



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.

FEBRUARY 26, 2023

1st

SUNDAY OF LENT

"One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God." - Mt 4:4

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PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Adam Zajac
Pastor

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Principal

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Pastoral Minister

Mr. Lawrence 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.

Liturgy Readings for the Week

Saturday,	February 25	
4:00 p.m.	Is 58:9b-14	Lk 5:27-32
Sunday,	February 26-First Sunday of Lent	
8:30 a.m.	Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7	Rom 5:12-19
11:30 a.m.	Lillian Knitt	Mt 4:1-11
Monday,	February 27	
8:30 a.m.	Giuseppe Coreno	
Tuesday,	February 28	
8:30 a.m.	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18	Mt 25:31-46
Wednesday	March 1	
	Jon 3:1-10	Lk 11:29-32
Thursday,	March 2	
8:30 a.m.	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25	Mt 7:7-12
Friday,	March 3	
8:30 a.m.	Ez 18:21-28	Mt 5:20-26
3:30 p.m.	President's Intention	
6:30 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration	
Saturday,	March 4	
4:00 p.m.	Dt 26:16-19	Mt 5:43-48
Sunday,	March 5-Second Sunday of Lent	
8:30 a.m.	Gn 12:1-4a	Tm 1:8b-10
11:30 a.m.	Charles Grahovac	Mt 17:1-9
	Tom Bodle	

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.

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.

Liturgical Ministers March 4 & 5

Saturday, March 4 @ 4:00pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Michelle Biggins, Kathy O'Malley, Tim Schmidt

Lector: Lisa Mullins

Altar Servers: Madeline Gompf, Aidan Gompf, Grace Schmidt

Sunday, March 5 @ 8:30am

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Stamper, Jessica Hanes, NOT FILLED

Lector: Michael Grathwol, Laura Skonce

Altar Servers: Julia McNulty, Maeve Smith, Austin Tousley

Sunday, March 5 @ 11:30am

Eucharistic Ministers: Annamaria Masterson, Rosanne Kelley, Lisa Ditzel

Lector: Mary Lewis, Deborah Roscoe

Altar Servers: Ben Berger, Danny Reichel, Dominic Sutcliff

Luke McGraw
Memorial Candles
Weekly Intention
February 26
Special Intention



May the peace of our Lord be with

Deacon Edward Feldkamp, Jr.

Fr. Edward E. Mehok

Abbot Christopher Schwartz, OSB

and may God grant comfort to their family and friends.



The parishioner-led Prayer Group will meet on Thursday, March 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.

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	

LENTEN Schedule



Please join us for Eucharistic Adoration on Friday, March 3rd from 3:30pm-6:30pm. Followed by Stations of the Cross. 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 come to our Taize Lenten Prayer Service!

In Taize, France the custom is to come together as a community to join in meditative prayer. usually, Taize Prayer includes scripture, song, meditation, periods of silence and candle light. Please enter into this silence and allow it to touch your heart. This type of prayer is an extremely serene service which will hopefully awaken your spirit on the journey to celebrate 'Christ's redeeming act of salvation' for us.

Sunday, March 5th @ 7:00pm
St. Mark Church

Diocesan Wide Night of Confession

Wednesday, March 8
5-8pm

Prepare your hearts this Lent. Receive the sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday at any church in the diocese.



LENTEN FAMILY RETREAT

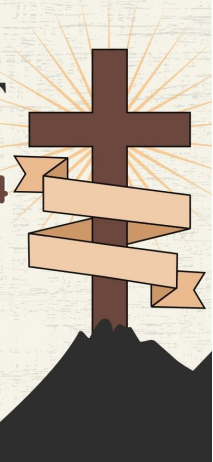
SATURDAY, MARCH 4

9-11:45AM

A DAY OF LEARNING, PRAYER, AND
FUN ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILIES OF ALL
AGES.

PLEASE REGISTER BY 2/28 BY
CALLING THE PARISH OFFICE OR
EMAILING

MSILVER@STMARKCLEVELAND.COM



St. Mark Soup Suppers

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

Our speaker for March 7 will be Trapper Jack. Trapper Jack, a blind radio host, is a humorous master storyteller who exposes the awe-inspiring ways that God is communicating to the Church, the world, and us individually.



Soup Supper Volunteers Needed

If you are interested in bringing a large homemade soup to one of our Soup Supper nights, please call Cheryl at the parish office to sign up.

**2023 Magnificat Lenten
Reflection booklets will be at the
Church entrances this weekend.**

**The cost is \$2.00 each.
Please return envelopes to the Parish Office**



Marker's 50+

St. Patrick's Day Social
Saturday, March 11th
St. Mark Social Hall
Begins after 4p.m. Mass

Corn Beef and cabbage to be provided.
Please bring a side dish to share – Irish themed!
\$15.00 per person

RSVP to Cheryl at the Parish Office by
Monday, March 6th at
216-226-7577

Join us for food, fellowship and entertainment!
Wear green!

