



3RD SUNDAY OF LENT



St. Mark Catholic Church



Third Sunday of Lent
March 20, 2022

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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 last Sunday of the month and at Masses by arrangement. Parents must attend a Pre-Baptism class and Godparents must have sponsor certificates.

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.



"Sir, leave it for
this year also,
and I shall
cultivate the
grounds around
it and fertilize
it; it may bear
fruit in the
future. If not
you can cut
it down."

Luke 13:8, 9

"Then, taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; he also divided the two fish among them all. They all ate and were satisfied."

Mark 6: 41-42

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.

Liturgy Readings for the Week

Saturday, March 19-St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 4:00 p.m. Mt 1:16,18-21, 24a
 Madelyn Smith
Sunday, March 20-Third Sunday of Lent
 Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15 8:30 a.m. Cor 10:1-6, 10-12 Lk 13:1-9
 The parishioners of St. Mark and St. Mel parish
 11:30 a.m. Mironia Jandric
Monday, March 21
 8:30 a.m. Kgs 5:1-15b Lk 4:24-30
 Timothy Geiger
Tuesday, March 22
 8:30 a.m. Dt 4:1, 5-9 Mt 5:17-19
 Dolores Custer
 7:30 p.m. Night Prayer & Adoration
Wednesday, March 23
 Dt 4:1, 5-9 Mt 5:17-19
Thursday, March 24
 8:30 a.m. Jer 7:23-28 Lk 11:14-23
 Special Intention for Jacob Smith
Friday, March 25-The Annunciation of the Lord
 Is 7:10-14; 8:10 Lk 1:26-38
 8:30 a.m. Janice Jabroski
 6:30 p.m. Stations of Cross
 7:00 p.m. Adoration/Benediction
Saturday, March 26
 4:00 p.m. Hos 6:1-6 Lk 18:9-14
 Vincent Matteucci
Sunday, March 27-Fourth Sunday of Lent
 Jos 5:9a, 10-12 Cor 5:17-21 Lk 15:1-3,11-32
 8:30 a.m. Maureen Gale
 11:30 a.m. MaryAnne McIlwee

Pope's Intention March: For a Christian response to bioethical challenges. We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

Liturgical Ministers March 26 & 27

Saturday, March 26 @ 4:00pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Dave, Tim Schmidt, Katie McAdams
Lector: John Levis
Altar Servers: Joseph Sowul, Patrick Sowul, Kathryn Sowul
Cantor: Mike Antonelli

Sunday, March 27 @ 8:30am

Eucharistic Ministers: Karen Cocita, Terry Henning, Jessica Hanes
Lector: Mary Lewis
Altar Servers: Albert McGerver, Richard Ziemann
Cantor: Bill Todia

Sunday, March 27 @ 11:30am

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Ruminski, Annamaria Masterson, Michelle Biggins
Lector: Deborah Roscoe
Altar Servers: Alexandria Cromer, Isabella Evans, Theo Hoelker
Cantor: Patty Joyce

Luke McGraw Memorial Candles
Weekly Intention
March 20
 Lena Pellman



Banns of Marriage

Wedding Bann I
 Adam Toporowski & Alexandra Brandt

In Memoriam

May the peace of our Lord be with
 Mary Zavatchen, Wife of Joseph Zavatchen
and may God grant comfort to her family and friends.



Please Pray for Our Sick

William Adams	Irene Gurchensky	William Schmitz
Gianna Andolina	Gerri Joecken	Mildred Schmitz
Sam Auble	David Kurth	Sr. Mary Ann Spangler
Katy Brent	Catherine Kutsick	Mary Stark
Ann Eames	Loree Leasure-Poirier	Nancy Stinson
Margaret Fadrowski	Mary Maloney	Nora Sudetic
Nicole Foerstner	Jim McIlwee	George Surovec
Helen Forlini	Mary Miller	Herb Tippie
Mary Frantz	Maisie Nowlin	Joe Wantz
Teresa Fridrich	Sr. Josette Obodzinski	Charlotte Whiting
Cecilia Frischauf	Ryan Puzzitiello Jr.	Lillian Zahara
	Bill Retzer	Thomas Zavatchen



Last Week's Collection

Sunday Envelopes: \$10,919.00
Faith Direct:..... \$ 5,723.00
Total Sunday Collections: \$16,642.00
Faith Direct ~ Number of Donors = 301

Thank you for your generosity!

