



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.

JANUARY 29, 2023



4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven." - Mt 5:10-12a

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Youth Minister

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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 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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Liturgy Readings for the Week

Saturday,	January 28-St. Thomas Aquinas	
4:00 p.m.	Heb 11:1-2, 8-19	Mk 4:35-41
	For the Parishioners of St. Mark Parish and St. Mel Parish	
Sunday,	January 29-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
8:30 a.m.	Zep 2:3; 3:12-13	Cor 1:26-31
11:30 a.m.	Dave Adams	Mt 5:1-12a
	Charlotte Marvin	
Monday,	January 30	
8:30 a.m.	Heb 11:32-40	Mk 5:21-43
	Cesare Mascarin	
Tuesday,	January 31-St. John Bosco	
8:30 a.m.	Heb 12:1-4	Mk 5:21-43
	Geri Colegrove	
Wednesday	February 1	
	Heb 12:4-7, 11-15	Mk 6:1-6
Thursday,	February 2-The Presentation of the Lord	
8:30 a.m.	Mal 3:1-4	Lk 2:22-40
	Presider's Intention	
Friday,	February 3	
8:30 a.m.	Heb 13:1-8	Mk 6:14-29
	Presider's Intention	
Saturday,	February 4	
4:00 p.m.	Heb 13:15-17, 20-21	Mk 6:30-34
	Charlotte Marvin	
Sunday,	February 5-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
8:30 a.m.	Is 58:7-10	Cor 2:1-5
11:30 a.m.	For the Parishioners of St. Mark Parish and St. Mel Parish	Mt 5:13-16
	John & Sharon Vertal	

Pope's Intention January: For educators. We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fellowship rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

Pope's Intention February: for parishes. We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, unity and welcome towards those most in need.

Liturgical Ministers February 4 & 5

Saturday, February 4 @ 4:00pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Price, Gloria Morin, NOT FILLED

Lector: Lou Toth

Altar Servers: Fia Drvenkar, Clare Hurley, Mary Kugler-Blayney

Sunday, February 5 @ 8:30am

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Stamper, Laura Skonce, Kathy O'Malley

Lector: Lisa Mullins, Barbara Paynter

Altar Servers: Albert McGervey, Jack McGervey, Anthony McGervey

Sunday, February 5 @ 11:30am

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Dave, Marian Lundeen, Annamaria Masterson

Lector: Deborah Roscoe, NOT FILLED

Altar Servers: Andrew Koch, Jack Koch, Ian McCoy

Luke McGraw
Memorial Candles
Weekly Intention
January 29
Linda Cap

There will be a general blessing of throats after all masses the weekend of February 4 & 5.



May the peace of our Lord be with

Fr. Casper "Cap" Miller

and may God grant comfort to his 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	Gerri Joecken	Mary Stark
Gianna Andolina	David Kurth	Nora Sudetic
Carol Behnke	Catherine Kutsick	Lena Sunyak
Jack Behnke	Loree Leasure-Poirier	George Surovec
Katy Brent	Mary Maloney	Herb Tippie
Henry Buehner	Jim McIlwee	Joe Wantz
Margaret Fadrowski	Mary Miller	Charlotte Whiting
Nicole Foerstner	Betty Minotas	Lillian Zahara
Helen Forlini	Maisie Nowlin	
Mary Frantz	Sr. Josette Obodzinski	
Theresa Fridrich	Ryan Puzziello Jr.	
Cecilia Frischauf	Bill Retzer	
Irene Gurchensky	Sr. Mary Ann Spangler	



Join us for Eucharistic Adoration on Friday, February 3rd 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.

Please see the below information from the envelope company St. Mark uses for their weekly contribution envelopes. We did request bulk envelopes which hopefully we will receive soon and will put at the Church entrances. In the meantime if you could please put your contributions in an envelope with your name and or ID#, this will enable us to post to your account. We apologize for this inconvenience and thank you for your understanding.

Greetings from The Church-Budget Envelope and Mailing Company.

Some of you may be aware of delays in the offering envelope mailings over the past couple months. Due to supply chain and the inability to add employees at the rate necessary has created a slow draw on production and shipping. Recently, both of those issues have been resolved. However the "cathup" would jeopardize long term delivery.

In order to get back to expected levels of timely deliveries, we are forced to suspend the production of the remaining supply of your February envelopes. The offering envelopes will resume and be delivered by the first Sunday in March. Quarterly supply will restart in April.

Never in our company's history have we had to skip scheduled mailings and we are doing all we can to make sure this never happens again. We deeply apologize for this necessary course of action and the inconveniences this has caused you and your church family.

