

On behalf of the clergy, staff, and entire parish family of Saint Mark, we extend this heartfelt invitation; **No matter what your present or past status in the Catholic Church; No matter what your current family or marital situation; No matter what your past or present religious affiliation; No matter what your personal history, age, background, race or color, you are invited, welcomed, accepted and loved here at Saint Mark Parish.**



### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday, December 15

6:30 p.m. John Gallagher (A)  
by Tim & Joanne Sullivan

#### Sunday, December 16 – Third weekend of Advent

8:00 a.m. Christopher Dardis  
by Rich & Cathy Dardis  
10:30 a.m. For Both the Living and  
Deceased of St. Mark

#### Monday, December 17

8:00 a.m. Bob Migely by Carolyn Murnane

#### Tuesday, December 18

8:00 a.m. Rose Bever by Edward & Joann Nash

#### Wednesday, December 19

6:00 p.m. Jane Tooill by Peter, Jim & Tom

#### Thursday, December 20

8:00 a.m. Brett Joos by Carol Sullivan

#### Friday, December 21

8:00 a.m. Rose Bever by Danny & Donna Bever  
& Children  
10:00 a.m. Arbors at Carroll

#### Saturday, December 22

6:30 p.m. Gertrude Sullivan by Sullivan Family

#### Sunday, December 23 – Fourth weekend of Advent

8:00 a.m. For both the Living and  
Deceased of St. Mark  
10:30 a.m. Marjorie Kilbarger Layman  
by Ed & Ann Kilbarger

#### **Upcoming Holy Days and Mass time changes**

December 24 Mass, 5:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

December 25 Mass, Midnight and 10:30 a.m.

December 31, Mass 7:00 p.m.,

January 1, Mass 10:30 a.m.

**Mass Intentions:** *One of the greatest acts of charity is to pray for the living and the dead, and the greatest and most powerful prayer we have is the Mass, since the fruits of the Mass are the very fruits of Jesus' redemption. Mass stipends (offerings) are \$10.00 each. All intentions will be listed in the bulletin. Please call the parish office (740-653-1229) to schedule Mass Intentions. You may also pay and request a date with online giving.*

#### **This Week's Readings:**

**Monday:** Gen 49: 2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17  
**Tuesday:** Jer 23: 5-8; Mt 1:18-25  
**Wednesday:** Jud 13: 2-7, 24-25; Lk 1:5-25  
**Thursday:** Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38  
**Friday:** S of S 2:8-14; Lk 1:39-45  
**Saturday:** 1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56  
**Sunday:** Heb 10:5-10; Mic 5:1-4; Lk 1:39-45

#### **Please pray for the sick**

**Week 1:** Russell Miller, Julie Wingenter, Cynthia Koehler, George Hallarn, Ann Cornell, Joseph McAndrews, Anthony Kuebler, Alyse Kuebler, Bernadette King, Tom Tobin  
**Week 2:** Diana Ratliff, Ann Brunney, Carol Papson, Becky Seroco, Tom Wild, Diana Ratliff  
**Week 3:** Susan Stolz, Debbie Clarridge, Nancy & Jim Hanley, Carl Anders, Mary Kern  
**Week 4:** Jason Brunney, Pat Leohner  
**Week 5:** Nick Renat, Joanne Myers, Laura Joos, Matthew Bryant, Marie Crosby, Tisha Kuhn  
**Week 6:** Jennifer Inboden, Dave Inboden, Deb Inboden, Michele Maley, Beth DeLong, Bob Cassidy, Kirk Gibbs, Jerry Sprague, Deb Mohney



#### **Please pray for our active military:**

*Brandon Elkins, Robert Brunney, Billy Paskins, Jr., David Kalb, Katie Lane, Alan Dyer, Brian Self, William Fouse, D.J. Amini, Nathan Rutherford, Nathan Jenks, Spencer Breeckner, Brandon Sanderell, Michael Sanderell, Cody Longstreth, Luke Harris, Jason Stith, Michael White, Nathan Hunyady*

