



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 25, 2024

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them. - Mk 9:7-8

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PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Adam Zajac
Pastor

Deacon Dave Lundeen
Permanent Deacon

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

February: For the terminally ill. We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

March: For the new martyrs. We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

Liturgy Schedule

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

Monday, February 26

8:30am Mass.....Donna Compton

Tuesday, February 27

6:45am Mass @ St. Mel

8:30 am Mass.....Joseph Cole

Wednesday, February 28

Thursday, February 29

8:30am Mass.....Josephine & Patrick Hassett

5:00pm Wedding

Friday, March 1

6:45am Mass @ St. Mel

Saturday, March 2

3:00pm Confessions

3:00pm Confessions @ St. Mel

4:00pm Mass.....Dorothy Rhew

4:30pm Mass @ St. Mel

Sunday, March 3-Third Sunday of Lent

7:00am Mass @ St. Mel

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

10:00am Mass @ St. Mel

11:30am Mass.....John & Sharon Vertal & Pepper O'Reilly

Liturgical Ministers March 2 & 3

Saturday, March 2 @ 4:00pm

Eucharistic Ministers Mary Price, Shirlee Toth, NOT FILLED

Lector: Carole Iseli

Altar Server: Morgan Adkins, Declan Fitzpatrick, Evan Lentz

Sunday, March 3 @ 8:30am

Eucharistic Ministers Jessica Hanes, Time Schmidt, NOT FILLED

Lector: Michael Grathwol, Tim Mohr

Altar Server: Theodore Gambon, Grace Schmidt, Austin Tousley

Sunday, March 3 @ 11:30am

Eucharistic Ministers Cari Foster, Lisa Ditzel, NOT FILLED

Lector: Eileen Andrews, Deborah Roscoe

Altar Server: Ian McCoy, Braidyn McKenna, Terry Waters

Luke McGraw Memorial Candles

Weekly Intention

February 25

Maureen Gale



Banns of Marriage

Wedding Banns I

Evan Wypasek & Melissa Finnegan

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

Lisa Groh
Irene Gurchensky
Gerri Joecken
David Kurth
Catherine Kutsick
Loree Leasure-Poirier
Cheryl McArthur
Jim McIlwee
Mary Miller
Maisie Nowlin
Sr. Josette Obodzinski

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



Weekly Collections

Sunday Envelopes 2/11:.....\$ 3,375.00

Faith Direct:.....\$ 5,388.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Lenten Information

Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 1 - 12:00pm @ St. Mel
Friday, March 8 - 6:30pm @ St. Mark
Friday, March 15 - 12:00pm @ St. Mel
Friday, March 22 - 7:30pm Living Stations @ St. Mark



St. Mark LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

TUESDAY FEB 27 @ 6:30
IN THE SOCIAL HALL

TUESDAY MARCH 19 @
6:30 IN THE SOCIAL HALL

Please call the parish office
to rsvp or sign up to bring
a soup.

To reduce our
environmental impact,
we're asking everyone to
BYOB (Bring your own
bowl)

Lenten Booklets from Magnificat

Lenten booklets are available in the
vestibules of the church. Follow
along with daily reflections to go
deeper in prayer this season.

Suggested \$2 donation per booklet

When was the last time you were told ...

You are Forgiven!



You are invited to
An Evening of Confession

EVERY Catholic church in the
Diocese of Cleveland will be OPEN
for the sacrament of reconciliation.

Wednesday, Feb. 28, 5 – 8 p.m.

Open the door in 2024!

LENTEN FISH FRIES

March 1-5pm-7pm @ St. Mel
March 8-5pm-7pm @ St. Mark
March 15-5pm-7pm @ St. Mel
March 22-5pm-7pm @ St. Mark

St. Mark, St. Chris, and OLA Present
The Living Stations of the Cross

Join the youth of these parishes for this powerful
prayer and performance as we journey through Holy
Week this year.

Friday, March 22nd | 7:30pm | St. Mark Parish
15800 Montrose Ave., Cleveland, OH 44111

Sunday, March 24th | 7pm | St. Christopher Parish
20141 Detroit Rd, Rocky River, OH 44116

Friday, March 29th | 7pm | OLA Parish
3600 Rocky River Dr, Cleveland, OH 44111





EASTER CHOIR
MELS & MARKS
VOCALISTS & INSTRUMENTALISTS

Holy Week & Easter Mass Schedule
Holy Thursday @ St. Mark 7 PM
Good Friday @ St. Mark 3 PM
Holy Saturday @ St. Mel 9 PM
Easter morning @ St. Mark 8:30 AM
Easter morning @ St. Mel 10 AM

Easter morning @ St. Mark 11:30 AM CHILDREN'S CHOIR
group performance plans TBD @ first rehearsal

Choir Rehearsals
Easter Choir Rehearsals BEGIN Tuesday 1/23 @ 7PM, Marks
Bring a friend!
1/23 | 1/30 | 2/6 | 2/13 | 2/20 | 2/27 | 3/5 | 3/12 | 3/19 | 3/26
Note: We may add Thursday rehearsals in March if needed.

