

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 8

8:00 a.m. Theresa Allen
by Vic & Marlene Elkes
6:30 p.m. Ursula Nation
by Wayne & Linda Kessler

Sunday, December 9 –

Second weekend of Advent

8:00 a.m. Patrick Murnane
by Alan & Jenny Murnane
10:30 a.m. For Both the Living and
Deceased of St. Mark

Monday, December 10

8:00 a.m. Theresa Allen by Amy Petter

Tuesday, December 11

8:00 a.m. Marjorie Kilbarger Layman
by Paul & Mary Shonk & Daughters

Wednesday, December 12

6:00 p.m. Sue Sanderell by Mary Silcott

Thursday, December 13

8:00 a.m. For both the Living and
Deceased of St. Mark

Friday, December 14

8:00 a.m. Rose Bever by Danny &
Donna Bever & Children

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

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: Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Mt 18:12-14; Is 40:1-11
Wednesday: Zec 2:14-17; Lk 1:26-38
Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15
Friday: Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9-13
Sunday: Phil 4:4-7; Zep 3:14-18; Lk 3:10-18

Please pray for the sick

Week 1: Diana Ratliff, Ann Brunney, Carol Papson, Becky Seroco, Tom Wild, Diana Ratliff
Week 2: Susan Stolz, Debbie Clarridge, Nancy & Jim Hanley, Carl Anders, Mary Kern
Week 3: Jason Brunney, Pat Leohner
Week 4: Nick Renat, Joanne Myers, Laura Joos, Matthew Bryant, Marie Crosby, Tisha Kuhn
Week 5: Jennifer Inboden, Dave Inboden, Deb Inboden, Michele Maley, Beth DeLong, Bob Cassady, Kirk Gibbs, Jerry Sprague, Deb Mohny
Week 6: Russell Miller

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)*

Congratulations and welcome to Alena Danner, *Daughter of Kenneth and Gina Danner, who was baptized on November 25.*

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.

Meetings and Activities this week

Monday, December 10

8:30 a.m. Adoration

Tuesday, December 11

8:30 a.m. Adoration

7:00 p.m. Penance Service

Wednesday, December 12

9:00 a.m. Homeschool

5:30 p.m. Rosary

7:00 p.m. RCIA

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Saturday, December 15

12:00 p.m. Cantata Rehearsal

Sunday, December 16

9:00 a.m. PSR

10:00 a.m. Rosary in the Church

1:00 p.m. Kateri Circle

7:00 p.m. Cantata

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December

6 PSR

9 PSR

16 PSR

23 & 30 No PSR

January

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.

Youth are invited to our annual **Christmas Party**, December 12, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the youth center.

Deanery

Damascus Upper Room: All High School Youth of Deanery invited to the Upper Room on December 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Mary Spirit Center.

Merry Christmas! I know all parents have a lot on their minds during the holiday season, but let me add one piece of exciting news! **Fisher Catholic**, starting December 1st, is opening up their registration. Any families who register by December 11 will receive 50% off their registration fee! Please visit our website (www.fishercatholic.org) and click on admissions for all the information that you need. If you have any questions, or would like to come in for a school, tour please contact me at 740-654-1231, ext. 11 or jglobokar@cducation.org. We can't wait to have you and your 8th grader as a part of our Class of 2023!

“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.

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.

THE ST. JOSEPH CATHEDRAL CHOIR will be performing 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



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.wmecom Columbus.org.

Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests ministered for years for little to no pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate retirement savings. Your gift to today’s second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. Please be generous.

“And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value...”

(PHILIPPIANS 1:9-10)

Glittery holiday ads can blind us to our stewardship values and distort our needs and wants. It is important that during this season of endless buying, we remember that each of us also has the need to give back to God and to those who are in need.

To learn how to give back in a meaningful way, contact The Catholic Foundation. Visit www.catholic-foundation.org/development for more information.

A special Christmas gift – A Mass celebrated by a missionary priest! Your loved ones/friends will receive a beautiful Christmas-themed Mass card acknowledging your gift. In fact, you would be doubling your gift since Mass stipends are critical in supporting missionary priests with their mission and pastoral needs. Go to www.columbuscatholic.org/missions-office, select “Request a Mass,” and click the Mass form link. Print and mail the form with payment to the Diocese of Columbus Missions Office; the Mass stipend is \$10.00. Call 614-228-8603 or email to mismailbox@columbuscatholic.org with questions.

In Our Parish

Intercessory Prayer Team will be available after all Masses this weekend in Room 1.

Thank you to all who volunteered for foundation dinners. The next sign up to volunteer will be in March 2019 to start in May.

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 11 for December 23 bulletin, and by December 18 for December 30 bulletin.

Knights of Columbus Council 15447 will donate profits from their December 2 breakfast to Irish4Life. Breakfast will be served after the 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Masses. Cost: your generous donation. *Thank you for your support!*



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-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.



New to St. Mark, Dee Printing now has an app that you can download for free. Go to your app store and type in *inourparish*. After downloaded, search for St. Mark. You can make donations, go to our website, see the calendar, make a prayer request, get Mass changes and much more.

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. 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.



Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will offer their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at St. Mark Catholic Church on January 22, 2019. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries (which is a leading cause of stroke); abdominal aortic aneurysms (which can lead to a ruptured aorta); hardening of the arteries in the legs (which is a strong predictor of heart disease); atrial fibrillation or irregular heartbeat (which is closely tied to stroke risk); and a bone density screening for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. 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 or text the word “circle” to 797979.**



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

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 740-653-1229. If you plan to sing, there is a sign-up sheet 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 the 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. On December 12, the talk will be The Christian Scriptures (New Testament).



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

	11/25/18	Year to date
Actual	\$ 6753.00	\$ 131,196.78
Budget	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 136,500.00
YTD	-\$ 253.00	-\$ 5303.22
Annual Budget	\$ 338,000.00	

Collection Funds 11/25/18	Basket	Online
Youth Ministry	\$ 10.00	\$ 0.00
Food Pantry	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00
Social Concerns	\$ 500.00	\$ 300.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
CCHD	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Bridges of St. Mark	\$ 110.00	



MINISTERS



Thank you for those of you who have signed up for **MyOwnChurch**. For those of you who have not, please go to our parish website www.stmarklancaster.com and click on **MyOwnChurch** and press new user; it is that simple. Once signed up, you can check on giving, schedules and see other parishioners' contact information. Call the parish office if you have any questions.

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15, 6:30 P.M.

Altar Server

Eucharistic Ministers:

- 1) Archer, Jon
- 2) Disbennett, Fran
- 3) Dittoe, Pam
- 4) Elder, Sharon
- 5) Reid, Patty

Lector:

- 1) Volunteer Needed

Church Cleaners:

- 1) Griffith, Patty
- 2) Griffith, Randy

Money Counters:

- 1) Darst, RONALD
- 2) Elder, Sharon
- 3) Klausing, Ron
- 4) Klausing, Sandy

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 8:00 A.M.

Altar Server:

- 1) Vail, Lyza
- 2) Vail, Nora

Eucharistic Ministers:

- 1) Melillo, Sandra
- 2) Oelker, Cheryl
- 3) Steele, Dan
- 4) Steele, Carol
- 5) Tooill, Christopher

Lector:

- 1) Oelker, Bill

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 10:30 A.M.

Altar Server

- 1) Frank, Kavanaugh
- 2) Hurdley, Jeff

Eucharistic Ministers:

- 1) Aranda, James
- 2) Holt, Karyl
- 3) Hyde, Norma
- 4) Riggins, Keith
- 5) Riggins, Martha

Lector:

- 1) Kiger, Jan
- 2) Kiger, Phil