**Pray for those in Nursing Homes:** *Ruth Fox, Rita Mason, (Crestview); Nancy Smith, Laura Joos, Jack Coontz (Carroll Place); Deacon Hank Gundrum (Logan Elm Health Care); Elaine Mertz, (Alternacare); Janice Miller (Landfair); Mary Ann Kinser (Inn at Winchester Trail); Mary Kern (Homestead)*

**In Loving memory** of Bob Migley, Laura Joos, John Robitzer, and Steven Kern, now living with the Lord.

**Meetings and Activities this week**

**Monday, December 17**

8:30 a.m. Adoration  
4:30 p.m. Staff and Liturgy Meeting

**Tuesday, December 18**

8:30 a.m. Adoration

**Wednesday, December 19**

9:00 a.m. Homeschool  
5:30 p.m. Rosary  
7:00 p.m. RCIA  
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

**Thursday, December 20**

7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus

**Sunday, December 23**

9:00 a.m. PSR  
10:00 a.m. Rosary in the Church  
10:30 a.m. Choir Sing  
11:30 a.m. Sing to Shut-ins

**Available for your convenience**

Cards for parishioners who use online giving are available by the doors to place in the collection. Cushions are located in the back of the church if needed.

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December		January	
16	PSR	6	PSR
23 & 30	No PSR	13	PSR
		20	PSR
		27	PSR

**Aluminum cans and empty ink cartridges:** Place cans in bins by the front door. Place ink cartridges in the box in the front office. Thank you!

**Confirmation classes** have started and we are asking for your prayers. Please take one or two doves from the back of the church with a Confirmandi name and pray for them while they are going through this process.

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**“Grad Talks”:** Want to know more about an education at Fisher Catholic High School? Want to know more about the student experience at Fisher? Come and learn firsthand as we host recent grads to talk about their high school days, and how Fisher prepared them for the future. There will be a panel discussion, opportunities for questions, and some mingle time...and maybe even a Christmas cookie or two. All are welcome to come to Fisher Catholic on **Sunday, December 16th, from 6:00-7:30 p.m.** for this event.

**Penance Schedule**

St. Joseph, December 17, 7:00 p.m.  
St. Mary Bremen, December 17, 6:30 p.m. until done  
St. John the 23rd, December 19, 7:00 p.m.  
St. Bernadette, December 18 & 20, 6:30 p.m. until done

**Hocking County Children’s Chorus** will present their annual Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 16, 3:00 p.m., at the First Presbyterian Church in Logan. Come to enjoy the sounds of the season! Admission is free.

**FOOTBALL COACHING POSITIONS AVAILABLE:**

Saint Mary School in Lancaster, OH, is seeking applicants for a Head Middle School Football Coach and Assistant Middle School Football Coach for the 2019 season. Applicants should preferably have playing/instructing or similar experience at the college, high school, OR middle school level and demonstrate appropriate knowledge for the development of fundamental techniques. Pay will be a onetime stipend at the end of the season. Please send letters of interest, résumés, references, and a copy of current Pupil Activity Permit (if you already have one) to Athletic Directors Ria and Noah Kerns at [smsathletics@saintmarylanaster.org](mailto:smsathletics@saintmarylanaster.org).

**THE ST. JOSEPH CATHEDRAL CHOIR** will be performing at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 134 W. Mound Street, Circleville, Ohio 43113, on December 16th at 3:00 p.m. There will be a reception in the Hall afterwards with light refreshment.

**In Our Diocese**

**Christmas Catholic Charities Collection.** This annual collection allows the diocese to meet a variety of basic needs directly and through diocesan agencies and organizations including J.O.I.N. (Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs), St. Stephen’s Community House, Catholic Social Services, St. Francis Center, St. Lawrence Haven, St. Vincent Family Center, and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. You can help share in this important work by generously supporting the Catholic Charities collection this year.

