



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.

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish."
And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour.
- Mt 15:28

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AUGUST 27, 2023

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Adam Zajac
Pastor

Deacon Dave Lundeen
Business Manager, Pastoral Associate

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.

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Papal Intention

August: For World Youth Day. We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

September: For people living on the margins. We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

Liturgy Schedule

Scripture readings can be found online at:

bible.usccb.org

Monday August 28-St. Augustine

8:30am MassLuke McGraw

Tuesday August 29-The Passion of St. John the Baptist

6:45am Mass @ St. Mel

Wednesday August 30

Thursday August 31

8:30am MassMarion Gallagher

Friday September 1

6:45am Mass @ St. Mel

Saturday September 2

3:00pm Confessions

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4:00pm Mass.....Jake Konys

4:30pm Mass @ St. Mel

Sunday September 3-Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00am Mass @ St. Mel

8:30am MassBrian McGraw

10:00am Mass @ St. Mel

11:30am MassFor the Parishioners of St. Mark Parish and St. Mel Parish

Liturgical Ministers September 2 & 3

Saturday, September 2 @ 4:00pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Kathy O'Malley, Mary Price, Gloria Morin

Lector: Gary Morin

Altar Servers: Gregory Estergall, Mary Kugler-Blayney, Kathryn Sowul

Sunday, September 3 @ 8:30am

Eucharistic Ministers: Laura Skonce, Jessica Hanes, Tim Schmidt

Lector: Barbara Paynter, Monica Svetz

Altar Servers: Jack McGervey, Grace Schmidt, Joe Svetz

Sunday, September 3 @ 11:30am

Eucharistic Ministers: NOT FILLED (3)

Lector: Mary Lewis, Eliza Kratt

Altar Servers: Jason Dunn Jr., Dominic Sutcliff, Terry Waters

Luke McGraw
Memorial Candles
Weekly Intention
August 27
Luke McGraw

Join in praying the Rosary in Church every Sunday after the 8:30am Mass
Livestreamed the 3rd Sunday of the month.



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	Diana Gassaway	Ryan Puzzitiello Jr.
Gianna Andolina	Irene Gurchensky	Bill Retzer
Carol Behnke	Gerri Joecken	Sr. Mary Ann Spangler
Jack Behnke	David Kurth	Mary Stark
Katy Brent	Catherine Kutsick	Nora Sudetic
Henry Buehner	Loree Leasure-Poirier	Lena Sunyak
James Coyne	Jim McIlwee	George Surovec
Margaret Fadrowski	Mary Miller	Herb Tippie
Nicole Foerstner	Betty Minotas	Joe Wantz
Helen Forlini	Maisie Nowlin	Charlotte Whiting
Mary Frantz	Sr. Josette Obodzinski	Lillian Zahara
Theresa Fridrich		Joseph Zavatchen Jr.

New Church Pews

It is very exciting to be getting closer to having our new church pews installed! This is an extensive project that will require time, physical labor and patience. The current pews will be removed - the floors repaired, cleaned and polished - new pews will be installed - and the entire church will receive a very good cleaning. The expected timeframe will be 3 weeks, hopefully there will be no issues that would extend the project.

The following schedule will be in place for the removal of the current pews and installation of the new ones:

Week of September 11 - Current pew removal & floor preparation
WEEKDAY masses in the Social Hall September 11 - September 29
WEEKEND September 16 / 17 mass in Social Hall
Week of September 18 - New pew installation
WEEKEND September 23 / 24 mass in social hall
Week of September 25 - Church cleaning

We will need volunteers to help remove the current pews from the church building and get them into the dumpster. If you are interested in helping the week of September 11, please call the parish office! If anyone would like to take one of the current pews, you are welcome to them. Please call the parish office and let us know how many you would like! We will set them aside for you; however, it will be your responsibility to transport them to your house. Free will donations would be greatly appreciated!

All masses will be held in the St. Mark Social Hall during the construction timeframe.

All funerals will be held at St. Mel church.

We are all looking forward to celebrating mass with our beautiful new pews!



Please join us for Eucharistic Adoration on Friday, September 1st from 3:30pm-7:00pm. Please come to spend some time in prayer and thanksgiving before the Lord. If you would like to sign up for a specific 1/2 hour of prayer, please contact the Parish Office at 216-226-7577.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Register now to save your child's space in Sunday School for the 2023-2024 year! Sunday School is open to children ages 3-5 and takes place during the 11:30am Mass. In-person registration will take place in the School Hallway on Saturday/Sunday September 2-3. Forms are available at all entrances to the Church You can also drop off registration forms to the Parish Office. Classes begin September 10th. Please contact Moly Stottner @ mollystottner@hotmail.com with any questions.

VOLUNTEER!

*We are currently seeking volunteers to assist in teaching Sunday Preschool for the 2023-24 school year!
Classes begin September 10th
Classes meet each week during the 11:30 am Sunday Mass
Please contact Molly Stottner (see above) to find out how you can help!*

Markers 50+ St. Mark & St. Mel

Join us for a picnic and general meeting on Saturday, September 9th, after the 4pm Mass in the St. Mark pavilion.

Hamburgers, hot dogs and beverages will be provided. Please bring a side dish to share.

Please RSVP to Cheryl at the St. Mark Parish Office at 216-226-7577.

A Unique Program to Strengthen and Heal Your Marriage September 22-24, 2023

The Retrouvaille program is designed to help married couples develop improved ways of communicating and relating to each other in order to overcome challenges which have left them feeling frustrated, hurt, distant, or even hopeless.

Retrouvaille, which means rediscovery, is supported by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, but is open to couples of all faiths. This program consists of a weekend experience and six follow up sessions. For more information concerning the program, or to register, visit www.helpourmarriage.org or call Shelly or Rob at 216.509.0301 or 440.836.4810.



Share God's Love

St. Mark Faith Build 2023

St. Mark Faith Build Update!

Two volunteer days remain for the 2023 St. Mark Faith Build:

- Saturday, September 9 (Neighborhood Spruce Up Day)
- Thursday, September 21 (Build Day)

Sign up at www.clevelandhabitat.volunteerhub.com. New to Habitat? Enter the Join Code MARK to set up an account. Must be at least 16 years old.

St. Mark will have a second collection for the Faith Build at all masses the weekend of September 9-10. Envelopes for donations will also be available at the church entrances starting September 2. Please continue to pray for the Faith Build!

Questions? Email Amy Asseff: aasseff@aol.com

A LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

Our Lady of Angels Prayer Group will offer a "Life in the Spirit Seminar" this Fall on eight consecutive Tuesdays, September 5th through October 24th from 7:30-9:00pm. Our most recent Popes, Paul VI to Pope Francis, have given both their approval and their support for these seminars. If you desire more for your life, this seminar can be the beginning of a "renewal" of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Join us in the Primary school building (behind Linus Hall, there will be signs). For more information and to register please contact Verna at 216-251-3560 or Tom at 216-536-6495. There is no charge for this seminar.

www.faithdirect.net

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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!*

