



# 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.

June 29, 2025



## SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

"You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of the nether-world shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the Kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." - Mt 16:18-19

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### PASTORAL STAFF

**Rev. Adam Zajac**  
Pastor

**Mrs. Christine Gunn**  
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](http://bible.usccb.org)

**Monday, June 30**  
8:30am Mass ..... Frank and Mary Moran

**Tuesday, July 1**  
6:45am Mass @ St. Mel

**Wednesday, July 2**

**Thursday, July 3-St. Thomas**  
8:30am Mass ..... **Presider's Intention**

**Friday, July 4**  
6:45am Mass @ St. Mel  
4:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

**Saturday, July 5**  
3:00pm Confessions  
3:00pm Confessions @ St. Mel  
4:00pm Mass ..... Joseph Tira  
4:30pm Mass @ St. Mel

**Sunday, July 6-Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
7:00am Mass @ St. Mel  
8:30am Mass ..... Madeline McMahon  
10:00am Mass @ St. Mel  
11:30am Mass ..... For the Parishioners of St. Mark Parish  
and the Parishioners of St. Mel Parish

Pray for the Sick

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

William Adams	David Kurth	Aimee Roscoe
Gianna Andolina	Tom Lembach	Nora Sudetic
Katy Brent	Gerald McArthur	George Surovec
Henry Buehner	Jim McIlwee	Barbara Thiel
James Coyne	Judy McIntyre	Herb Tippie
Matthew Craven	Mary Miller	Michele Vollmer
Nicole Foerstner	Jack Mohar	Joe Wantz
Mary Frantz	Maisie Nowlin	Charlotte Whiting
Theresa Fridrich	Mary Stark	Lillian Zahara
Amy Glazier	Sr. Josette Obodzinski	Lew Zahara Jr.
Irene Gurchensky		Joseph Zavatchen Sr.
Carol Hughes		Joseph Zavatchen Jr.

Other Intentions

**Weekly Luke McGraw Memorial Candles Intention**  
Miranda Aponte & Vienna Aponte

**Wedding Banns II**  
Benjamin Campbell & Collette Joyce

Liturgical Ministers	emHCs	Lectors	Servers
Saturday, July 5 @ 4:00pm	Gloria Morin Shirlee Toth NOT FILLED	Gary Morin	Hunter Conklin NOT FILLED
Sunday, July 6 @ 8:30am	Kathy O'Malley Austin Tousley Michael Kay	Lisa Braun Monica Svetz	Adlee Rave Joe Svetz
Sunday, July 6 @ 11:30am	Annamaria Masterson Deirdre Mueller Cari Foster	Eliza Kratt Mary Lewis	Eoin Mueller Patrick Mueller

## NEWS AND EVENTS

### Offertory Collections

In-Pew Collection (past week) .....\$ 1,910.00  
Faith Direct (past month weekly total) .....\$ 5,394.00  
Thank you for your generosity!

### Parish News

#### 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:

July 13th, August 3rd and August 17th

#### Christmas in July

July 6th- July 27th

The Providence House, St. Herman's House, and West Side Catholic Center still serve their many Clients throughout the summer, even while their supplies are running low. We can help them with our donations of goods and cash contributions.

We will be collecting paper & plastic items the weekend of July 6th, baby & children items July 13th, health items July 20th, and food items July 27th. Please put your donations by the Christmas tree in the main hallway.

Beginning next weekend, the Centers have requested paper towels, paper plates (large, sturdy), paper salad/soup bowls, paper coffee cups (8 oz), plastic HD forks, carryout containers (large), aluminum foil 18" HD, Glad bags w/ties (13g), trash bags (30g & 55g), toilet paper (2-ply), copy paper (8.5x11"), tissues, and gift cards. School supplies: pens, pencils, markers, folders (2-pocket), loose-leaf paper (wide-ruled, 3-hole), and new school backpacks. They appreciate all of our donations. May God bless all!



