



# 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



## 17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?" Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted. - Jn 6:9, 11

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### PASTORAL STAFF

**Rev. Adam Zajac**  
Pastor

**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

**July:** For the pastoral care of the sick. We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.

**August:** For political leaders. We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.

### Liturgy Schedule

Scripture readings can be found online at:  
[bible.usccb.org](http://bible.usccb.org)

#### Monday, July 29-Sts. Mary, Martha and Lazarus

8:30am Mass..... Presider's Intention

#### Tuesday, July 30

6:45am Mass @ St. Mel

#### Wednesday, July 31-St. Ignatius of Loyola

#### Thursday, August 1-St. Alphonsus Liguori

8:30am Mass.....Presider's Intention

#### Friday, August 2

6:45am Mass @ St. Mel

#### Saturday, August 3

3:00pm Confessions

3:00pm Confessions @ St. Mel

4:00pm Mass.....Beatrice Rolfe

4:30pm Mass @ St. Mel

#### Sunday, August 4-Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00am Mass @ St. Mel

8:30am Mass.....Marcella Garrett

10:00am Mass @ St. Mel

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

### Liturgical Ministers August 3 & 4

#### Saturday, August 3 @ 4:00pm

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Gloria Morin, Bridget Blayney, John Lewis

**Lector:** Gary Morin

**Altar Server:** Aidan Gompf, Charlotte Greuloch, Cristian Trump

#### Sunday, August 4 @ 8:30am

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Michael Kay, Karen Cocita, Jessica Hanes

**Lector:** Michael Grathwol, Tim Mohr

**Altar Server:** Anthony McGervey, Albert McGervey, NOT FILLED

#### Sunday, August 4 @ 11:30am

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Eileen Andrews, Dairdre Mueller, Lisa Ditzel

**Lector:** Eliza Kratt, Mary Lewis

**Altar Server:** Braidyn McKenna, Reese Reichel, Terry Waters

### Luke McGraw Memorial Candles

### Weekly Intention

July 28

Dorothy Rhew



### Banns of Marriage

### Wedding Banns II

Samuel Swartz & Kathleen Dickey

## IN MEMORIAM

*May the peace of our Lord be with*

Rita Szy, Wife of John Szy

Halina Fuhs

*And may God grant comfort to their family and friends.*

### 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

Irene Gurchensky  
David Kurth  
Catherine Kutsick  
Jim McIlwee  
Mary Miller  
Maisie Nowlin  
Bill Retzer  
Mary Stark  
Sr. Josette Obodzinski

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

### Weekly Collections

Sunday Envelopes:..... \$ 2,210.00

Faith Direct:..... \$ 5,302.00

Thank you for your generosity!



**Mission Appeal - August 3 & 4**  
***The ministry of Polish Redemptorists in the East***

Dear Parishioners

The Missionary cooperation Plan helps to spread the gospel, build churches and communities around the world. This year I invite you to support the missionary work of Polish Redemptorists in the East. We have been working in the former Soviet Union for 30 years. At present, we are helping those affected by the war in Ukraine and run five parishes in Russia, one in Kazakhstan, five in Belarus.

This is an unpresidential time and we need to stand firm for peace working together to bridge the chasm created by war. The Polish Redemptorists with your help will be able to do so in a more efficient way. As a people of faith, we look forward to the future believing that the best is still ahead of us.

I'm sincerely grateful to the Diocese of Cleveland for choosing the Polish Redemptorists-Mission in Russia to do the Mission Appeal in your Parish. Thank you for your prayers and support. May God bless you for your generous support through the Missionary Cooperation Plan.

Join us for Eucharistic Adoration on **Friday, August 2nd 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 216-226-7577.



The parishioner-led Prayer Group will meet on Thursday, August 1 at 7pm in the Servers Sacristy. This is a great opportunity to relax, pray, grow in faith, and make a difference in our world. There is a book available near the Sacred Heart Statue in the Church for prayer requests. These will receive prayer by this group. Feel free to share answered prayers here also. Please join us! There is no need to sign up.



***St. Mark***  
***Holy Name Society***

**Welcome All**  
**Men and Women Parishioners**  
**18 and Older**  
**We Meet Second Tuesday of the Month**  
**at 6:00 in the Social Hall**

**Interested?**

**Email [jimcocita@gmail.com](mailto:jimcocita@gmail.com)**

**Family Holy Hour**

Children of all ages are invited with their families to come adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament! The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available.

