



St. Mark Catholic Church

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.



23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"—that is, "Be opened!" - Mk 7:32-34

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PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Adam Zajac

Pastor

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

September: For the cry of the earth. We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

Liturgy Schedule

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

Monday, September 9-St. Peter Claver

8:30am Mass.....Michael Angers

Tuesday, September 10

6:45am Mass @ St. Mel

8:30am Mass.....Michael Pelleschi

Wednesday, September 11

Thursday, September 12

8:30am Mass.....Theresa Blackman

Friday, September 13-St. John Chrysostom

6:45am Mass @ St. Mel

Saturday, September 14-The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

3:00pm Confessions

3:00pm Confessions @ St. Mel

4:00pm Mass.....James Keane

4:30pm Mass @ St. Mel

Sunday, September 15-Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00am Mass @ St. Mel

8:30am Mass.....Dolly Tinnirello

10:00am Mass @ St. Mel

11:30am Mass...For the Parishioners of St. Mark Parish and the Parishioners of St. Mel Parish

Liturgical Ministers September 14 & 15

Saturday, September 14 @ 4:00pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Price, Bridget Blayney, Gloria Morin

Lector: Lou Toth

Altar Server: Declan Fitzpatrick, Charlotte Greuloch, Cristian Trump

Sunday, September 15 @ 8:30am

Eucharistic Ministers: Jessica Hanes, Rosanne Kelley, Karen Cocita

Lector: Mary Lewis, Agnes Butler

Altar Server: Anthony McGervey, Albert McGervey, Fiona Stock

Sunday, September 15 @ 11:30am

Eucharistic Ministers: Eileen Andrews, Dairdre Mueller, Michelle Egginis

Lector: Eliza Kratt, Carole Iseli

Altar Server: Patrick Mueller, Eoin Mueller, Joseph Sonby

Luke McGraw Memorial Candles

Weekly Intention

September 8

Joseph Spicuzza

"My Daily Prayers"

is a FREE daily recording of prayers led by the bishops and priests of the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, delivered each day through email.

Lasting about 7 minutes, "My Daily Prayers" invites you into prayer, sharing information about each specific day, encouraging you to enter into a deeper relationship with God.

Sign up here:
DioceseOfCleveland.org/MyDailyPrayers



Let's all come together in prayer!



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



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| William Adams | Irene Gurchensky | Nora Sudetic |
| Gianna Andolina | David Kurth | Lena Sunyak |
| Carol Behnke | Catherine Kutsick | George Surovec |
| Jack Behnke | Pat McAndrew | Herb Tippie |
| Katy Brent | Jim McIlwee | Georgieann Treible |
| Henry Buehner | Mary Miller | Joe Wantz |
| James Coyne | Maisie Nowlin | Charlotte Whiting |
| Margaret Fadrowski | Bill Retzer | Lillian Zahara |
| Nicole Foerstner | Mary Stark | Lew Zahara Jr. |
| Mary Frantz | Sr. Josette Obodzinski | Joseph Zavatchen Jr. |
| Theresa Fridrich | | |

Weekly Collections

Sunday Envelopes see next bulletin!

Faith Direct:.....\$ 5,387.00

Thank you for your generosity!



Marker's/St. Mel 50+

It's time for a cookout!
 Join us on Saturday, September 14th,
 following the 4:00pm Mass.
 St. Mark Pavilion.
 Burgers, brats and beverages will be provided.
 Please bring a side dish or dessert to share, which will be most appreciated!

Please RSVP by Tuesday, September 10th to Mary Kay
 Text or call 216-402-8570

Looking forward to seeing you there!

ST. MARK BEREAVEMENT

Six sessions of bereavement will be offered to those who are in need of support while experiencing grief and loss. Please consider joining us as we journey together through the Seasons of Hope program.

Please call the parish office to register 216-226-7577

TUESDAYS AT 7PM

- Oct 15
- Oct 22
- Oct 29
- Nov 5
- Nov 12
- Nov 19

Men's Sock & Underwear Drive

Sponsored by the Cleveland Diocesan Holy Name Society

This years recipient of the proceeds of the drive will be the Cleveland Police Foundation and will be distributed to various charities

When: October 5th-13th
 What: New men's socks, underwear in any size for the homeless and the needy. Or if you prefer, cash donations to be used to purchase socks and underwear.

Collection boxes can be found at all Church entrances.

See flyers on the bulletins boards!

Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Altar Servers

Please notify in writing or by email of any dates that you are not available to serve for the next schedule, which will be from October 2024-January 2025. We need this information so that all Ministers are available to fulfill their scheduled Mass times. We appreciate your continued service. The deadline to submit dates is Friday, September 13th by 4:30pm to cbirchfield@stmarkcleveland.com. Please be mindful of holidays and vacations. Thank you for your help.
 If you are interested in becoming a Minister please contact the Parish Office at 216-226-7577.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Please come and join us
**Sunday, September 22nd after the
 7am & 10am masses at
 St. Mel Church Hall.**
We hope to see you there.



**St. Mark
Holy Name Society**

**Welcome All
Men and Women Parishioners
18 and Older
We Meet Second Tuesday of the Month
at 6:00 in the Social Hall**

Interested?

Email jimcocita@gmail.com

Do you have questions about the Catholic faith?

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

HAVE YOU BEEN BAPTIZED, BUT HAVE NOT MADE YOUR FIRST COMMUNION OR BEEN CONFIRMED?

DO YOU HAVE CHILDREN OVER SEVEN WHO HAVE NOT BEEN BAPTIZED OR ARE BEHIND ON THEIR SACRAMENTS?

If you are interested in learning about becoming Catholic or receiving all the sacraments of initiation, please call the parish office or email Meaghan McCarthy-Silver (msilver@stmarkcleveland.com).

Please share this message with friends and family!



www.faithdirect.net

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If you are using Faith Direct for eGiving....please access the website, log in and verify that all of your information is correct. You may need to update bank account or credit card numbers.

If you forgot your user name or password follow the directions on the login screen.

If you have questions about Faith Direct go to the FAQ section of the website for answers.

*Thank you for supporting
St. Mark Church!*

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

There IS something more in our life of faith and as we grow in our relationship with Jesus. Come to commit or re-commit your faith in Jesus and know what a full life can offer you! Our Lady of Angels Prayer group will once again offer a Life in the Spirit Seminar beginning September 10, 2024 for seven consecutive Tuesday evenings through October 29th from 7:30-9:00pm. We meet in the Primary building of Our Lady of Angels School, (behind Linus Hall)

3644 Rocky River Dr., Cleveland, 44111. Please phone Verna, 216-251-3560 or Tom, 216-536-6495 for information or to register. There is NO charge for this seminar.

**Retrouvaille
A Lifeline for Married Couples
A Unique Program to Strengthen and Heal Your Marriage - Beginning September 20-22, 2024**

The Retrouvaille program is designed to help married couples develop improved ways of communicating and relating to each other in order to overcome challenges which have left them feeling frustrated, hurt, distant, or even hopeless. Retrouvaille, which means rediscovery, is open to couples of all faiths and is supported by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland. This program consists of a weekend experience and six follow up sessions.

For more information or to register, visit:
www.helpourmarriage.org or call Shelly or Rob at 216-509-0301 or 440-836-4810.

THE WEEK AHEAD IN OUR PARISH

Saturday,	September 7	
10:00am-2:00 pm	CYO Volleyball Games	G/FR
3:00 pm	Confessions	
4:00 pm	Mass	
	<i>Donut Social after all Masses</i>	
Sunday,	September 8	
8:30 am	Mass	
8:30 am	Sunday PreSchool	CR
9:30 am	Rosary	
11:30 am	Mass LS	
1:30pm-6:30 pm	CYO Volleyball Game	G/FR
Monday,	September 9	
8:30 am	Mass	
4:00-9:00 pm	Volleyball Prac.	G
6:30 pm	PSR First Day & Opening Mass	CR/CH
Tuesday,	September 10	
8:30 am	Mass w/All School	
4:00-9:00 pm	Volleyball Prac.	G
6:00 pm	Holy Name Mtg.	SH/PP
Wednesday,	September 11	
4:00-9:00 pm	Volleyball Prac.	G
5:30 pm	Daisy Troop Mtg.	SH
Thursday,	September 12	
8:30 am	Mass	
4:00-9:00 pm	Volleyball Prac.	G
6:00 pm	Pack #268 PP	
7:00 pm	Troop #293	SH
Friday,	September 13	
4:00-9:00 pm	Volleyball Prac.	G
Saturday,	September 14	
10:00am-2:00 pm	CYO Volleyball Games	G/FR
3:00 pm	Confessions	
4:00 pm	Mass	
5:00 pm	Marker's 50+ Picnic	PP/CC
Sunday,	September 15	
	<i>Catechetical Sunday</i>	
8:30 am	Mass w/Teachers	
8:30 am	Sunday PreSchool	CR
9:30 am	Rosary	
11:30 am	Mass LS	
1:30pm-6:30 pm	CYO Volleyball Game	G/FR

Note: (LS)=Livestreamed

VIRTUS COMPLIANCY — IMPORTANT

The USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) will be doing on-site audits at parishes in the Diocese of Cleveland. It is imperative that prior to working with children - coaches, scout leaders and helpers, St. Mark Staff, catechists & teachers (PSR and DAY school), parent volunteers, etc. - are Virtus compliant. This means that one must be:

