP

**SUMMER
CAR WASH**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11
8:00AM - 1:00PM

DROP OFF YOUR CAR BEFORE EITHER
MASS AND PICKUP AFTER MASS ENDS!



DONATIONS ACCEPTED TO SUPPORT SMYG

THE WEEK AHEAD IN OUR PARISH

Saturday,	August 10	
3:00 pm	Confessions	
4:00 pm	Mass w/Youth Group	
5:00 pm	Youth Group	SH
Sunday,	August 11	
	<i>Youth Group Car Wash</i>	
8:30 am	Mass	
9:30 am	Rosary	
11:30 am	Mass LS	
Monday,	August 12	
8:30 am	Mass	
Tuesday,	August 13	
6:00 pm	Cheerleading Prac.	PP
6:30 pm	PreK Parent Mtg.	CH
Wednesday,	August 14	
7:00 pm	Mass	
Thursday,	August 15	
8:30 am	Mass	
Friday,	August 16	
Saturday,	August 17	
3:00 pm	Confessions	
4:00 pm	Mass	
Sunday,	August 18	
8:30 am	Mass	
9:30 am	Rosary	
11:30 am	Mass LS	

Note: (LS)=Livestreamed

Calendar Abbreviations

R = RECTORY	CH = CHURCH
SS = SERVER'S SACRISTY	SCH = SCHOOL HALLWAY
SchH2 = 1ST FLOOR HALL	CR = CLASSROOM
CR = CLASSROOM	SH = SOCIAL HALL
G = GYMNASIUM	CC = COMMUNITY CENTER
FR = FACULTY ROOM	PP = PICNIC PAVILION
PL = PARKING LOT	

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 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. **This information can also be found on the church website at stmarkcleveland.com. Click the Families tab and click the Virtus tab.** (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 **ONLINE** to attend a session.



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

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, Roan Viancourt, Lukas Whitney.

God Bless them all!

Kathy O'Malley womalfam@sbcglobal.net for any updates.



Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of August 11, 2024

Sunday:

1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (9a)/Eph 4:30-5:2/Jn 6:41-51

Monday:

Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday:

Ez 2:8-3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday:

Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:15-20

Thursday:

Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28

Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Friday:

Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Mt 19:3-12

Saturday:

Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 19:13-15

Next Sunday:

Prv 9:1-6/Ps 34:2-3, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (9a)/Eph 5:15-20/Jn 6:51-58



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

This week we hear Jesus say, “*He that believes in me, has eternal life*” (John 6:47). These straightforward words, uttered by human lips, sound — how to put this? — insane. Who could possibly say such a thing? Jesus says things that are so high, so demanding, so beyond our capacity to fathom, we hardly know what to do with them and (if you’re like me), they usually go in one ear and out the other. So, let us ask: how can believing in him lead to eternal life?

To believe in something means not just to acknowledge its existence, but also to orient yourself entirely to it. If a football player believes in his team, it means he puts his life totally at the service of that goal. If a student believes in her dream to become a doctor, she gives everything she has to her studies and preparation for her MCAT test. Belief means to move boldly toward something we love, and trust is possible to attain.

What is the highest possible good at which we can aim? It is God himself, the gift of eternal life without end. Jesus has made this “good” possible in and through his human nature. To believe in him means to have him as our ultimate goal. This week let’s believe the truth of these words and make practical decisions to orient ourselves toward what we see available in him: eternal life.

— Father John Muir

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 2024 | 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

He got up, ate, and drank;
then strengthened by that food,
he walked forty days and forty nights to the
mountain of God, Horeb. (1 Kgs 19:8)

Psalm:

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 34)

Second Reading:

So be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love,
as Christ loved us. (Eph 5:1-2)

Gospel:

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven;
whoever eats this bread will live forever;
and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life
of the world." (Jn 6:51)

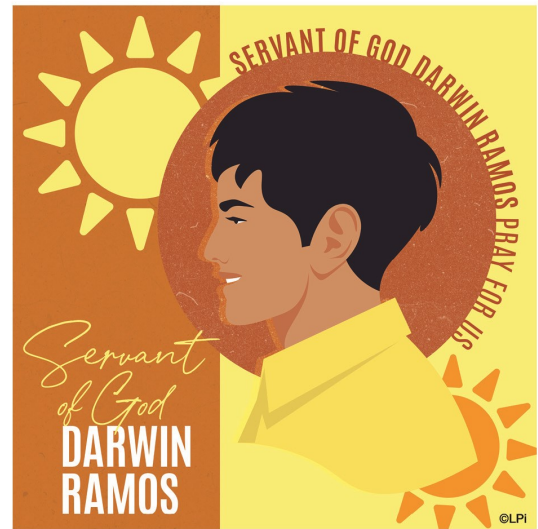
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Jesus tells us that he is the living bread that came down from heaven. His actions, his example, his teachings — they are not just words on a page, stories from a moth-eaten history book. They are life. They are food for our journey, and they are forever.

Observances for the week of August 11, 2024

- Sunday:** 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious
Tuesday: Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs
Wednesday: St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr
Thursday: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday: St. Stephen of Hungary
Next Sunday: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saint of the week

Servant of God Darwin Ramos, a poor Filipino boy, died from muscular dystrophy at the age of 17. Never brought low by the disease, he spoke of his illness as his "mission for Jesus." Many were blessed by his smile and compassionate friendship. He was known as the Master of Joy.

Prayer for Memory

Dear Lord,
Don't let me forget the
ways You've fought for me
throughout history. You have
been in my life in endless
ways and words. May these
memories comfort and
encourage me now and always.
Amen.