



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.



November 10, 2024

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury."
- Mk 12:42-43

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PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Adam Zajac
Pastor

Mrs. Karen Cocita
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

Papal Intention

November: For anyone who has lost a child. We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

Liturgy Schedule

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

Monday, November 11-St. Martin of Tours

8:30am Mass..... Agnes Fox

Tuesday, November 12-St. Josaphat

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

6:45am Mass @ St. Mel

Wednesday, November 13-St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

Thursday, November 14

8:30am Mass.....Maureen Roche

Friday, November 15

6:45am Mass @ St. Mel

Saturday, November 16

3:00pm Confessions

3:00pm Confessions @ St. Mel

4:00pm Mass Mindy Biggins

4:30pm Mass @ St. Mel

Sunday, November 17-33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00am Mass @ St. Mel

8:30am Mass..... For the Parishioners of St. Mark Parish
and the Parishioner of St. Mel Parish

10:00am Mass @ St. Mel

11:30am MassJohn & Sharon Vertal

Pray for the Sick

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

William Adams	Irene Gurchensky	Nora Sudetic
Gianna Andolina	David Kurth	Lena Sunyak
Carol Behnke	Catherine Kutsick	George Surovec
Jack Behnke	Pat McAndrew	Herb Tippie
Katy Brent	Jim McIlwee	Georgieann Treible
Henry Buehner	Mary Miller	Joe Wantz
James Coyne	Maisie Nowlin	Charlotte Whiting
Matthew Craven	Bill Retzer	Lillian Zahara
Margaret Fadrowski	Mary Stark	Lew Zahara Jr.
Nicole Foerstner	Sr. Josette Obodzinski	Joseph Zavatchen Jr.
Mary Frantz		
Theresa Fridrich		

Other Intentions

Weekly Luke McGraw Memorial Candles Intention

Dolly Tinnirello

Wedding Banns

Eric Carlson & Patricia Kay *III*

Liturgical Ministers	emHCs	Lectors	Servers
Saturday, November 16 @ 4:00pm	Michelle Biggins Shirlee Toth Marian Lundeen	Lisa Braun	Declan Fitzpatrick Mary Kugler-Blayney Dominic Sutcliff
Sunday, November 17 @ 8:30am	Tim Schmidt Jessica Hanes Kathy O'Malley	Michael Grathwol Mary Lewis	Albert McGervey Anthony McGervey Grace Schmidt
Sunday, November 17 @ 11:30am	Deirdre Mueller Shawn Wroten Lisa Ditzel	Agnes Butler NOT FILLED	Eoin Mueller Patrick Mueller Joseph Sonby

Offertory Collections

In-Pew Collection (past Sunday).....\$ 3,062.00
Faith Direct (past month total)\$ 5,331.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Parish News

St. Mark Pastoral Council

Meeting October 17, 2024

Please see Parish Council Meeting Minutes on the Church website at stmarkcleveland.com

Reminders and Regular Events

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. If you would like to know more, contact Jim Cocita at:

jimcocita@gmail.com

**We will be sponsoring coffee and donuts after the 8:30am Mass on Thanksgiving Day. Please join us for a little gathering before you start out for your Thanksgiving Day with Family and Friends.
Happy Thanksgiving!**

Thank you to all parishioners that contributed to the HNS Socks and Underwear drive. Once again, we came through with a very generous amount of clothing and cash donations.

Thank you to everyone who attended Mass, Donut Saturday/Sunday and entered for the free turkey raffle.

Our winners this year were:

Saturday 4:00pm mass - Nancy Zahara Brugh

Sunday 8:30am mass - Monica Svetz

Sunday 11:30am mass - John Slembariski

Congratulations to the winners.

Donut & Coffee Social

Once a month after all masses in the Social Hall. Gather with fellow parishioners. For questions contact Michael Kay at mkay@stmarkcleveland.com

Upcoming Date: December 7 & 8

NEWS AND EVENTS

Reminders and Regular Events

St. Mark Youth Group

November & December Schedule

Sunday, November 24th 5-8pm-Social Hall
Sunday, December 1st 6-8pm-Social Hall
Sunday, December 15th 6-8pm-Social Hall

Open to all 9th-12th Grade students! Contact Michael Kay at mkay@stmarkcleveland.com or 216-904-4774 with any questions and to RSVP.

