



St. Mark Parish

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 of our parishioners to participate in the shared responsibility of worship, prayer, study and service.

February 16, 2025

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Blessed are you who
are now hungry,
for you will be satisfied.
Blessed are you who
are now weeping,
for you will laugh."
- Lk 6:21

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PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Adam Zajac
Pastor

Mrs. Karen Cocita
Principal

Mrs. Meaghan McCarthy-Silver
Pastoral Minister

Mrs. Julia Wallace
Music Ministry Director

Mr. Michael Kay
Youth Ministry Director

Mrs. Jeannette Puckett
Parish School of Religion
(PSR) Director

COMMUNITY & SACRAMENTS

New Parishioners: All are welcome to join the parish! Visit the website or call the parish office to arrange to meet a pastoral staff member.

Become Catholic: Interested in becoming Catholic? Call the parish office for an appointment with a pastoral staff member to learn more.

Infant Baptism: As you celebrate a new birth, make sure to arrange for the child's baptism. The third Sunday of the month is our regular schedule.

Reconciliation: Mercy and peace are here for you. Confession is available on Saturdays from 3:00pm to 3:45pm, or by appointment.

Marriage: Over six months we will prepare you to exchange vows before the altar. Whether engaged or civilly married, contact us to get started.

Anointing of the Sick: If you or a loved one is seriously sick, please call the parish office to arrange for a priest to visit and anoint.

Homebound: We are happy to bring Communion to you if you are unable to participate in the celebration of Mass.

LITURGY AND PRAYER INTENTIONS

Papal Intention

February: For vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

Liturgy Schedule

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

Monday, February 17

8:30am Mass..... Living Intention for Lynda Mears

Tuesday, February 18

6:45am Mass @ St. Mel

8:30am Mass..... Marty Gorman

Wednesday, February 19

Thursday, February 20

8:30am Mass..... Luann Votruba

Friday, February 21

6:45am Mass @ St. Mel

Saturday, February 22-The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

3:00pm Confessions

3:00pm Confessions @ St. Mel

4:00pm Mass Ritz Szy

4:30pm Mass @ St. Mel

Sunday, February 23-7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00am Mass @ St. Mel

8:30am Mass..... John Kness

10:00am Mass @ St. Mel

11:30am Mass Gerri Joecken

Pray for the Sick

We commend to your personal prayers parishioners who have asked to be prayed for:

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| William Adams | Irene Gurchensky | Judy Reitz |
| Gianna Andolina | Carol Hughes | Aimee Roscoe |
| Jack Behnke | David Kurth | Nora Sudetic |
| Katy Brent | Gerald McArthur | George Surovec |
| Henry Buehner | Jim McIlwee | Herb Tippie |
| James Coyne | Mary Miller | Georgiann Treible |
| Matthew Craven | Maisie Nowlin | Joe Wantz |
| Nicole Foerstner | Bill Retzer | Charlotte Whiting |
| Mary Frantz | Mary Stark | Lillian Zahara |
| Theresa Fridrich | Sr. Josette Obodzinski | Lew Zahara Jr. |
| | | Joseph Zavatchen Jr. |

Pray for the Deceased

Fr. William Jerse

Catherine Norris, Grandmother of Erin Fitzpatrick, Katie McAdams and Colleen True

Deacon Roger Klaas

May perpetual light shine upon them

Other Intentions

Weekly Luke McGraw Memorial Candles Intention

Sisters, Luann & Dolores

Baptized This Week

Macy Irene Wirtz

| Liturgical Ministers | emHCs | Lectors | Servers |
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| Saturday, February 22 @ 4:00pm | Erin Fitzpatrick Shirlee Toth Gloria Morin | Gary Morin | Kathryn Sowul Patrick Sowul Dominic Sutcliff |
| Sunday, February 23 @ 8:30am | Michael Kay Austin Tousley Mary Stamper | Michael Grathwol Monica Svetz | Albert McGervey Anthony McGervey Joe Svetz |
| Sunday, February 23 @ 11:30am | Cari Foster Annamaria Masterson NOT FILLED | Eileen Andrews Eliza Kratt | Kate Dillinger Emily Dillinger Rowan Schleiter |

NEWS AND EVENTS

Offertory Collections

In-Pew Collection (past Sunday)\$ 3,043.00
Faith Direct (past month total)\$ 5,325.00
Thank you for your generosity!

Parish News

St. Mark Fish Fry

March 14, March 28 & April 11

Please join us for the annual St. Mark Lenten Fish Fry! The social hall is the place to be from 5:00 to 7:00pm on Friday evenings for great food and community! Watch the bulletin for details in the coming weeks.

Birthright Baby Bottle Donations

Donations received for the Birthright collection \$2,278.82. They are very thankful of St. Mark's continued generosity.