Instrumentalists
Contact Julia.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR REHEARSALS
Tuesdays @ 5:30-6:30 PM Beginning 2/20

JWallace@StMarkCleveland.com

Marker's/St. Mel 50+

Come join us for a St. Patrick's Day Social on Saturday, March 9th after the 4:00pm Mass in the Social Hall. Corned beef and Colcannon will be provided. Free will offering of \$10.00. A dessert to share will be most appreciated. See you for fellowship and fun from 5-7:30pm. Please call the Parish Office (216-226-7577) to make reservations.




St. Mark Parish Outreach Program Mark's Madness

There will be a second collection for the Parish Outreach program after all Masses the weekend of March 9 & 10. Envelopes can be found in the March envelope packet or on Faith Direct. All proceeds collected go directly to the St. Mark Parish Outreach fund, which helps parishioners in our parish who may need some assistance.

There is also **Marks Madness**, Sunday, March 10 from 6-8pm which is a FUN FUNdraiser for this cause. Hope to see you there! Flyers at the church entrances.

Thank you for your continued generosity!

EASTER CHILDRENS CHOIR

ST. MARK & ST. MEL
CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Easter morning @ St. Mark 11:30 AM

Choir Rehearsals
During seasonal choir preparations,
K-8 Children's Choir will rehearse on Tuesday evenings.

Tuesday's 5:30-6:30 @ St. Mark
2/20 | 2/27 | 3/5 | 3/12 | 3/19 | 3/26

Saint Mark Youth Singers
(Paced for Grades 5-8)
Continue to rehearse on Mondays 2:30-3:00.
Schedule resumes on 1/22/2024

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St. Baldrick's

On Friday, March 22nd, we are honored to once again host our 10th St. Baldrick's Head Shaving Event "Shave your Mane" to raise funds for pediatric cancer research. Over the past 10 years, we have donated over \$522,000 to the St. Baldrick's Foundation supporting research dollars for our friends battling cancer now and for the future. This year our goal is to shave over 100 heads and raise a total of \$50,000.

All St. Mark students, friends and family are invited to join us through a variety of different efforts over the next two months.

Dine to Donate:

- Two amazing local restaurants are offering Dine to Donate days to order lunch/dinner pick up or delivery and will donate a portion of the order proceeds to our cause.
- Join us Sunday, March 3rd at West Park Station and Tuesday, March 12th at Dina's Pizza & Pub.
- Join us to the Celebrity Bartending Event at PJ McIntyre's on Thursday, March 21st from 6-10pm.

Visit the link to register or to donate to our shaves:
<https://www.stbaldricks.org/events/StMark2024>

Principal News

As members of St. Mark Catholic School, as well as members of a global society, we are called to live a life of service to ourselves as well as those around us. In Romans 5:5, St. Paul states, "Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us." Our school community is full of Hope because they see so many of you living lives of service and providing hope to so many. Over these last two years, as well as over the next two years, our school is focusing on the Catholic Social Justice Teaching of "Call to Family, Community, and Participation" as part of our Accreditation with the state. Our faculty and students looked at ways to strengthen the family bonds of love. One way we did this was by hosting our first Family Game Night where we challenged every family to set aside their electronics and play board games together after sharing a meal. The comments were so favorable! It was a great opportunity for families to spend time together, including some personal reflection time. As we moved into the "Community and Participation" aspect of this goal, the faculty brainstormed ways this could be impactful across all grade levels. Last week, we invited members of Habitat for Humanity to come out to speak to our students about the work that they do. Habitat for Humanity is an organization that works to bring affordable housing to the Greater Cleveland area communities and the families that live in them. They build, rehab, and sell homes to families with an affordable mortgage while connecting them to the community through neighborhood revitalization projects. In 2023, twenty-five homes were built! Some of our parishioners have been a part of building affordable housing, and parishioner Amy Asseff has played a huge role in raising awareness in our St. Mark community. To help support this endeavor, for the past three years, our 2nd Grade students who were preparing for their First Communion, brought in items to stock in a new home that our parishioners were assisting to build. These children were asked to work doing various chores at home to "earn" items to donate toward a new home for a family, because every child deserves a safe place to call home. At our assembly, Philip Katsadourous, Faith Relations and Event Manager, spoke to our students to raise awareness because as he so well said, "I can't do this by myself; it takes ALL of us." To demonstrate this concept, he invited one student, then another, then another, and another to help him raise a simple hula hoop off the ground evenly using only one finger. It took many fingers to make this work. We are looking forward to partnering with Habitat for Humanity in fulfilling our Call to Community. We are a blessed community of faith-filled disciples. I look forward to seeing how our Habitat for Humanity projects are fulfilled before we move on to a global awareness. Stay tuned.....!

