



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.

NOVEMBER 27, 2022



FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

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PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Adam Zajac
Pastor

Deacon Dave Lundeen
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Principal

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Pastoral Minister

Mr. Lawrence Wallace
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Youth Minister

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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.

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Liturgy Readings for the Week

Saturday, November 26	Rv 22:1-7	Lk 21:34-36
4:00 p.m.	Richard Kiefer	
Sunday November 27-First Sunday of Advent	Is 2:1-5	Rom 13:11-14 Mt 24:37-44
8:30 a.m.	Andy Helbig	
11:30 a.m.	Fr. Casper Hermann	
Monday, November 28	Is 2:1-5	Mt 24:37-44
8:30 a.m.	Presider's Intention	
Tuesday, November 29	Is 11:1-10	Lk 10:21-24
8:30 a.m.	Joseph Patten	
Wednesday, November 30-St. Andrews	Rom 10:9-18	Mt 4:18-22
Thursday, December 1	Is 26:1-6	Mt 7:21,24-27
8:30 a.m.	Jean Gurchensky	
Friday December 2	Is 29:17-24	Mt 9:27-31
8:30 a.m.	Presider's Intention	
Saturday, December 3-St. Francis Xavier	Is 30:19-21, 23-26	Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
4:00 p.m.	Connie Surovec	
Sunday December 4-Second Sunday of Advent	Is 11:1-10	Rom 15:4-9 M5 3:1-12
8:30 a.m.	McGowan Family Living & Deceased	
11:30 a.m.	For the Parishioners of St. Mark Parish & St. Mel Parish	

Luke McGraw
Memorial Candles
Weekly Intention
November 27
Andy Helbig



Join us for Eucharistic Adoration on Friday,
December 2nd from 3:30pm-7:00pm.
Please come to spend some time in prayer
and thanksgiving before the Lord.

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!

Pope's Intention November: For children who suffer. We pray
for children who are suffering, especially those who are
homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be
guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to
experience family affection.

Pope's Intention December: For volunteer not-for-profit
organizations. We pray that volunteer non-profit
organizations committed to human development find people
dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new
paths to international cooperation.

Liturgical Ministers December 3 & 4

Saturday, December 3 @ 4:00pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Price, Tim Schmidt, Deirdre
Mueller

Lector: John Levis

Altar Servers: Aidan Gompf, Madeline Gompf, Grace Schmidt

Sunday, December 4 @ 8:30am

Eucharistic Ministers: Karen Cocita, Kathy O'Malley, **NOT
FILLED**

Lector: Laura Skonce, **NOT FILLED**

Altar Servers: Maeve Smith, Fiona Stock Lillian Stock

Sunday, December 4 @ 11:30am

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Dave, Lisa Ditzel, Mary
Ruminski

Lector: Cari White, **NOT FILLED**

Altar Servers: Owen Glazier, Ethan Ruminski, Bill Sonby

Please Pray for Our Sick

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



May the peace of our Lord be with

Charles MacMillan

Mary Buccieri

and may God grant comfort to their family and friends.



Blessing of the Advent Wreath:


Heavenly Father, we look forward to the celebration of Christmas and to the coming the Lord in glory. Bless this Advent Wreath and all of us. As we pray daily around it, fill us with your life and strengthen us for our daily tasks. We ask This through Christ our Lord.

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Thursday, December 8th is a Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Schedule

Wednesday, December 7 at 7:00pm - St. Mark
Thursday, December 8th at 6:45am - St. Mel
Thursday, December 8th at 8:30am - St. Mark
Thursday, December 8th at 12:00pm - St. Mel

Ministers please stop in the Sacristy to sign up for the 7:00pm Mass!



Rejoice!
An Advent Pilgrimage into the Heart of Scripture
YEAR A

This year, St. Mark is going to be hosting an Advent Bible study using the Rejoice! Advent Journal from Ascension Press. We will meet weekly during Advent on Mondays at 6:30 in the Social Hall to watch a brief video and discuss the Sunday readings. Our first meeting will be Monday, November 21.

If you have questions, you can call the parish office or email msilver@stmarkcleveland.com.



Preparations are underway for our St. Mark Giving Tree ministry! We will be serving the following organizations: May Dugan Center, Fatima Family Center, St. Thomas School, University Settlement Adult, University Settlement Youth, St. Francis School and St. Mark Parish and school. Ornaments will be placed on the Giving Tree located at the front of the church beginning the weekend of November 26 and 27.