The Church - Budget Envelope Mailing Company Management Team



Minister Schedules

The new minister schedules for February through May are available on the parish website, and also in the sacristy for those that receive a hard copy. Rosters are available in the sacristy as well, if you need an updated substitute list. Thank you for your continued service!



The parishioner-led Prayer Group will meet on Thursday, February 2nd 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. The group will pray for these requests. Feel free to share answered prayers here also. Please join us! There is no need to sign up.

Sunday Collections

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 4,081.00
Faith Direct Sunday	\$ 5,765.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

You're invited to join..

The Living Stations

Come learn more about this powerful prayer and join us at one of our information nights.

Sunday, January 29th - 6:30-8:00pm - St. Chris
20141 Detroit Road
Rocky River, OH 44116

Monday, January 30th - 6:30-8:00pm - St. Mark
15800 Montrose Ave.
Cleveland, OH 44111

All 7th through 12th Grade students are welcome.

Marriage Encounter Weekend

Married Couples Valentines Weekend Get-Away: Tired of dull winter weekends? Get away with your spouse for a weekend to focus on each other! A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a positive, simple, common-sense experience for a husband and wife who want to put a breath of fresh air into their marriage. Application Fee is \$75 and scholarships are available. The next area Weekend is February 10-12 at the Homewood Suites, Solon. Contact 330-305-9963 or www.GreatMarriagesOhio.org to apply.

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YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

Full weekend

Friday 2/17 @7PM - Sunday 2/19 @12PM

Desert Retreat Center

\$65 suggested donation for the weekend

Scholarships available.
(No one refused because of finances.)



Scan to RSVP

Protecting God's Children

The Diocese of Cleveland's "Protecting God's Children" program is a continuing effort to instruct and inform everyone about the protection of children from sexual abuse. To report any past or present suspected inappropriate behavior toward children by priests, deacons, religious, lay ecclesial ministers or personnel associated with the Church, please contact the Diocesan Response Service Office at (216-334-2999) or via email at response_services@dioceseofcleveland.org. You are also asked to immediately inform local authorities about inappropriate behavior.

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 on-line bulletins**
- Read and signed off on **Policy for Protecting Children Revised 2016 (turn into Parish Office)**
- Read and signed off on **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.
- Filled out 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.

THE WEEK AHEAD IN OUR PARISH

Saturday, January 28		
	Science & Book Fair	SH
9:00-2:00 pm	Basketball Tournament	G
3:00 pm	Confessions	
4:00 pm	Mass	
5:00-9:00 pm	Basketball Tournament	G
Sunday, January 29		
	Science & Book Fair	SH
8:30 am	Mass w/Teachers	
9:30 am	Rosary	CH
11:30 am	Mass (LS)	
11:30 am	Sunday Preschool	CR
1:00-9:00pm	Basketball Tournament	G
Monday, January 30		
8:30 am	Mass	
2:45 pm	Children's Choir Rehearsals	
5:00 pm	Basketball Tournament	G
6:30 pm	PSR Class Gr. 1-8	CR
6:30 pm	Living Stations Information Mtg.	CH
9:00 pm	HS Basketball Practice	G
Tuesday, January 31		
8:30 am	Mass w/2nd Floor	
3:00 pm	RCIC	SH
5:00 pm	Basketball Tournament	G
9:00 pm	HS Basketball Practice	G
Wednesday, February 1		
9:30 am	Spelling Bee Gr. K-4	G
1:00 pm	Spelling Bee Gr. 5-8	G
2:30 pm	RCIC	SH
5:00-9:00pm	Basketball Tournament	G
6:30 pm	Scout Pack #268 Den Mtg.	G
9:00 pm	HS Basketball Practice	G
Thursday, February 2		
8:30 am	Mass	
5:00-9:00 pm	Basketball Tournament	G
6:00 pm	Pack #268 Den Mtg.	SH
7:00 pm	Prayer Group	SS
7:00 pm	Troop #293	SH
7:00 pm	Parish Council	CC
Friday, February 3		
8:30 am	Mass	
9:30 am	Talent Show	G
3:30 pm	Eucharistic Adoration	CH
5:00-9:00 pm	Basketball Tournament	G
Saturday, February 4		
9:00-2:00 pm	Basketball Tournament	G
3:00 pm	Confessions	
4:00 pm	Mass	
5:00-9:00 pm	Basketball Tournament	G
	Snack & Donut Social after all Masses	
Sunday, February 5		
8:30 am	Mass	
9:30 am	Rosary	CH
11:30 am	Mass (LS)	
11:30 am	Sunday Preschool	CR
1:00-9:00pm	Basketball Tournament	G

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."

