



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.

October 8, 2023

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The stone that the
builders rejected has
become the cornerstone."
- Mt 21:42ab

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PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Adam Zajac

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Principal

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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

October: For the Synod. We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the Peripheries of the world.

Liturgy Schedule

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

Monday, October 9

6:45am Mass @ St. Mel
8:30am Mass.....Presider's Intention

Tuesday, October 10

6:45am Mass @ St. Mel
8:30am Mass (School).....Andy Helbig

Wednesday, October 11

Thursday, October 12

6:45am Mass @ St. Mel
8:30am Mass.....Melora & Jameson Burns Living

Friday, October 13

6:45am Mass @ St. Mel

Saturday, October 14

3:00pm Confessions
3:00pm Confessions @ St. Mel
4:00pm Mass.....Dolly Tinnirello
4:30pm Mass @ St. Mel

Sunday, October 15-Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00am Mass @ St. Mel
8:30am Mass.....Joseph Spicuzza
10:00am Mass @ St. Mel
11:30am Mass...For the Parishioners of St. Mark Parish and St. Mel Parish

Liturgical Ministers October 14 & 15

Saturday, October 14 @ 4:00pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Price, NOT FILLED (2)

Lector: John Levis

Altar Server: Huston Engle, Charlie Greulich, Evan Lentz

Sunday, October 15 @ 8:30am

Eucharistic Ministers: Laura Skonce, Mary Stamper, NOT FILLED

Lector: Michael Grathwol, NOT FILLED

Altar Server: Jack McGervey, Clare Stock, Fiona Stock

Sunday, October 15 @ 11:30am

Eucharistic Ministers: Deirdre Mueller, Lisa Ditzel, NOT FILLED

Lector: Cari Foster, Carole Iseli

Altar Server: Clare Hurley, Danny Reichel, Reese Reichel

Luke McGraw Memorial Candles

Weekly Intention

October 8

Joseph Spicuzza



Banns of Marriage

Wedding Bann III

Bryan O'Reilly & Melissa Kaleal

Wedding Bann II

David Griffiths & Emily Mills

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
Helen Forlini
Mary Frantz
Theresa Fridrich

Irene Gurchensky
Gerri Joecken
David Kurth
Catherine Kutsick
Loree Leasure-Poirier
Jim McIlwee
Mary Miller
Maisie Nowlin
Sr. Josette Obodzinski
Ryan Puzitiello Jr.
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 Zaatchen Jr.

Last Week's Collection

Sunday Envelopes:.....\$ 2,692.00
Faith Direct:.....\$ 5,498.00

Thank you for your generosity!

St. Mel Parish and St. Mark Parish Present
Marriage Enrichment Speaker Series



Join us on Saturday, October 14 for mass at 4:30pm
(optional)
Dinner at 5:30pm (optional)
Speaker at 6:30pm in St. Mel Hall
RSVP is required.

Nellie and Neil Krawczynski will speak on the relationship within your relationship: embracing holy intimacy and living marriage within the heart of the Trinity.
Flyers at the entrances.

"Every poor, needy, suffering or dying person, every stranger, every prisoner, every infirm person is 'the child' whom Joseph continues to protect."
Patris corde, S



October is Respect Life Month. Our U.S. Catholic Bishops ask us to join Catholics nationwide praying a special novena for the protection of human life from conception to natural death October 13-21. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more. Sign up at respectlife.org!

Necrology Book

The Necrology Book (or the Book of the Deceased) will be placed in the Church. Please feel free to add the names of your loved ones who have died. The Book will be left out for the entire month of October. During the month of November the Necrology Book will be presented during the Offertory procession at all Masses. Please remember to honor all our deceased loved ones by adding their names to the Necrology Book.

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 on 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.

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

St. Mark Small Faith Sharing Groups

Are you interested in joining a group of like-minded parishioners to dig into God's Word, share your faith journey, and make new friends? Join a small faith sharing group!

Groups will be formed based on preferred meeting times and similarities (gender, age range, etc.), as much as possible.

Sign up if you would like to learn more - no need to fully commit at this time!

Call Meaghan at 216-226-7577 ex. 105, email msilver@stmarkcleveland.com, or sign up in the school hallway

Marker's/St. Mel 50+

There will not be a gathering/meeting for October. The next Marker's/St. Mel meeting will be held on Saturday, November 11th after the 4:00p.m. Mass. Please watch the bulletin for upcoming details.

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."

Psalms 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.



The Diocese of Cleveland CYO are seeking high school, college students and adults interested in officiating basketball. Trainings will be held starting on Sunday, October 15 from 6:00pm-8:00pm, for six consecutive Sunday's. The trainings will be held at Walsh Jesuit High School, 4550 Wyoga Lake Rd., Cuyahoga Falls, 44224. These are mandatory training sessions. If you are interested, please register at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/W9X6XJF> Or you may contact Tim Shovlin Academy Assigner at tshovlin@neo.rr.com

ST. MARK YOUTH GROUP OCTOBER

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1 - 11:30AM-1PM

Mass Meetup and Donut Social @ St. Mark Church

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8 - 6:30PM-8PM

Fireside Chat and S'mores @ Pavilion

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22 - 7PM-9PM

Halloween Party and Service Project @ Social Hall

Open to all 9th-12th Grade students!