## Share God's Love

### St. Mark/St. Mel Faith Build

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](http://www.deansgreenhouse.com); 440-871-2050

Questions? Email Amy Asseff at [aasseff@aol.com](mailto:aasseff@aol.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](mailto:jimcocita@gmail.com)

#### Parish Picnic

Sunday, June 29th 12:30-5:00pm

Holy Name Society Annual Parish Picnic. Join us for a day of gathering with others from St. Mark and St. Mel and former families of the parishes. This is a Free Will Donation! There will be hamburgers, hot dogs, brauts, ice cream and beverages. We will have games for kids of all ages. Bring a dish to share!

#### Picnic Volunteers Needed

If you can, we could use some help setting up and taking down tents, tables and chairs on Friday, June 27th at 4:00pm and Sunday, June 29th at 5:00pm. This would be greatly appreciated.



## Reminders and Regular Events

### 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 David at: bciancibello@gmail.com

Upcoming Dates: June 29th - 12:30pm @ the Parish Picnic  
July 13th  
August 17th  
September 14th

### 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.

### VIRTUS Program Compliancy

Check that you are up-to-date!

All staff and all volunteers who work with children (such as coaches, catechists, scout leaders, parent volunteers, etc.) are required to stay compliant with the VIRTUS program. No exceptions are made. This program is required by the Diocese of Cleveland, and we are audited annually.

For existing volunteers:

- Stay current with the online bulletins
- Renew your BCI Fingerprint and Background check every five years through virtusonline.org (see the Toolbox tab for selection.com background check).

New and interested volunteers working with children:

- Attend a VIRTUS training. Registration is through virtusonline.org.
- Read and sign the 2016 Policy for Protecting Children.
- Read and sign the 2016 Standards of Conduct.
- Complete a background check through virtusonline.org (see the Toolbox tab for selection.com background check).
- Complete the St. Mark Volunteer Application

Full information can be found on our parish website. To verify that you are in compliance call the parish office.

### General Parish Calendar

<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>June 28</b>
3:00 pm	Confessions
4:00 pm	Mass
<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>June 29</b>
8:30 am	Mass
9:30 am	Rosary
11:30 am	Mass LS
12:30 pm	Parish Picnic CC/PL
12:30 pm	Young Families @ Parish Picnic
<b>Monday,</b>	<b>June 30</b>
8:30 am	Mass
<b>Tuesday,</b>	<b>July 1</b>
<b>Wednesday,</b>	<b>July 2</b>
<b>Thursday,</b>	<b>July 3</b>
8:30 am	Mass
5:00 pm	Pastoral Picnic St. Mark & St. Mel PP
7:00 pm	Troop #293 SH
<b>Friday,</b>	<b>July 4</b>
4:00 pm	<b>Parish Office Closed</b>
<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>July 5</b>
3:00 pm	Eucharistic Adoration
4:00 pm	Confessions
<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>July 6</b>
8:30 am	Mass
9:30 am	Rosary
11:30 am	Mass LS

### Military

Please pray for our military presently serving.

Josh Dunleavy, Nick Hupka, John Kazanowski, Randy Kloos, Sean O'Reilly, Nico Russo, Matthew Shirley

## NEWS AND EVENTS

### Regional and Diocesan News and Events

#### The FEST

Mark your calendars!

Join us for the highlight of the summer....The FEST on Sunday, August 3rd. The FEST is an inspiring day of faith, family and fun - all for FREE. Come and hear the best of the Contemporary Christian Artists: Maverick City Music, Danny Gokey, Ben Fuller and Seph Schlueter. There's something for everyone at The FEST from meaningful displays to faith-based crafts and activities for the kids. You can visit the Marc's Mom's Relaxation Station along with getting your favorite summer foods at family friendly prices!

Invite family and friends for the 25th anniversary of The FEST held on the campus of the Center for Pastoral Leadership in Wickliffe. The day begins at 12 noon and continues until 8pm when we come together United in faith...hope and love...for a beautiful outdoor Mass followed by an amazing American Fireworks Display. For all the details go to: [www.theFEST.us](http://www.theFEST.us). For thousands across our region it truly is the highlight of the summer. Please join us!!!