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2022 Lenten Information

Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

Friday, March 25th, is the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. Solemnities are not observed as penitential days. Therefore, by virtue of the law (can. 1251) and the liturgical nature of the day, penitential practices, like fasting or abstaining from eating meat, are not required on this day, even though it falls on a Friday in Lent.



Stations of the Cross followed by Adoration and Benediction every Friday during Lent beginning at 6:30pm



Our relationship with God has grown and evolved throughout our lives.

Have our prayer lives evolved too?

This Lent please join us to explore ways to deepen our personal communication with God beyond the prayers that we learned as children.

The Catholic faith is rich with a multitude of prayer styles and spiritualities. In these sessions we will learn about and experience a variety of these including Ignatian and Franciscan spiritualities.

Is there a prayer style that you would like to learn more about (Centering Prayer, Visio Divina – praying with art, journaling, praying with nature, walking meditation, etc.)?

If so, please contact Laura Fibbi at lfibbi@gmail.com or 216-534-1281 to offer your idea for topics to discuss.

NOTE: You are probably praying more than you realize.

Let's honor and build on your practices!

We will meet in the church on Thursday evenings 7-8:30pm, March 24, 31 and April 7.

Looking to spend some more time in prayer this Lent? Come and wrap up your day with the Lord! Join us for a time of Eucharistic Adoration and Night Prayer, this Tuesday at 7:30pm in the Church.



Thank you to everyone that supported the Fish Friday on Friday, March 11. It was greatly appreciated.

TAKE OUT ONLY

The Holy Name Society will be sponsoring a second Fish Fry on Friday, March 25 from 5-7pm.

Orders can ONLY be placed on-line through the website at stmarkcleveland.com/fishfry or by order forms which can be dropped off at the parish office until 4pm the day of the fish fry.

See flyers at the doors of the Church or at the Parish Office.



St. Joseph
will be celebrated at all
Masses this weekend

Please take a fava bean, medal and prayer card



- Reuters.com: *U.S. existing home sales accelerate; investors elbowing out first-time buyers.* February 18, 2022.
- Marketwatch.com: *Barely mentioned in Biden's State of the Union: Rents are skyrocketing, complicating Americans' ability to save for a house.* March 3, 2022.

Statistics show that homeownership leads to greater safety and stability in urban communities. Recent headlines suggest that first-time buyers are being priced out of the current market. St. Mark will be partnering once again with Greater Cleveland Habitat for Humanity in the 2022 Faith Build initiative to provide more affordable housing in Cleveland.

Interested in learning more about the Faith Build collaborative? If so, plan to attend the 2022 Faith Build informational meeting on **Wednesday, March 30 at 7:00 pm in the Faculty Room.**

Contact Amy Asseff at aasseff@aol.com with questions!

St. Mark Bereavement

Support for Grief and Loss

Six sessions of bereavement will be offered to those who are in need of support while experiencing grief and loss. We will be meeting in the Community Center next to the Gym. Please consider joining us as we journey together through the Seasons of Hope program.

Please email Briana David or call the parish office to register- 216-226-7577- bdavid@stmarkcleveland.com

Wednesdays at 7 PM

March 30th	April 20th
April 6th	April 27th
April 13th	May 4th



SS. Anne & Joachim Grandparents Workshops

Want to pass on the faith to your grandkids? The diocese is offering SS. Anne & Joachim Grandparents Workshops to equip you to evangelize your grandchildren. The \$10 fee covers a day of practical talks, brunch, and Mass. Register online for one of the dates below: www.dioceseofcleveland.org/events. Don't know how to sign up online? That's okay! Ask one of your grandchildren to help and start the conversation with them! Space is limited, so sign up soon!

