



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.



February 11, 2024

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly.
- Mk 1:44-45b

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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

February: For the terminally ill. We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

Liturgy Schedule

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

Monday, February 12

8:30am Mass.....Edward Stebick

Tuesday, February 13

6:45am Mass @ St. Mel

Wednesday, February 14-Ash Wednesday

6:45am Mass @ St. Mel

8:30am Mass.....William O'Keeffe

12:00pm Mass @ St. Mel

7:00pm Mass.....Presider's Intention

Thursday, February 15

8:30am Mass.....John & Alice Marron

Friday, February 16

6:45am Mass @ St. Mel

Saturday, February 17

3:00pm Confessions

3:00pm Confessions @ St. Mel

4:00pm Mass...For The Parishioner of St. Mark Parish and
St. Mel Parish

4:30pm Mass @ St. Mel

Sunday, February 18-First Sunday of Lent

7:00am Mass @ St. Mel

8:30am Mass.....Joseph Spicuzza

10:00am Mass @ St. Mel

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

12:30pm Baptism

Liturgical Ministers February 17 & 18

Saturday, February 17 @ 4:00pm

Eucharistic Ministers Shirlee Toth, Mary Price, NOT FILLED

Lector: Paul Gambon

Altar Server: Patrick Sowul, Joseph Sowul, Kathryn Sowul

Sunday, February 18 @ 8:30am

Eucharistic Ministers Kathy O'Malley, Jessica Hanes, NOT FILLED

Lector: Lisa Braun, Tim Mohr

Altar Server: Fiona Stock, Clare Stock, Austin Tousley

Sunday, February 18 @ 11:30am

Eucharistic Ministers Lisa Ditzel, Michelle Egginis, NOT FILLED

Lector: Eileen Andrews, Cari Foster

Altar Server: Patrick Bryant, Danny Reichel, Bill Sonby

Luke McGraw Memorial Candles

Weekly Intention

February 11

Dolly Tinnirello



Banns of Marriage

Wedding Bann II

John T. Heidinger & Shannon J. Walsh

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

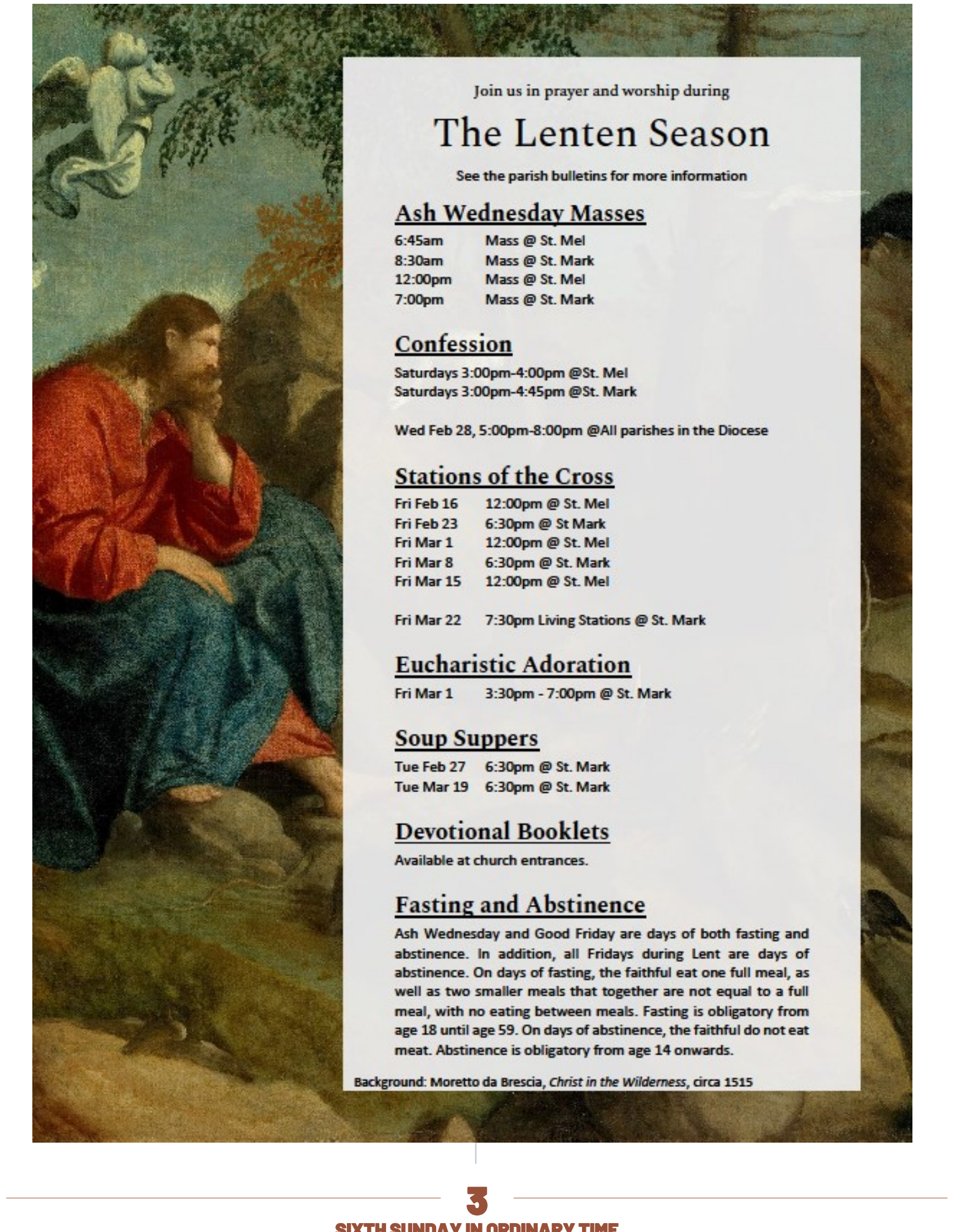


Weekly Collections

Sunday Envelopes:.....\$ 3,221.00

Faith Direct:.....\$ 5,388.00

Thank you for your generosity!



