

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.



2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

610

February 25, 2024

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

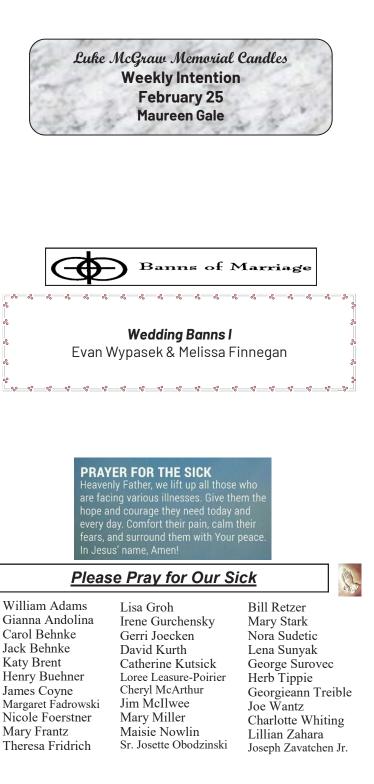
Monday, February 26			
8:30am	MassDonna Compton		
Tuesday, February 27			
6:45am	Mass @ St. Mel		
8:30 am	MassJoseph Cole		
Wednesday, February 28			
Thursday, February 29			
8:30am	MassJosephine & Patrick Hassett		
5:00pm	Wedding		
Friday, March 1			
6:45am	Mass @ St. Mel		
Saturday, March 2			
3:00pm	Confessions		
3:00pm	Confessions @ St. Mel		
4:00pm	MassDorothy Rhew		
4:30pm	Mass @ St. Mel		
Sunday, March 3-Third Sunday of Lent			
7:00am	Mass @ St. Mel		
8:30am	MassFor the Parishioners of St. Mark Parish and		
	St. Mel Parish		
10:00am	Mass @ St. Mel		
11:30am	MassJohn & Sharon Vertal & Pepper O'Reilly		

Liturgical Ministers March 2 & 3

Saturday, March 2 @ 4:00pm Eucharistic Mnisters: Mary Price, Shirlee Toth, NOT FILLED Lector: Carole Iseli Altar Server: Morgan Adkins, Declan Fitzpatrick, Evan Lentz

Sunday, March 3 @ & 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



Weekly Collections

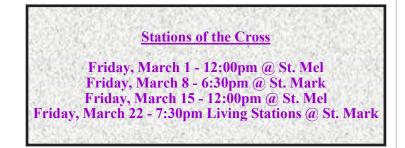
 Sunday Envelopes 2/11:.....\$ 3,375.00

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

Thank you for your generosity!



Lenten Information





Centen 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.

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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





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 rebearsal

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 Iulia.

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

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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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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!



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









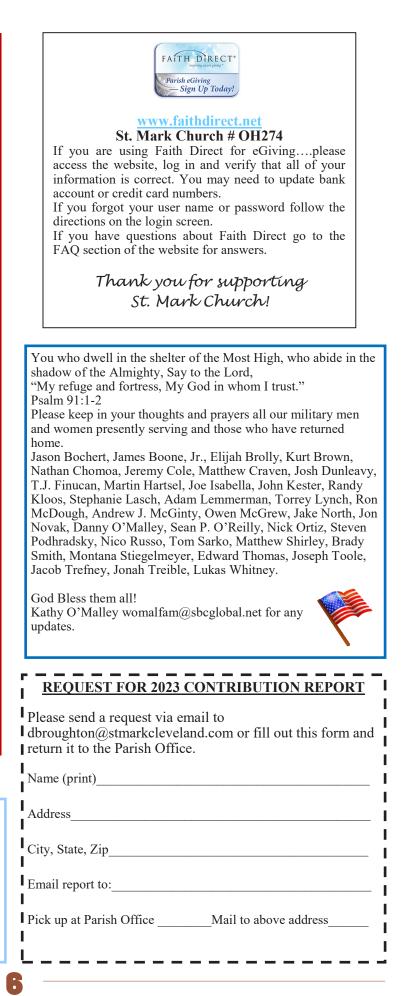




THE WEEK AHEAD IN OUR PARISH			
Saturday,	February 24		
9:00 am	Basketball Tournament	FR/G	
3:00 pm	Confessions		
4:00 pm	Mass		
	Food Sunday		
Sunday,	February 25		
8:30 am	Mass		
9:30 am	Rosary		
11:30 am	Mass		
11:30 am	Sunday Pre-School	CR	
1:00 pm	Basketball Tournament	FR/G	
4:00 pm	Living Stations	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	

Note: (LS)=Livestreamed

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



FEBRUARY 25, 2024

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

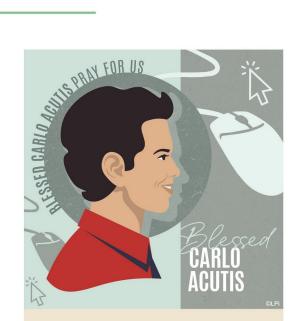
The Transfiguration left the disciples with more questions than answers. What had they just seen? What had they just heard? They were confused, but they trusted Jesus. Let's follow in their example, trusting in God's care as we journey deeper into Lent.

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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