Parish Outreach

Mark's Madness Fundraiser March 9th 6-8pm

This fundraising basketball game between 8th grade day school/PSR students and coaches/teachers of all sports supports our Parish Outreach program, which helps people in our parish.

There will be a Second Collection for our Parish Outreach program this weekend at all Masses. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Reminders and Regular Events

Food Sunday

February 23

We will be collecting food for Blessed Trinity Parish - Bountiful Basement Clients next weekend. They have requested canned vegetables, fruit, and chicken; tuna, chili, stew, ravioli, spaghetti, pasta with sauce, rice, instant potatoes, soups, and PBJ in plastic jars. All of your donations are appreciated. Thank you!

May God bless all!

Holy Name Society Meetings

Fellowship, prayer, and service for all parishioners

All men and women of the parish ages 18 and older are welcome to join the St. Mark Holy Name Society. Meetings are the second Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm in either the Picnic Pavilion or Social Hall. At these gatherings, we dine together and discuss what event we will be doing next to help the community of St. Mark. If you would like to know more, contact Jim Cocita at: jimcocita@gmail.com

Young Family Gatherings

Connect with other young parents

Once a month after the 8:30am mass, young families are welcome to gather in the Social Hall (or Pavilion) for bagels, coffee, and community. Dates vary each month. For questions contact Briana Dave at: bciancibello@gmail.com

Upcoming Dates: March 16 and April 13

Donut & Coffee Social

Once a month after all masses in the Social Hall. Gather with fellow parishioners. For questions contact Michael Kay at mkay@stmarkcleveland.com

Upcoming Date: March 8 & 9

Reminders and Regular Events

Sunday Rosary

A devotion to enrich your prayer life

Please come to pray with Mary, Our Blessed Mother, in this beautiful devotion. Parishioners gather in the church to pray the rosary after the 8:30am mass every Sunday. Contemplating the mysteries of the life of Christ, we pray for peace and grace in the world.

General Parish Calendar

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| Saturday, | February 15 | |
| 3:00 pm | Confession | |
| 4:00 pm | Mass | |
| 5:30 pm | Basketball Tournament | |
| | Catholic Charities | |
| Sunday, | February 16 | |
| 8:30 am | Mass | |
| 8:30 am | Sunday PreSchool | CR |
| 9:30 am | Rosary | |
| 11:30 am | Mass LS w/Y&C Choir | |
| 4:00 pm | Living Stations Prac. | CH |
| 6:00 pm | Youth Group | CC |
| Monday, | February 17 | |
| | School Closed | |
| | Parish Office Closed | |
| 8:30 am | Mass | |
| 2:30 pm | Youth Choir Prac. | CH |
| 5:00pm-9:00 pm | Basketball Tournament | G/FR |
| 6:00 pm | Living Stations | CH |
| Tuesday, | February 18 | |
| 8:30 am | Mass w/All School | |
| 2:30 pm | Children's Choir Prac. | CH |
| 5:00pm-9:00pm | Basketball Tourn. | G/FR |
| 7:00 pm | Parent Club | SH |
| Wednesday, | February 19 | |
| 8:30 am | Gr. 1 | CH |
| 2:45 pm | Rosary Club | CH |
| 5:00pm-9:00pm | Basketball Tournament | G/FR |
| Thursday, | February 20 | |
| 8:30 am | Mass | |
| 3:15 pm | Faculty Mtg. | SH |
| 5:00pm-9:00pm | Basketball Tournament | G/FR |
| 6:00 pm | Scout Pack #268 Den Mtg. | SH |
| 7:00 pm | Troop #293 | SH |
| Friday, | February 21 | |
| 6:30 pm | Mother/Son Dance | G/CC |
| Saturday, | February 22 | |
| 3:00 pm | Confession | |
| 4:00 pm | Mass | |
| 5:30 pm | Basketball Tournament | |
| Sunday, | February 23 | |
| 8:30 am | Mass | |
| 8:30 am | Sunday PreSchool | CR |
| 9:30 am | Rosary | |
| 11:30 am | Mass LS w/Pack #268 | |
| 12:30 pm | Pack #268 Blue & Gold Dinner | SH |
| 4:00 pm | Living Stations Prac. | CH |

Note: (LS)=Livestreamed

REQUEST FOR 2024 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 _____

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD,
whose hope is the LORD. (Jer 17:7)

Psalm:

Blessed are they who hope in the Lord. (Ps 1)

Second Reading:

If the dead are not raised, neither has Christ been raised,
and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is vain.
(1 Cor 15:16-17)

Gospel:

"Blessed are you who are poor,
for the kingdom of God is yours." (Lk 6:20)