Join us in prayer and worship during

The Lenten Season

See the parish bulletins for more information

Ash Wednesday Masses

6:45am	Mass @ St. Mel
8:30am	Mass @ St. Mark
12:00pm	Mass @ St. Mel
7:00pm	Mass @ St. Mark

Confession

Saturdays 3:00pm-4:00pm @St. Mel
Saturdays 3:00pm-4:45pm @St. Mark

Wed Feb 28, 5:00pm-8:00pm @All parishes in the Diocese

Stations of the Cross

Fri Feb 16	12:00pm @ St. Mel
Fri Feb 23	6:30pm @ St Mark
Fri Mar 1	12:00pm @ St. Mel
Fri Mar 8	6:30pm @ St. Mark
Fri Mar 15	12:00pm @ St. Mel

Fri Mar 22 7:30pm Living Stations @ St. Mark

Eucharistic Adoration

Fri Mar 1 3:30pm - 7:00pm @ St. Mark

Soup Suppers

Tue Feb 27	6:30pm @ St. Mark
Tue Mar 19	6:30pm @ St. Mark

Devotional Booklets

Available at church entrances.

Fasting and Abstinence

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of both fasting and abstinence. In addition, all Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence. On days of fasting, the faithful eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal, with no eating between meals. Fasting is obligatory from age 18 until age 59. On days of abstinence, the faithful do not eat meat. Abstinence is obligatory from age 14 onwards.

Background: Moretto da Brescia, *Christ in the Wilderness*, circa 1515

"My Daily Prayers"

is a FREE daily recording of prayers led by the bishops and priests of the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, delivered each day through email.

Lasting about 7 minutes, "My Daily Prayers" invites you into prayer, sharing information about each specific day, encouraging you to enter into a deeper relationship with God.

Sign up here:
DioceseOfCleveland.org/MyDailyPrayers

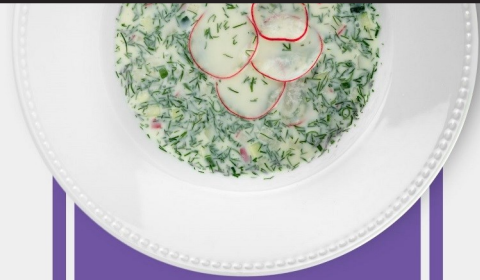


*Let's all
come together
in prayer!*



Catholic Diocese
of Cleveland

LENTEN FISH FRIES
(see flyers at Church entrances)



St. Mark LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

TUESDAY FEB 27 @ 6:30
IN THE SOCIAL HALL

TUESDAY MARCH 19 @
6:30 IN THE SOCIAL HALL

Please call the parish office
to RSVP or sign up to bring
a soup.

