



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 15, 2023

**2ND SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

**"Behold, the Lamb of God,
who takes away the sin
of the world." - Jn 1:29**

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PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Adam Zajac
Pastor

Deacon Dave Lundeen
Business Manager, Pastoral Associate

Mrs. Karen Cocita
Principal

Mrs. Meghan McCarthy-Silver
Pastoral Minister

Mr. Lawrence 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.

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Liturgy Readings for the Week

Saturday,	January 14	
4:00 p.m.	Heb 4:12-16 Tom McGowan	Mk 2:13-17
Sunday,	January 15-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	
8:30 a.m.	Is 49:3, 5-6 Francis Kelley	Cor 1:1-3 Jn 1:29-34
11:30 a.m.	For the Parishioners of St. Mark Parish and St. Mel Parish	
Monday,	January 16	
	Heb 5:1-10 No Mass	Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday,	January 17-St. Anthony	
	Heb 6:10-20 No Mass	Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday	January 18	
	Heb 7:1-3, 15-17	Mk 3:1-6
Thursday,	January 19	
	Heb 7:25-8:6 No Mass	Mk 3:7-12
Friday,	January 20	
	Heb 8:6-13 No Mass	Mk 3:13-19
Saturday,	January 21-St. Agnes	
4:00 p.m.	Heb 9: 2-3, 11-14 Evelyn Moran	Mk 3:20-21
Sunday,	January 22-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	
8:30 a.m.	Is 8:23-9:3 Joe Coreno	Cor 1:10-13, 17 Mt 4:12-23
11:30 a.m.	John & Sharon Vertal	

Pope's Intention January: For educators. We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fellowship rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

Liturgical Ministers January 21 & 22

Saturday, January 21 @ 4:00pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Dave, Mary Price, NOT FILLED

Lector: Al Abel

Altar Servers: Kathryn Sowul, Joseph Sowul, Patrick Sowul

Sunday, January 22 @ 8:30am

Eucharistic Ministers: Michael Kay, Sheila Gallagher, Kathy O'Malley

Lector: Laura Skonce, Barb Paynter

Altar Servers: Anthony McGervey, Jack McGervey, Albert McGervey

Sunday, January 22 @ 11:30am

Eucharistic Ministers: Annamaria Masterson, Deirdre Mueller, NOT FILLED

Lector: Carole Iseli, Lisa Mullins

Altar Servers: Alexandria Cromer, Eoin Mueller, Patrick Mueller

Luke McGraw
Memorial Candles
Weekly Intention
January 15
Francis Kelley



May the peace of our Lord be with
Fr. Mark Fedor
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	Gerri Joecken	Mary Stark
Gianna Andolina	David Kurth	Nora Sudetic
Carol Behnke	Catherine Kutsick	Lena Sunyak
Jack Behnke	Loree Leasure-Poirier	George Surovec
Katy Brent	Mary Maloney	Herb Tippie
Henry Buehner	Jim McIlwee	Joe Wantz
Margaret Fadrowski	Mary Miller	Charlotte Whiting
Nicole Foerstner	Betty Minotas	Lillian Zahara
Helen Forlini	Maisie Nowlin	
Mary Frantz	Sr. Josette Obodzinski	
Theresa Fridrich	Ryan Puzzitiello Jr.	
Cecilia Frischauf	Bill Retzer	
Irene Gurchensky	Sr. Mary Ann Spangler	

The Parish Office will be
closed on
Monday, January 16th

**Our desire
for God
can only
grow when
we place
ourselves in
His presence.**

-Pope Francis



FOOD SUNDAY

The St. Patrick - West Park hunger center serves about 20 families each week. Next week, we will be collecting the items that they give out to each family: canned chicken, tuna, stew, chicken & dumplings, sloppy joe mix, pork 'n beans, chili, soup, vegetables, fruit, spaghetti & sauce, noodles, rice, potatoes, stuffing, Ramen noodles, mac 'n cheese, apple sauce, cereal, pancake mix & syrup, crackers, Jello, and PBJ. All your donations are appreciated. Thank you. May God bless all!

Collection for the Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more about how your gifts make a difference, visit www.usccb.org/latin-america Envelope can be found in the January packets or on Faith Direct.

Sunday Collections

Sunday Envelopes 1/1/23	\$ 2,921.00
Sunday Envelopes 1/8/23	\$ 2,921.00
Faith Direct Sunday	\$ 5,765.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Birthright Baby Bottle Donations

Please drop off baby bottles the weekend of January 21 & 22 at the Church entrances.

Thank you for your continued generosity.



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!*

**INVITING ALL WOMEN TO
"WALKING WITH PURPOSE"**

WWP is a Catholic women's Bible study that enables women to know Jesus Christ through personal study, small group discussions, & real-life application. Join our FREE KICK-OFF 01/26 at 7:30p (St. James – Lower Church – 17514 Detroit Ave., Lakewood). Come discover the "more" that has changed the lives of thousands of Catholic women! For more info, contact: WWPLakewood@gmail.com

Thursdays | Jan 26 – Apr 20 | 7:30-9p |
Registration & Info:
StJamesLakewood.com/walking-with-purpose

Protecting God's Children

The Diocese of Cleveland's "Protecting God's Children" program is a continuing effort to instruct and inform everyone about the protection of children from sexual abuse. To report any past or present suspected inappropriate behavior toward children by priests, deacons, religious, lay ecclesial ministers or personnel associated with the Church, please contact the Diocesan Response Service Office at (216-334-2999) or via email at response_services@dioceseofcleveland.org. You are also asked to immediately inform local authorities about inappropriate behavior.

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 current 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.

