



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.

August 3, 2025



18th Sunday

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

[Jesus] said to the crowd, "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." - Lk 12:15

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PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Adam Zajac
Pastor

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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

Liturgy Schedule

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

Monday, August 4-St. John Vianney

8:30am Mass Marie Georgia David

Tuesday, August 5

6:45am Mass @ St. Mel

Wednesday, August 6-The Transfiguration of the Lord

Thursday, August 7

8:30am Mass Michael Angers

Friday, August 8-St. Dominic

Saturday, August 9

1:00pm Wedding

3:00pm Confessions

3:00pm Confessions @ St. Mel

4:00pm Mass Jim Flynn

4:30pm Mass @ St. Mel

Sunday, August 10-19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00am Mass @ St. Mel

8:30am Mass Lana Conroy

10:00am Mass @ St. Mel

11:30am Mass Mindy Biggins

Pray for the Sick

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

William Adams	David Kurth	Aimee Roscoe
Gianna Andolina	Tom Lembach	Nora Sudetic
Katy Brent	Gerald McArthur	George Surovec
Henry Buehner	Jim McIlwee	Barbara Thiel
James Coyne	Judy McIntyre	Herb Tippie
Matthew Craven	Mary Miller	Michele Vollmer
Nicole Foerstner	Jack Mohar	Joe Wantz
Mary Frantz	Maisie Nowlin	Charlotte Whiting
Theresa Fridrich	Sr. Josette Obodzinski	Lillian Zahara
Amy Glazier	Mary Stark	Lew Zahara Jr.
Carol Hughes		Joseph Zavatchen Sr.
		Joseph Zavatchen Jr.

Other Intentions

Weekly Luke McGraw Memorial Candles Intention

Dolly Tinnirello

Wedding Banns

Curtis Pratt III & Katelyn Senz III

Michael Kay & Lauren Pawlowski II

Liturgical Ministers	emHCs	Lectors	Servers
Saturday, August 9 @ 4:00pm	Marian Lundeen Mary Price NOT FILLED	Lou Toth	Kerri Gompf NOT FILLED
Sunday, August 10 @ 8:30am	Mary Stamper Laura Skonce Michael Kay	Lisa Braun Agnes Butler	London Dinya Gabriela Santos
Sunday, August 10 @ 11:30am	Deirdre Mueller Annamaria Masterson NOT FILLED	Amanda Conklin NOT FILLED	Eoin Mueller Patrick Mueller

NEWS AND EVENTS

Offertory Collections

In-Pew Collection (past weekend) \$
Faith Direct (past month weekly total) \$ 4,788.00
Thank you for your generosity!

Parish News

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday, August 15th is a Holy Day of Obligation. The mass times are as follows:

Thursday, August 14th-7:00pm @ St. Mark
Friday, August 15th-6:45am @ St. Mel
Friday, August 15th-8:30am @ St. Mark
Friday, August 15th-12:00pm @ St. Mel

Christmas in July

The Providence House, St. Herman's House, and West Side Catholic Center appreciate all of your donations for their clients.

These will help the children, women and men get through the hot summer months. A special Thank You goes to our St. Mark volunteers who helped make this all happen: Mary Jane, Shirlee, Mary, Susan, Kathy, Mary Lou and John. May God bless us all!

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Schedule for May-August

We are very happy to be restarting Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 8:30am Mass at St. Mark. Children who are in PreK and above but have not yet received their First Communion will be invited to process into the sacristy during Mass to hear the Gospel proclaimed in an accessible way. Children's Liturgy of the Word is meant to shed light on the Gospel when a passage is particularly challenging for children to understand, so it will only take place on Sundays when it has been determined to be useful and appropriate. We will publish a schedule of the chosen dates a few months at a time.

The upcoming dates are:

August 3rd and August 17th

Mission Appeal

August 2nd & 3rd

Greetings!

My name is Fr. Prasanna Mese, a missionary priest from the Diocese of Kurnool in southern India, where I was ordained in 2010. After serving for ten years in Texas (2012-2022), I returned to my home diocese to continue ministering to the faithful. Today, I want to share with you the realities and needs of the Catholic community in India.

Our mission addresses significant challenges, including:

- Providing free education to over 1,500 impoverished children.
- Offering medical assistance and housing to the disadvantaged.
- Fostering the self-empowerment of women.
- Carrying out evangelization efforts.

