



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.



October 27, 2024

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to him in reply,
"What do you want me to do
for you?" The blind man
replied to him, "Master, I want
to see." Jesus told him, "Go
your way; your faith has saved
you." Immediately he received
his sight and followed him on
the way. - Mk 10:51-52

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PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Adam Zajac
Pastor

Mrs. Karen Cocita
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

Papal Intention

October: For a shared mission. We pray that the church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.

November: For anyone who has lost a child. We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

Liturgy Schedule

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

Monday, October 28-Sts. Simon and Jude
8:30am Mass.....Rita Szy

Tuesday, October 29
6:45am Mass @ St. Mel

Wednesday, October 30

Thursday, October 31
8:30am Mass..... Joseph Spicuzza

Friday, November 1-All Saints
6:45am Mass @ St. Mel
8:30am Mass.....**Presider's Intention**
12:00pm Mass @ St. Mel
7:00pm Mass Deacon Dave Lundeen

Saturday, November 2-The Commemoration of all the Faithful
10:00am Mass for All Souls**Presider's Intention**
3:00pm Confessions
3:00pm Confessions @ St. Mel
4:00pm Mass .For the Parishioner of St. Mark Parish and the Parishioner of St. Mel Parish
4:30pm Mass @ St. Mel

Sunday, November 3-31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am Mass @ St. Mel
8:30am Mass..... Joseph Spicuzza
10:00am Mass @ St. Mel
11:30am MassDave Adams

Pray for the Sick

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

William Adams	Irene Gurchensky	Nora Sudetic
Gianna Andolina	David Kurth	Lena Sunyak
Carol Behnke	Catherine Kutsick	George Surovec
Jack Behnke	Pat McAndrew	Herb Tippie
Katy Brent	Jim McIlwee	Georgieann Treible
Henry Buehner	Mary Miller	Joe Wantz
James Coyne	Maisie Nowlin	Charlotte Whiting
Matthew Craven	Bill Retzer	Lillian Zahara
Margaret Fadrowski	Mary Stark	Lew Zahara Jr.
Nicole Foerstner	Sr. Josette Obodzinski	Joseph Zavatchen Jr.
Mary Frantz		
Theresa Fridrich		

Other Intentions

Weekly Luke McGraw Memorial Candles Intention

Ed Toth

Wedding Banns

Eric Carlson & Patricia Kay

Liturgical Ministers	emHCs		Lectors	Servers
Saturday, November 2 @ 4:00pm	Gloria Morin Shirlee Toth Mary Price		Gary Morin	Houston Engle Mary Kugler-Blayney Patrick Mueller
Sunday, November 3 @ 8:30am	Laura Skonce Kathy O'Malley Jessica Hanes		Agnes Butler Tim Mohr	Gabriela Santos Clare Stock Colin Weaver
Sunday, November 3 @ 11:30am	Lisa Ditzel Annamaria Masterson Shawn Wroten		Mary Lewis Deborah Roscoe	Ian McCoy Reese Reichel Rowan Schleter

Offertory Collections

In-Pew Collection (past Sunday).....\$ 4,478.50
Faith Direct (past month total)\$ 5,038.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Parish News

All Saints Day

Holy Day of Obligation

Mass schedule for the Holy Day of Obligation Friday, November 1st is as follows:

6:45am @ St. Mel

8:30am @ St. Mark

12:00pm @ St. Mel

7:00pm @ St. Mark

(Liturgical Ministers - Please see sign up sheet in the Sacristy for the 7:00pm mass?)

All Souls' Day Memorial Mass

November 2, 2024 - 10:00am at St. Mark

Honor and pray for all the beloved dead from St. Mark and St. Mel parish, particularly those who passed away in the past year, at our All Souls' Day Mass for the Dead.

Necrology Book

Book of the Deceased

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. We will pray for those who have died at the All Souls Mass on Saturday, November 2nd at 10am. The Necrology Book will remain in the Sanctuary during the month of November.

Priesthood Sunday

October 27th

Priesthood Sunday is a special day set aside to honor priesthood in the United States. It is a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church as a central one, without whom the Mass could not be offered, and Sacraments could not be celebrated. Join us in praying for our priests, praising God for their courage and generosity. Let us show our priests our encouragement and gratitude in thoughts and deeds. God Bless our priests! Saint John Vianney, the Patron of Priests says, "The priesthood is the love of the Heart of Jesus. When you see a Priest, think of our Lord Jesus Christ." Let us pray for all Priests today, Priesthood Sunday and every day to see their vocation as a blessing and strive to live out their calling to be Christ to all!

