



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.



January 14, 2024

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi"—which translated means Teacher—"where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." - Jn 1:38-39a

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PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Adam Zajac
Pastor

Deacon Dave Lundeen
Permanent Deacon

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

January: For the gift of diversity in the Church. We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

Liturgy Schedule

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

Monday, January 15

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

Tuesday, January 16

6:45am Mass @ St. Mel

Wednesday, January 17-St. Anthony

Thursday, January 18

8:30am Mass.....Francis Kelley

Friday, January 19

6:45am Mass @ St. Mel

Saturday, January 20

3:00pm Confessions

3:00pm Confessions @ St. Mel

4:00pm Mass.....Giuseppe Coreno

4:30pm Mass @ St. Mel

Sunday, January 21-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00am Mass @ St. Mel

8:30am Mass...For The Parishioners of St. Mark Parish and
St. Mel Parish

10:00am Mass @ St. Mel

11:30am Mass.....John Waldo

Liturgical Ministers January 20 & 21

Saturday, January 20 @ 4:00pm

Eucharistic Ministers Shirlee Toth, NOT FILLED (2)

Lector: Paul Gambon

Altar Server: Joseph Sowul, Kathryn Sowul, Patrick Sowul

Sunday, January 21 @ 8:30am

Eucharistic Ministers Karen Cocita, Jessica Hanes, NOT FILLED

Lector: Michael Grathwol, Mary Lewis

Altar Server: Albert McGervey, Anthony McGervey, Jack McGervey

Sunday, January 21 @ 11:30am

Eucharistic Ministers Rosanne Kelley, Lisa Ditzel, NOT FILLED

Lector: Monica Svez, NOT FILLED

Altar Server: Owen Glzier, Danny Reichel, Reese Reichel

Luke McGraw Memorial Candles

Weekly Intention

January 14

Dan Sunyak

IN MEMORIAM

May the peace of our Lord be with

Fr. Thomas Montavon

And may God grant comfort to his 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
Gianna Andolina
Carol Behnke
Jack Behnke
Katy Brent
Henry Buehner
James Coyne
Margaret Fadrowski
Nicole Foerstner
Mary Frantz
Theresa Fridrich

Lisa Groh
Irene Gurchensky
Gerri Joecken
David Kurth
Catherine Kutsick
Loree Leasure-Poirier
Cheryl McArthur
Jim McIlwee
Mary Miller
Maisie Nowlin
Sr. Josette Obodzinski

Bill Retzer
Sr. Mary Ann Spangler
Mary Stark
Nora Sudetic
Lena Sunyak
George Surovec
Herb Tippie
Georgieann Treible
Joe Wantz
Charlotte Whiting
Lillian Zahara
Joseph Zavatchen Jr.



Weekly Collections

Sunday Envelopes:.....\$ 3,097.00

Faith Direct:.....\$ 5,210.00

Christmas Collection:.....\$10,562.00

Thank you for your generosity!

First Friday Commitment Wanted

On every first Friday of the month we regularly have Eucharistic Adoration from 3:30pm to 7:00pm. While all parishioners are always welcome to come and pray during that time, we would like to have a roster of parishioners committed to coming at specific times. If you would like to sign up for an hour of adoration beginning on any half-hour of the time for adoration, please call the Parish Office.

Birthright Baby Bottle Donations

We are sponsoring a fundraiser for Birthright, a pregnancy crisis and counseling center. Baby bottles will be available to pick up at all Church entrances. If you are able, please pick up a baby bottle, fill it with spare change to 'help make a change in a young woman's life'. Please return the filled bottles the weekend of January 13 & 14 and January 20 & 21. Bottles may also be returned to the Parish Office.

Thank you for your continued generosity.