In India, Christians are a minority, with Catholics making up only 1% of the population. Our diocese has 155 priests and 438 religious sisters dedicated to serving the poor. Additionally, many young men and women are currently discerning their vocations as future priests and nuns.

I invite you to learn more about Catholicism in my region. I hope this information is both enlightening and inspiring. Thank you for your kind attention and generosity.

Sincerely,
Fr. M. Prasanna



Share God's Love

St. Mark/St. Mel Faith Build

Registration is Open!

Build site volunteer registration is open for the St. Mark/St. Mel 2025 Faith Build. Anyone aged 16 or older can volunteer at a build site. Volunteers under 18 must be accompanied by an adult volunteer.

2025 Build Dates:

- Saturday, August 2
- Saturday, September 13
- Saturday, September 27 (Neighborhood Spruce Up Day)

Email Amy Asseff for a link to the registration page: aasseff@aol.com

Please keep the Faith Build and its volunteers in your prayers!

Parish News



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 David at: bciancibello@gmail.com

Upcoming Dates: August 17th
September 14th

St. Mark Sunday School 2025-2026

Registration Information

Register now to save your child's space in Sunday School for the 2025-2026 year! Sunday School is open to children ages 3-6 and takes place during the 8:30am Sunday Mass. In-person registration will take place in the school hallway on Saturday/Sunday August 30th & 31st after all masses. Forms are available at all Church entrances. You can also drop off registration forms to the parish office. Classes begin September 7th. Any questions, please contact: Molly Stottner at mollystottner@hotmail.com

St. Mark Sunday School Volunteers

We are currently seeking volunteers to assist in teaching Sunday School for the 2025-2026 school year! High school students are welcome to assist. Adults 18 and over must be Virtus compliant to volunteer. Classes begin September 7th, and meet during the 8:30am Sunday mass. Please contact Molly Stottner at the above email address.

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. At these gatherings, we dine together and discuss what event we will be doing next to help the community of St. Mark. If you would like to know more, contact Jim Cocita at: jimcocita@gmail.com

NEWS AND EVENTS

Reminders and Regular Events

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.

Military

Please pray for our military presently serving.

Josh Dunleavy, Nick Hupka, John Kazanowski, Randy Kloos, Sean O'Reilly, Nico Russo, Matthew Shirley

School News

School News

St. Mark Class of 2021! Join us for an evening of s'mores, stories, and reconnecting with old friends before you all head off on your next adventure!

- ◆ **Date:** Friday, August 8
- ◆ **Time:** 8:00 pm
- ◆ **Location:** St. Mark Pavillion

We'll have plenty of s'mores and lots of laughs as you look back on your grade school memories and look ahead to what's next.

Whether you're staying close to home or heading across the country, we'd love to see you before the next chapter begins!

Please RSVP by Wednesday, August 6 by scanning the QR code or emailing the school office at office@stmarkwestpark.com.



General Parish Calendar

Saturday,	August 2	
3:00 pm	Confessions	
4:00 pm	Mass	
Sunday,	August 3	
8:30 am	Mass	
8:30 am	Children's Liturgy of the Word	SS
9:30 am	Rosary	
11:30 am	Mass LS	
Monday,	August 4	
8:00 am	Diocese In-Service	SH
8:30 am	Mass	
5:00 pm	Volleyball Prac.	G
7:00 pm	Parish Council	SH
Tuesday,	August 5	
5:00 pm	Volleyball Prac.	G
Wednesday,	August 6	
5:00 pm	Volleyball Prac.	G
7:00 pm	Bible Timeline	CC
Thursday,	August 7	
8:30 am	Mass	
5:00 pm	Volleyball Prac.	G
7:00 pm	Troop #293	SH/PP
Friday,	August 8	
6:00 pm	Volleyball Prac.	G
8:00 pm	Class of 2021 Alumni	PP
Saturday,	August 9	
1:00 pm	Wedding	
3:00 pm	Confessions	
4:00 pm	Mass	
Sunday,	August 10	
8:30 am	Mass	
9:30 am	Rosary	
11:30 am	Mass LS	

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

For what profit comes to man from all the toil
and anxiety of heart
with which he has labored under the sun? (Eccl 2:22)

Psalm:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 90)

Second Reading:

If you were raised with Christ, seek what is above,
where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. (Col 3:1)

