



# 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.

MARCH 12, 2023

3<sup>rd</sup>

SUNDAY OF LENT

"If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." - Jn 4:10

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## PASTORAL STAFF

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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.

## Liturgy Readings for the Week

<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>March 11</b>	
4:00 p.m.	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20	Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
	Betty McGowan	
<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>March 12-Third Sunday of Lent</b>	
8:30 a.m.	Ex 17:3-7	Rom 5:1-2, 5-8
11:30 a.m.	Dave Adams	Jn 4:5-42
	John & Sharon Vertal	
<b>Monday,</b>	<b>March 13</b>	
8:30 a.m.	Kgs 5:1-15ab	Lk 4:24-30
	The Smith Family Living & Deceased	
<b>Tuesday,</b>	<b>March 14</b>	
8:30 a.m.	Dn 3:25, 34-43	Mt 18:21-35
	George Dutczak	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>March 15</b>	
	Dt 4:1, 5-9	Mt 5:17-19
<b>Thursday,</b>	<b>March 16</b>	
8:30 a.m.	Jer 7:23-28	Lk 11:14-23
	Fr. Achi	
<b>Friday,</b>	<b>March 17</b>	
8:30 a.m.	Hos 14:2-10	Mk 12:28-34
	Luke McGraw	
<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>March 18</b>	
4:00 p.m.	Hos 6:1-6	Lk 18:9-14
	The Tinnirello Family	
<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>March 19 -Fourth Sunday of Lent</b>	
8:30 a.m.	Sm 16: 1b, 6-7, 10-13a	Eph 5:8-14
11:30 a.m.	Jn 9:1-41	
	For the Parishioners of St. Mark Parish and St. Mel Parish	
	Anto Jandric	

**Pope's Intention March:** For victims of abuse. We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

Luke McGraw  
Memorial Candles  
Weekly Intention  
March 12  
Dan Sunyak

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



May the peace of our Lord be with  
Aldred Zitnik, Father of Karoline Weir  
Fr. John G. Crawford

and may God grant comfort to their family and friends.

### Liturgical Ministers March 18 & 19

#### **Saturday, March 18 @ 4:00pm**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Gloria Morin, Tim Schmidt, Michelle Biggins

**Lector:** Gary Morin

**Altar Servers:** Grace Schmidt, Cristian Trump, Mary Kugler-Blayney

#### **Sunday, March 19 @ 8:30am**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Kathy O'Malley, Mary Stamper, Jessica Hanes

**Lector:** Mary Lewis, Tim Mohr

**Altar Servers:** Maeve Smith, Fiona Stock, Lillian Stock

#### **Sunday, March 19 @ 11:30am**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Lisa Ditzel, NOT FILLED (2)

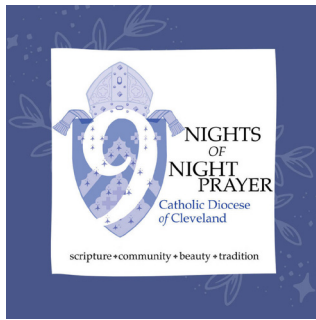
**Lector:** Cari Foster, Lisa Mullins

**Altar Servers:** Owen Glazier, Andrew Koch, Jack Koch

### Please Pray for Our Sick

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





This is an opportunity to pray Night Prayer, the short, ancient prayer of the Catholic Church in nine beautiful churches of our diocese. Every night, all nine of these churches will be open for those who come to church often, those who have never been, and everyone in between. Come join us! Experience the **peace** and **serenity** of Night Prayer. Doors open at 8pm (St. Mel Parish)  
Night Prayer starts at 8:15pm  
9 Nights of Night Prayer