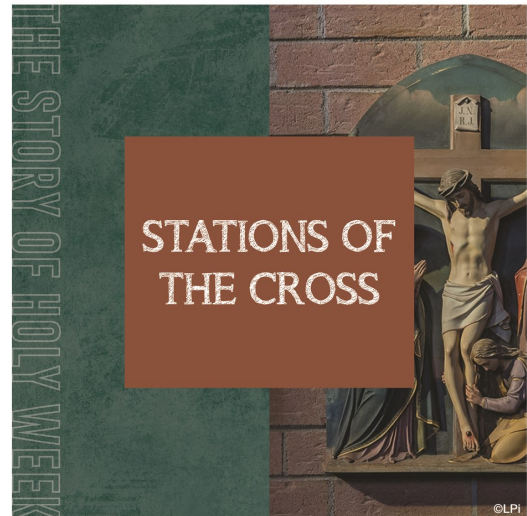
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Too many of us make the mistake of expecting prosperity here on Earth as a reward for following Christ. But Jesus is very clear: sorrow and hardship are a part of life. But when we offer these sufferings to Christ, they become transformed. They become blessed. And so do we.

Observances for the week of February 16, 2025

- Sunday:** 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order;
Presidents' Day
Friday: St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Saturday: The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
Next Sunday: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Devotions, Explained!

Since the earliest days of the Church, Christians have meditated upon Christ's passion and death. Over the centuries, the Stations of the Cross was popularized as a devotional means to experience the places and moments central to the story of Holy Week.

Prayer of God's Blessing

Bless me, Lord, mold my heart
in imitation of Yours.
Bless me, Lord, help me to see
people as You do, and to hear
their needs.
Bless me, Lord, replace my
understanding with Yours.

Amen.

General Audience of Pope Francis, on 1 February 2025

CATECHESIS OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS

Dear brothers and sisters!

The Jubilee is for people and for the Earth a new beginning; it is a time when everything must be rethought within the dream of God. And we know that the word “conversion” indicates a *change of direction*. Everything can be seen, at last, from another perspective, and so our steps also go towards new goals. This is how hope, which never disappoints, arises. The Bible tells of this in many ways. And for us too, the experience of faith has been stimulated by encounters with people who have been able to change in life and have, so to speak, entered into God's dreams. For even though there is much evil in the world, we can distinguish who is different: their greatness, which often coincides with littleness, wins us over.

In the Gospels, the figure of Mary Magdalene stands out above all others for this. Jesus healed her with mercy (cf. *Lk 8:2*), and she changed: sisters and brothers, mercy changes, mercy changes the heart, and for Mary Magdalene, mercy brought her into God's dreams and gave new purpose to her journey.

The Gospel of John tells of her encounter with the Risen Jesus in a way that makes us think. It is repeated several times that Mary *turned around*. The Evangelist chooses his words well! In tears, Mary looks first inside the tomb, then she turns around: the Risen one is not on the side of death, but on the side of life. He can be mistaken for one of the people we encounter every day. Then, when she hears her name spoken, the Gospel says that again Mary turns around. And this is how her hope grows: now she sees the tomb, but not like before. She can dry her tears, because she has heard her own name: only the Master pronounces it in this way. The old world still seems to be there, but it is no more. When we feel that the Holy Spirit is acting in our heart, and we feel that the Lord is calling us by name, do we know how to distinguish the voice of the Master?

Dear brothers and sisters, from Mary Magdalene, whom tradition calls “the apostle of the apostles”, we learn hope. One enters the new world by *converting more than once*. Our journey is a constant invitation to change perspective. The Risen One takes us into His world, step by step, on the condition that we do not claim to know everything already.

Let us ask ourselves today: do I know how to *turn around* to see things differently, with a different outlook? Do I have the desire for conversion?

An overconfident ego that is too proud prevents us from recognizing the Risen Jesus. Even when we weep and despair, we turn our back on Him. Instead of looking into the darkness of the past, into the emptiness of a tomb, from Mary Magdalene we learn to turn towards life. There our Master awaits us. There our name is spoken. For in real life there is a place for us, always and everywhere. There is a place for you, for me, for everyone. No one can take it, because it has always been meant for us. It is bad, as they say in the common parlance, it is bad to leave an empty seat: “This place is for me; if I don't go...”. Everyone can say: I have a place, I am a mission! Think about this: what is my place? What is the mission that the Lord gives us? May this thought help us to take a courageous attitude in life. Thank you.

*St. Mark School
75th Anniversary Gala*

Saturday, March 1st

5:00 -10:00

Tours following 4:00 Mass

St. Mark Community Center

\$60 per person

Dinner, Drinks and Dancing

Adults Only



To RSVP scan the QR Code or visit
stmarkcleveland.com/rsvp

Deadline to RSVP is Monday, February 24th

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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME