



St. Mel Catholic Church

14436 Triskett Road
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Reverend Adam A. Zajac, *Pastor*

MASSES

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM

Sunday: 7:00, 10:00 AM

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday and Friday: 6:45 AM

Confessions:

Saturday: 3:00-4:00 PM

PHONES

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PARISH INFORMATION

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

Rite of Christian Initiation: Persons interested in 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 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

Hall available please call the rectory office for more information.

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. Doors open at 5:00 PM. Dinner is served at 5:30 PM.

PAPAL INTENTION

Pope's Intention for November: For the Pope. We pray for the Holy Father; as fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him with the help of the Holy Spirit.

LITURGY SCHEDULE

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

**Monday November 13 - St. Francis Xavier
Cabrini**

8:30 AM Mass @ *St. Mark*

Tuesday November 14 -

6:45 AM Mass.....John Rudolph

Wednesday November 15 - St. Albert the Great

10:00 AM Rosary

**Thursday November 16 - St. Margaret of
Scotland; St. Gertrude**

8:30 AM Mass @ *St. Mark*

Friday November 17 - St. Elizabeth of Hungary

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

**Saturday November 18 - The Dedication of the
Basilica of Ss. Peter and Paul; St. Rose Philippine
Duchesne**

3:00 PM Confessions @ *St. Mark*

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4:00 PM Mass @ *St. Mark*

4:30 PM Mass.....Henry & Michael Hout

**Sunday November 19 - Thirty-Third Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

7:00 AM Mass.....Aurora Pelleschi

8:30 AM Mass @ *St. Mark*

10:00 AM Mass.....Fui Hosaka

11:30 AM Mass @ *St. Mark*

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

2023: Offertory \$3718

Monthly \$55

Repairs/Maintenance \$460

(Extra Ordinary)

2022: Offertory \$3963

Monthly \$320

Repairs/Maintenance \$430

(Extra Ordinary)

DONUT SUNDAY

After all Masses on Sunday, November 12th, FREE donuts and coffee will be available, courtesy of the parish. Join your parish community in the hall after Masses, all are welcome.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS
AND DECORATIONS**

To donate for Christmas flowers and other decorations in honor of or in remembrance of someone dear to you, please make your request by November 19, 2023. An insert will be placed in the bulletin on Christmas weekend naming all of those honored by the flowers used to decorate the church during the Christmas season. Your name will be listed unless you prefer to be anonymous. Please put the form in the collection basket with your donation (if donating by check, please make the check out to St. Mel Church and write in the memo "Church Decoration") For any questions please contact Susan Mitchell at 216-941-6743.

ADVENT RETREAT

We will be offering an opportunity to take some time for reflection and preparation for the season of Christmas. A weekend for women will be held on December 1st to the 3rd and for the men on December 8th to the 10th. These weekends will be held at the Bethany Retreat Center in Chardon. More details will be available in future bulletins. If you have any questions please contact the Rectory Office.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Coletta Bailey

Dave Corrigan

Emily Finazzo

Larry Jones

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Jan Retzer

Mark Struhar

Thomas Szoradi

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Olga Corrigan

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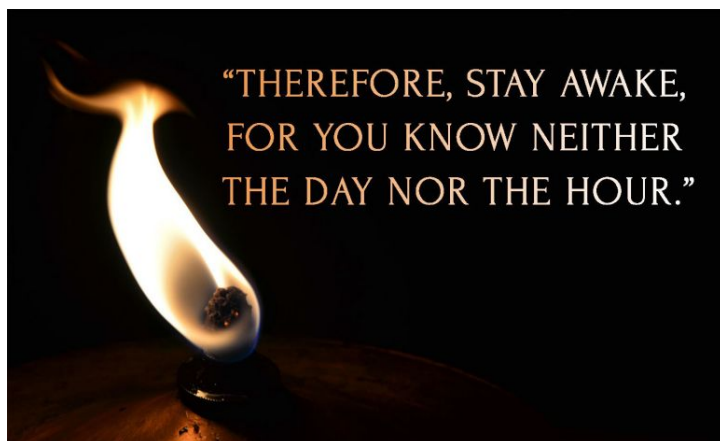
Catherine McCafferty

Sue Solenne

Matthew Struhar

Joel Tomkalski

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. 15
Sat. 18Rosary: 10:00 AM
Confessions 3:00-4:00 PM**WE GIVE CATHOLIC**
Tuesday, November 28, 2023

WE GIVE CATHOLIC is Northeast Ohio's online day of Catholic giving to raise awareness and inspire our Catholic community to generosity in support of Catholic Parishes and Schools.

St. Mel Parish will be raising money for new windows in the school building. The project is estimated to cost \$270,000, which includes removing the existing windows, addressing any damage to the interior surrounds, and installing new windows. This is a much-needed repair to the school building that will be made possible by your generous donations!

Watch the bulletins for more information each week!