**March 17- March 25, 2023**

*All are invited and welcome!*

*After the last night we will be hosting a free ice cream social in the hall.*

Every night @ all 9 churches (81 opportunities!)  
Our Lady Help of Christians - 8240 Buffham Rd, Lodi  
Mary Queen of the Apostles - 6455 Engle Rd., Brook Park  
La Sagrada Familia - 7719 Detroit Ave., Cleveland  
St. Agnes/Our Lady of Fatima - 6800 Lexington Ave., Cleveland  
St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception - 2640 Stoney Ridge Rd., Avon  
St. Mel - 14436 Triskett Rd., Cleveland  
St. Noel - 35200 Chardon Rd., Willoughby Hills  
St. Patrick - 16550 Rock Creek Rd., Thompson  
St. Paul - 433 Mission Dr., Akron

"Throughout the season of Lent we are invited to participate in the opportunity for prayer, fasting and almsgiving in order to deepen are awareness and better appreciate the ultimate sacrifice Jesus made for us on Good Friday. This year, St. Patrick's Day falls on a Friday in Lent, and several have inquired about the possibility of a dispensation from the obligation to abstain from eating meat on Fridays in Lent.

After prayerful consideration, I am granting this dispensation from the obligation to abstain from meat for those who feel it absolutely necessary to be dispensed in order to celebrate the Feast of St. Patrick. I ask that those who exercise this dispensation and eat meat on the Feast of St. Patrick to select another non-Friday day during Lent to abstain from eating meat or to make some offering on behalf of the poor, whether by prayer, fasting or almsgiving. Be assured of my prayers for all the faithful who continue to strive to imitate the joy of the saints and follow their example with the same seriousness and commitment with which they practiced their faith.

May God bless you and those you love."  
Bishop Edward C. Malesic

## St. Mark Soup Suppers

MARCH 7, 21, AND 28  
6:30 IN THE ST. MARK SOCIAL HALL

Our speaker for March 21 will be parishioner and certified Master Catechist R.V. Threadgil He will lead us in a talk about praying through Scripture.

**Stations of the Cross**  
**March 17th - 12noon at St. Mel**  
**March 24th - 12noon at St. Mel**  
**March 31st - 12noon at St. Mel**  
**March 31st - 7:00pm - Living Stations at St. Mark**

St. Mark and St. Christopher Present

## The Living Stations

Join us for this powerful prayer and performance as we enter Holy Week this year.

Friday, March 31st - 7:00pm - St. Mark  
15800 Montrose Ave.  
Cleveland, OH 44111

Sunday, April 2nd - 7:00pm - St. Christopher  
20141 Detroit Road  
Rocky River, OH 44116



There will be a second collection for Parish Outreach at all Masses on the weekend of March 18 & 19. Envelopes can be found in the March envelope packets or on Faith Direct. All proceeds collected go directly to the St. Mark Parish Outreach fund, which helps the parishioners in our parish who may need assistance.

There is also Marks Madness Sunday, March 19th from 6-8pm, which is a FUN Fundraiser for this cause. Hope to see you there!

Thank you for your continued generosity!



**St. Christopher Parish**  
invites you to  
**Lent Mission 2023**

**The Whole of Him in  
the Whole of Us: Eucharist  
THE Holy Communion**



Bishop  
Michael  
Woost



Bishop Michael Woost will guide us into a deeper appreciation of the Eucharist given as Holy Communion so that we may live in holy

communion with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and with one another as the Body of Christ, the Church.

March 26, 27 & 28 at 7 p.m. in the Church  
20141 Detoit Road, RockyRiver

Catholic Renewal Ministries and Our Lady of Angels Prayer Group will host a Life in the Spirit Seminar at Our Lady of Angels Parish in Cleveland on April 21st & 22nd (7pm to 9:30pm on Friday and 9am to 4pm on Saturday). The seminar will be in the Primary Building behind Linus Hall. The \$25 registration fee includes materials and lunch. For more information and to register, please contact Tom Jansen at 440-539-0318 or visit [www.crmweb.org](http://www.crmweb.org) for PayPal registration. Your registration must be postmarked, or completed online, by April 14th to meet our caterer deadline.

