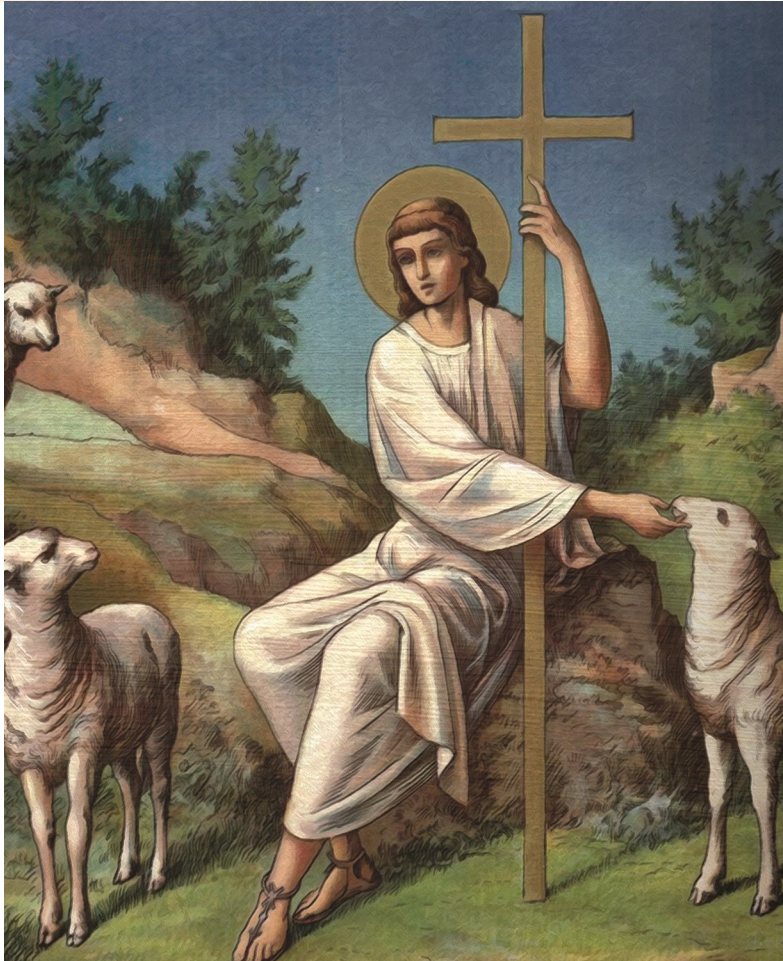




St. Mark Catholic Church

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.



April 21, 2024

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep.” - Jn 10:14-15

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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

April: For the role of women. We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

Liturgy Schedule

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

Monday, April 22

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

Tuesday, April 23

8:30am Mass.....Deacon Dave Lundeen

6:45am Mass @ St. Mel

Wednesday, April 24

Thursday, April 25

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

Friday, April 26

6:45am Mass @ St. Mel

Saturday, April 27

3:00pm Confessions

3:00pm Confessions @ St. Mel

4:00pm Mass...John & Sharon Vertal & Terrie Humphries

4:30pm Mass @ St. Mel

Sunday, April 28-Fifth Sunday of Easter

7:00am Mass @ St. Mel

8:30am Mass.....Jody Tousley

10:00am Mass @ St. Mel

11:30am Mass.....Deacon Dave Lundeen

12:30pm Baptism

Liturgical Ministers April 27 & 28

Saturday, April 27 @ 4:00pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Price, Bridget blayney, Deirdre Mueller