There will be coloring, reading, and age appropriate contemplation.

**Friday, August 2**  
**4-5**  
**St. Mark Church**

**Retrouvaille**

**A Lifeline for Married Couples**  
**A Unique Program to Strengthen and Heal Your Marriage - Beginning September 20-22, 2024**

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 open to couples of all faiths and is supported by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland. This program consists of a weekend experience and six follow up sessions.

For more information or to register, visit:  
[www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org) or call Shelly or Rob at 216-509-0301 or 440-836-4810.

# MUSIC MINISTRY

## summer music opportunities!

**Ice Pops & Tiny Boppers Sing Praise!**

Ages 3-5

June 2 | June 16 | July 7 | July 21 | Aug 4  
12:30-12:45 in the Pavilion

**Saint Mark Childrens Choir Summer Camp**

Grades K-3 (designed for early readers)

July 29-Aug 2 9:30 AM- 10:00 AM

**Saint Mark Youth Singers Summer Camp**

Grades 4-8

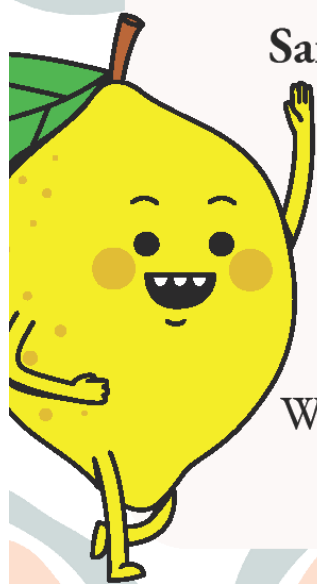
July 29- Aug 2 10:00 AM-11:00 AM

**Cantors In-Training**

Grades 7-12 By Audition

Weekly private lessons 12:30-1:30 on Sundays.

RSVP to [JWallace@StMarkCleveland.com](mailto:JWallace@StMarkCleveland.com)



## THE WEEK AHEAD IN OUR PARISH

<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>July 27</b>	
3:00 pm	Confessions	
4:00 pm	Mass	
	<i>Christmas in July</i>	
<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>July 28</b>	
8:30 am	Mass	
9:30 am	Rosary	
11:30 am	Mass LS	
<b>Monday,</b>	<b>July 29</b>	
8:30 am	Mass	
9:30 am	Children's Choir Summer Camp Gr. K-3 CH	
10:00 am	Youth Choir Summer Camp Gr. 4-8 CH	
<b>Tuesday,</b>	<b>July 30</b>	
9:30 am	Children's Choir Summer Camp Gr. K-3 CH	
10:00 am	Youth Choir Summer Camp Gr. 4-8 CH	
5:00 pm	Uniform Set-up	SH
6:00 pm	Cheerleading Prac.	PP
<b>Wednesday,</b>	<b>July 31</b>	
9:30 am	Children's Choir Summer Camp Gr. K-3 CH	
10:00 am	Youth Choir Summer Camp Gr. 4-8 CH	
6:00 pm	Uniform Sale	SH
<b>Thursday,</b>	<b>August 1</b>	
8:30 am	Mass	
7:00 pm	Troop #293	SH/PP
7:00 pm	Prayer Group	CH
<b>Friday,</b>	<b>August 2</b>	
3:30 pm	Eucharistic Adoration	CH
5:00 pm	Family Friendly Adoration	PP
<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>August 3</b>	
10:00 am	Funeral	
3:00 pm	Confessions	
4:00 pm	Mass	
	<i>Mission Appeal Weekend</i>	
<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>August 4</b>	
8:30 am	Mass	
9:30 am	Rosary	
11:30 am	Mass LS	
12:30 pm	Youth Choir	PP

**Note: (LS)=Livestreamed**

## SMYG Summer Schedule



**Sunday Night Fireside Meeting**  
Sun, July 28 | 8p - ~9:15p  
St. Mark Pavilion

**SMYG Mass Meetup & Milkshakes**  
Sat, August 10 | 4p - ~5:30p  
St. Mark Church and Social Hall

**SMYG Car Wash Fundraiser**  
Sun, August 11 | 8a-1p  
Community Center + Parking Lot

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 Stieglmeyer, Edward Thomas, Joseph Toole, Jacob Trefney, Jonah Treible, Roan Viancourt, Lukas Whitney.

