

SAINT MEL

Catholic Church

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SAINT MEL

Mel is said to have been the son of Conis and his wife, Darerca, the sister of Saint Patrick. Mel accompanied his uncle to Ireland and helped to evangelize in that country. Mel is said to have had no fixed diocese, which might be explained by his being a missionary. Saint Patrick himself built the church at Ardagh and to this he appointed his nephew, Mel. The cathedral at Ardagh is dedicated to Saint Mel. Acting upon the counsel of Saint Paul, Mel supported himself by working with his hands, and what he gained beyond bare necessities, he gave to the poor. The Feast of Saint Mel is on February 6th.

PARISH INFORMATION

PHONES

Rectory Office: 216-941-4313
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..... azajac@stmel.net
Website <http://www.stmel.net>

Weddings: Couples need to make arrangements at least six months prior to the wedding date. No date may be reserved until after a discussion with the priest of the parish.

Funerals: Arrangements must be confirmed with the rectory office by the funeral director before any publication in the newspaper.

Baptisms: On the second Sundays of the month, following the 10:00 AM Mass. Arrangements should begin to be made about three months before the birth of the child.

Rite of Christian Initiation: Persons interested becoming members of the Catholic Church are asked to call the rectory office for information.

Anointing of the Sick: In the case of an emergency, please call the rectory office immediately. Please notify the rectory office for communion calls to the homebound, or visits to parishioners in the hospital.

Registration: New parishioners are asked to call the rectory office to register. Please call if there is a change in address or when moving out of the parish.

Rectory Office Hours: Monday through Friday: 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon; 12:30 to 4:30 PM

Share-a-Meal Program: Sponsored by St. Ignatius Church and supported by St. Mel Parish. Meal is held on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at St. Ignatius Church, 10205 Lorain Avenue, Cleveland.

MASSES

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM
Sunday: 7:00, 10:00 AM

Weekday Masses

Tuesday & Friday 6:45 AM

Confessions: Saturdays 3:00 - 4:00 PM

PAPAL INTENTION

Pope's Intention for February: For the terminally ill. We pray that those with terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

LITURGY SCHEDULE

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

Monday, February 19 -

8:30 AM Mass @ *St. Mark*

Tuesday, February 20 -

6:45 AM Mass.....All Souls' Day Intentions

Wednesday, February 21 - St. Peter Damian

10:00 AM Rosary

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

8:30 AM Mass @ *St. Mark*

Friday, February 23 - St. Polycarp

6:45 AM Mass.....Father's Day Intentions

Saturday, February 24 -

3:00 PM Confessions @ *St. Mark*

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4:00 PM Mass @ *St. Mark*

4:30 PM Mass.....Paul Filippi

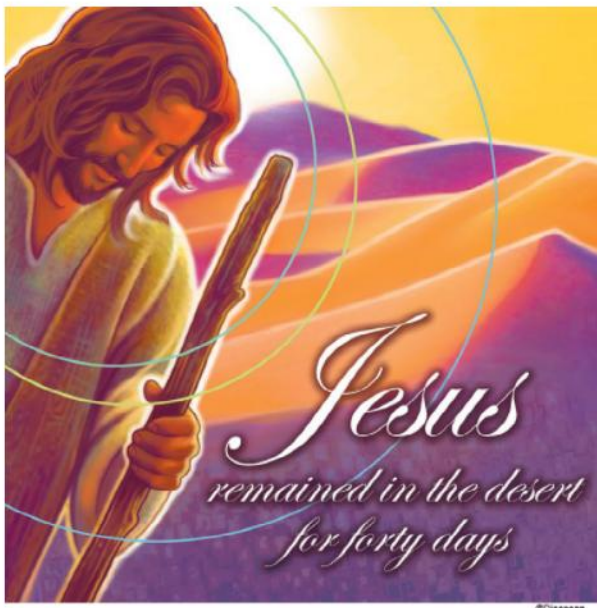
Sunday, February 25 - Second Sunday of Lent