Faith Formation Parent Cafe

November 4 at 6:30pm in the St. Mark Social Hall

As part of our family faith formation project sponsored by NCCL, we will be hosting a "Parent Café" listening session to learn more about the needs of parents in our community. Parents of children birth through high school are invited to attend and answer a few open ended questions about your challenges and successes raising children of faith. Light refreshments will be available Please RSVP to the St. Mark parish office by October 30th. 216-226-7577

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 Dave at:

bciancibello@gmail.com

Upcoming Dates: October 20

NEWS AND EVENTS

Reminders and Regular Events

Donut & Coffee Social

Once a month after all masses in the Social Hall. Gather with fellow parishioners. For questions contact Michael Kay at mkay@stmarkcleveland.com

Please join us November 2nd & 3rd after all masses.

St. Mark Youth Group

October Schedule

Sunday, October 27 - 6:30pm-8:00pm

Sunday Night Meeting @ Community Center

Sunday, November 3 - 11:30am-3pm

Mass Meetup & Donut Social @ St. Mark Church

Service Event @ Garfield Elementary Garden

Open to all 9th-12th Grade students! Contact Michael Kay at mkay@stmarkcleveland.com or 216-904-4774 with any questions and to RSVP.

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. If you would like to know more, contact Jim Cocita at:

jimcocita@gmail.com

HNS FOOTBALL CRAZR FUNDRAISER

Sponsored by the Cleveland Diocese-HNS

Annual Cleveland Diocese - HNS Fundraiser. One ticket donation is \$10.00 for ten weeks of football games. There are three different teams each week printed on the ticket. Ten chances to win each week. Top eight highest scores win anywhere from \$150 to \$30. Two lowest scores win \$40 to \$30. The ten weeks of games are November 3rd - January 5th.

Contact Jim Cocita at jimcocita@gmail.com for more information and tickets.

Veterans Spaghetti Dinner

St. Mark Cub Scout Pack #268

You are cordially invited to attend the 2nd Annual St. Mark Cub Scout Pack #268 Veterans Spaghetti Dinner, November 6th from 6:00pm - 7:00pm in the St. Mark Social Hall.

Veterans and Children 3 & under = Eat for Free

Adults & Children = \$10.00

Veterans Spouses = \$7.00

Meals include spaghetti, Bolognese sauce, salad, bread and water. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Disabled American Veterans Foundation. This event will also support St. Mark Cub Scouts Pack 268. Come support local veterans and our wonderful Cub Scouts! Please RSVP to Cubmaster Brad Schleter @ bschleter3@gmail.com

Take out will be available.

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.

Regional and Diocesan News and Events

Hurricane Relief

Catholic Charities USA

Catholic Charities USA, the official domestic disaster relief agency of the Catholic Church in the United States, is currently providing support and assistance to its Diocesan Catholic Charities member agencies throughout the regions that are being impacted by Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton. Catholic Charities USA is accepting donations via this form to provide humanitarian relief to those in need through the good work of Catholic Charities agencies

https://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/?form=helene&utm_campaign=20240924_00211_HeleneWeb&utm_medium=organic&utm_source=website&utm_content=disaster

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Borromeo Seminary & St. Mary Seminary's

Novemberfest - Annual Italian Dinner

Please join us Saturday, November 16th from 5:00pm-8:00pm for great food - 50/50 Raffles. Cost: Adults: \$12, Children, ages 6-12 \$6, Children under 6, Free. Dinner tickets will be sold at the door until 7:30pm. No reservations are needed. Call (440) 943-7600 for more information.

Center for Pastoral Leadership
28700 Euclid Ave., Wickliffe, OH 44092

Death Penalty Abolition

For the sanctity of all human life, and in a particular way for an abolition of the death penalty, as we seek to respect the inherent dignity of all human beings and the importance of forgiveness, not vengeance.

