



# 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.



## 18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." - Jn 6:32-33

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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**

**August:** For political leaders. We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.

**Liturgy Schedule**

Scripture readings can be found online at:  
[bible.usccb.org](http://bible.usccb.org)

**Monday, August 5**

8:30am Mass..... **Presider's Intention**

**Tuesday, August 6-The Transfiguration of the Lord**

6:45am Mass @ St. Mel

**Wednesday, August 7**

**Thursday, August 8-St. Dominic**

8:30am Mass.....**Presider's Intention**

**Friday, August 9**

6:45am Mass @ St. Mel

6:00pm Wedding

**Saturday, August 10-St. Lawrence**

3:00pm Confessions

3:00pm Confessions @ St. Mel

4:00pm Mass.....Dolly Tinnirello

4:30pm Mass @ St. Mel

**Sunday, August 11-Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:00am Mass @ St. Mel

8:30am Mass.....Irene Kane

10:00am Mass @ St. Mel

11:30am Mass.....Mindy Biggins

**Liturgical Ministers August 10 & 11**

**Saturday, August 10 @ 4:00pm**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Rosanne Kelley, Shirlee Toth, Mary Price

**Lector:** Lou Toth

**Altar Server:** Kathryn Sowul, Joseph Sowul, Patrick Sowul

**Sunday, August 11 @ 8:30am**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Mary Stamper, Kathy OMalley, Michael Kay

**Lector:** Laura Skonce, Monica Svetz

**Altar Server:** Clare Stock, Fiona Stock, Joe Svetz

**Sunday, August 11 @ 11:30am**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Michelle Eggers, Annamaria Masterson, NOT FILLED

**Lector:** Cari Foster, Carole Iseli

**Altar Server:** Owen Glazier, Joseph Sonby, Bill Sonby

*Luke McGraw Memorial Candles*

**Weekly Intention**

**August 4**

**Special Intention**



**Banns of Marriage**

**Wedding Banns III**

Samuel Swartz & Kathleen Dickey

**IN MEMORIAM**

*May the peace of our Lord be with  
Fr. Michael Smith  
And may God grant comfort to his family and friends.*

**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        | Jim McIlwee            | Herb Tippie          |
| Katy Brent         | Mary Miller            | Georgieann Treible   |
| Henry Buehner      | Maisie Nowlin          | Joe Wantz            |
| James Coyne        | Bill Retzer            | Charlotte Whiting    |
| Margaret Fadrowski | Mary Stark             | Lillian Zahara       |
| Nicole Foerstner   | Sr. Josette Obodzinski | Lew Zahara Jr.       |
| Mary Frantz        |                        | Joseph Zavatchen Jr. |
| Theresa Fridrich   |                        |                      |

**Weekly Collections**

Sunday Envelopes (see 8/11 bulletin)  
Faith Direct:..... \$ 5,302.00

**Thank you for your generosity!**

Friends,

The papal intention this past month was “for the pastoral care of the sick, that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.”

As a priest, each sacrament is incredible to celebrate and a unique experience of the heart of Christ for *this* person, in *this* moment. Some anointings I cry myself along with the family that I have never met, gathered around a dying loved one, as I tell them that our home is not this world but in heaven. Other anointing as I lay my hands on a young person I pray that some miracle will happen even if I never know. But most anointings.. by far most anointings... there is a strong and realistic hope of recovery, and I am helping someone to look past suffering and uncertainty to something beyond all that.

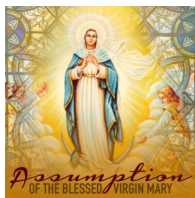
The prayer that those anointed and their families become “a visible sign of compassion and hope” to me is understanding that this sacrament does not prepare us for death, it prepares us for life... whether that is life in this world or the greater life to come. I hope when you or a loved one is seriously sick and at the first moment of diagnosis, you’ll let Christ be there through me or some other priest.

This month of August the papal intention will be, “for political leaders, that they be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.”

In Christ,



Fr. Adam



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation. The mass schedule is as follows:

**Wednesday, August 14th @ 7:00pm at St. Mark**

**Thursday, August 15th**  
**6:45am at St. Mel**  
**8:30am at St. Mark**  
**12:00pm at St. Mel**

### **Mission Appeal - August 3 & 4** *The ministry of Polish Redemptorists in the East*

Dear Parishioners

The Missionary cooperation Plan helps to spread the gospel, build churches and communities around the world. This year I invite you to support the missionary work of Polish Redemptorists in the East. We have been working in the former Soviet Union for 30 years. At present, we are helping those affected by the war in Ukraine and run five parishes in Russia, one in Kazakhstan, five in Belarus.