- March 28 - Queen of Heaven, Uniontown
- March 30 - St. John Vianney, Mentor
- April 4 - St. Albert the Great, North Royalton
- April 6 - St. Clarence, North Olmsted

TETELESTAI PSALM 46:10

A musical portrayal of the trial, execution, and
resurrection of Jesus the Messiah
St. Patrick Church - Westpark
March 25th & 26 @ 8pm & March 27th @ 2pm
Free Admission - donations accepted

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THE WEEK AHEAD IN OUR PARISH

Saturday,	March 19	
10:00 am	K-2 Basketball	G
3:00 pm	Confession	
4:00 pm	Mass	
	<i>St. Joseph Altar</i>	
	<i>Second Collection Outreach Ministry</i>	
Sunday,	March 20	
8:30 am	Mass	
9:30 am	Rosary (LS)	CH
9:30 am	Young Families Social	SH
11:30 am	Mass (LS)	
1:00 pm	K-2 Basketball	G
4:00 pm	YG Living Stations Prac.	CH
6:00 pm	Mark's Madness	CC/G
Monday,	March 21	
8:30 am	Mass	
6:30 pm	PSR Class Gr. 1-8	CR
7:00 pm	Symbolon Series @ St. Mel	Hall
7:00 pm	YG Living Stations Prac.	CH
Tuesday,	March 22	
8:30 am	Mass	
7:30 pm	Night Prayer & Adoration	CH
Wednesday,	March 23	
Thursday,	March 24	
8:30 am	Mass	
3:00 pm	Set-up St. Baldricks	G
6:00 pm	Pack #268 Den Mtg.	SH
7:00 pm	Troop #293	SH
7:00 pm	Baptism Class	FR
7:00 pm	Intro to Prayer	CH
7:00 pm	MSM22	CC
Friday,	March 25	
8:30 am	Mass	
9:00 am	St. Baldrick's	G
2:00 pm	School Stations	CH
5:00 pm	Fish Fry Take-out	SH
6:30 pm	Stations of the Cross/Adoration	CH
Saturday,	March 26	
10:00 am	K-2 Basketball	G
3:00 pm	Confession	
4:00 pm	Mass	
Sunday,	March 27	
8:30 am	Mass	
9:30 am	Rosary	CH
11:30 am	Mass (LS)	
1:00 pm	K-2 Basketball	G
2:30 pm	RCIC Scrutiny	CH
4:00 pm	YG Living Stations Prac.	CH

Note: (LS)=Livestreamed

There will be a second collection for Parish Outreach after all Masses this weekend. Envelopes can be found in the March envelope packets or on Faith Direct. All proceeds collected go directly to the St. Mark Parish Outreach fund, which helps the parishioners in our parish who may need assistance after the death of a loved one, birth of a child, sickness or loss of employment.

There is also Mark's Madness this Sunday which is a FUN FUNdraiser for this cause. Hope to see you there!

March 20 from 6-8pm.

Thank you for your continued generosity.



Shave Your Mane

Help Support our 7th Annual St. Baldrick's Event Friday, March 25th 9:00am at St. Mark

Join our St. Mark community as we work together to raise funds for childhood cancer research. Students and their families are invited to SHAVE YOUR MANE by shaving their heads or donating a ponytail at the St. Baldrick's Head Shaving Event! You can register to shave your head or donate your ponytail, sponsor a shave, make a donation to our entire team, or participate in any of our additional fundraising opportunities:

- March 22nd & 23rd - School Bake Sale
 - March 24th - Celebrity Bartending Night at PJ McIntyre's
- For over 8 years, our St. Mark Shave Your Mane event has raised and donated over \$360,000 to the St. Baldrick's Foundation supporting research dollars for kids battling cancer. It is an amazing opportunity to join our St. Mark families while they strive to help the youngest cancer patients with their battles.

This year, our goal is to shave over 100 heads and raise a total of \$50,000!