**YOUR SPOUSE WILL THANK YOU!** Give thanks and plan now to attend a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** weekend! The next weekend is February 15-17, 2019 in central Ohio. Marriage Encounter is where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones and focus on each other. For more information or to apply, contact Paul and Marilou Clouse at 614-834-6880 or visit our website at [www.wwmecolumbus.org](http://www.wwmecolumbus.org).

**Religious give thanks.** "This money is pure gift," writes a religious sister of the support made possible by the Retirement Fund for Religious. "It enables us to continue providing care for our elderly sisters." Your gift to last week's collection helps hundreds of religious communities meet pressing retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Thank you for your generosity!

**3rd Sunday of Advent:** "Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God." (PHILIPPIANS 4:6) St. Paul reminds us that our God is an abundant God, the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. When we trust that God will take care of us, it is easier for us to share what we have been given. Learn how to share your gifts and Catholic legacy by supporting your parish and contact The Catholic Foundation. Visit [www.catholic-foundation.org/development](http://www.catholic-foundation.org/development) for more information.

### **In Our Parish**

**A huge thank-you** to all volunteers for the Breakfast with Santa. Friday night, the St. Raymond room, Santa's room and the activity room were all decorated and ready in only one and a half hours thanks to so many working hands. Also, the Saturday morning had many helpers, including several teenagers, and we appreciate everyone who responded. We were so blessed that Santa could take time out of his busy schedule to visit us. Thanks to all – Mrs. KLAUS-ing.

**"Home Alone Thanksgiving Dinner":** Many thanks to those who contributed of their time and provided food for the Thanksgiving Dinner held at St. Mark for those who were looking for a place to spend the holiday. It was much appreciated!

**Christmas flowers donated in memory of a loved one:** Envelopes are located in the hallway; please write clearly the name of your loved one on the envelope and return to the office by December 18.

**Thank you so much** to you my St. Mark Parish family for your kindness and prayers at the death of my brother John. Cathy Robitzer Dardis.

**A big thank-you** to everyone who took a tag from the giving tree; we are truly blessed to have such a wonderful giving parish.

**As the end of the year draws to a close**, another year begins, and we plan our end-of-year contributions. Please remember your St. Mark Parish Family.

**Please check your mailboxes** in the hallway for mail. If you wish to put Christmas cards or other items in mailboxes, there is an alphabetical list on the side of the mailboxes.

**Attention:** Due to the holiday season, bulletin articles need to be turned into the office early; by December 18 for December 30 bulletin; by December 26 for January 6.



**Our next St. Mark Blood Drive is December 20, from 2:00-7:00 p.m.**



**Adorers Needed!!!** Would you like to spend one hour with Jesus?? We need adorers here at St. Mark for the following times: Mondays, 10:00-11:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.-noon; Tuesdays, 2:00-3:00 p.m., 5:00-6:00 p.m. Call Jan Kiger if you can do one of these times at 740-654-0884.

**Present Wrapping available.** Please sign up on the sign-up sheet in hallway; all donations made will go to Nationwide Children's Hospital. For more information, email [kim\\_brunney@yahoo.com](mailto:kim_brunney@yahoo.com). Wrapping starts December 15.

Our annual **Christmas Cantata will be "Sing Christmas."** This glorious prelude to Christ's birth, written by Joel Raney and Mary McDonald, will be presented on Sunday, December 16, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. A 25-piece orchestra will accompany 42 singers from St. Mark and other area churches. Mark your calendars and invite your family and friends to join us as we celebrate this most blessed season in word and song.

**Do you have high cholesterol or high blood pressure?** Have members of your family suffered from these ailments? Do you have a poor diet? If you answer "yes" to any of these questions, you may want to consider being screened through the services of Life Line Screening. Life Line Screening uses ultrasound technology to view the plaque buildup in your carotid arteries, the main arteries that carry blood to the brain. Blockages in these arteries are a leading cause of stroke. We are pleased to host this Life Line Screening event on January 22, 2019 at St. Mark Catholic Church. Register for a Wellness Package, which includes four vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149.00 (\$139.00 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10.00 discount off any package priced above \$129.00, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle) or text the word circle to 797979.**

We are redoing our nursery/quiet room and are in need of some items. Please see the poster board in the hallway and purchase that item if you wish to help.

