



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.



24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?”
- Mt 18:33-35

SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

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PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Adam Zajac
Pastor

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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.

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Papal Intention

September: For people living on the margins. We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

Liturgy Schedule

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

Monday September 18

8:30am MassBetty Hoban

Tuesday September 19

6:45am Mass @ St. Mel

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

Wednesday September 20-Sts. Andrew Kim Taegon and Paul Chong Hasang

Thursday September 21-St. Matthew

8:30am MassDavid Grundy

Friday September 22

6:45am Mass @ St. Mel

Saturday September 23-St. Pius

3:00pm Confessions

3:00pm Confessions @ St. Mel

4:00pm Mass.....Dolores Votruba

4:30pm Mass @ St. Mel

Sunday September 24-Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00am Mass @ St. Mel

8:30am MassJoseph Spicuzza

10:00am Mass @ St. Mel

11:30am MassDon Mertens

Liturgical Ministers September 23 & 24

Saturday, September 23 @ 4:00pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Shirlee Toth, NOT FILLED (2)

Lector: Lou Toth

Altar Servers: Mary Kugler-Blayney, Cristian Trump, NOT FILLED

Sunday, September 24 @ 8:30am

Eucharistic Ministers: Michael Kay, Megan Baillis, Karen Cocita

Lector: Tim Mohr, Monica Svetz

Altar Servers: Fiona Stock, Lillian Stock, Joe Svetz

Sunday, September 24 @ 11:30am

Eucharistic Ministers: Deirdre Mueller, Annamaria Masterson, NOT FILLED

Lector: Lisa Braun NOT FILLED

Altar Servers: Owen Glazier, Andrew Koch, Jack Koch

Luke McGraw
Memorial Candles
Weekly Intention
September 17
Dolly Tinnirello



May the peace of our Lord be with
Diana Gassaway, Mother of Edgerton Langley

Fr. Robert Clancy

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	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	Jim McIlwee	Herb Tippie
James Coyne	Mary Miller	Joe Wantz
Margaret Fadrowski	Betty Minotas	Charlotte Whiting
Nicole Foerstner	Maisie Nowlin	Lillian Zahara
Helen Forlini	Sr. Josette Obodzinski	Joseph Zavatchen Jr.
Mary Frantz	Ryan Puzziello	
Theresa Fridrich	Bill Retzer	



SAINT MARK SINGERS: YOUTH CHOIR

Open to students from grades 6-8

Rehearsals on Monday after school from 2:30-3pm in the choir loft.

Students are expected to sing during the 11:30am weekend mass.

SAINT MARK SINGERS: ADULT CHOIR

Upcoming rehearsals: 9/26 @ 7pm in the choir loft

NEW: Find School-Mass schedule & playlists on our website [visit: stmarkcleveland.com>parish groups>music ministry]

YouTube: @WallaceMusicMinistry

FOOD SUNDAY

The Lakewood Community Service Center serves almost 2900 people each month making 60 home deliveries a day!! For next weekend, they have requested kids-friendly cereals, canned tuna & chicken, and apple & orange juice in individual bottles (8-12 oz). Their clients could also use toiletries, like soap, shampoo, deodorant and toothpaste/toothbrushes.

They appreciate all that we donate to them. Thank you!

May God bless us all!

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



ST. MARK BEREAVEMENT

Six sessions of bereavement will be offered to those who are in need of support while experiencing grief and loss. Please consider joining us as we journey together through the Seasons of Hope program.

Please call the parish office to register 216-226-7577

WEDNESDAYS AT 7PM

Oct 4
Oct 11
Oct 25
Nov 1
Nov 8
Nov 15

Do you have questions about the Catholic faith?

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING
CATHOLIC?

HAVE YOU BEEN BAPTIZED, BUT HAVE NOT
MADE YOUR FIRST COMMUNION OR BEEN
CONFIRMED?

DO YOU HAVE CHILDREN OVER SEVEN WHO
HAVE NOT BEEN BAPTIZED OR ARE BEHIND ON
THEIR SACRAMENTS?

If you are interested in learning about becoming Catholic or receiving all the sacraments of initiation, please call the parish office or email Meaghan McCarthy-Silver (msilver@stmarkcleveland.com).