August 2023 - Jesuit Retreat Center Programs & Retreats

**Jesuit Retreat Center
5629 State Rd.
Parma, Ohio 44134**

**Please see the website for information
<https://www.jesuitretreatcenter.org>**

THE WEEK AHEAD IN OUR PARISH

Saturday, August 26		
9:45 am	Baird Group	PP
3:00 pm	Confession	
4:00 pm	Mass	
	<i>Food Sunday</i>	
Sunday, August 27		
8:30 am	Mass	
9:30 am	Rosary	CH
11:30 am	Mass (LS)	
Monday, August 28		
	<i>First Day of School K-8</i>	
8:30 am	Mass	
4:00-7:00 pm	Volleyball Prac.	G
6:30 pm	PSR Catechist Mtg.	SH
7:00 pm	Women's Retreat Mtg.	FR
Tuesday, August 29		
8:30 am	Mass w/School	
4:00-6:00 pm	Volleyball Prac.	G
6:00 pm	Cheerleading Prac.	PP
Wednesday, August 30		
10:00 am	Music Ministry	CH
4:00-7:00 pm	Volleyball Prac.	G
7:00 pm	Choir Prac.	CH
Thursday, August 31		
8:30 am	Mass	
4:00-7:00 pm	Volleyball Prac.	G
7:00 pm	Troop #293	SH/PP
Friday, September 1		
	<i>School Closed</i>	
3:30-7:00 pm	Eucharistic Adoration	CH
4:00-5:00 pm	Family Holy Hour	
4:00-7:00 pm	Volleyball Prac.	
Saturday, September 2		
3:00 pm	Confession	
4:00 pm	Mass	
	<i>Social & Donut Weekend</i>	
	<i>Sunday School Registration</i>	
Sunday, September 3		
8:30 am	Mass	
9:30 am	Rosary	CH
11:30 am	Mass (LS)	

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

God Bless them all!

Kathy O'Malley

womalfam@sbcglobal.net for any updates.



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 all on-line bulletins**
- Read and sign **Policy for Protecting Children Revised 2016 (turn into Parish Office)**
- Read and sign **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.
- Complete 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.

Sunday Contributions

Sunday Envelopes.....\$ 2,949.00
Faith Direct Sunday.....\$ 5,222.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of August 27, 2023

Sunday:

Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 (8bc)/
Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

Monday:

1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a
and 9b/Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday:

1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6/Mk 6:17-29

Wednesday:

1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab/Mt
23:27-32

Thursday:

1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17/
Mt 24:42-51

Friday:

1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12/
Mt 25:1-13

Saturday:

1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Mt 25:14-30

Next Sunday:

Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (2b)/
Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Isn't it a bit weird that Catholics call the Pope "papa," father? This Sunday provides us with essential Scriptural background on the papacy, the petrine office. Jesus gives Peter the "keys to the kingdom of heaven," after witnessing to the special grace Peter has to know Jesus' true identity. Many have pointed out that the "keys" refer back to the figure of Eliakim, King David's prime minister. True enough. But notice this is not mere authority or power. It's a family relationship. The Lord says to Eliakim, "He shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem" (Isaiah 22:21). David's prime minister was a spiritual father to the family of Israel. Peter, and his successors, will be spiritual fathers in the family of the Church.

This means we have a serious obligation to not only recognize the Pope's authority, but also to love him with the affection of children for their papa. We should never speak about him with disrespect or rancor. We should listen to him with trusting hearts, and ignore the slander thrown at him in various media. When we show the world we are loving and obedient to our Holy Papa, perhaps they'll see more clearly that the Church is indeed God's beloved family.

— Father John Muir

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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"I will place the key of the House of David on Eliakim's shoulder; when he opens, no one shall shut, when he shuts, no one shall open." (Is 22:22)

Psalm:

Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands. (Ps 138)

Second Reading:

For from him and through him and for him are all things.

To him be glory forever. Amen. (Rom 11:36)

Gospel:

And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.

I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven." (Mt 16:18-19)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"Who do you say that I am?" Let our whole lives be the answer, given not in words, but in action. If the world looked at your life, your decisions, your words, and your deeds, would they conclude that you are a person who believes Christ is the son of the living God?

Observances for the week of August 27, 2023

Sunday: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Tuesday: The Passion of St. John the Baptist

Next Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saint of the week

Despite being forced into marriage at 16, Venerable Teresa Fardella de Blasi still pursued her heart's desire to serve the poor wherever she lived with her husband. Originally from New York, she founded and eventually joined the Poor Daughters of the Crowned Virgin in Italy.

Prayer

O loving Jesus, please grant that Your servant, Venerable Teresa Fardella de Blasi, who worked selflessly for poor and homeless children and adolescents, may, through the intercession of Mary Queen of Heaven, be glorified by visible signs and miracles; so that for Your glory and salvation of souls, she may, by Your power, be declared Blessed. Amen.