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.

BSA Troop 293 Christmas Tree Sale

Freshly Cut Frasier-Fir Christmas Trees

Friday, December 6th - 5-9pm

Saturday, December 7th - 10:30am - 7pm

Sunday, December 8th - 12pm-3pm

St. Mark Pavilion. Cash and check accepted. Bring the bulletin for \$5 off!

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 Dave at:

bciancibello@gmail.com

General Parish Calendar	
Monday, November 11	
8:30 am	Mass
2:00 pm	Youth Choir Prac. CH
4:00pm-9:00 pm	Basketball Prac. G
6:30 pm	PSR Class Gr. 1-8 CR
Tuesday, November 12	
8:30 am	Mass w/2nd Floor
2:30 pm	Children's Choir Prac. CH
4:00pm-9:00 pm	Basketball Prac. G
6:00 pm	Holy Name Society SH/PP
7:00 pm	Bereavement FR
Wednesday, November 13	
7:00 am	Gr. 5 SH
1:30 pm	Awards Assembly G
4:00pm-9:00 pm	Basketball Prac. G
4:30 pm	Confirmation Group CC
5:30 pm	Daisy Troop Mtg. SH
Thursday, November 14	
8:30 am	Mass
4:00pm-9:00pm	Basketball Prac. G
6:00 pm	Scout Pack #268 Den Mtg. SH
7:00 pm	Troop #293 SH
Friday, November 15	
4:00pm-9:00pm	Basketball Prac. G
5:00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal CH
Saturday, November 16	
11:30 am	Wedding CH
3:00 pm	Confessions
4:00 pm	Mass
Sunday, November 17	
8:30 am	Mass
8:30 am	Sunday PreSchool CR
9:30 am	Rosary
11:30 am	Mass LS

Note: (LS)=Livestreamed

As we moved into the 1990's, major changes were occurring throughout our campus. Some of these included:

- The Preschool opened in 1991 on the 2nd Floor of the convent
- The Modular Unit also opened in 1991. The Modular Unit houses our CMSD employees who service students in need of special services. Currently, we have these services to offer: school psychologist, Basic Skills teacher, Intervention Specialist, fiscal liaison, speech therapist, tutor, and occupational therapist
- The St. Mark Gym and Community Center were completed in 1993
- Dr. Marilyn Kurnath became principal in 1996 and Fr. Doug Koesel became pastor in 1997
- The Computer Lab opened on November 16, 1995, with 30 Mac computers
- The PA system in the office was used for all announcements. Today, student broadcasters air announcements live every morning on our WSMS news station which is completely student run

Pictures and Memories of the 1990s included:

- Boys wore slacks and button-down shirts with a tie, could wear khaki pants
- Girls wore gray vests with a white blouse and a green or red skirt
- Gym had a new wooden floor
- Tornado and fire drills were practiced, later we started practicing lock-down drills
- Basketball, baseball, football, physical fitness, wrestling, volleyball, track and field, and cheerleading were offered as sports
- Very few computers until we got the computer lab, few smart boards, VCR's, rolling TV stands
- Had Field Day, went to Camp Chris in 6th grade, 8th Grade Carnival
- Algebra was offered to Gr. 8
- Detentions were given as punishment
- The Peace Pole was installed
- Popular then: Bass shoes, *Saved by the Bell*, *MTV*, *Nirvana*

I invite you to share some of your memories of your days at St. Mark School. Here is one from Mrs. Rosanne Kelley:

"St Mark has been a part of my life since 1964. When our family moved to West Park and joined the parish, Fr. Downie convinced my parents to enroll me in St. Mark versus public school. It was the beginning of a journey that provided the base for a multi-generational experience. I am proud to say I have been part of the community for every pastor in the history of St. Mark.

The foundation of St. Mark that continues to this day is strong faith, strong education, and strong community. The school is dynamic, always adapting to teaching methods, changes in curriculum, and advancing technology. The quality and tenure of the faculty and staff is what makes St. Mark a wonderful place to learn and grow.