Relief Aid to Turkey/Syria

The February 6 earthquake that struck Turkey and Syria has caused the deaths of more than 40,000 people, injured countless more, and devastated the Turkish and Syrian people who are mourning unimaginable losses. Bishop Edward C. Malesic is requesting the prayers of the faithful for all those impacted by this disaster, and is asking those who are able, to give generously to support relief efforts.

Please join with Bishop Malesic and our Holy Father Pope Francis in praying for the souls of the departed, for many others suffering in the wake of this tragic event, and for the emergency responders tending to them.

Please donate to the Catholic organizations providing emergency humanitarian relief to our brothers and sisters in need:

Catholic Relief Services (<https://support.crs.org/donate/earthquakes>)

Catholic Relief Services
P.O. Box 5200
Harlan, IA 51593-0700

Catholic Near East Welfare Assoc. (<https://cnewa.org/work/emergency-syria/>)

Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA)
1011 1st Ave., Floor 15
New York, NY 10022-4195

Thank you, and may God Bless you.



SAVE THE DATE
Mark's Madness 2023
Sunday, March 19th 6-8pm

This fundraising basketball games between 8th grade day school/PSR students and coaches/teachers of all sports supports our Parish Outreach program, which helps fellow parishioners in times of need. Please plan on attending this FUN fundraising event. Pre-pay admission and Family Pass forms are available at the doors of the Church, School and online on the school and church websites.

There will be a Second Collection the weekend of March 18 & 19.

Thank you for your support of this very helpful program for our Parish.

Sunday Collections

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 3,115.00
Faith Direct Sunday	\$ 5,765.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

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 _____

THE WEEK AHEAD IN OUR PARISH

Saturday, February 25		
3:00 pm	Confessions	
4:00 pm	Mass	
<i>Food Sunday</i>		
Sunday, February 26		
8:30 am	Mass	
9:30 am	Rosary	CH
9:30 am	Young Families	SH
11:30 am	Mass w/Pack #268 (LS)	
11:30 am	Sunday Preschool	CR
12:30 pm	Pack #268 Blue & Gold Dinner	SH
4:00 pm	Living Stations Practice	CH
Monday, February 27		
8:30 am	Mass	
6:30 pm	Living Stations Practice	CH
Tuesday, February 28		
8:30 am	Mass w/Second Floor	
3:00 pm	RCIC	SH
Wednesday, March 1		
2:30 pm	RCIC	SH
5:30 pm	RCIC	CC
6:30 pm	Scout Pack #268 Den Mtg.	SH
Thursday, March 2		
8:00 am	History Fair Gr. 5 & 7	SH
8:30 am	Mass	
12:20 pm	Gr. 5	CH
7:00 pm	Troop #293	CC
7:00 pm	Prayer Group	SS
Friday, March 3		
8:00 am	History Fair	SH
8:30 am	Mass	
2:00 pm	School Stations of the Cross	
3:30 pm	Eucharistic Adoration	
6:30 pm	Stations of the Cross	CH
Saturday, March 4		
9:00 am	Lenten Family Retreat	SH/CH
3:00 pm	Confessions	
4:00 pm	Mass	
	<i>Snack & Donut Social after all masses</i>	SH
Sunday, March 5		
8:30 am	Mass	
9:30 am	Rosary	CH
9:30 am	Young Families	SH
11:30 am	Mass w/Pack #268 (LS)	
11:30 am	Sunday Preschool	CR
12:30 pm	A & E Decorating	CH
7:00 pm	Taize Prayer Service	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.



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

St. Baldrick's School Bake Sale

- Calling all Bakers!! Tuesday and Wednesday February 28th and March 1st
- Calling all bakers - your baking skills are needed!! Please send in individually wrapped items for our St. Baldrick's bake sale. The bake sale will take place during the school lunch periods in the social hall. (NO PEANUTS PLEASE)
- All funds raised will be donated to our St. Baldrick's fundraising goal helping fund research for childhood cancer.
- All items will be priced at \$1.00 to sell to students during their lunch periods.
- We will begin accepting bakery donations starting Monday, February 27th. Please send the items to the school.
- We appreciate your help. This has been a big fundraiser in years past and we are excited to host it once again.



PRINCIPAL NEWS

Last week, we were able to experience firsthand the special relationship our mothers and sons have at our Love You Forever Ball. Reservations came in and kept coming in until, I believe, almost every boy was attending with his mom or special person. In all, 171 boys were in attendance! In an article written in December of 2022 by Allyn Miller entitled "Mother and Son: The Benefits of This Special Relationship" he makes these points:

- A mother's inherently gentle and tender communication style can teach her son that slowing down, listening, and asking questions are powerful ways to communicate.
- Combining compassion with confidence teaches a boy that his voice is important. It is never the only voice in the room.
- Childhood is all about connection. Boys need snuggles and hugs just as much as tickles and tackles.
- Mothers offer empathy to their sons. When boys receive this level of understanding, they grow into empathetic men who can see the emotional impact and logical reasoning in situations. Boys will continue to trust their moms, seek their advice, and find consolation in their words because mothers are empathy experts.