Young Family Gatherings

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

Dates vary each month. Questions?
Please contact Briana David-
brianadavidehowardhanna.com

2024 UPCOMING DATES

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|-------------|----------|
| January 21 | April 21 |
| February 11 | May 19 |
| March 24 | June 9 |



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

HOLY NAME SOCIETY NEWS



Welcome All Parishioners
18 and Older

We meet the second Tuesday of the Month at
6:00pm in the Social Hall

Interested?

Email Jim Cocita at jimcocita@gmail.com

Please remember Deacon Dave in your prayers!



All are invited to the annual
St. Mark Super Bowl party
Sunday, February 11th

Admission - Free Will donation of \$10
Beer & soft drinks, pizza and snacks provided
Scoring squires and "game-question"
contest available

You may bring your own appetizers and games.
NO BYOB

Doors open at 5pm St. Mark Social Hall
Sponsored by The St. Mark Holy Name Society



www.faithdirect.net

St. Mark Church # OH274

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!*

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 Bochart, 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.



REQUEST FOR 2023 CONTRIBUTION REPORT

Please send a request via email to dbroughton@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

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|-------------------|-----------------------------|----------|
| Saturday, | January 13 | |
| 9:00 am | Basketball Tournament | FR/G |
| 3:00 pm | Confessions | |
| 4:00 pm | Mass | |
| | Baby Bottle Drop Off | |
| Sunday, | January 14 | |
| 8:30 am | Mass | |
| 9:30 am | Rosary | |
| 11:30 am | Mass (LS) | |
| 11:30 am | Sunday Pre-School | CR |
| 1:00 pm | Basketball Tournament | FR/G |
| 4:00 pm | Living Stations | CH |
| Monday, | January 15 | |
| | School Closed | |
| | Parish Office Closed | |
| 8:30 am | Mass | |
| Tuesday, | January 16 | |
| 5:00 pm | Basketball Tournament | FR/G |
| 7:00 pm | Parent Club Mtg. | SH |
| Wednesday, | January 17 | |
| 6:00 pm | Scout Pack #268 | SH |
| 6:30 pm | Math/Science Night | G/SCH/CC |
| Thursday, | January 18 | |
| 8:30 am | Mass | |
| 5:00 pm | Basketball Tournament | FR/G |
| 6:00 pm | Scout Pack #268 | |
| 7:00 pm | Troop #293 | SH |
| Friday, | January 19 | |
| 5:00 pm | Basketball Tournament | FR/G |
| Saturday, | January 20 | |
| 9:00 am | Basketball Tournament | FR/G |
| 3:00 pm | Confessions | |
| 4:00 pm | Mass | |
| | Baby Bottle Drop Off | |
| Sunday, | January 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 |
| 1:00 pm | Basketball Tournament | FR/G |
| 4:00 pm | Living Stations | CH |
| 6:00 pm | Youth Group | CC |

Note: (LS)=Livestreamed

**THERE WILL BE NO MARKER'S 50+
GATHERING ON JANUARY 13TH.**

Principal News

The Mission Statement of St. Mark School reads: “St. Mark School nurtures Faith, inspires Academic Excellence, and instills Hope for the Future.” Our Mission Statement encompasses all that we do here at school every single day. Just recently, we had the pleasure of spending time with some of our past graduates, currently attending SJA, Magnificat, St. Ed’s, St. Ignatius, Lakewood High School, and Holy Name, who came back to visit St. Mark on their free days from their current high schools. It is so great to have them return and hear about all that they are involved in! At the same time, it is very affirming because not only do these students miss all of us at St. Mark, but I also hear time and time again how well prepared they are for high school. The transitions have been easy for them over the years. I attribute this to the excellent instruction our children receive from our very dedicated staff, the variety of extracurricular opportunities that are offered to our students, and the strong commitment and relationship we have with our families. Yes, St. Mark School “Inspires Academic Excellence”.