There are so many teachers who affected my life. One who needs to be mentioned first is Mrs. Mary Rita Deming. In 1966, as part of fourth grade science she introduced us to the microscope. It impressed me so much that I asked for one from Christmas that year. I still display that microscope in my curio cabinet at home. Mrs. Deming's influence eventually led me to an extremely successful forty-plus year career in the field of Laboratory Medicine.

There are so many teachers and leaders to mention. St. Mildred Baker (Sr. Vincella) was my principal for the majority of my time at St. Mark. She was very strict, but very respected. Our friendship lasted well into my adulthood. She gifted me a beautiful "Play like a Champion Today" cross stitch she made of her beloved Notre Dame. I visited her at her home in Cleveland, and even worked with her at a hospital. I was honored to travel to Monroe, Michigan for her funeral.

It was there that I visited the gentle Miss June O'Connell. She was my third grade teacher and a resident of the onsite nursing home. I was able to thank her just months before she passed away. Sr. Marian Hungerford came to us from Monroe in 6th grade. She loved her Detroit Tigers and was known to pull a small transistor radio out of her desk drawer and let us listen to part of an afternoon game. Mrs. Lois Violand will always be remembered for 7th grade English sentence diagramming and learning the famous poem, "Ozymandias".

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PARISH GRADE SCHOOL (CONTINUED)

The school day started with daily mass. Chapel veils were a requirement. The nuns always had tissues and a Bobby pin handy if you forgot yours. Uniforms were wool and dry clean only. They were hung up as soon as we arrived home each day. They visited the dry cleaners only during holiday vacation, summer, and the occasional accidental spill. It was a rite of passage to remove the jumper straps when you graduated to the second floor. The sisters' habits evolved from full length blue habits to skirts and short veils. When the veils were no longer required, they had to figure out how to style their hair.

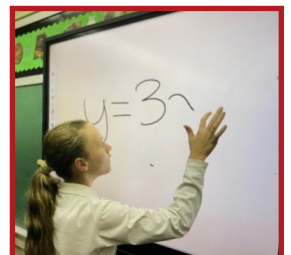
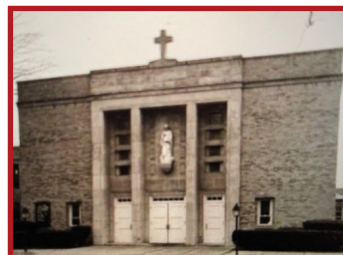
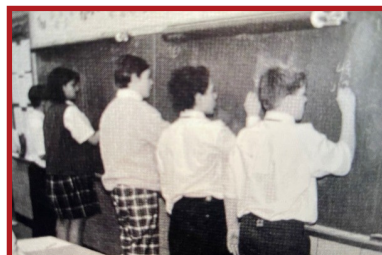
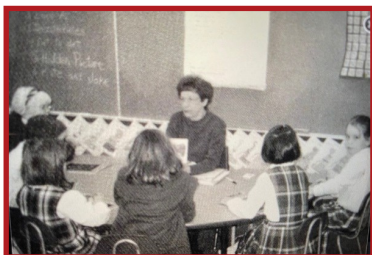
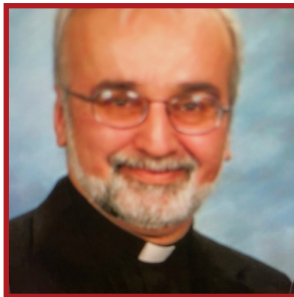
Our gym teachers were Mr. and Mrs. Murray. The annual St. Mark/ St. Chris Olympics was a legendary annual event. I realized much later that they were held because they also taught gym at St. Chris.

There are too many memories to list . May Crownings, sacraments, trick or treat at the convent and rectory, school concerts, working bingo in the social hall, etc...

I graduated from St. Mark in 1972. Thanks to many classmates still in the Cleveland area, and social media I still keep in touch. Both of my sons are also St. Mark graduates. I am hopeful that my granddaughter will attend St. Mark. To have three generations of St. Mark in our family will be a testament to the impact and legacy of a wonderful school and community.