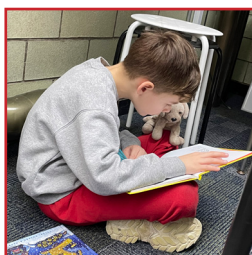
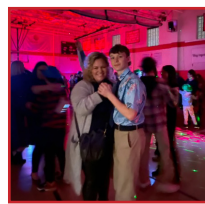
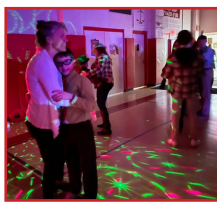
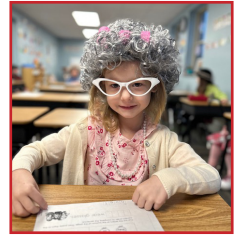
The dynamics of mother and son are intertwined in a truly remarkable way, and it's a relationship that can bring out the best in each person. So as the evening unfolded, mothers began dancing with their sons, watched as their older sons danced line dances together, did the limbo together until a winner was chosen, shared a few slow dances together, and enjoyed refreshments. Before anyone realized, the evening was over and the gym was transformed back into a gym! It was an enchanting night enjoyed by two special groups of people. Actually, I think it was quite magical! A special note of thanks to some of our faculty: Mrs. Riordan, Ms. Albrigo, Mrs. Gunn, Mrs. Henley, Mrs. Schmidt, Mrs. Diamond, Mrs. Hanna, and Mrs. Gorsek, along with Mr. Burick who D.J.'d for us in place of Mr. Adams, Mrs. Natt our photographer, and our custodians Mr. Eric, Mr. Dean, and Mr. Tony, for all their help in making our Love You Forever Ball so successful.

We also celebrated 100 Days of school already! Our kindergarten students all came dressed like they were 100 years old and paraded through the school to share this special occasion. Other classrooms held special events like Miss Jones' 1st Grade class who shared reading time with their special stuffed friends. Enjoy the photos; they are priceless!

Finally, as we approach March, please keep in mind that we are once again Shaving our Manes for our St. Baldrick's Foundation event to conquer childhood cancer. There are many fundraising opportunities leading up to the Shave your Mane event, which occurs on Friday, March 24th. Shave Your Mane swag includes: hats, shamrock scrunchies, Pura Vida bracelets, and yard signs. A dine out will be held at Dina's on Feb. 28th. On March 9th, OnlyInCleve, West Park's t-shirt shop, will have an exclusive Shave Your Mane t-shirt commemorating not only Shave Your Mane itself but also Mr. Adams' personal commitment to this event, with a portion of proceeds going to our event. West Park Station is in on the action that same evening sponsoring a Dine to Donate. All our shavees and their families are invited to the 11:30 Mass on March 19th to pray together before the upcoming event. Finally, come out to PJ McIntyre's for their celebrity evening on March 23rd, the proceeds of which support our event. Many of our students, girls as well as boys, are participating in the event by getting their heads shaved or ponytails cut off because as one of the girls said to me last year, "It's only hair. It will grow back. Some of these kids don't ever get a chance to make this choice." These are words I will never forget...

As always, thank you for your prayerful support!

Mrs. Cocita



Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

The LORD God formed man out of the clay of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life. (Gn 2:7)

Psalm:

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned. (Ps 51)

Second Reading:

For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so, through the obedience of the one, the many will be made righteous. (Rom 5:19)

Gospel:

At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights. (Mt 4:1-2)

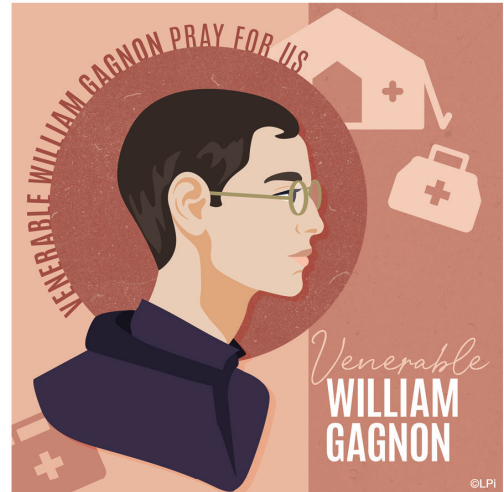
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

We worship a God who understands human limitation. A God who has felt the pangs of fasting and the enticements of the tempter. Our God, hungry and tired and weakened, has stared into the face of the devil and said: "I am stronger than you."

Observances for the week of February 26, 2023

Sunday: 1st Sunday of Lent
Monday: St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church
Friday: St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin
Saturday: St. Casimir
Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent



Saint of the week

Venerable Brother William Gagnon cared for every victim of war who entered his hospital regardless of military affiliation. A missionary to Vietnam between 1952 and 1972, he is remembered as a true servant leader who loved Jesus and his fellow man.

Prayer

Prayer for Venerable Brother William Gagnon's intercession

Lord, Jesus, your mercy inspired the Venerable William Gagnon, O.H., to live hospitality with the ill, the refugees and the poor. Grant that we may always minister to all suffering people with charity, as did this son of St. John of God. Lord, hear the prayer that we address to you [personal intention] by the intercession of the Venerable William Gagnon, in order that we may be affirmed in our faith and that your glory and the joy of the Church be proclaimed.

Amen.

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