#### Catholic Renewal Ministries' 42nd Annual Conference

Saturday, July 26, 2025

All are invited to attend Catholic Renewal Ministries' 42nd Annual Conference to be held on Saturday, July 26, 2025, at St. Albert the Great Parish Life Center, 6667 Wallings Rd., North Royalton. This year's theme is "The Joy of the Lord is My Strength". Guest speakers will be Dr. Jaci Sabol, a neuropsychologist, who is a longtime worship leader and speaker on the faith and who serves on the board of Faith on Fire!, Dave Van Vickle, a popular speaker who presents on topics related to spiritual warfare, our call to holiness, and authentic Catholic spirituality, and Fr. Bob Franco, the Bishop's Liaison for Charismatic Renewal in the Cleveland Diocese. Auxiliary Bishop Michael G. Woost will be the celebrant for the Vigil Mass, and Matt Fafrak will lead us in contemporary praise music throughout the day and evening.

Visit the CRM website: [www.crmweb.org](http://www.crmweb.org) or call 440-944-9445 for more information. Advance registration postmarked by Wednesday, July 16th, is \$40, and at the door \$50. Come, as we praise and exalt Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit and celebrate the Jubilee Year.

#### Our Lady of Angels Class of 1975

50th reunion Saturday, September 27, 2025

Please join us for our 50th reunion Saturday, September 27th at P.J. McIntyres from 5:00pm-9:00pm following the 4:00pm mass at Our Lady of Angels.

Please contact Josie (Daum) Kramer at 216-246-3277 or [kkrames13@icloud.com](mailto:kkrames13@icloud.com) or Cindy (Sinclair) Nagle at [cnagle703@gmail.com](mailto:cnagle703@gmail.com) to RSVP.



## General Audience of Pope Leo XIV, on 18 June 2025

**General Audience of 18 June 2025 - Cycle of Catechesis – Jubilee 2025. Jesus Christ our Hope. II. The life of Jesus. The Healings. 10. The healing of the paralytic. "When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been ill for a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be well?""**

*Dear brothers and sisters,*

Let us continue to contemplate Jesus who heals. In a particular way, I would like to invite you to think about the situations in which we feel "blocked" and stuck in a dead end. At times, in fact, it seems to be pointless to continue to hope; we become resigned and no longer have the desire to fight. This situation is described in the Gospels with the image of paralysis. This is why today I would like to dwell on the healing of a paralytic, narrated in the fifth chapter of the Gospel of Saint John (5:1-9).

Jesus goes to Jerusalem for a feast of the Jews. He does not immediately go to the Temple; instead, he stops at a door, where the sheep were probably washed before being offered as a sacrifice. Near this door there were also many sick people who, unlike the sheep, were excluded from the Temple because they were considered unclean! And so it is Jesus himself who reaches out to them in their suffering. These people hoped for a miracle that might change their fate; indeed, next to the door there was a pool, whose waters were considered thaumaturgical, that is, capable of healing: at certain moments the water would stir and, according to the belief of the time, whoever immersed themselves first would be healed.

In this way a sort of "war among the poor" came to be created: we can imagine the sorry scene of these sick people who wearily dragged themselves to enter the pool. That pool was called *Betzaṭā*, which means "house of mercy": it could be an image of the Church, where the sick and the poor gather and where the Lord comes to heal and give hope.

Jesus specifically addresses a man who has been paralyzed for some thirty-eight years. By now he is resigned, because he never manages to immerse himself in the pool when the water stirs (cf. v. 7). In effect, what paralyzes us, very often, is disappointment. We feel discouraged and risk falling into apathy.

Jesus asks the paralytic a question that may seem superfluous: "Do you want to be well?" (v. 6). Instead, it is a necessary question, because when one is stuck for so many years, even the will to heal may fade. Sometimes we prefer to remain in the condition of sickness, forcing others to take care of us. It is sometimes also an excuse for not deciding what to do with our lives. Jesus instead takes this man back to his truest and deepest desire.

