



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.

May 11, 2025

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus said: "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish."
- Jn 10:27-28a

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PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Adam Zajac
Pastor

Mrs. Karen Cocita
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

Monday, May 12

8:30am MassFr. Joseph Walter
 6:30pm PSR Closing Mass**Presider's Intention**

Tuesday, May 13

8:30am Mass Marty Gorman

Wednesday, May 14-St. Matthias

Thursday, May 15

8:30am MassJoseph Spicuzza

Friday, May 16

Saturday, May 17

3:00pm Confessions
 3:00pm Confessions @ St. Mel
 4:00pm Mass Mindy Biggins
 4:30pm Mass @ St. Mel

Sunday, May 18-5th Sunday of Easter

7:00am Mass @ St. Mel
 8:30am Mass For the Parishioners of St. Mark Parish
 and the Parishioners of St. Mel Parish
 10:00am Mass @ St. Mel
 11:30am MassDeacon Dave Lundeen
 12:30pm Baptism

Pray for the Sick

We commend to your personal prayers parishioners who have asked to be prayed for:

William Adams	David Kurth	Nora Sudetic
Gianna Andolina	Gerald McArthur	George Surovec
Katy Brent	Jim McIlwee	Barbara Thiel
Henry Buehner	Mary Miller	Herb Tippie
James Coyne	Maisie Nowlin	Georgieann Treible
Nicole Foerstner	Bill Retzer	Joe Wantz
Mary Frantz	Mary Stark	Charlotte Whiting
Theresa Fridrich	Sr. Josette Obodzinski	Lillian Zahara
Irene Gurchensky	Judy Reitz	Lew Zahara Jr.
Carol Hughes	Aimee Roscoe	Joseph Zavatchen Sr.
		Joseph Zavatchen Jr.

Other Intentions

Weekly Luke McGraw Memorial Candles Intention

Dolly Tinnirello

Baptized This Week

Walter Griffiths

Liturgical Ministers	emHCs	Lectors	Servers
Saturday, May 17 @ 4:00pm	Michelle Biggins Shirlee Toth Bridget Blayney	Lou Toth	Aidan Gompf Kerri Gompf Dominic Sutcliff
Sunday, May 18 @ 8:30am	Austin Tousley Kathy O'Malley NOT FILLED	Lisa Braun Monica Svetz	London Dinya Adlee Rave Jacob Spolarich
Sunday, May 18 @ 11:30am	Eileen Andrews Cari Foster Annamaria Masterson	Deborah Roscoe NOT FILLED	Kate Dillinger Emily Dillinger Ian McCoy

NEWS AND EVENTS

Offertory Collections

In-Pew Collection (see 5/18 bulletin) \$
Faith Direct (past month weekly total) \$ 5,417.00
Thank you for your generosity!

Parish News

St. Mark Bereavement Group

Tuesday's at 7pm

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 Meaghan at the Parish Office to register 216-226-7577.

May 20
May 27
June 3
June 10
June 17
June 24

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:

May 18th
June 1st
June 8th
July 13th
August 3rd
August 17th

The Bible Timeline Video Study

Beginning Wednesday, June 4th at 7pm

The Bible Timeline is an in-depth bible study and video series that takes you through the whole story of salvation, from the Garden to the Early church. We will meet twice a month for a year, immersing ourselves in Scripture. This study is perfect for someone who has never really read the Bible before, because it will give a bird's-eye-view and walk you step by step through the narrative books, as well as for the seasoned Scripture reader, because it is rich with detail and expert perspective.

If you are interested in signing up or learning more, please contact Meaghan (msilver@stmarkcleveland.com, 216-226-7577 ext. 105). Even if you are not sure you will be able to attend every session, I encourage you to reach out or join us for our first session!

Our first session will be Wednesday, June 4th from 7-8:30pm in the St. Mark Community Center. Please RSVP by May 21st in order to receive your workbook on the first night. We will meet the first and third Wednesday of each month (a detailed schedule will also be passed out the first night).



Dean's Greenhouse 2025 Spring In-Store Fundraiser

to benefit the St. Mark/St. Mel Faith Build

May 1 through June 30

Spring has sprung, and it's time to spruce up your garden and yard! Shop Dean's Greenhouse for all your gardening needs starting May 1, 2025, through June 30, 2025, mention St. Mark/St. Mel when you check out, and Dean's will donate 20% of your purchase to the St. Mark/St. Mel Faith Build.

Dean's Greenhouse is located at 3984 Porter Road, Westlake, 44145.

www.deansgreenhouse.com; 440-871-2050

Questions? Email Amy Asseff at aasseff@aol.com.

Parish News

Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Altar Servers

Please notify in writing or by email of any dates that you are not available to serve for the next schedule, which will be from June 7 & 8 through September 28. We need this information so that all Ministers are available to fulfill their scheduled Mass times. We appreciate your continued service. The deadline to submit dates is Friday, May 16 by 4:30pm to cbirchfield@stmarkcleveland.com. Please be mindful of holidays and vacations. Thank you for your help.