I am so blessed to continue to be a part of this community. I cannot imagine being anywhere else."

Great memories! I could not have said it any better! Have a blessed week!
Mrs. Cocita



General Audience of Pope Francis, on 16 October 2024

Cycle of Catechesis. The Spirit and the Bride. The Holy Spirit guides the people of God towards Jesus our hope. 9. "I believe in the Holy Spirit". The Holy Spirit in the faith of the Church

With today's catechesis, we will move on from what the Holy Spirit revealed to us in the Holy Scripture to how He is present and active in the life of the Church, in our Christian life.

In the first three centuries, the Church did not feel the need to give an explicit formulation of her faith in the Holy Spirit. For example, in the Church's most ancient Creed, the so-called Symbol of the Apostles, after proclaiming: "I believe in God the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was born, died, descended into hell, rose again from the dead and ascended into heaven", adds: "I believe in the Holy Spirit" and nothing more, without any specification.

But it was heresy that drove the Church to define this faith. When this process began – with Saint Athanasius in the fourth century – it was precisely the experience she had of the sanctifying and divinizing action of the Holy Spirit that led the Church to the certainty of the full divinity of the Holy Spirit. This occurred during the Ecumenical Council of Constantinople in 381, which defined the divinity of the Holy Spirit with the well-known words we still repeat today in the Creed: "I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets".

To say that the Holy Spirit "is the Lord" was like saying that He shares the "Lordship" of God, that He belongs to the world, not to that of creatures. The strongest affirmation is that He is due the same glory and adoration as the Father and the Son. It is the argument of equality in honour, dear to Saint Basil the Great, who was the main architect of that formula: the Holy Spirit is the Lord, He is God.

The Council definition was not a point of arrival, but of departure. And indeed, once the historical reasons that had obstructed a more explicit affirmation of the divinity of the Holy Spirit had been overcome, this was confidently proclaimed in the worship of the Church and in her theology. Saint Gregory of Nazianzus, in the aftermath of the Council, went on to state without hesitation: "Is the Holy Spirit then God? Certainly! Is He consubstantial? Yes, if He is true God" (*Oratio* 31, 5.10).

What does the article of faith we proclaim every Sunday at Mass say to us, believers of today: "I believe in the Holy Spirit"? In the past, it was mainly concerned with the statement that the Holy Spirit "proceeds from the Father". The Latin Church soon supplemented this statement by adding, in the Creed of the Mass, that the Holy Spirit proceeds "also from the Son". Since in Latin the expression "and from the Son" is called '*Filioque*', this gave rise to the dispute known by this name, which has been the reason (or pretext) for so many disputes and divisions between the Church of the East and

the Church of the West. It is certainly not the case to address the issue here, which, moreover, in the climate of dialogue established between the two Churches, has lost the acrimony of the past and today allows us to hope for full mutual acceptance, as one of the main "reconciled differences". I like to say this: "reconciled differences". Among Christians there are many differences: he belongs to this school, that other one; this person is a Protestant, that person... The important thing is that these differences are reconciled, in the love of walking together.

Having overcome this obstacle, today we can value the most important prerogative for us that is proclaimed in the article of the Creed, namely that the Holy Spirit is "life-giving", the "giver of life". Let us ask ourselves: what life does the Holy Spirit give? At the beginning, in creation, the breath of God gives Adam natural life; the statue of mud is made "a living being" (cf. *Gen* 2:7). Now, in the new creation, the Holy Spirit is He who gives believers new life, the life of Christ, supernatural life, as children of God. Paul can exclaim: "The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set me free from the law of sin and death" (*Rom* 8:2).

In all of this, where is the great and consoling news for us? It is that the life given to us by the Holy Spirit is eternal life! Faith frees us from the horror of having to admit that everything ends here, that there is no redemption for the suffering and injustice that reign sovereign on earth. Another of the Apostle's words assures us of this: "If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through His Spirit who dwells in you" (*Rom* 8:11). The Spirit dwells in us, He is within us.

Let us cultivate this faith also for those who, often through no fault of their own, are deprived of it and are unable to give meaning to life. And let us not forget to thank Him, who with His death, obtained this inestimable gift for us!