Please share this message with friends and family!

Retreat

As we anticipate this Advent Season, we are blest to be able to offer opportunities for the women and men of our parish to renew hope, belief and faith in God's promise of infinite good for us and for our loved ones.

We will be offering an opportunity to take some time for reflection and preparation for the season of Christmas. A weekend for women will be held on December 1st to the 3rd and for the men December 8th to the 10th. These weekends will be held at the Bethany Retreat Center in Chardon.

More details will be available in future bulletins. If you have any questions please contact the Parish Office at 216-226-7577.

www.faithdirect.net

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If you are using Faith Direct for eGiving....please access the website, log in and verify that all of your information is correct. You may need to update bank account or credit card numbers.

If you forgot your user name or password follow the directions on the login screen.

If you have questions about Faith Direct go to the FAQ section of the website for answers.

*Thank you for supporting
St. Mark Church!*

Scouts

Interested in the Great Outdoors? Do you want an opportunity to camp, canoe, hike, backpack, kayak, and learn basic outdoor and life skills? Every thought about doing something really challenging? We have a program for you --- Scouts BSA with Troop 293. Boys age 11-18, why not join us as we start a new scouting year in the great outdoors. With Troop 293, you have a great opportunity to earn the Rank of Eagle Scout and attend a High Adventure Base as our Troop sponsors a trip on a regular basis. For more information, contact Scoutmaster Tom Frank @ 440-892-9029.

A Unique Program to Strengthen and Heal Your Marriage September 22-24, 2023

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 supported by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, but is open to couples of all faiths. This program consists of a weekend experience and six follow up sessions. For more information concerning the program, or to register, visit www.helpourmarriage.org or call Shelly or Rob at 216.509.0301 or 440.836.4810.

A LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

Our Lady of Angels Prayer Group will offer a "Life in the Spirit Seminar" this Fall on eight consecutive Tuesdays, September 5th through October 24th from 7:30-9:00pm. Our most recent Popes, Paul VI to Pope Francis, have given both their approval and their support for these seminars. If you desire more for your life, this seminar can be the beginning of a "renewal" of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Join us in the Primary school building (behind Linus Hall, there will be signs). For more information and to register please contact Verna at 216-251-3560 or Tom at 216-536-6495. There is no charge for this seminar.

Join Fr. Rob Ramser on a trip of a lifetime to the Holy Land from November 20th - 29th, 2024. We will visit Caesarea, Mount Carmel, Nazareth, Bethlehem, Jerusalem, the Jordan Valley and much more! Masses held daily in the places where Christ was born, taught, healed, was Crucified and rose triumphant for our Salvation. Price person is \$4,487 which includes round trip flights, double occupancy hotels, certified tour guide, tips, daily breakfasts and dinners and two lunches. Come find a new dimension in understanding Christian history and the life and continuing mission of Christ. Contact Jerusalem Tours (www.JerusalemTours.com), Fr. Rob Ramser (216-252-2332 or rramser@olangles.org) or go to <https://form.jotform.com/230694659784474> for more information.

THE WEEK AHEAD IN OUR PARISH

Saturday,	September 16		
11:00 am	CYO Volleyball Games	G	
3:00 pm	Confession		
4:00 pm	Mass		
Sunday,	September 17		
8:30 am	Mass		
9:30 am	Rosary	SH	
11:30 am	Mass (LS)		
11:30 am	Sunday Pre-School	CR	
2:30 pm	CYO Volleyball Games	G	
Monday,	September 18		
8:30 am	Mass		
4:00-7:00 pm	Volleyball Prac.	G	
6:30 pm	PSR Class Gr. 1-8	CR	
Tuesday,	September 19		
8:30 am	Mass w/2nd Floor		
4:00-6:00 pm	Volleyball Prac.	G	
4:30 pm	RCIC	CC	
6:00 pm	Cheerleading Prac.	PL	
7:00 pm	Parent Club Mtg.	PP	
Wednesday,	September 20		
8:00 am	Heritage Day	G/SH/SCH	
4:00-7:00 pm	Volleyball Prac.	G	
6:00pm	Scout Pack #268	PP/CC	
Thursday,	September 21		
8:30 am	Mass		
4:00-7:00 pm	Volleyball Prac.	G	
7:00 pm	Parent/Candidate Conf. Mtg.	SH	
7:00 pm	Troop #293	PP/CC	
Friday,	September 22		
Saturday,	September 23		
10:00 am	CYO Volleyball Games	G	
3:00 pm	Confession		
4:00 pm	Mass		
	<i>Food Sunday</i>		
Sunday,	September 24		
8:30 am	Mass		
9:30 am	Rosary	CH	
11:30 am	Mass (LS)		
11:30 am	Sunday Pre-School	CR	
2:30 pm	CYO Volleyball Games	G	