This is an unpresidential time and we need to stand firm for peace working together to bridge the chasm created by war. The Polish Redemptorists with your help will be able to do so in a more efficient way. As a people of faith, we look forward to the future believing that the best is still ahead of us.

I’m sincerely grateful to the Diocese of Cleveland for choosing the Polish Redemptorists-Mission in Russia to do the Mission Appeal in your Parish. Thank you for your prayers and support. May God bless you for your generous support through the Missionary Cooperation Plan.

### **St. Mark Sunday School**

Register now to save your child's space in Sunday School for the 2024-2025 year! Sunday School is open to children ages 3-5 and takes place during the 11:30am Mass. In-person registration will take place in the school hallway on Saturday, August 31 & September 1. Forms are available at all entrances to the church. You can also drop off registration forms to the parish office. Classes begin September 8th.

### **Volunteer!**

We are currently seeking volunteers to assist in teaching Sunday School for the 2024-25 school year! Adults over 18 years of age must be Virtus Compliant to volunteer. Classes begin September 8th and meet during the 11:30am Sunday mass.

Please contact:  
Molly Stottner  
mollystottner@hotmail.com  
For information regarding registration or volunteering



*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](mailto:jimcocita@gmail.com)**

**SMYG  
Summer  
Schedule**



**Sunday Night Fireside Meeting  
Sun, July 28 | 8p - ~9:15p  
St. Mark Pavilion**

**SMYG Mass Meetup & Milkshakes  
Sat, August 10 | 4p - ~5:30p  
St. Mark Church and Social Hall**

**SMYG Car Wash Fundraiser  
Sun, August 11 | 8a-1p  
Community Center + Parking Lot**

**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.

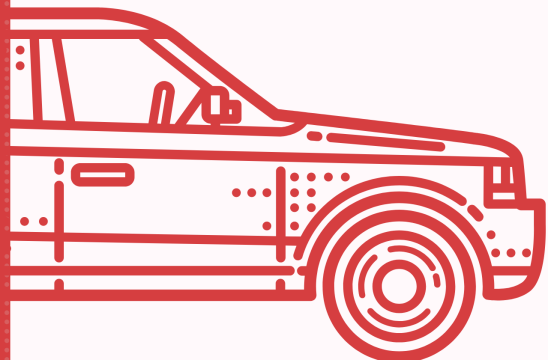
For more information or to register, visit:  
[www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org) or call Shelly or Rob at 216-509-0301 or 440-836-4810.

ST. MARK YOUTH GROUP

**SUMMER  
CAR WASH**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11  
8:00AM - 1:00PM

DROP OFF YOUR CAR BEFORE EITHER  
MASS AND PICKUP AFTER MASS ENDS!



DONATIONS ACCEPTED TO SUPPORT SMYG

## THE WEEK AHEAD IN OUR PARISH

<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>August 3</b>	
10:00 am	Funeral	
3:00 pm	Confessions	
4:00 pm	Mass	
	<i>Mission Appeal Weekend</i>	
<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>August 4</b>	
8:30 am	Mass	
9:30 am	Rosary	
11:30 am	Mass LS	
12:30 pm	Youth Choir	PP
<b>Monday,</b>	<b>August 5</b>	
8:30 am	Mass	
<b>Tuesday,</b>	<b>August 6</b>	
6:00 pm	Cheerleading Prac.	PP
<b>Wednesday,</b>	<b>August 7</b>	
<b>Thursday,</b>	<b>August 8</b>	
8:30 am	Mass	
7:00 pm	Pastoral Council	PO
<b>Friday,</b>	<b>August 9</b>	
6:00 pm	Wedding	CH
<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>August 10</b>	
3:00 pm	Confessions	
4:00 pm	Mass w/Youth Group	
5:00 pm	Youth Group	SH
<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>August 11</b>	
	<i>Youth Group Car Wash</i>	
8:30 am	Mass	
9:30 am	Rosary	
11:30 am	Mass LS	

**Note: (LS)=Livestreamed**

### Calendar Abbreviations

<b>R = RECTORY</b> <b>SS = SERVER'S SACRISTY</b> <b>SchH2 = 1ST FLOOR HALL</b> <b>CR = CLASSROOM</b> <b>G = GYMNASIUM</b> <b>FR = FACULTY ROOM</b> <b>PL = PARKING LOT</b>	<b>CH = CHURCH</b> <b>SCH = SCHOOL HALLWAY</b> <b>CR = CLASSROOM</b> <b>SH = SOCIAL HALL</b> <b>CC = COMMUNITY CENTER</b> <b>PP = PICNIC PAVILION</b>
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## 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](http://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](http://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.**



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

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

God Bless them all!