If you take an ornament to purchase an item, please remember to attach the tag to the outside of the wrapped gift or gift bag as the gifts are sorted by organization and checked that each gift has been returned prior to delivery. Please note that if multiple gift ideas are listed on the ornament, you need not purchase every item listed. Or, if you are unable to find a requested item, it is no problem to purchase a similar item or gift card. If you are ordering gifts online, please be mindful of delivery dates and possible shipping delays. Please return all wrapped gifts under the Giving Tree by NOON on Sunday, December 11. At that time, the gifts are prepared for delivery.

So many people make this ministry a huge success every year and we could not make it all happen without many helping hands. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Gayle Harper at 216-931-6237. Volunteer opportunities include writing out wish lists on ornaments, sorting gifts on December 11 and delivering gifts to the organizations the morning of December 12. Thank you for your generous support and making Christmas wishes come true for so many people in our community!



Tuesday, November 29th

<https://www.wegivecatholic.org/organization/stmark>

As a St. Mark parish and school we are constantly looking to improve in our faith, academics and facilities.

This year, we are needing to replace our worn and used pews in the church. Our current pews are constructed with materials that make it cost prohibitive to refurbish them. A generous parishioner has bequeathed us a majority of the cost to replace the pews. We are in need of \$20,000 to complete the project.

As families and other parishioners are once again coming to church, these new pews will help to reinforce for them a renewed commitment to prayer and eucharist. Please join us in creating this opportunity for our parishioners.

Christmas Tree Sale

Boy Scout Troop 293 will be holding its annual Christmas Tree Sale at the Church by the pavilion:

December 2nd from 5:00pm to 9:00pm

December 3rd from 10:30am to 7:00pm

December 4th from Noon to 3:00pm

All are Fraser fir trees, freshly cut from North Carolina. Proceeds benefit the troop. Bring a copy of this bulletin and receive \$5 off if you purchase your tree on Friday night.



Breakfast with Santa!

Please join Santa and his elves for a delicious pancake breakfast on Saturday, December 10th. Select one of two seating times - 9:15am or 10:30am. The cost for breakfast is \$7 for adults, \$6 for children 4 and older and \$4 for children under 4. This festive event is brought to you by the St. Mark School 8th grade class. **Reservations are due by Friday, December 2nd.** The Reservation form can be found on the school website at www.stmarkwestpark.com

Make your reservations soon, this event sells out every year!



St. Mark Youth Group
Fall-Winter 2022

Sunday, December 4 **Mass Meet-Up 11:30am**
Front - St. Joseph's Side
6:30pm-8:00pm Mtg. - CC

Sunday, December 18 **Christmas Party**
6:30pm-8:30pm-Social Hall

A joint Advent event with St. Christopher Youth Group is being planned for a date TBD in December. Please stay tuned for updates via text and email for details on this event.

Markers 50+

Christmas Party
St. Mark Social Hall

Begins after the 4pm Mass until 9pm
Catered dinner and beverages provided!

Cost is \$25 per person

Casual attire

Join us for some music, great food and great people!

Please bring a White Elephant gift.

Reservations by Friday, December 2nd
required via email to
adams@stmarkwestpark.com or by calling
Cheryl at the Rectory office 216-226-7577.



St. Mark
Social Hall

YOU'RE INVITED TO:

Young Adult Trivia Night!

DEC 6 FROM 7-9

Come in teams of 4 or on your own to join a team of new friends.

If everyone on your team brings a canned good to donate, you will get an extra clue on a question. The more you bring, the more opportunities for clues you get!

Prizes and refreshments provided.

ADULTS 25-40 INVITED!