General Parish Calendar

Saturday,	October 26	
10:00 am	Family of Faith	CC
3:00 pm	Confessions	
3:30 pm	8th Gr. Fundraiser Drop off (before & after mass)	SH
4:00 pm	Mass	
Sunday,	October 27	
8:00 am	8th Gr. Fundraiser Drop off (before & after masses)	SH
8:30 am	Mass	
8:30 am	Sunday PreSchool	CR
9:30 am	Rosary	
11:30 am	Mass LS	
3:30 pm	Athletic XC Dinner	SH
6:30 pm	Youth Group	CC
Monday,	October 28	
8:30 am	Mass	
2:00 pm	Youth Choir Prac.	CH
4:00pm-9:00 pm	Basketball Prac.	G
6:00 pm	VB Party	SH
6:30 pm	PSR Class Gr. 1-8	CR
Tuesday,	October 29	
2:30 pm	Children's Choir Prac.	CH
4:00pm-9:00 pm	Basketball Prac.	G
5:00 pm	8th Gr. Fundraiser Drop-off	SH
7:00 pm	Bereavement	FR
Wednesday,	October 30	
2:45 pm	Rosary Club	CH
4:00pm-9:00 pm	Basketball Prac.	G
Thursday,	October 31	
8:30 am	Mass	
Friday,	November 1	
8:30 am	Mass w/All School	
7:00 pm	Mass	
Saturday,	November 2	
10:00 am	Mass All Souls	
3:00 pm	Confessions	
4:00 pm	Mass	
Sunday,	November 3	
8:30 am	Mass	
8:30 am	Sunday PreSchool	CR
9:30 am	Rosary	
11:30 am	Mass LS 2/Youth Group	

Note: (LS)=Livestreamed

General Audience of Pope Francis, on 16 October 2024

Cycle of Catechesis. The Spirit and the Bride. The Holy Spirit guides the people of God towards Jesus our hope. 9. "I believe in the Holy Spirit". The Holy Spirit in the faith of the Church

With today's catechesis, we will move on from what the Holy Spirit revealed to us in the Holy Scripture to how He is present and active in the life of the Church, in our Christian life.

In the first three centuries, the Church did not feel the need to give an explicit formulation of her faith in the Holy Spirit. For example, in the Church's most ancient Creed, the so-called Symbol of the Apostles, after proclaiming: "I believe in God the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was born, died, descended into hell, rose again from the dead and ascended into heaven", adds: "I believe in the Holy Spirit" and nothing more, without any specification.

But it was heresy that drove the Church to define this faith. When this process began – with Saint Athanasius in the fourth century – it was precisely the experience she had of the sanctifying and divinizing action of the Holy Spirit that led the Church to the certainty of the full divinity of the Holy Spirit. This occurred during the Ecumenical Council of Constantinople in 381, which defined the divinity of the Holy Spirit with the well-known words we still repeat today in the Creed: "I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets".

To say that the Holy Spirit "is the Lord" was like saying that He shares the "Lordship" of God, that He belongs to the world of the Creator, not to that of creatures. The strongest affirmation is that He is due the same glory and adoration as the Father and the Son. It is the argument of equality in honour, dear to Saint Basil the Great, who was the main architect of that formula: the Holy Spirit is the Lord, He is God.

The Council definition was not a point of arrival, but of departure. And indeed, once the historical reasons that had obstructed a more explicit affirmation of the divinity of the Holy Spirit had been overcome, this was confidently proclaimed in the worship of the Church and in her theology. Saint Gregory of Nazianzus, in the aftermath of the Council, went on to state without hesitation: "Is the Holy Spirit then God? Certainly! Is He consubstantial? Yes, if He is true God" (*Oratio* 31, 5.10).

What does the article of faith we proclaim every Sunday at Mass say to us, believers of today: "I believe in the Holy Spirit"? In the past, it was mainly concerned with the statement that the Holy Spirit "proceeds from the Father". The Latin Church soon supplemented this statement by adding, in the Creed of the Mass, that the Holy Spirit proceeds "also from the Son". Since in Latin the expression "and from the Son" is called '*Filioque*', this gave rise to the dispute known by this name, which has been the reason (or pretext) for so many disputes and divisions between the Church of the East and

the Church of the West. It is certainly not the case to address the issue here, which, moreover, in the climate of dialogue established between the two Churches, has lost the acrimony of the past and today allows us to hope for full mutual acceptance, as one of the main "reconciled differences". I like to say this: "reconciled differences". Among Christians there are many differences: he belongs to this school, that other one; this person is a Protestant, that person... The important thing is that these differences are reconciled, in the love of walking together.

Having overcome this obstacle, today we can value the most important prerogative for us that is proclaimed in the article of the Creed, namely that the Holy Spirit is "life-giving", the "giver of life". Let us ask ourselves: what life does the Holy Spirit give? At the beginning, in creation, the breath of God gives Adam natural life; the statue of mud is made "a living being" (cf. *Gen* 2:7). Now, in the new creation, the Holy Spirit is He who gives believers new life, the life of Christ, supernatural life, as children of God. Paul can exclaim: "The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set me free from the law of sin and death" (*Rom* 8:2).