THE WEEK AHEAD IN OUR PARISH

Saturday, January 14		
9:00-2:00 pm	Basketball Tournament	G
3:00 pm	Confessions	
4:00 pm	Mass	
5:00-9:00 pm	Basketball Tournament	G
Sunday, January 15		
8:30 am	Mass	
9:30 am	Rosary	CH
9:30 am	Young Families	SH
11:30 am	Mass (LS)	
11:30 am	Sunday Preschool	CR
1:00-9:00pm	Basketball Tournament	G
Monday, January 16		
	<i>School Closed</i>	
	<i>Parish Office Closed</i>	
5:00 pm	Basketball Tournament	G
9:00 pm	HS Basketball Practice	
Tuesday, January 17		
3:00 pm	RCIC	SH
5:00 pm	Basketball Tournament	G
9:00 pm	HS Basketball Practice	G
Wednesday, January 18		
8:30 am	School Prayer Service	
2:30 pm	RCIC	SH
5:00-9:00pm	Basketball Tournament	G
6:30 pm	Scout Pack #268 Pack Mtg.	SH
Thursday, January 19		
5:00-9:00 pm	Basketball Tournament	G
7:00 pm	Troop #293	SH
7:00 pm	Friends of Impett	CC
Friday, January 20		
5:00-9:00 pm	Basketball Tournament	G
Saturday, January 21		
9:00-2:00 pm	Basketball Tournament	G
3:00 pm	Confessions	
4:00 pm	Mass	
5:00-9:00 pm	Basketball Tournament	G
	<i>Baby Bottle Return</i>	
	<i>Food Sunday</i>	
Sunday, January 22		
8:30 am	Mass	
9:30 am	Rosary	CH
11:30 am	Mass (LS)	
11:30 am	Sunday Preschool	CR
1:00-9:00pm	Basketball Tournament	G
6:30 pm	Youth Group Mtg.	SH

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 Stieglmeyer, 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 2022 CONTRIBUTION REPORT

Please send a request via email to twinans@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 _____



We are back into the swing of things after a joyous Christmas holiday which brought everyone back well-rested.

This is always an interesting time of the year, especially for our Eighth Grade students. Much of life is about choices, and next week, each one of them will be making a very big choice about which high school to attend for the next four years of their lives. For some, this choice is very simple- there is a family legacy. Yet for others, the choice is a very difficult one that involves comfort, success, and finances. As a school, we have provided "shadow" opportunities for them and encouraged open house visits. In preparation for the week coming up, countless recommendation forms have been completed for them by all of us who have worked with them specifically these past two years. I had the pleasure of writing some of those recommendations. This is a class that will always remain close in my heart because of the strength and perseverance they displayed over the years, especially this year after losing one of their teachers. Please keep them and their families in your prayers that they each make a prudent first choice for high school.

It is also hard to believe we have completed the second quarter already. At the end of every quarter, as a faculty we gather together in Church before school for a prayer service, followed by breakfast. Prayer should be an important component in all of our lives. There are examples throughout Scripture of the importance of prayer. The Apostles prayed together on the day of Pentecost in Acts 1:13-14. Paul and Silas' prayers were followed by conversion of another in Acts 16:25. When we pray with others, we surrender our personal thoughts and focus on the needs of others. The faculty recognizes the importance of prayer as well as the importance of praying together, for it is in these moments that we are drawn together even closer, while providing us opportunities to grow in grace. I am blessed with such a wonderful, faith-filled faculty who are so dedicated to their mission of "Nurturing Faith, Inspiring Academic Excellence, and Instilling Hope for the Future." This is the Mission of St. Mark Catholic School.

Plans are well underway for our Catholic Schools' Week celebration, which begins with an Open House on Sunday, January 29th between 9:30-11:30. Even if you do not have children here at St. Mark, please take a few moments to walk our hallways; you will be amazed at what you see! We would love to show you our school- your school! Science Fair projects will be on display in the Social Hall and the Scholastic Book Fair will be available in the Social Hall as well. We are blessed in so many ways with great children and families. Our children are engaged, happy, and very well prepared for high school. We have so much to be thankful for, including you, our parishioners. All of you are in our prayers every single day. You are an important part of our lives. May God continue to bless you with his goodness.

Finally, we have some great news to share. One of our students, M. Smith, placed 1st in the Padua Art Show held over Christmas break. She did an amazing job drawing texture into her creation. I am so proud of her! The hallway outside the church has many other creations by some of our other 8th Grade students. They are impressive. Congratulations to Mrs. Hanna, our 2nd Floor Art Teacher!!

Have a great week!

Mrs. Cocita



WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 15, 2023

Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34
Monday: Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 NS 10c/Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Mk 3:7-12
Friday: Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mk 3:13-19
Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 3:20-21
Next Sunday: Is 8:23—9:3/Ps 27:1,4, 13-14 (1a)/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 15, 2023

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

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

John the Baptist had been told that he would see the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world. He listened, he believed, and he kept his eyes open. He was ready when God revealed the truth. Let's ask ourselves: are our eyes open? Are we ready?



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Known as the Snowshoe Priest, Venerable Bishop Frederic Baraga, was a lifelong missionary to the Native American people of the upper Midwest. He loved the people he served, knew their languages, and even published the first Ojibwe-English dictionary!

PRAYER

Prayer for the Cause of V. Frederic Irenaeus Baraga

O God, thank you for the life and holiness of your servant, Frederic Baraga.

I pray you will honor him by the title of Saint. He dedicated himself completely to missionary activity to make you known, loved, and served by the people who you love. As a man of peace and love, Baraga brought peace and love wherever he traveled.

Lord, grant Venerable Bishop Baraga the grace of beatification.

We ask this in Christ name.

Amen.

(Prayer Source: <https://bishopbaraga.org/cause/>)