THE WEEK AHEAD IN OUR PARISH

Saturday, November 26		
9:00 am	Arts & Environment Decorating	CH
9:00 - 11:00am	Basketball Practice	G
3:00 pm	Confessions	
4:00 pm	Mass	
	Giving Tree	
Sunday, November 27		
8:30 am	Mass	
9:30 am	Rosary	CH
11:30 am	Mass w/Children's Choir (LS)	
5:00 - 7:00pm	Basketball Practice	G
Monday, November 28		
8:30 am	Mass	
2:45 pm	Children's Choir Rehearsals	CH
4:00 - 10:00pm	Basketball Practice	G
6:30 pm	PSR Class Gr. 1-8	CR
6:30 pm	Bible Study	SH
7:00 pm	Women's Group	CC
Tuesday, November 29		
	<i>We Give Catholic</i>	
8:30 am	Mass	
4:00 - 9:00pm	Basketball Practice	G
Wednesday, November 30		
4:00 - 10:00pm	Basketball Practice	G
5:30 pm	RCIC	CC
5:30 pm	Confirmation Group Bryant	SH
Thursday, December 1		
8:30 am	Mass	
4:00 pm - 9:00pm	Basketball Prac.	G
5:00 pm	Troop #293 Christmas Tree Set-up	PP
6:00 pm	Pack #268 Den Mtg.	SH
7:00 pm	Prayer Group	SS
7:00 pm	Troop #293	SH
7:00 pm	Parish Council	CC
Friday, December 2		
8:30 am	No Mass	
3:30 pm	Eucharistic Adoration	CH
6:30 pm	Father/Daughter Snowflake Ball	G
	<i>Troop #293 Christmas Tree Sale</i>	
Saturday, December 3		
9:00 - 11:00am	Basketball Practice	G
3:00 pm	Confessions	
4:00 pm	Mass	
	<i>Giving Tree</i>	
Sunday, November 27		
8:30 am	Mass	
9:30 am	Rosary	CH
11:30 am	Mass w/Youth Group (LS)	
11:30 am	Sunday Preschool	CR
5:00 - 7:00pm	Basketball Practice	G
6:30 pm	Youth Group	CC

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

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PRINCIPAL NEWS

This quarterly award ceremony is among my most treasured occasions of the school year because it provides us with an opportunity to reflect on the accomplishments of our students, address the whole school community in the presence of Christ in church, and share and celebrate student achievements.

Our school truly believes that good education plays a vital role in building a bright future. Therefore, we are committed to providing an atmosphere where our children learn new things every day, learn about teamwork, and most importantly practice HOW TO BE A KIND CHILD OF GOD.

I shared this famous quote from the sculptor and painter, Michelangelo, "I saw an angel in the stone and carved to set it free." I asked the children to take a moment to really think about this. Michelangelo saw the possibility in that stone- where most others saw only a piece of stone.

Education is always challenging all of us to look at things from a different perspective. Do we choose to see beyond anything ever imagined before? Do we choose to see the possibilities awaiting? Do we choose to add a different perspective- a different possibility-which can transform the ordinary into something extraordinary much like Michelangelo did with that block of stone.

The lesson that I wanted all of our children to remember is that each one of them is gifted with unique and special talents. It is their job to discover what those gifts are!

Sometimes it takes a great deal of hard work to discover those talents, which is why we held our Honors Assembly. We gave recognition to our students who achieved academic success or had shown great example to others.

Congratulations to the following students in Gr. 5-8:

First Honors: Declan F., Liam L., Joseph S., Emma T., Clare S., Carlina V., Cloey B., Teddy F., Ruby J., Lajla K., Reese R., Gabe W., Ava B., Elizabeth C., Clare H., Kathleen M., Elizabeth N., Lucas S., Margaret S., Leah T., Gianna A., Grace D., Neva M., Isabella E., Corrine G., Evan L., John M., Samira S., Evan W., Agnes B., Jack C., Owen G., Luke H., Olivia K., Camilla R., Maura B., Logan F., Sienna H., Patrick L., Elyse R., Tessa R., Caroline S., Louis F., Madeline G., Grayson H., Grace H., Dylan H., Aoife K., Elizabeth K., Margaret M., Leah M., Isabella n., Grace S., Lillian S., and Angelica Z.

Second Honors: Ellie B., Thomas C., Aleyah C., Luca D., Liam F., Stella H., Caroline R., Daniel S., Olivia T., Dawson W., Colette A., Cole C., Connor H., Nick H., Kevin K., Killian M., Frances M., Emily P., Emma R., Saoirse B., Sophia C., Houston E., Jackson G., Aidan G., Ian M., Braylen T., Madeline C., Emmet K., Olivia M., Tadhg M., Julia M., Patrick M., Mia O., Kathryn S., Dominic S., Joseph A., KiShawn B., Grace C., Fia D., Gregory E., Diego I., Braidyn M., Kathleen N., Allison P., Thomas S., Mahleah W., James B., Elizabeth H., Barrett J., Andrew K., Richard K., Robert L., Erin M., Daniel R., Teagan B., Casey K., Kendra K., Faith M., Sean M., Patrick M., Eoin M., Tristan R., Joseph S., Samara G., Kiera R., Isabella R., Maeve S., and Terrence W.

Third Honors: Ben B., Brendan M., Gina P., Noah R., Jacob S., Patrick B., Fiona C., Will G., Calvin G., Kiera L., Isabel D., Paolo I., Fiona S., MacKenzie W., Evelyn B., Charlotte G., Emily K., Liam P., Ella S., Anna T., Becky B., Jason D., Mary K., Teagan S., James W., Lauren B., Charlotte K., Dylan K., Padraig M., Layla V., Raegan K., Milani M., Molly M., MacKenzie R., Henry C., and Mason O.