Contact Michael Kay at mikay@stmarkcleveland.com with any questions.

THE WEEK AHEAD IN OUR PARISH

Saturday,	October 7	
3:00 pm	Confessions	
4:00 pm	Mass	
Sunday,	October 8	
8:30 am	Mass w/HNS Corporate Comm.	
9:30 am	Rosary	CH
11:30 am	Mass (LS)	
11:30 am	Sunday Preschool	CR
6:30 pm	Youth Group Mtg.	CC
Monday,	October 9	
	No School	
8:30 am	Mass	
4:00 pm	Volleyball Prac.	G
Tuesday,	October 10	
8:30 am	Mass w/2nd Floor	
4:00 pm	Volleyball Prac./Cheer Prac.	G
4:30 pm	RCIC	CC
7:00 pm	Confirmation Leader Training	CC
Wednesday,	October 11	
4:00 pm	Volleyball Prac.	G
4:30 pm	RCIC	CC
5:15 pm	Daisy's Troop	SH
6:00 pm	Scout Pack #268	SH
7:00 pm	Bereavement	FR
Thursday,	October 12	
8:30 am	Mass	
4:00 pm	Volleyball Prac.	G
6:00 pm	Scout Pack #268	SH
7:00 pm	Troop #293	SH/PP
Friday,	October 13	
9:30 am	Grandparents' Day A-L	G/SCH
12:45 pm	Grandparents' Day M-Z	G/SCH
5:00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal	CH
Saturday,	October 14	
1:30 pm	Wedding	
3:00 pm	Confessions	
4:00 pm	Mass	
5:00 pm	Marker's 50+	SH
Sunday,	October 15	
8:30 am	Mass	
9:30 am	Rosary	CH
11:30 am	Mass (LS)	
11:30 am	Sunday Preschool	CR

Note: (LS)=Livestreamed

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 on-line bulletins**
- Read and signed off on Policy for **Protecting Children Revised 2016 (turn into Parish Office)**
- Read and signed off on **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 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.**
- Filled out 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.



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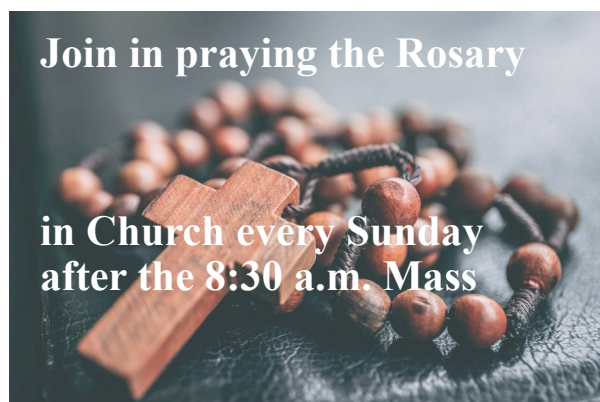
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Principal News

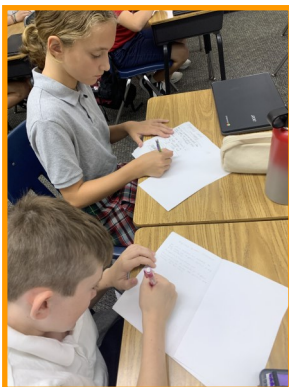
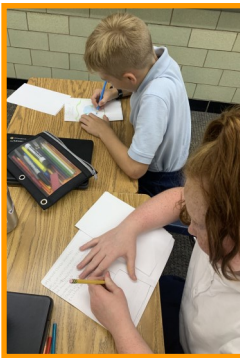
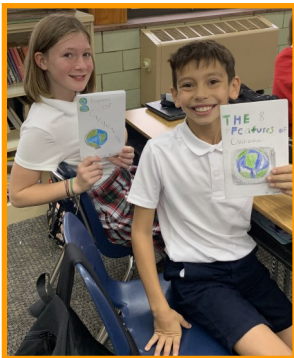
This past week, our 8th Grade students attended a Discovery Day at the seminary where they were given a first-hand experience in learning about the vocation of becoming a priest or sister. As part of the day, our students saw Borromeo. They learned about the years of preparation needed before a man or woman makes their final vows. I am sure most of you remember Mr. Garvin, the seminarian who spent time with us at St. Mark last year. Fr. Adam let Mr. Garvin know our students were coming, so they were able to visit with him and hear him preach at a Mass they attended.