Indeed, this man replies in a more articulate way to Jesus' question, revealing his true vision of life. He says first of all that he has no-one to immerse him in the pool: so he is not to blame, but the others who do not take care of him. This attitude becomes the pretext for avoiding responsibility. But is it really true that he had no-one to help him? Here is Saint Augustine's enlightening answer: "Truly he had need of a 'man' to his healing, but that 'man' one who is also God. ... He came, then, the Man who was needed: why should the healing be delayed?". [1]

The paralytic then adds that when he tries to immerse himself in the pool, there is always someone who arrives before him. This man is expressing a fatalistic view of life. We think that things happen to us because we are not fortunate, because destiny is against us. This man is discouraged. He feels defeated in the struggle of life.

Instead, Jesus helps him to discover that his life is also in his hands. He invites him to get up, to raise himself up from his chronic situation, and to take his stretcher (cf. v. 8). That mat is not to be left or thrown away: it represents his past of sickness, his history. Until that moment, the past had blocked him; it had forced him to lie like a dead man. Now it is he who can take that mat and carry it wherever he wishes: he can decide what to make of his history! It is a matter of walking, taking responsibility for choosing what road to take. And this is thanks to Jesus!

Dear brothers and sisters, let us ask the Lord for the gift of understanding where our life is stuck. Let us try to give voice to our desire to be healed. And let us pray for all those who feel paralyzed, who do not see a way out. Let us ask to return to dwell in the Heart of Christ, which is the true house of mercy!

# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

"Now I know for certain that the Lord sent his angel  
and rescued me from the hand of Herod  
and from all that the Jewish people had been expecting."  
(Acts 12:11)

### Psalm:

The angel of the Lord will rescue those who fear him. (Ps 34)

### Second Reading:

The Lord will rescue me from every evil threat  
and will bring me safe to his heavenly Kingdom. (2 Tm 4:18)

### Gospel:

I will give you the keys to the Kingdom of heaven.  
Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven;  
and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed  
in heaven." (Mt 16:19)

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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Peter testified to a dangerous and unpopular truth — that Christ was the Messiah. That courage, that trust in God, is the cornerstone of all we believe. Like Peter, we must always bear witness to the truth.

## Observances for the week of June 29, 2025

**Sunday:** Sts Peter and Paul, Apostles

**Monday:** The First Martyrs of the  
Holy Roman Church

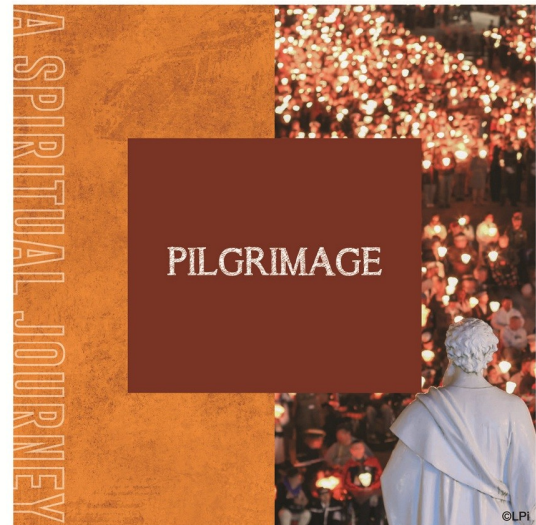
**Tuesday:** St. Junípero Serra, Priest

**Thursday:** St. Thomas, Apostle

**Friday:** Independence Day (USA)

**Saturday:** St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest;  
St. Elizabeth of Portugal

**Next Sunday:** 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Devotions, *Explained!*

A pilgrimage is a journey to a place of spiritual significance undertaken by one who is seeking closeness to Heaven while still on Earth.

## Prayer of Pastoral Care

O God,  
Bless the souls You have  
entrusted to our care. As You hear  
every one of their prayers, help us  
to hear them, too. Answer their  
prayer intentions and personal  
needs through us and our  
ministry, as we all seek to do Your  
will.  
Amen.