7:00 AM Mass.....St. Mel Parishioners and
St. Mark Parishioners

8:30 AM Mass @ *St. Mark*

10:00 AM Mass.....Residents and Staff
of Ennis Court

11:30 AM Mass @ *St. Mark*

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION**

<u>2024:</u>	Offertory \$2749	<u>2023:</u>	Offertory \$3146
	Monthly \$55		Monthly \$555
	Repairs/Maintenance \$205		Repairs/Maintenance \$345

LENTEN FISH FRY**Weekly 50/50 Raffle!**

St. Mel Parish

St. Mark Parish

**FEB
23**5PM TO 7PM - FISH FRY
6:30PM - Stations of the CrossNoon - Stations of the Cross
5PM TO 7PM - FISH FRY**MAR
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8**5PM TO 7PM - FISH FRY
6:30PM - Stations of the CrossNoon - Stations of the Cross
5PM TO 7PM - FISH FRY**MAR
15****MAR
22**5PM TO 7PM - FISH FRY
7:30PM - LIVING STATIONS
OF THE CROSSWatch the bulletins
and parish websites
for more information**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

Coletta Bailey	Judy Collins
Dave Corrigan	Olga Corrigan
Emily Finazzo	Shiela Henson
Gretchen Lane	Catherine McCafferty
Jan Retzer	Sue Solenne
Mark Struhar	Matthew Struhar
Thomas Szoradi	Andrew Valek
Ruth Zimmer	

If you or someone you know needs prayer support, please call the Rectory office to have their name included in our bulletin. Please be respectful of other's wishes and only submit a name with full permission from the intended.

PARISH CALENDAR

Wed. 21 Rosary 10:00 AM
Sat. 24 Confessions 3:00-4:00 PM

FAITH BUILD INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Date & Time: Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at 7:00 pm Location: St. Mel Hall

The 2024 Greater Cleveland Habitat for Humanity Faith Build has kicked off, and St. Mel is invited to join the campaign! Come to St. Mel Hall on Tuesday, February 20 at 7:00 pm and meet Philip Katsadourous of Greater Cleveland Habitat for Humanity for a presentation on the history of the Faith Build, how it benefits Cleveland, plans for the 2024 Faith Build, and how YOU can be a part of it! Questions? Email Amy Asseff at aasseff@aol.com.

PRAYER VIGIL FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE

All are invited to attend a Prayer Vigil for Peace in Ukraine at 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24 in the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, 1007 Superior Ave., Cleveland. The event, marking the second anniversary of the war, will be hosted by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland and Greater Cleveland's Ukrainian community. Bishop Edward Malesic is scheduled to be the principal speaker and clergy from the orthodox communities are expected to participate. For more information, email cma@gmail.com

ANNUAL DIOCESE**HOLY NAME SOCIETY CONVENTION**

Open to all. Do not need to be a member. Saturday February 17, 2024 St. Brendan Parish Mass at 9:00, Convention to follow in School Cafeteria Light Continental Brunch and Lunch included \$15.00 per person Reservations by Friday, February 9, 2024 Email Jim Cocita at jimcocita@gmail.com for form.

YCP UPCOMING EVENTS

February 21: Executive Speaker Series: Is It Reasonable to Believe our Catholic Faith? - Dr. Martin Lindway, Science Department Chair at Benedictine High School, dives into the intellectual arguments for Catholicism, advocating the union of faith and science. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Emeritus Roger Gries, OSB at the beginning of this event (Benedictine High School, 2900 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr, Cleveland, 6:30-8:30pm) More details can be found on Facebook and Instagram (@ycpcleveland) Register for free at ycpcleveland.org/events.

**Growing in FAITH**

Discovering **hope** and **joy** in the Catholic faith

WHY SHOULD WE "OFFER IT UP"

When tempted to complain about suffering, we may be encouraged to "offer it up" instead. This act of surrender carries incredible spiritual power.