In all of this, where is the great and consoling news for us? It is that the life given to us by the Holy Spirit is eternal life! Faith frees us from the horror of having to admit that everything ends here, that there is no redemption for the suffering and injustice that reign sovereign on earth. Another of the Apostle's words assures us of this: "If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through His Spirit who dwells in you" (*Rom* 8:11). The Spirit dwells in us, He is within us.

Let us cultivate this faith also for those who, often through no fault of their own, are deprived of it and are unable to give meaning to life. And let us not forget to thank Him, who with His death, obtained this inestimable gift for us!

PARISH GRADE SCHOOL

As we continue on into the history of St. Mark, now in the 70's, we had a new principal, Sr. Mildred Baker. Sr. Mildred was principal from 1967-1979. Sr. Mildred was interviewed about 15 years ago and shared these memories of St. Mark:

- All of the families in the parish helped each other.
- Church was on 1st floor and the Kindergarten was in the back of the church.
- Second floor had classrooms on one side and the tech. lab was the band room.
- The teachers were strict but very kind to students. They believed kids should always have a very good early education for high school.
- They used the social hall for gym class and on nice days the kids went outside.
- The nuns lived in the convent and got food from a bakery that gave day-old goods, from people in the parish, and from the mother house items from their farm.
- The students carried their books in yellow plastic bags.
- Started football, basketball, and baseball in 1968.
- Kids From St. Christopher and St. Marks had playoffs.
- Impett was a nice playground where the football team practiced.

Several of her former students were present during the interview as well, including my brother and his friends. Every one of them spoke so highly of Sr. Mildred and the other sisters, who were tough but fair- even when her "boys" were up to their shenanigans!

Some other facts include:

- There was no gym or Community Center.
- Phys. Ed. classes were still held in the Social Hall.
- The Computer Lab was called "The Reading Room".
- The classrooms did not go by numbers; they were named after saints.
- The current Room 9 was the library.
- The current library was a fifth grade classroom back then.
- The school day started at 8:30 and ended at 3:30.
- Girls had a choice of two different kinds of uniforms. They could wear the red plaid ones that we currently use, or they could wear the green and grey plaid ones too. Sixth through eighth graders also had to wear vests over white shirts with their uniform skirts.
- Boys had to wear ties from fifth to eighth grade. They could wear any shirt as long as it was a button down, with any pants.
- Students went to Mass every Friday.

If you look at the two photos of the classrooms, the lighting alone is greatly improved compared to what we had in classrooms back in the 70's. For that matter, today's classroom lighting is greatly improved from what it was just last year!

Sr. Mildred passed away a few years ago, and several St. Mark alumni attended her funeral in Michigan. What a powerful influence she was on so many. Fr. Casper Heimann was named pastor of St. Mark between 1969-1978 and was very supportive of the sisters and the school.

Priesthood Sunday, celebrated nationwide on the last Sunday of October each year, is a special day to honor the Priesthood in the United States. It is a call for parishioners to honor Christ as Priest and the men who were called to be his priests on earth. It is a day set aside for Catholic parishes throughout the United States to show support for their priests with prayer, celebration, and dialogue. Continue to pray that the Holy Spirit inspires more men to discern this call of service because the role of the priest in the life of the Church is a central one. The men who answer the call to priesthood are special indeed, and they are working harder than ever before. I cannot say thank you enough to Fr. Adam for the support he provides to our entire faculty and staff. He is there for us whenever needed, but allows us to do our jobs because he has both confidence and trust in us. Fr. Adam has already spent time in classrooms, instructing our children on a variety of religious topics or training them in the ministry as servers. Taking on two parishes is certainly not an easy task, but Fr. Adam is serving St. Mark and St. Mel well. In addition, he had been a great mentor for Fr. Michael Garvin. Fr. Gary equally deserves some recognition for the time he celebrates Mass with us, especially on weekends. He has been a great friend to Fr. Adam. As we celebrate Priesthood Sunday this year, I ask all of you to lift Fr. Adam up in prayer that as our servant-leader, he is given the strength to maintain this most holy vocation. Pray that the Holy Spirit may inspire more men to discern this call of service. Congratulations on this Priesthood Sunday, Father Adam and Fr. Gary, and thank you on behalf of your 418 children!