Psalm 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, Lukas Whitney.

God Bless them all!

Kathy O'Malley

womalfam@sbcglobal.net for any updates.



REQUEST FOR 2022 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, State, Zip _____

Email report to: _____

Pick up at Parish Office _____ Mail to above address _____

PRINCIPAL NEWS

Catholic Schools: Faith, Excellence, and Service," the theme of this year's Catholic Schools' Week, are core values by which all of us are challenged to live. We are gifted with a faith in God, who loves each one of us individually. We should always strive for excellence, recognizing that it is sometimes in those moments of failure that we learn the most, and we are challenged to live a life of service. So as we celebrate Catholic Schools' Week 2023, it is important that as a Catholic school community, we demonstrate these values as we celebrate who we are!

As I tour interested families around our school, I always make my first stop in Church. Christ is the single most important reason why we are St. Mark School, so it is a very fitting stop. I tell parents that we are always doing something faith-filled- whether it is Mass, Eucharistic Adoration which has drawn families to pray together during the day this year, Stations of the Cross, the Living Rosary, or a grade level retreat. Our faith is what binds us to one another and allows us to carry one another in times of need. This was powerfully displayed when our children truly helped one another get through the days following the passing of Mr. Adams, our P.E. teacher. These amazing children comforted one another, cried together, and just sat and listened. They carried one another during that time of need. There were times when they did not need to use words; their actions said it all.

Faith is powerfully transforming because if we live faith-filled lives, then we are living lives of service. Service is a very important component of discipleship. It allows us the opportunity to bring Christ to others in sometimes the gentlest of ways. I see examples of our children living lives of service every single day. During Catholic Schools' Week, every family has been asked to donate a specific food item that will become part of larger gift baskets which will be given to our First Responders, our Veterans, the people working at the Office of Catechetical Formation and Education, and our parish shut-ins. Personal notes written by the students will accompany each basket. This collaborative undertaking will make our students feel so good about themselves and what they were able to accomplish together. Every day I see examples of student service throughout our building. They LOVE holding doors for one another, inviting others to sit with them at lunch or play with them at recess, and help their teachers in their classrooms. These are examples of the unprompted and kind service that I see every day.

Every year, I meet with the 8th Grade to have them create essays about what St. Mark means to them. This year, over and over again, the message came through of how leadership opportunities, service opportunities, and classroom expectations have formed them into confident young adults. Three of their essays are being shared at the Masses this weekend. Here are a few ideas taken from their essays:

- Teagan: "Having the opportunity to do 3D printing and coding in the Stream Lab is life changing."
- Logan: "I am able to receive a Catholic education where I can learn about my faith and be surrounded by people who are kind and compassionate."
- Raegan: "The teachers are dedicated in providing healthy, stimulating learning conditions as well as always encouraging critical thinking skills."
- Casey: "We have a great parish and community that supports us in many ways."
- Faith: "Receiving an education here really is a blessing because the teachers want to see you succeed and are willing to go the extra mile to help. They have a place for everyone here."

Since children are creators, builders, natural collaborators, and our engineers of tomorrow, it is important that we provide them with as many scientific and technological opportunities that we can. I am proud to say that our school is outfitted with some exceptional technology. One of the items on display in the Stream Lab are the 3D chess pieces students created for our Chess Club to use. It is not uncommon on my visits to the Stream lab to dodge robots that the students have programmed to perform pre-determined feats. Both creativity and laughter are evident- and that is what education is all about!

Hanging in the hallways throughout the school are student reflections on "30 Things I Am Thankful For..." This idea was given to me by parishioner Mary Jane Miller. Here are a few things on their lists taken from all grade levels: "God, Spanish, snow days, my mom and dad, books, my Nana and Papa, snacks, music, food, pets, doctors, firemen and police, the ability to hope, ability to pray when I want, therapy dogs, Veterans, ability to read, life from God, animals and plants, multiplication, sports, and Mass."

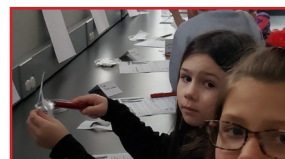
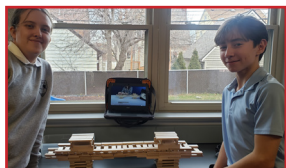
Our WSMS crew has put together a presentation for you to view about St. Mark School which will be playing on the Activpanels all our classrooms. Take a few minutes to watch this presentation if you are able.