God Bless them all!

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

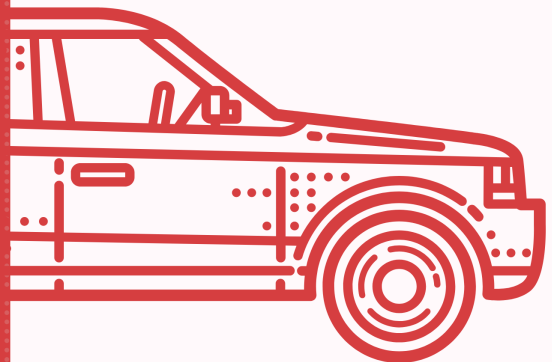


ST. MARK YOUTH GROUP

## SUMMER CAR WASH

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11  
8:00AM - 1:00PM

DROP OFF YOUR CAR BEFORE EITHER  
MASS AND PICKUP AFTER MASS ENDS!



DONATIONS ACCEPTED TO SUPPORT SMYG

# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

"For thus says the LORD,  
"They shall eat and there shall be some left over." (2 Kgs 4:43)

### Psalm:

The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs. (Ps 145)

### Second Reading:

One body and one Spirit,  
as you were also called to the one hope of your call;  
one Lord, one faith, one baptism;  
one God and Father of all. (Eph 4:4-6)

### Gospel:

Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks,  
and distributed them to those who were reclining,  
and also as much of the fish as they wanted. (Jn 6:11)

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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?" Jesus asks Philip, testing him. And so, too, he asks us: "Where do you go when you are hungry? Afraid? Dejected? Confused?" Let us always answer: "Jesus. Jesus is where we can find what we need."

## Observances for the week of July 28, 2024

- Sunday:** 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**Monday:** Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus  
**Tuesday:** St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
**Wednesday:** St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest  
**Thursday:** St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
**Friday:** St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop;  
St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest  
**Next Sunday:** 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Saint of the week

St. Katharine Drexel (1858–1955), is one of the first American-born saints. Giving up her inheritance, she founded a religious order which established 63 schools and 50 missions for African and Native Americans, including Xavier University of Louisiana.

## Prayer for God to Work

Dear Jesus,  
You and I know that what I bring to you is small pieces — small faith, small gifts, small generosity. But I also know that you are not bound by that.  
Two fish and five loaves can feed 5000, when placed in your hands. So, I place everything I have in your hands, too. Complete your work, Lord.  
Amen.



# Worship & Meditation

## Readings for the week of July 28, 2024

### Sunday:

2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18  
(see 16)/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15

### Monday:

Jer 13:1-11/Ps 32:18-19, 20, 21/Jn 11:19-27  
or Lk 10:38-42

### Tuesday:

Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/  
Mt 13:36-43

### Wednesday:

Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18/  
Mt 13:44-46

### Thursday:

Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/  
Mt 13:47-53

### Friday:

Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14/Mt 13:54-58

### Saturday:

Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34/  
Mt 14:1-12

### Next Sunday:

Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54  
(24b)/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

The world is filled with people whose basic needs aren't met, whether for clean water, nutrition, safety, education, meaningful work, stable family life, basic medical resources, religious freedom, and the right to life. So how can we possibly believe what Psalm 145 says to us this week, "**The hand of the Lord feeds us, he answers all our needs**"? Does he? What about the countless poor? Can't we identify at least a few unmet needs in our own lives right now? Is the Bible promoting wishful thinking and laziness in helping others?

No. The psalm flows from Israel's experience of God's relentless fidelity again and again —especially in the Passover from Egypt. This divine providence is recalled when Jesus feeds the needy multitudes in the Gospel of John. Passover arrives once again, and the people are hungry like the ancient Israelites on the wilderness journey. What is new is that in Jesus God not only provides for their needs, but He learns what it's like to have those human needs. He shares them too. He feeds them bread and fish; and even more, He hungers to provide them, and us, much more than just that kind of perishable food.

Our deepest need is for God. Like the multiplied bread, all earthly provisions ultimately fail, for we all finally die. Of course, our obligation to meet the needs of the poor is basic. But Christ promises to feed us with the one bread that never fails: God Himself. He is humanity's eternal food. If we eat this bread, we taste the faithfulness of God who answers all our needs, even when every earthly thing fails.

— *Father John Muir*

SUNDAY, JULY 28, 2024 | 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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