**CHRISTMAS CHOIR & INSTRUMENTAL
ENSEMBLE FOR ST. MEL & ST. MARK****Performances** (Attend one or both)

ST. MARK 12/24 @ 4PM Mass. CALL TIME 3:00 PM

ST. MEL 12/24 @ 6PM Mass. CALL TIME 5:30 PM

Choir Rehearsals

Wednesday 11/29 @ 7PM- Bring a friend!

Wednesday 12/6 @ 7PM

Wednesday 12/13 @ 7PM

Wednesday 12/ 20 @ 7PM

Instrumentalists

RSVP Via Email (JWallace@stmarkcleveland.com) by 11/22

11/29 Sheet music distribution

Wednesday 12/6 @ 8PM

Wednesday 12/13 @ 8PM

Wednesday 12/30 @ 7PM COMBINED

ALL REHEARSALS HELD @ ST. MEL

**Growing in FAITH**

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

SAINT FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI

Burly longshoremen glared at the woman in widow's dress who interrupted their drinking to beg money, in broken English, for her orphanage. The bar exploded in laughter as one man responded by spitting in her face. "That was for me," the woman smiled. "Do you have anything for the children?" Given today's national debate, could it be as much God's sense of humor as God's will for our sanctification that our first "American" saint should be an immigrant and naturalized citizen? Frances Cabrini, adopting the name "Xavier," confided to Pope Leo XIII her longing to follow her Jesuit patron to Asia. But the Pope replied, "Not East—*West!*" So she and her Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart exchanged exotic dreams of China for the impoverished reality of Italian ghettos across the United States and Central and South America. Before her death, Frances had founded seventy educational, health care, child, and family service institutions. Today, from Siberia to Ethiopia, in sixteen countries, Mother Cabrini's sisters and lay associates embody her practical spirituality: "Let's get to work! We'll have eternity to rest!"

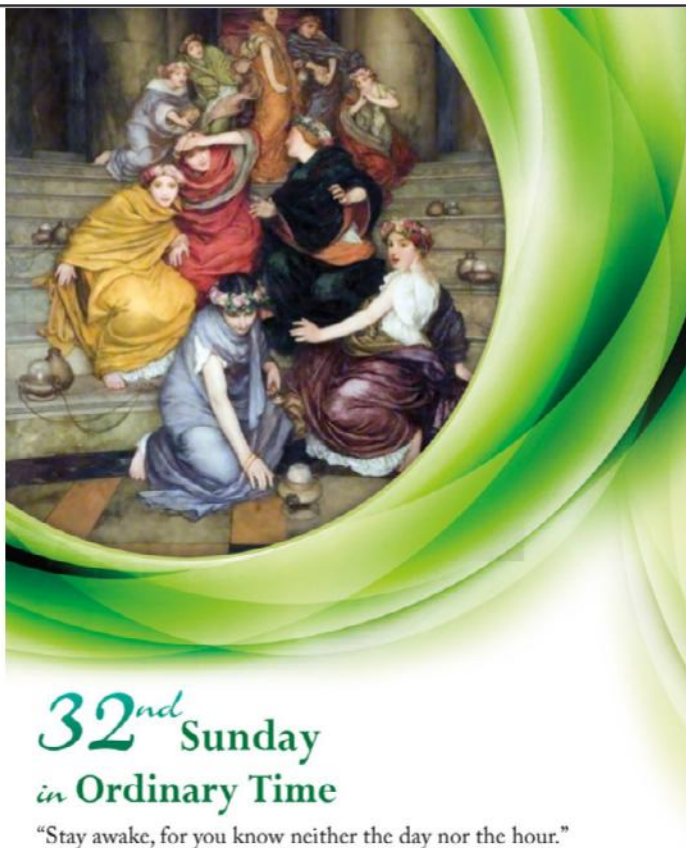
GETTING TO KNOW YOU

At the end of today's Gospel, the groom answers the pleas of the foolish virgins not with a question, "Why weren't you ready?" but with the statement, "I don't know you" (Mt 25:12). Now that sounds kind of odd, if the bridegroom represents the LORD, because God knows everything and everybody. But here in Matthew's Gospel, this phrase seems to imply that "because you made no effort to know me, I don't know you."

So what am I doing to get to know Jesus? One way to know someone is to act like them. Actors who portray a real person try to watch videos of that person to see how they talk, walk, relate to people, etc. We can act like Jesus by following his example of care for the poor and the sick, forgiving people who have done wrong, feeding the hungry, and giving God the credit for what we do.

Another way to get to know someone is to talk to them. The more we pray, the more we get close to Jesus. We can praise God for Creation, we can thank God for all the giving (and forgiving!) We can ask for help for those we love and for God's strength in our weakness (2 Cor 12:9). But we don't get to know someone if we do all the talking. Our prayer can include time to be quiet and listen to the LORD. We also listen to God by reading God's words in the Bible. Hopefully, we can all find ways of getting to know the Lord, so that God can "recognize" us as friends.

THIS WEEK'S FEATURED ADVERTISER
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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Matthew 25:13

Parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins by William John Thurnwight, 1889
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