Our children are creatively involved in science and history fair projects. Their Science Fair projects are on display in the Social Hall today during our Open House. You are welcomed to view them. Also in the Social Hall is our Scholastic Book Fair. While touring the school, make sure you stop down by the Gym and enjoy a small ice cream treat on us! Ice cream is great at any time during the day!

Thanks to the support from our Parent Club, we are able to bring the Great Lakes Shakespeare Theater's education department to St. Mark's for students in Gr. 6-8. Each grade previously studies one of Shakespeare's plays (Macbeth, Julius Caesar, Romeo and Juliet), and then sees live performances directly in front of them in their classrooms, role played, and discussed in depth. Not to be left out, students in Grades Pre-K through Grade 5 will experience a few days devoted to artistry with a visit from artist George Woideck. Our 8th Grade students will be spending a day learning how to provide CPR, use an AED, and provide basic first aid.

Catholic Education provides academic excellence in a faith-filled environment. Our children are expected to not only grow academically but to make contributions to our Church, our community, and our world. We are blessed to have a faculty who dedicates themselves to the successful growth of each individual child. They are a faith-filled group of professional men and women who work countless hours beyond the school day. We are blessed to have Fr. Adam, who supports our school and all my endeavors- even some of the crazy ones! I am personally blessed to have an assistant principal this year, Mrs. Christine Gunn, who goes above and beyond all expectations in helping me execute so many of my ideas! (I am pretty sure I drive her nuts at times!) And finally, we are also blessed to have support from you, our parish community. Your support allows us the opportunity to be a school of "Faith, Excellence, and Service". May God bless you and thank you for your unwavering support. Enjoy Catholic Schools' Week 2023!

Mrs. Cocita



JANUARY 29, 2023

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

But I will leave as a remnant in your midst
a people humble and lowly. (Zep 3:12)

PSALM:

Blessed the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! (Ps 146)
Or Alleluia.

SECOND READING:

Rather, God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise,
and God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong.
(1 Cor 1:27)

GOSPEL:

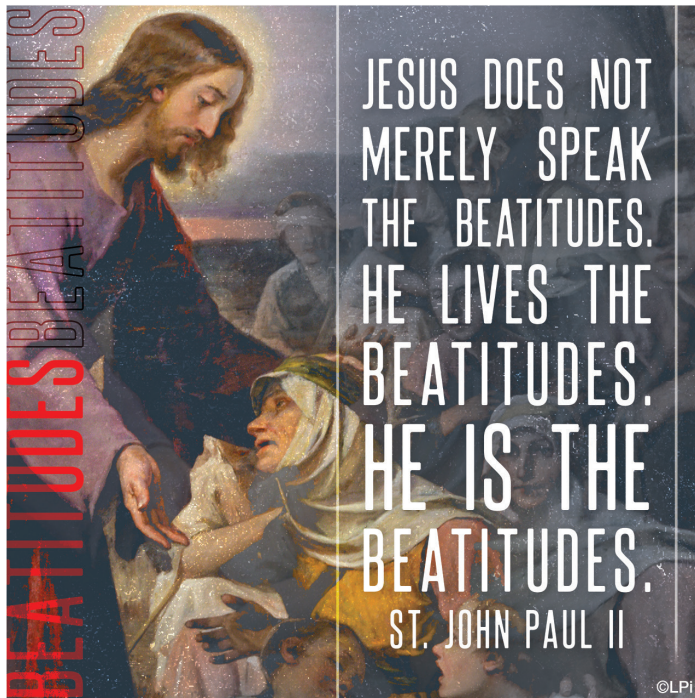
"Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." (Mt 5:3)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 29, 2023

- Sunday: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Celebrate Catholic Schools Week
Tuesday: St. John Bosco, Priest
Thursday: The Presentation of the Lord, World Day for Consecrated Life
Friday: St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop
Next Sunday: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saint of the Week

A Union veteran of the civil war, Father Baker later donated his life savings to support the outreach institutions he ran. He created the Our Lady of Victory Association uniting Catholics around the USA in support of these successful missions.

Prayer

Prayer for the Cause of V. Father Nelson Baker

Lord, you gave us Your Servant Nelson Baker as an example of service to the poor, homeless and the young. By Father Baker's ardent concern for those in need, inflame our hearts and lives with compassion for the poor, justice for the oppressed, hope for the troubled and courage to those in doubt.

We pray through the intercession of Our Lady of Victory, if it be Your will, that Your Servant, Nelson Baker, may one day be canonized.

Amen.

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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