This past week we also held a beautiful prayer service for the Unborn as well as for expectant mothers. The prayer service was led by some of our 7th Grade students who led us in prayerful reflection. I was so proud of the leadership they took on, and I am thankful to Mrs. Schmidt and Ms. DeGennaro who prepared the service and practiced with the students.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge our Parent Club with a big THANK YOU from all of us. Parent Club purchased St. Mark shirts for our faculty for Teacher Appreciation Day. The teachers were thrilled as you can see from the photo taken. We work closely with our Parent Club to make events, field trips, and programs occur that otherwise would not be affordable. They are a blessing to St. Mark School.

Mrs. Cocita



THE WEEK AHEAD IN OUR PARISH

Saturday,	February 24	
9:00 am	Basketball Tournament	FR/G
3:00 pm	Confessions	
4:00 pm	Mass	
	Food Sunday	
Sunday,	February 25	
8:30 am	Mass	
9:30 am	Rosary	
11:30 am	Mass	
11:30 am	Sunday Pre-School	CR
1:00 pm	Basketball Tournament	FR/G
4:00 pm	Living Stations	CH
Monday,	February 26	
8:30 am	Mass	
5:00 pm	Basketball Tournament	FR/G
6:30 pm	PSR Class Gr. 1-8	CR
6:30 pm	PSR Reconciliation Gr. 2-8	CH
Tuesday,	February 27	
8:30 am	Mass w/2nd Floor	
5:00 pm	Basketball Tournament	FR/G
5:30 pm	Children's Choir	CH
6:00 pm	Lenten Soup Supper	SH
7:00 pm	Choir	CH
Wednesday,	February 28	
5:00 pm	Evening of Confession	
Thursday,	February 29	
8:30 am	Mass	
7:00 pm	Troop #293	SH/PP
Friday,	March 1	
	School Closed	
8:00 am	Teacher In-Service	
12:00 pm	Stations of the Cross @ St. Mel	
3:30 pm	Eucharistic Adoration	CH
5:00 pm	Fish Fry @ St. Mel	
5:00 pm	Pinewood Derby Set-up	SH
Saturday,	March 2	
9:00am-2:00 pm	K-2 Basketball	G
10:00 am	Pinewood Derby	SH
3:00 pm	Confessions	
4:00 pm	Mass	
	Donut Social	
Sunday,	March 3	
8:30 am	Mass	
9:30 am	Rosary	
11:30 am	Mass	
11:30 am	Sunday Pre-School	CR
12:30pm-3:30 pm	K-2 Basketball	G
4:00 pm	Living Stations	CH
6:00 pm	Youth Group	CC

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*Thank you for supporting
St. Mark Church!*

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 Stiegelmeyer, 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 2023 CONTRIBUTION REPORT

Please send a request via email to dbroughton@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 _____



Please come to pray WITH Mary, Our Blessed Mother, in this beautiful devotion, The Rosary. We are living in troubled times and so much in need of peace within our souls and for the world. We ask Mary, Our Mother, to intercede and lead us contemplating the mysteries of Jesus. “The Family that Prays together, Stays together”...Fr. Patrick Peyton
Every Sunday following the 8:30am Mass

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"I know now how devoted you are to God,
since you did not withhold from me your own
beloved son." (Gn 22:12)

Psalm:

I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living. (Ps 116)

Second Reading:

He who did not spare his own Son
but handed him over for us all,
how will he not also give us everything else along
with him? (Rom 8:32)

Gospel:

Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them;
from the cloud came a voice,
"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." (Mk 9:7)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The Transfiguration left the disciples with more questions than answers. What had they just seen? What had they just heard? They were confused, but they trusted Jesus. Let's follow in their example, trusting in God's care as we journey deeper into Lent.

Observances for the week of February 25, 2024

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent

Tuesday: St. Gregory of Narek,
Abbot and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent



Saint of the week

Blessed Carlo Acutis was born in 1991 and is the first millennial to be beatified. Despite dying of leukemia at age 15, he developed a website that showcases Eucharistic Miracles around the world, demonstrating that holiness knows no age.

Prayer of Trust

Dear Lord,
Your ways confuse me
sometimes. Often, I don't
fully understand what You are
doing. But I believe that You
are working in a way that will
one day make sense. Until
then, keep me close to You,
trusting blindly in the ways You
lead me. Amen.

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