## St. Joseph Altar which will be celebrate the weekend of March 18 & 19

- Write petitions on papers found in a basket by the St. Joseph statue
- Be sure to take a fava bean, medal and prayer card

We will be collecting items for St. Edward High School Labre Ministry. The Labre ministry allows students, faculty & staff, alumni, and friends of St. Edward to directly serve the immediate needs of the poor every Thursday through the entire year. The ministry immersion, named after St. Benedict Joseph Labre, the patron saint of the homeless, allows students to see and experience the struggles of our homeless friends on the streets. This ministry is powerful as our students help prepare the meal, meet, and serve our poor brothers and sisters by coming to them (i.e. under bridges, in vacant lots, woods, etc.).

Students hand-deliver food, clothing, hygiene kits, etc. to those we visit each week. This helps to instill in our students that every human being has dignity and that we should be preferential in charity to the poorest among us.

Any perishable items are appreciated especially canned soups.



## REQUEST FOR 2022 CONTRIBUTION REPORT

Please send a request via email to [twinans@stmarkcleveland.com](mailto: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 \_\_\_\_\_

### THE WEEK AHEAD IN OUR PARISH

Saturday, March 11		
9:30 am	K-2 Basketball	G
3:00 pm	Confessions	
4:00 pm	Mass	
5:00 pm	Marker's 50+ Social	SH
Sunday, March 12		
8:30 am	Mass	
9:30 am	Rosary	CH
11:30 am	Mass (LS)	
11:30 am	Sunday Preschool	CR
1:00 pm	K-2 Basketball	G
4:00 pm	Living Stations Prac.	CH
Monday, March 13		
8:30 am	Mass	
2:45 pm	Children's Choir Rehearsals	
6:30 pm	PSR Class Gr. 1-8	CR
6:30 pm	Living Stations Practice	CH
7:00 pm	Women's Retreat Mtg.	CC
Tuesday, March 14		
8:30 am	Mass	
3:00 pm	RCIC	SH
6:00 pm	Track Practice	G
7:00 pm	Holy Name Society Mtg.	SH
Wednesday, March 15		
2:30 pm	RCIC	SH
5:30 pm	RCIC	CC
7:00 pm	Men's Retreat Mtg.	SS
7:00 pm	Parent Club Mtg.	CC
Thursday, March 16		
8:30 am	Mass	
6:00 pm	Track Practice	G
7:00 pm	Troop #293	SH
7:00 pm	Friends of Impett	CC
Friday, March 17	<i>School Closed</i>	
8:30 am	Mass	
12:00 pm	Stations of the Cross at St. Mel	CH
8:15 pm	Night Prayer at St. Mel	CH
Saturday, March 18		
9:30 am	K-2 Basketball	G
3:00 pm	Confessions	
4:00 pm	Mass	
8:15 pm	Night Prayer at St. Mel	CH
	<i>Second Collection for Outreach St. Joseph Altar</i>	
Sunday, March 19		
8:30 am	Mass	
9:30 am	Rosary	CH
9:30 am	Young Families	SH
11:30 am	Mass w/St. Baldrick's (LS)	
11:30 am	Sunday Preschool	CR
1:00 pm	K-2 Basketball	G
3:00 pm	Mark's Madness Set-up	G/CC
4:00 pm	Living Stations Prac.	CH
6:00 pm	Mark's Madness	G/CC
8:15 pm	Night Prayer at St. Mel	CH

### St. Mark School Registration for 2023-2024

Registration for the 2023-2024 school year began in January for all returning families with new student(s) going into Preschool or Kindergarten. There are currently only a few spots remaining in Preschool. Registration will take place using your Digital Academy account. The Digital Academy link can also be found on the school website's main page.

Open registration for new families to St. Mark School entering Pre-school through 8th grade is currently going on now through the month of February. Registration will take place through the Digital Academy link on the school website's main page. Interested families may arrange a private tour by contacting the school office at 216-521-4115.