Our children not only learn about academics but also about the importance of living out our Gospel values in everyday life. Two very specific examples I wanted to share with you involved students in our Junior High. Our 8th Graders are currently involved in service projects as part of the Confirmation program. One of the Confirmation groups went to Zeiles House, a shelter for women and children. They enjoyed themselves so much, they could not wait to go back to play with the young children and interact with the adults. They asked to go back! This is what service is all about; so often you receive more in return because service to others can change you. Another example of joyful service involved a large group of our 7th Grade girls who got together one evening before Christmas to assemble 40 Christmas Care bags for the homeless. A few of the 7th Grade moms volunteered to gather toiletries, gloves, hats, socks, undergarments, granola, oranges, masks, and candy for the assembly. After assembling these bags, the girls enjoyed some great fellowship while eating some pizza together, and then each left with a few bags to distribute on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day to the homeless around the Cleveland area. You can certainly tell from the photos that they enjoyed this project and the fellowship that came with it. It is important to note that these experiences would not have occurred without the involvement of our parents. In both cases, these experiences presented life lessons that will help our children form those values which truly matter in this world.

I am very proud of our students. They represent St. Mark well in the outside world. I have such great “Hope for the Future” with these upcoming leaders.

Mrs. Cocita



Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of January 14, 2024

Sunday:

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4 7-8, 8-9, 10
(8a, 9a)/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

Monday:

1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and
23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday:

1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/
Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday:

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2,
9-10/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday:

1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a,
10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

Friday:

1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/
Mk 3:13-19

Saturday:

2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/
Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday:

Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/
1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

As a priest, I'm amazed how happily married couples remember the tiniest details of their earliest encounters. They effortlessly report things like: "he wore a blue shirt," "we ordered brussels sprouts," "her hair was up in a bun," and "he spilled shrimp cocktail sauce at my family's open front door when it was ten degrees below zero," (that one's courtesy of my mom). We delight in remembering and speaking of when our new life of love began. The little details are glorious reminders that it's all real.

It's similar for John the Apostle. He tells us of the two disciples who followed Jesus into his house, **"...they stayed with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon."** Why does that tiny detail matter? Because *that's the time of day when they encountered the love of Jesus the Messiah in their lives*. Our religion is not primarily about abstract truths about God, no matter how true or sublime. It is about God meeting and saving us in our human nature. It's about a *human* relationship.

What was the time of day when you first recall encountering Christ and his Church? Who was there? What did you feel? How did things look and smell? What happened? Take some time to recall it in detail. For me, it was inside an old, rickety church on a hillside in Jerome, Arizona. It was about 9 p. m. on a Saturday evening. I was with my friends Jenny, Brad, and Laura. We were praying, singing, and laughing. When was it for you? Remembering the details isn't empty nostalgia. It reminds us now that God's love for us in our humanity is real.

— Father John Muir

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2024 | 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

The LORD came and revealed his presence,
calling out as before, "Samuel, Samuel!"
Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening."
(1 Sm 3:10)

Psalm:

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will. (Ps 40)

Second Reading:

Do you not know that your bodies are members
of Christ?
But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one Spirit
with him. (1 Cor 6:15, 17)

Gospel:

So they went and saw where Jesus was staying,
and they stayed with him that day. (Jn 1:39)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"Come and see," Jesus said to the disciples who were curious to know about him. Today, he whispers this invitation into the deepest place of our heart. Have courage — go, and see what Christ has to show you.

Observances for the week of January 14, 2024

- Sunday:** 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Martin Luther King Day
Wednesday: St. Anthony, Abbot
Thursday: January 18-25 is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
Saturday: St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr
Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saint of the week

St. Clare of Assisi, a devoted follower and friend of St. Francis, centered her life around poverty, prayer, and the Eucharist. As the founder of the Poor Clares, she promoted a ministry of simplicity, adoration, and service to the poor.

Prayer of Discernment

Dear Lord,
Here I am! Help me to know
the path You would have me
walk, to speak the words You
would have me speak, to love
and serve those You put in my
path. Amen.