



ST. MARK

— CATHOLIC CHURCH —

ST. JAMES, MISSION PARISH

DECEMBER 29, 2024

THE HOLY FAMILY



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FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

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2 Worship Together

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, DEC. 30

NO MASS

(1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40)

TUESDAY, DEC. 31

5:15 PM RANDY DUNKLE

(Deb Dunkle)

(1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18)

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 1, 2025

9:00 AM ROBERT TANNEN

(ANNIV.)

(Fr. Paul Siebert)

(Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21)

THURSDAY, JAN. 2

NO MASS

(1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28)

FIRST FRIDAY

FRIDAY, JAN. 3

8:15 AM ROGER CLARK

(June Caldwell)

5:00 PM SAM SMITH (ANNIV.)

(Gerry Smith)

(1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Jn 1:29-34)

SATURDAY, JAN. 4 4:00 PM

PAUL & CATHERINE STREICH

(Daughter Kay Ann & Family)

SUNDAY, JAN. 5 9:00 AM

PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES

(The Pastor)

(Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12)



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

TUESDAY, DEC. 31st

C. Malize & M. Dixon

LECTORS:

5:15 PM

Dave Malize

ALTAR SERVERS:

Barrett Dixon, Andy
Clark & Paul Burlingame

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 1st

C. Dankesreiter &
V. Fragale

9:00 AM

Mary Dixon

Toni Dresser

FIRST FRIDAY JAN. 3rd

8:15 AM

5:00 PM

Volunteer

Dave Malize

Andy DeLucia

Volunteer

SATURDAY, JAN. 4th

C. Malize, M. Fragale
& A. Slottje

4:00 PM

Dave Malize

Hailey & Addison McAulay
& Andy Clark

SUNDAY, JAN. 5th

L. Purcell, L. Richnafsky
& Volunteer

9:00 AM

John English

Kamden & Beau Fragale

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**SUNDAY (29th) 9:00 AM – THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH
NO EDGE & CONFIRMATION SESSION– Christmas Break**

TUESDAY (31st) 5:15 PM - VIGIL MASS - MARY MOTHER OF GOD

WEDNESDAY (1st) 9:00 AM - MARY MOTHER OF GOD

THURSDAY (2nd) 6:30 PM - Rosary

FRIDAY (3rd) 8:15 AM & 5:00 PM - FIRST FRIDAY MASSES

**SATURDAY (4th) 3:15 PM - CONFESSION
4:00 PM - VIGIL MASS**

**SUNDAY (5th) 9:00 AM – EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
10:00 –11:30 AM - EDGE & CONFIRMATION SESSION**

GOSPEL: LUKE 2:41-52

THE FINDING IN THE TEMPLE

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

Adult: What does your family do to honor and respect its older members?

Youth: Why did Jesus leave the temple? How can Jesus be an example for you?

ST. MARK MASS

ATTENDANCE

SAT. DEC. 14 4:00 PM 80

SUN. DEC. 15 9:00AM 120

OFFERTORY

COLLECTION

(12/14-15/2024)

ST. MARK: \$3,987.00

ST. JAMES: \$75.00

*Thank you for returning
some of God's gift to you
to His Church.*



**St. Mark
is in need of**

ADULT

Altar Servers!

Please contact Fr. Paul
(486-0569).

Please consider serving.
Thank you so much!!



The Sanctuary Lamps burn before the
Blessed Sacraments this week

In Loving Memory of: KEITH BIGGIE

By: Carole & Brian Dankesreiter

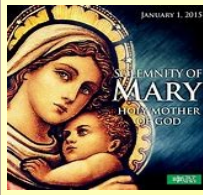




Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

Mary and Joseph looked for Jesus. In reality, this describes our own Christian living. We look for Jesus when we, like him, seek to be in God's presence; when we, like him, choose to be obedient; when we, like him, grow in wisdom. Along the way we discover that Jesus enlarges where we look for him, how we find him, and what new understanding comes to us through our encounters with him. This is the pattern of faithful Christian living that brings us to fullness of life.



MARY, MOTHER OF GOD ~ FEAST DAY ~

JAN. 1, 2025

VIGIL MASS TUESDAY, DEC. 31st @ 4:00 PM

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION MASS

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 1st @ 9:00 AM

Mary, Mother of God is a special High Feast day honoring Mary's special place as the Mother of us all. Mary's divine motherhood broadens the Christmas spotlight. Mary has an important role to play in the Incarnation of the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity. She consents to God's invitation conveyed by the angel (Luke 1:26-38). Elizabeth proclaims: "Most blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?" (Luke 1:42-43, emphasis added). Mary's role as mother of God places her in a unique position in God's redemptive plan.

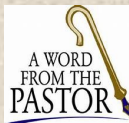


FIRST FRIDAY, JAN. 3

Please join us for Mass at 8:15 AM or 5:00 PM. Adoration is between 8:30 AM & 5:00 PM.

A sign -up sheet is in the back of the church.

If you know of any shut-ins who would like a Communion visit, please contact the rectory.



A sincere thank you goes out to all of the people sending Christmas gifts and greetings to me and the parish staff. I appreciate the cards, monetary gifts, food, spiritual bouquets, prayers and especially the love contained there in. A little word of encouragement and kindness goes a long way! Thanks so much!

Fr. Paul



NEXT WEEKEND EPIPHANY of THE LORD

SAT. JAN. 4 @ 4:00 PM

SUN. JAN. 5 @ 9:00 AM

At the Nativity of Christ, the visitation of the Wise Men or Magi is a revelation of God to man. At this visitation of the Magi, Christ's divinity is revealed to the Gentiles—the other nations of the earth.



COOKIE SALE

Thank you to all the wonderful bakers who donated cookies for our fundraiser for upkeep of the parish. We raised **\$638.00** from cookie sales! *Thank you for your support!*



APARTMENT FOR RENT:

Two story, two bedroom apartment, available, across parking lot from the church, facing East Third Street. Non-smoking—no pets, utilities not included in rent. Ideal for single/retired person. Apartment has been professionally cleaned. Includes Stove, new Refrigerator, Washer/Dryer, Dishwasher, one window A/C & wall-to-wall carpet. Inquiries please call: Joe DeSio (814) 486-1968 or the rectory 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM (814)486-0569.



ST. JAMES

~ ~ ~ ROOF ~ ~ ~

Currently we are in the process of having a new roof put on St. James Church, Driftwood. The roof at St. James needed replaced very badly. If you'd like to contribute to our replacement costs, please put your donation in an envelope marked "St. James Roof" and place it in the collection basket or drop it off at the rectory. Thank you!



A Family Perspective

Today's gospel reveals a truth about parenting: "but his parents did not know." One reason parenting is so challenging is that our children don't tell us everything. Even as the Holy Family faced difficulties with their teenager, why should we expect it to be easier for us?

Thank You



CHRISTMAS LITURGIES

Thank you to all who made our Christmas liturgies so beautiful. St. Mark and Folk Choirs making lovely music, Bernie Oswald and her crew for the lovely decorations and flowers. What an amazing touch of beauty! To the Ushers, Lectors and Altar Servers, Livestream volunteers and computer Monitor volunteers, I appreciate you all taking extra turns as the Holy Days demand. It's so great to see more and more people come to join us to make such a meaningful worship experience. Emmanuel, God is with us! Also, a special thank you to Barnett's Funeral Home for the beautiful 2025 Feasts & Saints Calendars!

Fr. Paul