After Mr. Garvin spent his internship shadowing Fr. Adam this past year, he returned to the seminary to complete the final studies needed before his ordination to the priesthood. Men prepare for the priesthood over nine years. Mr. Garvin shared his vocation journey with the students, telling them that while on a retreat with his parish youth group, he was challenged to think about what vocation God was calling him to. The thought of becoming a priest lingered in his mind well after the retreat. He entered Borromeo Seminary right out of high school, taking classes at John Carroll University, and continued on to St. Mary's Major Seminary, which is where he is today. He reminded the students about the importance of discernment. Throughout our lives, we are all challenged to discern. A simple definition of discernment is "making a decision with God through prayer". Some of the examples he used with the children included discerning what high school to choose or discerning how to help a friend who's having a bad day. As the students returned from their trip, they could not wait to tell me that they saw him and what a good time they had. The single most important message they expressed over and over was that Mr. Garvin told them that God wants all of us to be happy. God helps us make decisions that lead to happiness if we listen. Discerning a vocation is discerning how God calls us to love and serve one another.

Even though the Cleveland Guardians season has ended, our 5th Grade students used some of their statistics in ordering decimals using the Guardians' batting averages in Mrs. True's math classes. There is a great deal of science and math that go into professional sports, and our children were able to take advantage of that. These same students were also learning about the Scientific Method by testing out two different methods of building card towers and which paper towel brand was the most absorbent... the winner was Bounty! Their work was not complete however, because in Mrs. Baillis' 5th Grade classroom these same children were working on books that they made on their studies of the Eight Features of a Civilization. After taking notes on each of the features, they made a cover page with a title, illustration of the Earth, and each "chapter" in the book is one of the Eight Features of a Civilization. The first two "chapters" included "Cities" and "Organized Central Government" with illustrations to represent those features. They are taking this information one step further by linking these to Creation, Social Justice and what it means to be a "neighbor" in their study of Civilization.

As we live out our theme for this school year, "Make Every Day Count," our children are praying for every one of you because YOU MATTER! We appreciate your prayerful support as well as the physical support you provide. You set a wonderful example to our children by your most generous actions. Recently one of our St. Mel parishioners donated religious items from a friend of hers who was closing a Hallmark store. Our 2nd Grade parents were invited to take these items as their children are preparing to receive two important sacraments, Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist, this year. Another very generous parishioner has donated office supplies and some furnishings for our new reading room because her office is downsizing. It is these tiny acts of unconditional love that mark us as the caring communities of St. Mark and St. Mel. YOU MATTER to us! Have a blessed week.

Mrs. Cocita



Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I had not done?

Why, when I looked for the crop of grapes,
did it bring forth wild grapes? (Is 5:4)

Psalm:

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel. (Is 5:7a)

Second Reading:

Keep on doing what you have learned and received
and heard and seen in me.

Then the God of peace will be with you. (Phil 4:9)

Gospel:

"What will the owner of the vineyard do to those
tenants when he comes?"

They answered him,

"He will put those wretched men to a wretched
death

and lease his vineyard to other tenants." (Mt 21:41)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

God's kingdom is open to anyone who will
produce its fruit. He offers it to every single one
of us. We must be ready to bring forward the
goodness of God into each and every day.

Observances for the week of October 8, 2023

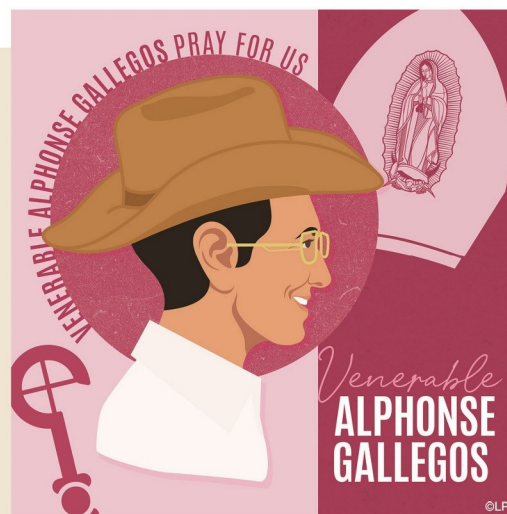
Sunday: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Columbus Day; St. Denis, Bishop, and
Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi,
Priest

Wednesday: St. John XXIII, Pope

Saturday: St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr

Next Sunday: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saint of the week

Venerable Bishop Alphonse Gallegos was the auxiliary bishop of Sacramento, California, in the 1980s. He'd often serve those in need wearing a cheap sombrero and simple t-shirt to fit in. His kindness caused his community to affectionately name him Bishop of the Barrios.

Prayer

God our Father, In Bishop Alphonse Gallegos, O.A.R., You gave light to Your faithful people. You made him a pastor of the Church to feed Your sheep with his words and to teach them by example. We pray that his life of holiness and service to the People of God be acknowledged and that this loyal son of Our Lady of Guadalupe be counted among the saints of Your Kingdom.

We ask this blessing through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

(Prayer Source: www.augustinianrecollects.org)