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 Stiegelmeyer, Edward Thomas, Joseph Toole, Jacob Trefney, Jonah Treible, Lukas Whitney.

God Bless them all!

Kathy O'Malley

womalfam@sbcglobal.net for any updates.



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 all on-line bulletins**
- Read and sign **Policy for Protecting Children Revised 2016 (turn into Parish Office)**
- Read and sign **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 current 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.
- Complete a **St. Mark Volunteer Application (turn into Parish Office)**

All of the above-mentioned requirements are mandatory. (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 to attend a session.

Sunday Contributions

Sunday Envelopes (September 3).....\$ 4,085.00
Faith Direct Sunday.....\$ 5,615.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of September 17, 2023

Sunday:

Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 (8)/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

Monday:

1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9/Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday:

1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6/
Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday:

1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday:

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13

Friday:

1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/
Lk 8:1-3

Saturday:

1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 8:4-15

Next Sunday:

Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (18a)/Phil
1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I was in second grade, my prized possession was a metal Star Wars-themed lunch box. After school one day, another student ripped it from my hands. I helplessly watched in horror as my classmate threw it to the ground and violently stomped it into an unrecognizable heap of junk. I came home covered in tears of shame and rage. After a few months, I never thought about it again ... until I was almost thirty years old and on a retreat to prepare for ordination to the priesthood.

That childhood memory — and the attendant outrage — came back afresh. My spiritual director helped me in the process of acknowledging that I was angry because that kid owed me my lunch box. Then she helped me, through the grace of Jesus, to forgive the debt. Almost immediately I felt a new peace. I was amazed that I hadn't forgotten what I had lost, even from years before. Aren't we human beings simply amazing at remembering what people owe us?

We see this week in Jesus' parable a servant who is forgiven much but then commands another servant: "Pay back what you owe!" He can't forget or let go of how he was wronged. He remembers — and he becomes a monster because of it. If only he had remembered not only the debts owed to him, but also his greater debt owed to — and forgiven by — his master. It's natural for us to remember what others owe us. But when we contextualize those offenses in Jesus' mercy toward us and them, we're free to be merciful like the Master and less like a monster who never forgets.

— Father John Muir

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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Forgive your neighbor's injustice;
then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven.
(Sir 28:2)

Psalm:

The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion. (Ps 103)

Second Reading:

None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself.
For if we live, we live for the Lord,
and if we die, we die for the Lord;
so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.
(Rom 14:7-8)

Gospel:

"Lord, if my brother sins against me,
how often must I forgive?
As many as seven times?"
Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but
seventy-seven times." (Mt 18:21-22)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Take some time to reflect on the enormity of what Christ offers us in salvation. Can we find the strength to offer just a fraction of that to our brothers and sisters?

Observances for the week of September 17, 2023

- Sunday:** 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Catechetical Sunday
- Tuesday:** St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr
- Wednesday:** Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs
- Thursday:** St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
- Saturday:** St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
- Next Sunday:** 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Priesthood Sunday



Saint of the week

Juan Bautista and Jacinto de los Ángeles were men from the Zapotec tribe in Mexico and lay Catholic catechists. They were brutally murdered with clubs and machetes by a local mob in retaliation for disrupting a ritual where people were worshipping idols to celebrate the harvest.

Prayer

Lord, may we strive to be as brave as Juan Bautista and Jacinto de los Ángeles during times of persecution for our beliefs. As we yearn for strong spiritual friendships like theirs and to follow Jesus like them, may we never waver in our faith and stand strong as Catholics our whole lives long. Blessed Juan Bautista and Jacinto de los Ángeles, indigenous martyrs of Mexico, pray for us. Amen.

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