To reduce our
environmental impact,
we're asking everyone to
BYOB (Bring your own
bowl)

EASTER CHOIR MELS & MARKS

VOCALISTS & INSTRUMENTALISTS

Holy Week & Easter Mass Schedule

Holy Thursday @ St. Mark 7 PM

Good Friday @ St. Mark 3 PM

Holy Saturday @ St. Mel 9 PM

Easter morning @ St. Mark 8:30 AM

Easter morning @ St. Mel 10 AM

Easter morning @ St. Mark 11:30 AM CHILDREN'S CHOIR
group performance plans TBD @ first rehearsal

Choir Rehearsals

Easter Choir Rehearsals BEGIN Tuesday 1/23 @ 7PM, Marks

Bring a friend!

1/23 | 1/30 | 2/6 | 2/13 | 2/20 | 2/27 | 3/5 | 3/12 | 3/19 | 3/26

Note: We may add Thursday rehearsals in March if needed.

Instrumentalists

Contact Julia.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR REHEARSALS

Tuesdays @ 5:30-6:30 PM Beginning 2/20

JWallace@StMarkCleveland.com

EASTER CHILDRENS CHOIR

**ST. MARK & ST. MEL
CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

Easter morning @ St. Mark 11:30 AM

Choir Rehearsals

During seasonal choir preparations,
K-8 Children's Choir will rehearse on Tuesday evenings.

Tuesday's 5:30-6:30 @ St. Mark
2/20 | 2/27 | 3/5 | 3/12 | 3/19 | 3/26

Saint Mark Youth Singers

(Paced for Grades 5-8)

Continue to rehearse on Mondays 2:30-3:00.
Schedule resumes on 1/22/2024

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EXPERIENCE JESUS IN THE EUCHARIST

Diocese of Cleveland
Catholic Men's Fellowship Conference
Saturday, March 2, 2024

Bishop Michael G. Woost
Speaking at 3:00pm
Celebrating Mass at 4:00pm

Featured Speakers: Fr. Thomas Blau &
Joe Heschmeyer

Outstanding Music
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Mass
Continental Breakfast and Lunch
Holiday Inn Rockside Rd.

For information or to register, go to
www.cmfneo.com or call 877-208-5585

Deadline for registration is February 20th

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!

SUPER BOWL LVIII

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 squares and "game-question"
contests 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

Believeland Young Adult Retreat

APRIL 5 - 7TH
JESUIT RETREAT HOUSE

Young Adults 20s & 30s
\$40 Early Bird pricing
\$65 after January 6th
*confidential financial assistance available

Come to the quiet.
Find peace in the
Lord.

St. Mark Parish Outreach Program Mark's Madness

There will be a second collection for the Parish Outreach program after all Masses the weekend of March 9 & 10. Envelopes can be found in the March envelope packet or on Faith Direct. All proceeds collected go directly to the St. Mark Parish Outreach fund, which helps parishioners in our parish who may need some assistance.

There is also **Marks Madness**, Sunday, March 10 from 6-8pm which is a FUN FUNdraiser for this cause. Hope to see you there! Flyers at the church entrances.

Thank you for your continued generosity!