### Easter Candy Sale Sweet Designs Chocolatier

The St. Mark 5th graders will be sponsoring an Easter candy fundraiser to support their Camp Christopher trip next school year. Please see instructions for ordering at all Church entrances or go to [www.sweetdesigns.com](http://www.sweetdesigns.com) between March 1st and March 17th and click on "Fundraiser" at the top of the website and select "St. Mark". Order pick-up will be on Saturday, April 1st. It will be a drive-up and pick-up.

### Shave Your Mane Help Support our 9th Annual St. Baldrick's Event Friday, March 24th - St. Mark School

Join our St. Mark community as we work together to raise funds for childhood cancer research. Students and their families are invited to Shave Your Mane by shaving their heads or donating a ponytail at the St. Baldrick's Head Shaving Event! You can register to shave your head or donate your ponytail, sponsor a shavee, donate to our team, or participate in any of our additional fundraising opportunities:

- Thursday, March 9th - Shop at Only in Clev - 20% of all orders will go towards Shave Your Mane if you mention our event and Dine to Donate at Westpark Station
- Thursday, March 23rd - Celebrity Bartending Night at PJ McIntyre's 6-10pm
- Friday, March 24th - Our Shave Your Mane Event in the St. Mark Gym 8:30-11:30am

Donations also accepted to the team via the registration link below.

[www.stbaldricks.org/events/StMark2023](http://www.stbaldricks.org/events/StMark2023)

### Sunday Collections

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 4,287.00
Faith Direct Sunday	\$ 5,566.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!



## PRINCIPAL NEWS

This past Sunday, our parish celebrated a beautiful Taize prayer service in the evening. Deacon Dave had asked me to get a few 8th Grade students to assist with the service, and I could not believe the turn-out! Fifteen of our students volunteered to be a part of the service and thanked me for giving them this opportunity! Their commitment, their faith, and their support certainly demonstrate how faith-filled these Confirmation candidates are. What was most impressive is that they all stayed around to help clean up. One of their moms said I should ask them to do more things because they would never turn me down! I am just so proud of them. Special thanks to Tristan R., Grayson H., Grace S., Patrick M., Elyse R., Teagan B., Maddie G., Joe S., Sean M., Aoife K., Maeve S., Lillian S., Eliza K., Terry W., and Casey K. The picture below says it all- it was a beautiful night of prayer, song, silence, and candlelight. Special thanks to Deacon Dave for the powerful message during his homily, the members of Art & Environment who assisted with the preparations: Mary Lewis, Kate MacBride, and Elyse Smith, and Lawrence Wallace for the beautiful music. It certainly brought spirituality into my Lenten season.

Congratulations to our Classroom of Champions team who took 3rd Place in this month's Classroom of Champions. The topic was British Literature! Congratulations to Tessa R., Eliza K., Grace S., Agnes B., and Grace C.

We also held our History Fair this past week. The projects were amazing! The overall theme was "Frontiers in History: People, Places, Ideas." Students in Grades 1-4 had the option of participating, and students in Grades 5 and 7 went through the various stages of writing a research paper and creating a presentation. Here are just a few of the topics the students selected with a fun fact they discovered:

- Eli: "Sgt. Stubby"- He was the brave soldier dog of the 102 Infantry.
- Finnegan: "Space Race"- This took the whole world to a new frontier.
- Ian: "Elvis Presley"-He changed music forever as the King of Rock.
- Delaney and Collette: "Ruby Bridges"- "Don't follow the path. Go where there is no path and begin the trail."
- Corinne: "Edmund Hillary"- After many failed tries to climb the world's tallest mountain, he reached the peak of Mt. Everest in 1953. "It is not the mountain we conquer, but ourselves."
- Charlie: "Little Rock 9"- This event demonstrated that all people are equal and deserve a proper education.
- Evan: "The Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire"- This fire on the 8th floor of a building in New York caused many laws to change and justice to be brought forward since conditions were described as worse than dangerous.