A share in Christ's Cross. Because Jesus is God, His suffering and sacrifice have infinite value. When we unite even our small sufferings to Jesus' suffering, it takes on an infinite value in helping Him to save souls.

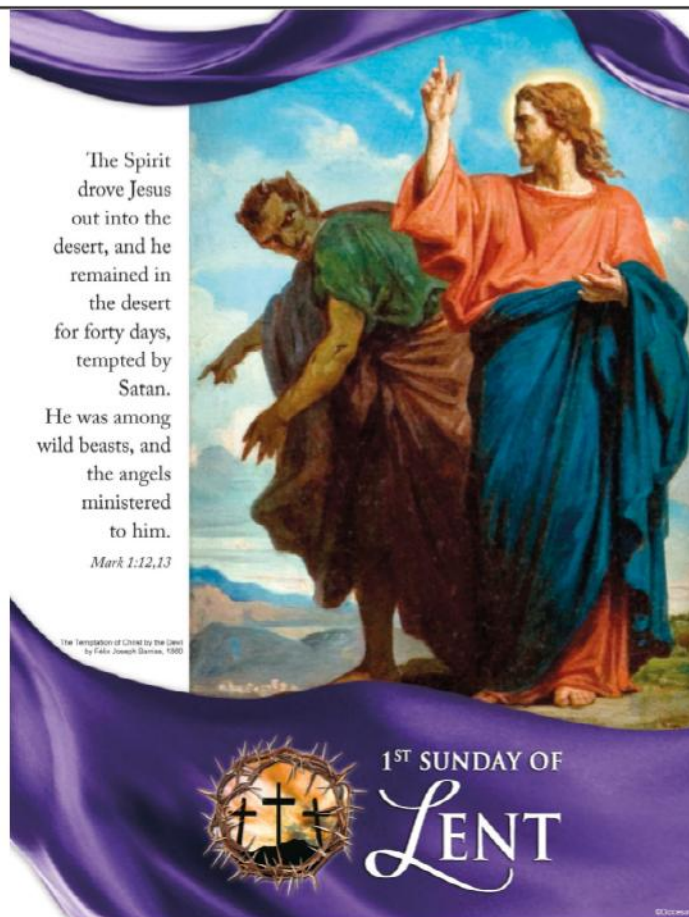
Spiritual "strength training." When we offer our sufferings to God, He is able to work on our hearts. Suffering for others helps us to become less selfish and more compassionate, less hard-hearted and more patient, less self-indulgent and more generous. Our hearts emerge more Christ-like, and better able to love.

Prudence is needed. Under most circumstances, encouragement to "offer it up" works as a spiritual discipline for inconveniences or mild suffering. Sometimes, however, remediation or professional help may be needed. God sees the sincerity of our love so we can still offer our suffering to Him and yet take constructive action to remediate whatever is causing the suffering. Be prudent.

SAINT POLYCARP

"Eighty-six years I have served Christ, and he never did me any wrong. How can I blaspheme my King and Savior?" Boldly answering the official who demanded he worship pagan gods, Polycarp, today's "Senior Citizen Saint," demonstrates that courage, far from being the preserve of the young, is a virtue cultivated through life-long fidelity and crowned by final perseverance. A disciple of Saint John, who is said to have consecrated him bishop of Smyrna in modern day Turkey, Polycarp witnesses to the truth that, whatever time and space may separate us, Jesus' gift of the Eucharist unites us. Polycarp's final words, preserved by the Church of Smyrna, sounds like a Eucharistic Prayer in which the saint offers himself: "Lord, almighty God, Father of your beloved and blessed Son Jesus Christ, through whom we have come to the knowledge of yourself . . . may I be received among the martyrs as a rich and pleasing sacrifice . . . through the eternal priest of heaven, Jesus Christ . . . through him be glory to you, together with him and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen."

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