St. Mark PSR Program 2025-2026

Registration

Our St. Mark PSR program is on Monday evenings from 6:30 – 7:30 in the school building. We serve students in Grades 1 – 8. Students in grades 2 and 8 are prepared to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist (grade 2) and Confirmation (Grade 8), as part of our curriculum. **For a student to receive these Sacraments they MUST be enrolled and attend PSR the previous year.**

You can register in a number of different ways for the 2025-2026 school year:

Registration is due with payment by June 10, 2025.

1. Current PSR families will receive a packet with the registration materials. The packet will be sent home with your child.
2. The materials can be downloaded from the St. Mark Church website www.stmarkcleveland.com, under heading FAMILIES (at the top of the page) and by clicking the PSR tab.
3. Registration materials can also be picked up at the Parish Office.

Registration forms and payment can be dropped off at the Parish Office or put in the Sunday collection, marked to the attention of PSR. Classes will begin in September.

For any questions or additional information, you can contact Jeannette Puckett at the Parish Office at 216-226-7577 or through email at jpuckettpsr@stmarkcleveland.com.

Reminders and Regular Events

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

TAKE ME OUT TO A BALLGAME!

Join us on Friday, June 6th at Progressive Field

We have a block of seats in the mezzanine section in right field. It's a loaded night of specials! Free shirt Friday, Dollar Dog Night, Two dollar beer until 7:00pm, and Fireworks. All for the price of \$32.00 per seat. Come on down and join us for a great evening of baseball and fun!

There is a seat waiting for you! For information contact Tim Mohr or Jim Cocita. jimcocita@gmail.com

Donut & Coffee Social

Once a month after all masses in the Social Hall. Gather with fellow parishioners. For questions contact Michael Kay

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 Dave at: bciancibello@gmail.com

Upcoming Dates: June 29th

Military Service

If you know of any parishioners and family members that are in active military service, please contact the parish office with their name. At cbirchfield@stmarkcleveland.com or call 216-226-7577

NEWS AND EVENTS

Reminders and Regular Events

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.

Regional and Diocesan News and Events

Called by the Spirit Retreat

Saturday, June 7th

You are Gifted by the Holy Spirit: you were given spiritual gifts by God at your Baptism to use your entire life. You have been called as a disciple of Jesus Christ and to use these gifts to tell the story of what Jesus has done, is doing, and will do in heaven and earth. You are called to participate in the life of the Church and to use these gifts in communion with one another to build up the Kingdom of God, and to personally witness the love, mercy, and grace of Jesus Christ.

Come and discover or rediscover those spiritual gifts! Learn which ones are present in your life, and in the life of our Church. Join us for the Called by the Spirit Gift Discernment Retreat led by the Diocese of Cleveland's Director of Missionary Discipleship, Christy Cabaniss on Saturday, June 7th, in the St. Ignatius of Antioch Parish School Gymnasium, 10205 Lorain Ave., Cleveland 44111. Registration and Breakfast begin at 8:30am. The Retreat is from 9:00am until 3:30pm. Breakfast, lunch and snacks will be provided. The retreat concludes with Eucharistic Adoration and Reconciliation from 3:30-4:30pm, and Mass at 5:00pm.

The cost of this event is \$10 per person. Registration is required. To register, please call the Parish Office at 216-251-0300, or email Development@sioaparish.org

General Parish Calendar

Saturday,	May 10	
10:00 am	First Communion	CH
3:00 pm	Confessions	
4:00 pm	Mass	
Sunday,	May 11	
8:30 am	Mass	
8:30 am	Sunday PreSchool	CR
9:30 am	Rosary	
11:30 am	Mass LS	
Monday,	May 12	
8:30 am	Mass	
9:15 am	May Crowning	
6:30 pm	PSR Closing Mass	CH
Tuesday,	May 13	
8:30 am	Mass w/All School	
2:30 pm	Children's Choir Practice	CH
4:30 pm	RCIC	CC
6:00 pm	Holy Name Mtg.	SH/PP
Wednesday,	May 14	
8:00 am	8th Gr. Carnival	PL
2:45 pm	Rosary Club	CH
5:30 pm	Daisy Troop Mtg.	SH
Thursday,	May 15	
8:15 am	Sports Rally	G
8:30 am	Mass	
9:30 am	School Water Walk	PL
11:30 am	All School Lunch	PP
3:00 pm	Appreciation Dinner Set-up	SH
7:00 pm	Troop #293	CC
Friday,	May 16	
9:00 am	PreK Graduation	CH
6:30 pm	8th Gr. Appreciation Dinner	SH
Saturday,	May 17	
3:00 pm	Confessions	
4:00 pm	Mass	
	Donut Social after all masses	
Sunday,	May 18	
8:30 am	Mass	
8:30 am	Sunday PreSchool	CR
8:30 am	Children's Liturgy of the Word	SS
9:30 am	Rosary	
11:30 am	Mass LS w/Y&C Choir	
6:00 pm	Youth Group	CC

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

The Gentiles were delighted when they heard this and glorified the word of the Lord. All who were destined for eternal life came to believe, and the word of the Lord continued to spread through the whole region. (Acts 13:48-49)

Psalm:

We are his people, the sheep of his flock. (Ps 100)
Or: Alleluia.

Second Reading:

"For the Lamb who is in the center of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to springs of life-giving water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes." (Rv 7:17)

Gospel:

Jesus said:
"My sheep hear my voice;
I know them, and they follow me." (Jn 10:27)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me." To follow him, we must know him. This week, how can we know Jesus better?

Observances for the week of May 11, 2025

- Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations; Mother's Day
- Monday:** Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs;
St. Pancras, Martyr
- Tuesday:** Our Lady of Fatima
- Wednesday:** St. Matthias, Apostle
- Thursday:** St. Isidore
- Saturday:** Armed Forces Day
- Next Sunday:** 5th Sunday of Easter



Devotions, *Explained!*

Spiritual retreats are an act of removing oneself from daily life for a period of prayer and reflection, with the intent of returning transformed. There are many kinds of retreats, but all share a common purpose: communion with God.

Prayer to the Good Shepherd

Beloved Shepherd,
You guide in a way often
beyond my understanding.
You lead to paths yet
undiscovered.
Keep me in Your care, as
together we seek green
pastures and still waters.
Amen.

PARISH GRADE SCHOOL

Two weeks ago, we held several religious events during the week. On Monday, students in Grades 3-8 gathered with members of St. Mark and St. Mel parishes to pray for Pope Francis. The teachers had discussed his passing in their classrooms as well as the procedures and rituals followed when a pope dies and when the Conclave begins. As of this writing, the Conclave has not convened; however, our prayers as a school for the cardinals soon to be tasked with electing a successor are being offered daily. Once the Conclave begins on May 7th, history will change. The Mass was beautiful, honoring a man who chose to live his life as a humble and kind leader. He spoke and wrote about peace, compassion, and the importance of caring for the poor. He talked often about mercy and forgiveness, which are so very important in today's world. He set an example to us all by living simply and serving others. I think one of his most admirable traits was how he brought people together, no matter their backgrounds. In one of his more recent encyclicals, *Fratelli tutti* (2020), he wrote about many of these points. He was a good and faithful servant.

On Tuesday, Bishop Malesic celebrated Mass with our school in honor of our 75th Anniversary. During his homily, he reflected back on some of our rich history, remembering the people who have worked at St. Mark over these past 75 years. The sacrifices they made along with the traditions they began many years ago have contributed to St. Mark School being a vibrant school community. Following Mass, Bishop Malesic walked our hallways and commented on how respectful our children are. As we were touring the ILEC (Innovation and Early Learning Center (formerly known as the Kindergarten Building)), he was treated to a demonstration by some of our 7th Grade students of how Sphero Bots, which enable our children to use coding, operate. Some of the students had programmed a message into their "robots" welcoming Bishop Malesic. As we continued on our tour, we stopped in the PreK classroom where a delightful song was sung by our PreK children about their moms. (They have a very special Spa Day coming up where they will pamper their moms with facials, massages, nail polish, and cucumbers for moms' eyes.) Bishop Malesic sat with the children in every classroom he was able to visit and just talked to them. I loved this, as did the children, because they are the future of our church.

The week was not over however! On Wednesday, forty of our 8th Grade students received the Sacrament of Confirmation, their final Sacrament of Initiation. They have prepared for this sacrament all year. Bishop Woost administered this sacrament to them at Our Lady of the Angels because we are now doing Confirmations regionally. It was a beautiful Mass, and our confirmandi were so excited. Miss McLaughlin is their religion teacher and did a great job preparing these young adults for the sacrament. Fr. Adam made regular stops in their classroom for instruction as well. Thank you, Miss Albrigo, Mrs. McCarthy Silver, Mrs. Puckett, Mr. Klein, and Mrs. Gunn for your behind-the-scene help as well.

Finally, on Friday, every classroom spent time in prayer at Eucharistic Adoration throughout the school day. Many of our children were joined by members of their families, which is such a beautiful sight. Eucharistic Adoration offers our children the opportunity to deepen their relationships with God by spending quiet, personal time in His presence. In a world filled with noise, distractions, and busy life styles, Adoration offers a sacred space for peace, reflection, and spiritual renewal. Thank you, Fr. Adam and Russ Bauer, for providing us with this opportunity.

Have a great week!
Mrs. Cocita