THE WEEK AHEAD IN OUR PARISH

Saturday,	February 10	
7:00am-2:00pm	Electrical Work	CH/SH
3:00 pm	Confessions	
4:00 pm	Mass	
	<i>Catholic Charities In-Pew</i>	
Sunday,	February 11	
8:30 am	Mass	
9:30 am	Rosary	
9:30 am	Young Families	SH
11:30 am	Mass	
11:30 am	Sunday Pre-School	CR
4:00 pm	Living Stations	CH
5:00 pm	HNS Super Bowl Party	SH
Monday,	February 12	
8:30 am	Mass	
2:30 pm	Youth Choir Prac.	CH
5:00 pm	Basketball Tournament	FR/G
6:00 pm	Living Stations	CH
6:30 pm	PSR Class Gr. 1-8	CR
Tuesday,	February 13	
5:00 pm	Basketball Tournament	FR/G
6:00 pm	Holy Name Mtg.	SH
7:00 pm	Choir Prac.	CH
Wednesday,	February 14	
8:30 am	Mass w/All School	
3:15 pm	Parent/Teacher Conf.	CR
7:00 pm	Mass	
Thursday,	February 15	
8:30 am	Mass	
3:15 pm	Parent/Teacher Conf.	
5:00 pm	Basketball Tournament	FR/G
6:00 pm	Scout Pack #268	SH
7:00 pm	Troop #293	SH
Friday,	February 16	
	<i>School Closed</i>	
12:00 pm	Stations of the Cross @ St. Mel	
5:00 pm	Basketball Tournament	FR/G
Saturday,	February 17	
3:00 pm	Confessions	
4:00 pm	Mass	
Sunday,	February 18	
8:30 am	Mass	
9:30 am	Rosary	
11:30 am	Mass	
11:30 am	Sunday Pre-School	CR
4:00 pm	Living Stations	CH

Note: (LS)=Livestreamed



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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 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 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 _____



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

Principal News

I wanted to share with you a few more of our Catholic Schools' Week activities.

At all of the weekend masses both at St. Mark and St. Mel, one of our 8th Grade students each shared a written reflection piece on what their education has meant to them, now that they are preparing to move on into high school. Congratulations to Fia D., Agnes B., Joseph A., Jack C., Olivia K., and Cami R., all of whom wrote and delivered beautiful essays. Their poise and reflections were certainly heart-felt by so many who made a point of sharing compliments with me following these masses.

Several of our Student Council members attended the Catholic Schools' Week Mass at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist along with their moderators. Bishop Malesic, the 12th Bishop of Cleveland, celebrated this Mass. Several of our students were asked in advance to take the gifts up during the Mass, which was an honor to do. Following Mass, our student representatives had a photo taken with the bishop.

As part of Catholic Schools' Week, we have a day of service that involves our entire school community. Every family and faculty member was asked to donate a particular snack item for gift bags for our First Responders. Every student created a card thanking our First Responders and other service members of our community for the work that they do for all of us. Our 7th Grade students assembled the gift bags with the snack donations and cards the children made. Throughout the day on Wednesday and Thursday of Catholic Schools' Week, members of all five Cleveland Police Districts, our West Park Cleveland Fire Department and EMS, and our Canine Unit, stopped by the school to pick up their gift bag donations. Mrs. Gunn and I dropped off gift bags to our Mounted Police Unit and Diocesan offices. Some of our students were able to visit the 2nd District Police Department in person after school to see first-hand the overwhelming appreciation these men and women had for this simple act of service. In all, 267 gift bags were filled and delivered, along with boxes filled with additional snacks. This simple act of service reminds me of the words Martin Luther King said during his ministry of service, "Life's most persistent and urgent question is: What are you doing for others?" Our families came through loud and clear! Another activity we were able to enjoy was a visit by St. Ignatius High School's Circus. Several of their students came out along with one of our graduates, Mr. Chris Laco who is their moderator, and performed juggling acts in front of our packed audience. Our children sat with amazement on their faces, and several told me throughout the day that they want to do that someday!

We also were able to enjoy the talents of so many of our students at our annual Talent Show. We enjoyed some dancing, singing, gymnastics, cheerleading, and a host of other talents. The applause and encouragement from the audience was most evident. Students cheered students on. A special thanks goes out to Miss Dunleavy, Mrs. Schimming, Dr. Rentz, Mrs. Diamond, and Miss Colegrove, who moderated this event.

Finally, we have some amazing spellers in our school! We held our annual Spelling Bees for Grades K-4 followed by Grades 5-8, and what I noticed most was how the children who were competing were encouraging one another. That was great to see. One of our Assistant Superintendents, Mr. Joe Waler, stopped by to see this event and tour the school. He had never been to St. Mark before. He commented several times about how happy our children are and what a great and respectful community we have. I could not agree more! He participated in the 1st Floor Spelling Bee by giving students some of the words to spell. Several of the children told him he had a voice like they hear in movies! Thanks to our Spelling Bee committee members: Mrs. DeCore, Miss Colegrove, Miss Dunleavy, Mr. Troyan, Ms. DeGennaro, and Mrs. Gorsek.

We are a hidden gem! Have a great week!

Mrs. Cocita