- Virtus trained (see below)
- **Current with reading on-line bulletins**
- Read and signed off on Policy for **Protecting Children Revised 2016 (turn into Parish Office)**
- Read and signed off on **Standards of Conduct Revised 2016 (turn into Parish Office)**
- **New Volunteers must complete a Background Check through Virtus.org.** In the Virtus website click on the "Toolbox" tab, click on the Selection.com tab and begin the process. Must have a credit card to complete.
- **Current Volunteers with a BCI Fingerprint/Background check must renew after 5 years through Virtus.org click on the "Toolbox" tab, click on the Selection.com tab and begin the process. Must have a credit card to complete.**
- Filled out a **St. Mark Volunteer Application (turn into Parish Office)**

All of the above-mentioned requirements are mandatory. **This information can also be found on the church website at stmarkcleveland.com. Click the Families tab and click the Virtus tab.** (You can check your compliancy by going to "Virtus.org", signing in, and clicking on the green 'Training' tab.) If you are not sure of your compliancy, call Cheryl Birchfield at the Parish Office (216-226-7577) and your compliancy will be verified. If one is not Virtus compliant, **YOU MAY NOT WORK/VOLUNTEER WITH CHILDREN.**

To see available Virtus training sessions please go to Virtusonline.org click on First Time Registrant, Begin Registration Process also available is List of Sessions, select the Cleveland Diocese. You MUST register **ONLINE to attend a session.**

If you would like to Volunteer/Coach for the upcoming school year St. Mark will be hosting a Virtus Training session on Monday, September 16th beginning at 6:00pm. YOU MUST REGISTER AND SIGN UP FOR THE SESSION AT VIRTUS.ORG.

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 Stieglmeyer, Edward Thomas, Joseph Toole, Jacob Trefney, Jonah Treible, Roan Viancourt, Lukas Whitney.

God Bless them all!

Kathy O'Malley womalfam@sbcglobal.net for any updates.



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

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of September 8, 2024

Sunday:

Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1B)/
Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

Monday:

1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday:

1 Cor 6:1-11/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and
9b/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday:

1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17/
Lk 6:20-26

Thursday:

1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab,
23-24/Lk 6:27-38

Friday:

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12/
Lk 6:39-42

Saturday:

Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37,
38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Next Sunday:

Is 50:4c-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (9)/
Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

One of the most touching YouTube videos I've ever seen is one in which a deaf woman receives new technology to heal her hearing. She hears her husband's voice for the first time — and her own, too — and bursts into tears of overwhelming joy. It must have been like an immovable wall between her and her loved ones came tumbling down.

We are all like this woman, to some degree. We believe in the presence of God's love, but we can't hear Him. We can't speak well about Him. The deaf man who can't speak properly in the Gospel today is an image of what God wants us to experience again and again. Jesus takes the man aside to a private place away from the crowd, touches his ears and tongue, and says, "Ephphata!" The man's ears are opened, and he speaks clearly. Contact with Christ has this effect on us.

This experience happens to us in our baptism, almost exactly. It happens to us in the liturgy. It happens in our private prayer. It happens when we hear the voice of God in our conscience. The more we engage these privileged channels of Jesus' healing, the more we are empowered to hear and speak of the presence of God's perfect love.

— *Father John Muir*

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2024 | 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Then will the eyes of the blind be opened,
the ears of the deaf be cleared;
then will the lame leap like a stag,
then the tongue of the mute will sing. (Is 35:5-6)

Psalm:

Praise the Lord, my soul! (Ps 146)

Second Reading:

Did not God choose those who are poor in the world
to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom
that he promised to those who love him? (Jas 2:5)

Gospel:

"He has done all things well.
He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak." (Mk 7:37)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"Be opened!" said Christ two thousand years ago, as he placed his finger in the ear of the deaf man. "Be opened!" he says to us today, laying his hand upon our hearts. May we always accept Christ's invitation to become a new creation.

Observances for the week of September 8, 2024

- Sunday:** 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Grandparent's Day
- Monday:** St. Peter Claver, Priest
- Wednesday:** Patriot Day
- Thursday:** The Most Holy Name of Mary
- Friday:** St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Saturday:** The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- Next Sunday:** 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday



Saint of the week

St. Caterina Volpicelli (1839-1894) left a life of elegant Neapolitan society to serve the Lord. She adhered to the Apostleship of Prayer, dedicating each day to the Sacred Heart. Her order, the Servants of the Sacred Heart, opened an orphanage, a lending library, and nursed cholera victims.

Prayer for Grandparents

Dear God,
What a grace to live in a world of all ages and stages.
Bless our grandparents, today and always.
Thank You for their experiences, wisdom, and insight.
Thank You for the gifts they bring the Church.
Thank You for the lessons they teach the next generations
Amen.