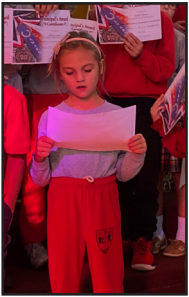
Our school theme this year is "Leave Footprints of Kindness Everywhere you go." All of us are challenged to make a positive difference in the lives of others. I asked our students the following: Have you reached out in kindness to others during recess who are by themselves? Have you complimented one of your classmates? Have you been helpful at home? Think about this- kindness starts with a ONE...one hug, one smile, one person. Each one of us can make a difference in someone else's life...

Classroom teachers were asked to submit to me the names of two students in each of their classrooms who are living our school theme. Congratulations to the following students who received the Principal Award: Ada P., Finn M., Emily W., Jonah Y., Alayna V., Angelo M., Coralyne W., Jase H., Daniel H., Isla F., Nora P., Nathan P., Quinn K., Foster M., Emilia A., Sebastian H., Clara G., Alberto L., Jonah B., Anna M., Reese R., Patrick B., Clare S., Noah R., Kathryn S., Tadhg M., Jack G., Maggie R., Ricky K., Barrett J., Diego I., Grace C., Angellica Z., Terry W., Tessa R., Sienna H., William H., Alberto L., Connor H., Aoife K., Curtis P., Lillian S., Elizabeth C., Fionn J., Emily k., Connor M., Aleya C., Owen G., zFred B., and Tessa R.

Congratulations to all!

Have a great week!

Mrs. Cocita



SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

They shall beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks;
one nation shall not raise the sword against another,
nor shall they train for war again. (Is 2:4)

PSALM:

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord. (Ps 122)

SECOND READING:

It is the hour now for you to awake from sleep.
For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed;
the night is advanced, the day is at hand. (Rom 13:11-12)

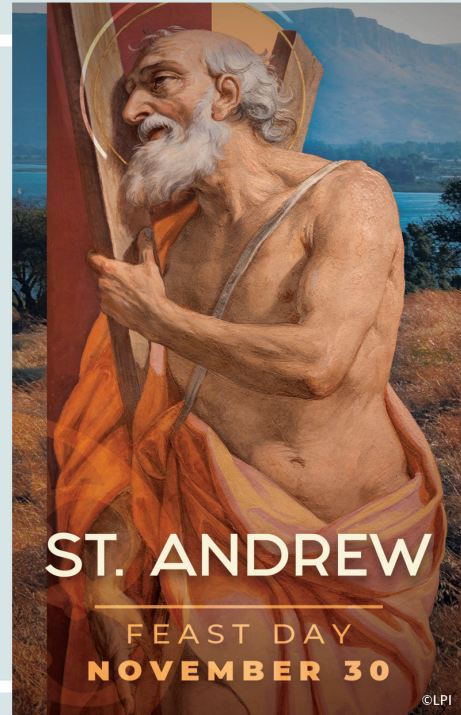
GOSPEL:

"Therefore, stay awake!
For you do not know on which day your Lord will come."
(Mt 24:42)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 27, 2022

Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent
Wednesday: St. Andrew, Apostle
Saturday: St. Francis Xavier, Priest
Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent; St. John Damascene, Priest
and Doctor of the Church



Saint of the Week

Saint Andrew was a fisherman in Galilee, along with his brother, Peter, when they were called by Jesus to leave their boat and become fishers of men. John's Gospel also places him as a follower of John the Baptist before he came to be one of Jesus' twelve Disciples. Beyond the scant references in the Gospels, not much is known of Saint Andrew's life. According to Christian tradition Saint Andrew, like many of his fellow Disciples, went out into Greece and Turkey to preach the Good News. A 4th century account of the saint's life tells of his martyrdom by crucifixion in Patras. Medieval accounts describe the cross used as X-shaped because Andrew said he was not worthy to die on the same style of cross as Jesus.

Famously, Saint Andrew is the patron Saint of Scotland, the country's flag bearing the X-shaped cross associated with him. Legends claim that the saint either traveled to Scotland to spread the Gospel or that his relics were brought there by St. Regulus who had a vision telling him to take the bones to the end of the earth. Regulus set out and was shipwrecked on the coast of Scotland. Today relics of St. Andrew which had been held by the Vatican are now at a shrine in Patras.