**Singing to Shut-ins** after Mass on December 23rd after the 10:30 a.m. Mass and pizza. If you know of anyone who would like to be sung to, please call the parish office at 740-653-1229. If you plan to sing, the sign-up sheet is in the hallway.

**RCIA:** If you are think about becoming a Catholic Christian yourself; if you are a Catholic who needs to get back to basics and learn your Faith better; if you have a friend or loved one in one of those situations; or..... If you have other questions regarding the RCIA, call Pam Dittoe at 740-215-0685 for more information or to join our discussions. Join us 7:00 p.m. in Room 1 here at the church. All are welcome. December 19 The Incarnation: God Enters our World.



**St. Mark Emerald Food Pantry:**

Needed: Cleaning supplies, personal care items, any taxable item

Contact the parish office  
(740-653-1229) if you would like to help.

Pantry Schedule: Tuesdays, 3:30-5:30 p.m.;  
Saturdays, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Thank you for your support

**Prayer boxes** are located in the front hallway, back of church and in the Adoration Room. All prayers are prayed by various groups plus taken up to the altar at each Mass.

**Finance Information**

	December 2, 2018	Year to date
Actual	\$ 5,687.20	\$ 136,883.98
Budget	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 143,000.00
YTD	-\$ 852.80	-\$ 6116.02
Annual Budget	\$ 338,000.00	

**Collection Funds**

December 2, 2018	Basket	Online
Youth Ministry	\$ 43.00	\$ 0.00
Food Pantry	\$ 23.00	\$ 10.00
Social Concerns	\$ 288.30	\$ 283.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 13.00	\$ 0.00
Bridges of St. Mark	\$ 308.00	\$ 0.00

Please go to **MyOwnChurch** (located on our website) to check your schedule. Our website also has the schedule listed.

**DECEMBER 22 – 6:30 P.M.**

**Server:**  
1 Volunteer Needed  
**Lector:**  
Monica Atkins  
**Eucharistic Ministers:**  
4 Volunteers, Sharon Elder

**DECEMBER 23 – 8:00 A.M.**

**Server:**  
1 Volunteer Needed  
**Lector:**  
1 Volunteer Needed  
**Eucharistic Ministers:**  
5 Volunteers Needed

**DECEMBER 23 – 10:30 A.M.**

**Server:**  
2 Volunteers Needed  
**Lector:**  
1 Volunteer Needed, Jim Aranda  
**Eucharistic Ministers:**  
1 Volunteer Needed, Rich Merrick, Carol Steele,  
Karyl Holt-Aranda, Bunnie Taterek

**CHRISTMAS EVE  
DECEMBER 24 – 5:30 P.M.**

**Servers:**  
2 Volunteers Needed  
**Lectors:**  
2 Volunteers Needed  
**Eucharistic Ministers:**  
2 Volunteers Needed, Sharon Elder,  
Donna & Jim Brownfield

**DECEMBER 24 – 8:00 P.M.**

**Servers:**  
2 Volunteers Needed  
**Lectors:**  
Jim Aranda, Keith Riggins  
**Eucharistic Ministers:**  
2 Volunteers Needed, Rich Merrick, Carol Steele,  
Jakki Moore

**CHRISTMAS DAY  
DECEMBER 25 – MIDNIGHT**

**Servers:**  
3 Volunteers, Jerry Joos  
**Lectors:**  
2 Volunteers Needed  
**Eucharistic Ministers:**  
3 Volunteers Needed

**DECEMBER 25 – 10:30 A.M.**

**Servers:**  
2 Volunteers Needed  
**Lector:**  
Monica Atkins, 1 Volunteer Needed  
**Eucharistic Ministers:**  
4 Volunteers Needed, Rich Merrick