Lector: Lusa Braun

Altar Server: Patrick Sowul, Joseph Sowul, Kathryn Sowul

Sunday, April 28 @ 8:30am

Eucharistic Ministers: Tim Schmidt, Michael Kay, Karen Cocita

Lector: Mary Lewis, NOT FILLED

Altar Server: Anthony McGevey, Julia McNulty, Grace Schmidt

Sunday, April 28 @ 11:30am

Eucharistic Ministers: Annamaria Masterson, Cari Foster, NOT FILLED

Lector: Eileen Andrews, NOT FILLED

Altar Server: Danny Reichel, Reese Reichel, Terry Waters

Luke McGraw Memorial Candles

Weekly Intention

April 21

Miranda Aponte



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

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



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| William Adams | Lisa Groh | Bill Retzer |
| Gianna Andolina | Irene Gurchensky | 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 | Rita Szy |
| James Coyne | Mary Miller | Herb Tippie |
| Margaret Fadrowski | Maisie Nowlin | Georgieann Treible |
| Nicole Foerstner | Sr. Josette Obodzinski | Joe Wantz |
| Mary Frantz | | Charlotte Whiting |
| Theresa Fridrich | | Lillian Zahara |
| | | Joseph Zavatchen Jr. |

Weekly Collections

Sunday Envelopes:.....\$ 3,200.00
Faith Direct:.....\$ 5,381.00

Thank you for your generosity!

from Music Ministry
JWallace@stmarkcleveland.com



Special thanks to the Easter Choir

VOCALISTS: MIKE ANTONELLI, JOHN COONEY, PATTY JOYCE, CAROL KERRIGAN, PAT KERRIGAN, TIM MOHR, BOB MORAN, ED MORRIS, JOE WILSON

CHILDREN VOCALISTS: MILLIE A, CORA D, LEO D, AVA G, DECLAN H, EVIE H, RUBY J, FIONN J, REMY J, LEO M, LUKE M, BRENDAN M, CLARE S, AINE S, NATALIA S, CHARLOTTE S, CARLINA V

INSTRUMENTALISTS: RACHEL KRIBBS, DANA PLANK, HEATHER RENTZ, ANGELA SALAZAR

We had over ten members of the congregation prepare psalms & solos. Shout out to the early readers & the triduum vocalists who began rehearsing weekly in February! Thank you for what you did to heighten our praise.
Julia



**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

HOLY NAME SOCIETY NEWS

HNS NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK

Progressive Field
June 19, 2024
vs Seattle Mariners
Game Time 6:40 p.m.
Open to everyone!!
\$24.00/ticket
Tote Bag Give Away
Ticket information:

Please email Tim Mohr at tseliot2@sbcglobal.net

RESCHEDULED



WAKE UP
based on Ephesians 5
music video recording 5/5

scan QR code for a sample!

**SMS Youth Choir & Friends
Grades 4-8**

Join us on Sunday May 5th, 11:30-5PM

Beginning with mass @ 11:30. Includes lunch. We'll learn **WAKE UP**, make an audio recording, then bop about the church & Impett Park to make a music video.

RSVP WITH MRS. WALLACE
[[JWALLACE@STMARKCLEVELAND.COM]]

Save The Date

Holy Name Society

**ANNUAL
PARISH PICNIC**



Sunday, June 30th | **St. Mark Parish**
12:30PM - 5:00PM | **15800 Montrose Ave.**
| **Cleveland, OH 44111**

More details to follow

FOOD SUNDAY

The Lakewood Community Service Center delivers to 1200 households each month! They have asked us to provide kid-friendly cereal (in brand name, regular size boxes), Spaghettios, Chef Boyardee, spaghetti & meatballs, and chili. Their Clients could also use toilet paper, paper towels, mouthwash, and diapers (#4 & #5). They are very grateful for all that you donate to them.
Thank you. May God bless all!

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, Roan Viancourt, Lukas Whitney.



God Bless them all!

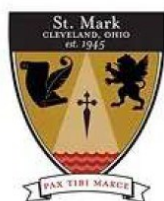
Kathy O'Malley womalfam@sbcglobal.net for any updates.

THE WEEK AHEAD IN OUR PARISH

Saturday,	April 20	
3:00 pm	Confessions	
4:00 pm	Mass	
Sunday,	April 21	
8:30 am	Mass	
9:30 am	Rosary	
9:30 am	Young Families	SH
11:30 am	Mass LS	
11:30 am	Sunday Pre-School	CR
5:00 pm	Youth Group	S
Monday,	April 22	
8:30 am	Mass	
6:30 pm	PSR Class Gr. 1-8	CR
Tuesday,	April 23	
8:30 am	Mass w/2nd Floor	
Wednesday,	April 24	
1:00 pm	Spring Band/Choir Concert	CC/G
6:30 pm	Spring Band/Choir Concert	CC/G
Thursday,	April 25	
8:30 am	Mass	
7:00 pm	Troop #293	SH/PP
Friday,	April 26	
Saturday,	April 27	
9:00 am	First Eucharist Practice & Jesus Day	CH/SH
3:00 pm	Confessions	
4:00 pm	Mass	
	Food Sunday	
Sunday,	April 28	
8:30 am	Mass	
9:30 am	Rosary	
11:30 am	Mass LS w/Youth Choir	
11:30 am	Sunday Pre-School	CR

Note: (LS)=Livestreamed

Would you like a chance to win \$2,500?



Scan here for tickets



How about if you knew it was also supporting St Mark Catholic School, too? Then buy a chance in the Parent Club Raffle!. With the funds raised, the Parent Club can provide funding for field trips, student groups and programs, update technology, and fulfill other needs of the St. Mark School community.

Tickets are \$5 each and the grand prize winner will receive \$2,500! 2nd place winner will receive \$1000 and 3rd place winner will receive \$500

<https://brurl.co/SMW-RAFFLE>

Online sales end on Friday, April 26, at 11:59 PM, and the drawing will take place on **Wednesday, May 1st!**

Only Ohio residents may purchase tickets online. If you live out-of-state and would like to buy tickets, please email stmarkparentclub@gmail.com

Principal News

Anything worth doing is worth doing well. This includes writing. The ability to write well is not entirely a gift; it does take work. Because the words we use to write with are the same words we think with, learning to write well has many ramifications. As we improve our ability to write, we improve our ability to think. This empowers us to become successful.

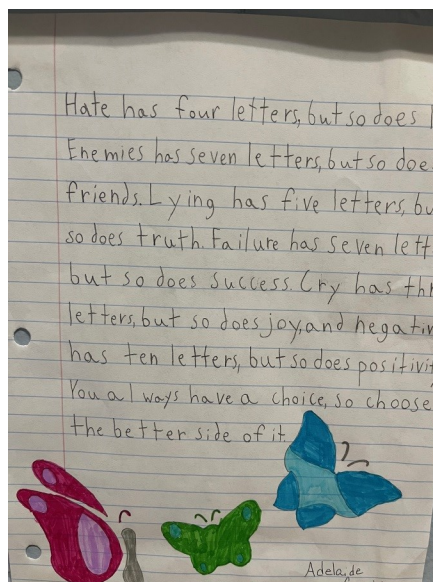
Employers today cite “Communication Skills” as one of the most important traits in the hiring process. In society today, most of our writing occurs electronically through emails, instant messaging, blogging, or texting. Much of the information that shapes our lives is written down, so it is necessary that children develop a sense of what good writing entails- especially in using correct grammar- my passion!

At St. Mark, our children develop excellent writing skills before they move into high school. As a faculty, we are invested in the belief that good writing needs to occur across the curriculum. Extended response answers are expected in all subjects. This means, for example, that in math, a child may have the correct answer, but must also be capable of explaining how the answer evolved through the written word.

It does my heart proud when students bring me drawings they created or pieces they have written. I proudly hang each one of them for a time in the hallway or in my office, and then I tuck them away for safe keeping. Just this week, one of our 4th Grade students, Adelaide C., found a most beautiful piece of reflective writing that I want to share with you, along with some spring art that she herself created:

*Hate has four letters, but so does **Love**.
Enemies has seven letters, but so does **Friends**.
Lying has five letters, but so does **Truth**.
Failure has seven letters, but so does **Success**.
Cry has three letters, but so does **Joy**, and
Negativity has ten letters, but so does **Positivity**.
You always have a choice, so choose the **Better Side** of it.*
(Author Unknown)

Every year we have students submit either art or essay entries into LifeWorks Ohio Respect Life Contest. Students are challenged to reflect upon God’s precious gift of life as well as a specific Bible theme. The theme this year was “We must consider how to rouse one another to love and good works.” Hebrews 10:24 There were over 1,100 entries this year in the competition. I am very happy to announce that two of our students, Brynn S. (Gr. 4) and Bea K. (Gr. 6) placed among the selected winners! Brynn took 3rd Place at her grade level for her art and Bea took 1st Place at her grade level for the essay she wrote. I am so proud of these students and their teachers, and I look forward to attending their Awards Ceremony in a few weeks.



Readings for the week of April 21, 2024

Sunday:

Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 (22)/Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

Monday:

Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday:

Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/
Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday:

Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/
Jn 12:44-50

Thursday:

1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/
Mk 16:15-20

Friday:

Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/
Jn 14:1-6

Saturday:

Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/
Jn 14:7-14

Next Sunday:

Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32
(26a)/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Recently I was with my little dog Libby at a retreat center in the Arizona desert. I sat in a chair near a ravine filled with shrubs. Unbeknownst to me, Libby wandered down there and disappeared. Suddenly an animal's wild shriek erupted from the area. Without thinking, I bolted down into the ravine fully expecting to see coyotes, javelinas, or rattlesnakes. I didn't care. I desperately wanted to get Libby out of there, without any self-regard. Before I could face whatever danger lay hidden, my dog blissfully trotted out from an entirely different area, utterly unaware that I had (quite heroically) just placed my life on the line.

When the adrenaline wore off, I thought to myself: how far would I have been willing to go to save her? I don't know. But I do know, if I had literally died, my friends and family would have certainly thought me insane for dying for a dog. No offense, Libby.

How passionately Jesus wants us to know him and his willingness to die for us! This week he says, **"I know my own and my own know me,"** and **"I lay down my life for the sheep."** Here we encounter an insanely excessive love for us. Christianity is a relationship and not simply a religion or ethical code. In Jesus, God rescues and saves us. He laid down his life for you and me — and he has taken it up again. So often we are like Libby — blissfully ignorant of the reality of both our spiritual danger and his saving love. This Easter season, the risen Jesus calls us to be more conscious than ever before about his love. He never ceases to lay down his life for us.

— *Father John Muir*

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"There is no salvation through anyone else,
nor is there any other name under heaven
given to the human race by which we are to be saved."
(Acts 4:12)

Psalm:

The stone rejected by the builders has become the
cornerstone. (Ps 118)
Or: Alleluia.

Second Reading:

Beloved, we are God's children now;
what we shall be has not yet been revealed.
We do know that when it is revealed we shall be
like him,
for we shall see him as he is. (1 Jn 3:2)

Gospel:

Jesus said:
"I am the good shepherd.
A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." (Jn 10:11)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Jesus the Good Shepherd knows that real love is an action, not an idea. His sacrifice is the proof of his love for his flock. Let us remember to love one another as the Good Shepherd loves us: not just in words but in actions, in choices, in deeds.

Observances for the week of April 21, 2024

- Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations
- Monday:** Earth Day
- Tuesday:** St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr
- Wednesday:** St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr; Administrative Professionals' Day
- Thursday:** St. Mark, Evangelist
- Friday:** Arbor Day
- Next Sunday:** 5th Sunday of Easter



Saint of the week

St. Paschal Baylón was a devout Spanish monk. In his vocation as a lay brother, he worked as a chef, porter, gardener, and official beggar. He often gave so much to the poor that his brothers tried to limit his generosity. Because of his devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, he is the Patron Saint of Eucharistic Congresses and Societies.

Prayer of the Good Shepherd

Dear Lord,
You are my Shepherd, a Good Shepherd, who leads in ways beyond my understanding. Guide me in the paths You would have me go.
Amen.