Gospel:

Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves
but are not rich in what matters to God." (Lk 12:21)

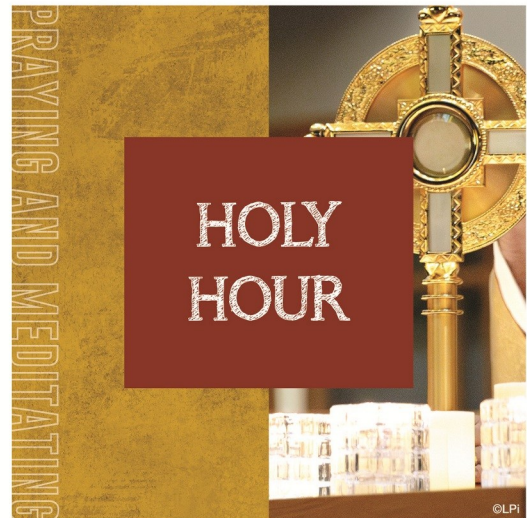
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Jesus warns us that at any moment we can be called before God to face judgment. When we are, our life will be measured not in dollars or accomplishments, but in what matters to God. What do we have to show for our time spent on earth?

Observances for the week of August 3, 2025

Sunday:	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. John Vianney, Priest
Tuesday:	The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
Wednesday:	The Transfiguration of the Lord
Thursday:	St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest
Friday:	St. Dominic, Priest
Saturday:	St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr
Next Sunday:	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Devotions, *Explained!*

A holy hour is the practice of spending one hour's time in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, praying and meditating on the agony of Jesus Christ.

Prayer for Open Hands

Lord, I do not know what any day holds,
I cannot take for granted any of the gifts You have given.
Help me to use them, then, as You would have me.
Help me to live according to Your invitations.
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of August 3, 2025

Sunday:

Ecc1 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 (1)/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

Monday:

Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/
Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday:

Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13/
Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday:

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/
2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36

Thursday:

Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/
Mt 16:13-23

Friday:

Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16
and 21/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday:

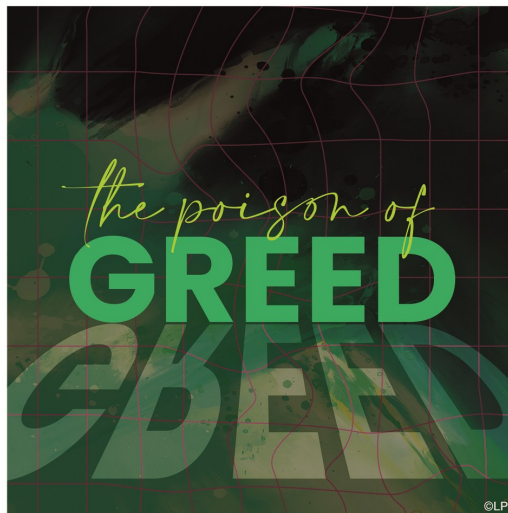
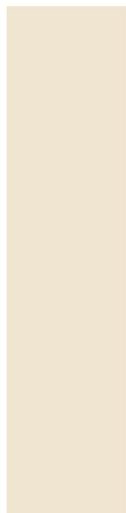
Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47
and 51/Mt 17:14-20

Next Sunday:

Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 (12b)/
Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48
or 12:35-40



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Recent studies suggest that millennials will be the first generation in America to be worse off than their parents in terms of financial earnings and job status. Many lament this. I propose that this week's Gospel provides a hopeful way to see the trend as good news.

The Lord Jesus says, **“Take care to guard against greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist in possessions” (Luke 12:15).** Greed damages us with the deception that we are what we possess. But to Jesus, this is simply not true. What makes us happy is who we are, who we become.

Does not the expectation that every generation should do better than their parents subtly mask the poison of greed? A similar attitude is mirrored in the man who demands that Jesus justly arrange his share of the family inheritance. Despite the injustice, Jesus will not play that game. In fact, he seems to prefer that the man have less than his parents. What good would having more be to this man if he becomes enslaved and miserable by greed? What good would it be for us to have more if it means we become much less?

In allowing the man to have less, Jesus opens a space for him to become more: a man free to love. In that much more meaningful sense, perhaps he was better off than his parents. Maybe the millennials will be, too.

— *Father John Muir*

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 2025 | 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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