Register today to shave your head or cut your ponytail; or sign up as a Fundraising Participant without having to cut your hair. Donations accepted to the team via the registration link below.

www.stbaldricks.org/events/StMark2022

Calling all Bakers! Tuesday and Wednesday, March 22nd and 23rd.

- Calling all bakers or shoppers!! Please send in individually wrapped items for our St. Baldrick's bake sale. The bake sale will take place during the school lunch periods in the social hall.
- All funds raised will be donated to our St. Baldrick's fundraising goal helping fund research for childhood cancer.
- All items will be priced at \$1.00 to sell to kids during their lunch periods.
- We will begin accepting bakery donations starting March 21st. Please send the items to the school.
- We appreciate your help! This has been a big fundraiser in years past and we are excited to welcome back this event.

REQUEST FOR 2021 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, St., Zip _____

Email report to: _____

Pick up at Parish Office _____ Mail to above address _____

PRINCIPAL NEWS

Last week we celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Malesic. The candidates had been preparing all year to receive this sacrament. In addition, they each completed acts of service within their parish and surrounding community. The pandemic inhibited them from doing some acts of service, but they discovered ways to achieve the requirement by thinking creatively. Congratulations to all our Confirmandi. A special note of thanks to Fr. Adam, Mr. Garvin, Deacon Dave, Mrs. David, Miss McLaughlin, Mrs. Gallagher, Mrs. Prokop, Mrs. Puckett, and Mr. Klein for the roles each of them played in assisting these candidates throughout this time of preparation.

The following morning, forty-four of our 8th Graders climbed a bus at 6:30 A.M. that took them to Washington D.C. for three days. Miss McLaughlin, Mr. Adams, and I accompanied them along with several of their parents. We packed in many miles on foot, but our students really were able to experience so much. Here are a few of the places they visited:

Arlington National Cemetery, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Iwo Jima Memorial, Jefferson Memorial, Vietnam Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, Korean Memorial, Ford's Theatre, Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial, the Smithsonian Natural History Museum and the American History Museum, the Martin Luther King Memorial, the White House Visitors Center, the Police Memorial where a wreath was left behind in honor of Officer Wayne Leon and Officer Shane Bartek, and the Air Force Memorial. We attended Mass at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, followed by a tour, and after departure, we stopped in Shanksville, PA to experience the Flight 93 Memorial. You would have been very proud of the every one of these students. The respect they had certainly reflected the pride they felt for this great country as well as the gratitude they had for those who lost their lives in service to our country.

During this time of year, all of our grade levels spend some time in a prayerful retreat. The pictures below say more than I could say in words. Our children were given time to feel the presence of Christ in their lives.

Finally, while we were in Washington, the rest of the school experienced a very motivational speaker, Scott Boyle, from the University of Notre Dame. Mr. Boyle spoke to our students in Gr. K-2 about the Gift of the Holy Spirit in their lives, and the students in Gr. 3-7 listened to him elaborate on our school theme of "Be Kind." He told the students that being kind means putting others before ourselves. He explained we should not expect a reward for our acts of kindness, although so often we find reward and satisfaction through the emotional response of the recipient of our kindness. He spoke about the paths we have based on our own unique personalities, interests, abilities, and talents. It is through the little moments and choices we make in our lives that we follow the path God intends for us. He reminded the students that we will never be good at EVERYTHING, and that is okay. God made us the way we are, and we are loved. Following the presentation, I asked Mrs. True to gather the students' thoughts on what they heard:

Norah: I liked when he told stories with energy

Liz: I liked when Mr. Scott talked about doing what makes YOU happy

Braylen: I thought it was cool how all of his friends played football and sports, but he didn't.

Emmet: Kindness has an impact.

Evelyn: I liked how he talked about not being good at sports because I'm not great at sports as well.

Gigi: God tells us to recognize who we are.

Olivia: He said we are all called to serve God.

We had a good and full week.

Mrs. Cocita



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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 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 Stiegelmeier, Edward Thomas, Joseph Toole, Jacob Trefney, Jonah Treible, Lukas Whitney.



God Bless them all!

Kathy O'Malley womalfam@sbcglobal.net for any updates.



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