Special note of thanks to Mrs. Gallagher and Mrs. DeCore for arranging this event. Parents were invited to view the projects during one evening last week. Our teachers are always willing to go the extra mile for their students as demonstrated during their presence during this open house. Thank you both for bringing history alive! Our students will share their projects over the next few weeks on our morning news WSMS broadcast.

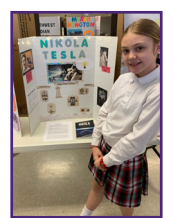
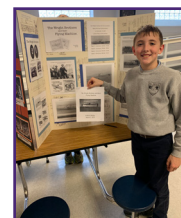
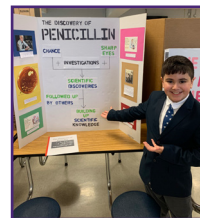
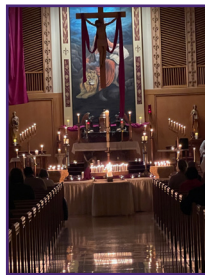
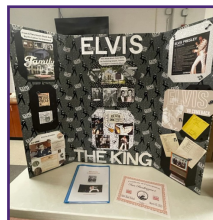
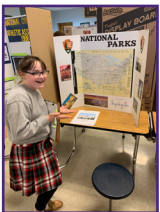
Our Kindergarten spent some time in retreat this week as well. One of the meditative prayers they do is the Pretzel Prayer. The pictures below provide a great explanation! Enjoy!

Finally, we celebrated Dr. Seuss' Birthday. I read an excerpt from one of his books on WSMS morning announcements. I left the students with these two thoughts: "One of Dr. Seuss' most important life lessons is that we can choose our response in any set of circumstances, And that is what shapes us."

"Followed by: "Today to are YOU! That is truer than true! There is no one alive that is YOU-ER than YOU!"

Have a magical week!

Mrs. Cocita



# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

"Strike the rock, and the water will flow from it  
for the people to drink." (Ex 17:6)

### Psalm:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.  
(Ps 95)

### Second Reading:

And hope does not disappoint,  
because the love of God has been poured out into  
our hearts  
through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.  
(Rom 5:5)

### Gospel:

"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again;  
but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never  
thirst;  
the water I shall give will become in him  
a spring of water welling up to eternal life." (Jn 4:13-14)

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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

As Christians, we are called to follow the example of the Samaritan woman — to rush out, and proclaim what we have seen, that by our testimony and our belief, others may know Christ. Or  
Sometimes, like the Samaritan woman, we can scarcely believe that God would meet us here in this fallen world. The truth of what he speaks and the beauty of what he proclaims is like a well of spring water in a dry desert. Do we dare accept the gift?

## Observances for the week of March 12, 2023

**Sunday:** 3rd Sunday of Lent, Daylight Saving Time begins  
**Friday:** St. Patrick, Bishop, St. Patrick's Day  
**Saturday:** St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
**Next Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Lent



## Saint of the week

Venerable Eusebio Francisco Kino was a prolific Jesuit missionary to the early Americas. He covered 50,000 miles on horseback establishing missions and ranches from northern Mexico through what is now California and Arizona, befriending Natives and settlers.

## Prayer

*Prayer for Venerable Eusebio Francisco Kino's intercession*

Heavenly Father, source of all holiness, You raise up within the Church in every age sons and daughters who serve you and your people with heroic love and dedication. You have blessed Your Church through the life and ministry of Your faithful servant, Fr. Eusebio Francisco Kino, S.J. He has taught and preached well of Your Divine Son, Jesus Christ, and was a true instrument of the Holy Spirit in touching the hearts of countless people through his missionary ministry in the New World. As he joyfully accepted Your divine plans, I ask You, according to Your Will, to hear my prayer for (your intention) offered through the intercession of Fr. Kino through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

If it be according to Your Will, for the honor and glory of the Most Holy Trinity and for the salvation of souls, we ask You to move the Church to proclaim Fr. Kino a saint.

We ask this prayer through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
Amen.