Kathy O'Malley [womalfam@sbcglobal.net](mailto:womalfam@sbcglobal.net) for any updates.



# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

"I will now rain down bread from heaven for you. Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion." (Ex 16:4)

### Psalm:

The Lord gave them bread from heaven. (Ps 78)

### Second Reading:

Be renewed in the spirit of your minds,  
and put on the new self,  
created in God's way in righteousness and holiness of truth. (Eph 4:23-24)

### Gospel:

"I am the bread of life;  
whoever comes to me will never hunger,  
and whoever believes in me will never thirst." (Jn 6:35)

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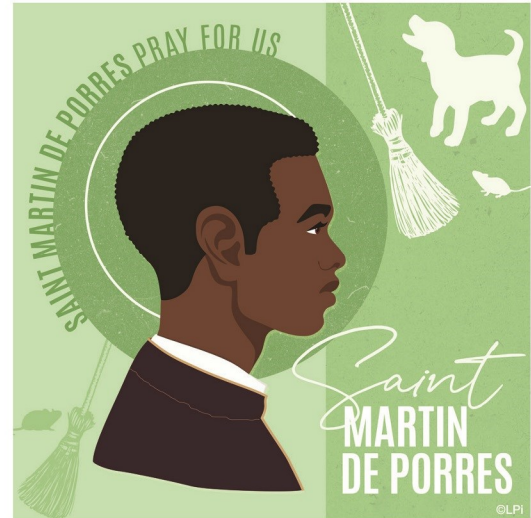
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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Jesus reminds his followers: "Do not work for food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life." We are so often distracted by the world before us, by the here and now. Let us not forget what is eternal. We were made for what is eternal.

## Observances for the week of August 4, 2024

- Sunday:** 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
- Tuesday:** The Transfiguration of the Lord
- Wednesday:** St. Sharbel Makhluf, Priest
- Thursday:** St. James, Apostle
- Friday:** St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin & Martyr
- Saturday:** St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr
- Next Sunday:** 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Saint of the week

St. Martin de Porres (1579- 1639) is the first Black saint of the Americas. He had a great love of the Eucharist and was known for caring equally for all regardless of race or status. He founded an orphanage and school and even cared for the mice and rats at his monastery.

## Prayer of Hunger

Dear Jesus,  
You are the one who fed the hungry. But your work doesn't only exist on the pages of an old book. You're working now. Work in us, to bring food to those in need.  
Work in us, to satisfy the places we most need you.  
Amen.

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 2024 | 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# Worship & Meditation

## Readings for the week of August 4, 2024

### Sunday:

Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 (24b)/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

### Monday:

Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102/Mt 14:13-21

### Tuesday:

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10

### Wednesday:

Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 15:21-28

### Thursday:

Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 16:13-23

### Friday:

Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41/Mt 16:24-28

### Saturday:

2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn 12:24-26

### Next Sunday:

1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9(9a)/Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Since my college days I've loved a song called "Dance with You" by the rock band Live. It touches on the deep mystical hunger of our heart: "I've tasted all the wines/ a half a billion times/ came sickened to your shore/ you showed me what this life is for." These lines resonate with anyone who has feasted on the good things of this world only to be left spiritually hungover and unsatisfied.

We see a similar dynamic evoked by Jesus' words after he feeds the crowd with bread and fish. To teach them to hunger for God, he recalls God's gift of manna-bread for the hungry ancient Israelites. Those folks had grown spiritually sick from the idolatrous food of Egypt yet still longed for more worthless pagan food. So, God sent heavenly bread to nourish their bodies, but also to heal their distrustful hearts. His people — like us — must learn to hunger and thirst for God alone. Before we can receive that which will not disappoint, we first must cease expecting that earthly goods will satisfy us.

We will get to the Lord's teaching on the Eucharist in the next two weeks. But first, he asks us: do you trust me to take care of you? Do you trust me to give you what you need for each day, and to not worry about the next day? Do you see that when you hungrily stuff yourself with the things of this world you become sick and lose your taste for the bread of life? So, our hungry hearts cry out: Lord, help us to trust that you'll provide for our every need. Help us to use only what we truly need. Help us hunger for the goodness of your Son, who is the true bread from heaven. That is what this life is for.

— *Father John Muir*

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