

# ST. MARK

— CATHOLIC CHURCH —  
ST. JAMES, MISSION PARISH

**SEPTEMBER 8, 2024 | 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**WELCOME**

**Church Staff**

Rev. Paul S. Siebert, *Pastor*  
 Sr. Frances Therese Matia, SSJ, *Pastoral Minister*  
 Jennifer Abriatis, *Faith Formation Facilitator*  
 Joseph DeSio, *Financial Council Moderator*  
 Dan Martuccio, *Pastoral Council President*  
 Don Fapore, *St. Mark Cemetery 486-1119*  
 Kimberly McFall, *Office Manager*

**Contact Information**

Rectory Office: 814-486-0569  
 Monday through Thurs. 9:00a.m. to 3:00p.m.  
 Friday, 9 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
 Faith Formation Center: 814-486-0784  
 St. Mark Community Day Care Center:  
 814-486-2399

**Sacrament of the Reconciliation**

Wednesday at 6:00 pm, Saturday at 3:15 pm  
 Anytime by appointment

**Baptisms**

At all Sunday liturgies and outside of Mass  
 after 9:00 am Mass. Parents and Sponsors must  
 attend Baptismal Preparation Class. Call the  
 rectory for arrangements.

**Sacrament of Matrimony**

Please call the rectory for arrangements six  
 months prior to the wedding.

**Prayer Requests**

Margaret Burnside, 814-486-0344 or online @  
[www.stmarkemporium.org](http://www.stmarkemporium.org) or  
[oursmprayers@gmail.com](mailto:oursmprayers@gmail.com)



**23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"—that is, "Be opened!" - Mk 7:32-34

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**MONDAY, SEPT. 9**

No Mass  
 (1 Cor 5:1-8; Lk 6:6-11)

**TUESDAY, SEPT. 10**

**8:15 AM NANCI FRAGALE**  
 (Aletha, Christine & Families)  
 (1 Cor 6:1-11; Lk 6:12-19)

**WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 11**

**8:15 AM JOSEPH & CECILIA MALIZIA**  
 (Chris Troncone)  
 (1 Cor 7:25-31; Lk 6:20-26)

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 12**

**8:15 AM JAMES GRIMONE (ANNIV.)**  
 (Larry & Cris)  
 (1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Lk 6:27-38)

**FRIDAY, SEPT. 13**

**8:15 AM FR. CHARLES SKINNER**  
 (Fr. Paul Siebert)  
 (1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Lk 6:39-42)

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 14**

**ST. MARK 4:00 PM**  
**DARYL RICHARDSON** (rescheduled from 8/30)  
 (The Family)

**ST. JAMES 5:30 PM**  
**PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES**  
 (The Pastor)

**SUNDAY, SEPT. 15 9:00 AM**  
**JAY EDEL (ANNIV.)**  
 (Ron & Kay Andrews)  
 (Is 50:4c-9a; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35)

# 2 Worship Together

SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:

## LECTORS:

## ALTAR SERVERS:

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 14**

C. Dankesreiter, A. Slottje  
& A. DeMatz

**4:00 PM**

Melissa Stuart

Emilia & Mitchell Copp

**ST. JAMES**

**5:30 PM**

Theresa Dayton

**SUNDAY, SEPT. 15**

L. Purcell, L. Richnafsky  
& Volunteer

**9:00 AM**

Mary Dixon

Barrett Dixon, Karen  
Cook & Emma Brown

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY (8th) 9:00 AM – 22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**6:00-8:00 PM - COFFEEHOUSE CELEBRATION**



TUESDAY (10th) 1:00 PM - Rosary Society Meeting

WEDNESDAY (11th) 6:00 PM - HOLY HOUR

CONFESSION

**ADORATION INTENTION**

*Legal Protection of the*

7:00 PM - BENEDICTION

*Unborn Child*

THURSDAY (12th) 6:30 PM - Rosary

SATURDAY (14th) 3:15 PM - CONFESSION

4:00 PM - VIGIL MASS @ ST. MARK

5:30 PM - MASS @ ST. JAMES

SUNDAY (15th) 9:00 AM – 23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**GOSPEL: MARK 7:31-37**

**HEALING OF A DEAF-MUTE**

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

**Adult:** When has your faith in Jesus enabled you to speak out on an issue of importance?

**Youth:** What does your belief in Jesus mean to you?



The Sanctuary Lamps burn before the Blessed Sacraments this week



**IN LOVING MEMORY of:  
ROBERT 'BOB' McFALL  
By: Kimberly McFall**



## TAKE ME TO WORSHIP

It's now time to put out the signs. Remember, those children who attend one religious service or religious activity a week have less chance of alcohol or substance abuse, are happier and get better grades!

**So let's see more kids at mass!!**

Yard signs are available in the back of the church.

Clothing Drive



## ST. MARK CLOTHING/COAT DRIVE

Getting ready to clean out your closets? St. Mark will be having a **CLOTHING/COAT DRIVE, SEPT. 13th-20th** in O'Connell Hall. This event has proven to be very helpful in the past for those who have a need. It's a win-win for all!

ALL TYPES & STYLES OF CLOTHING AND COATS for Men, Women, and especially children will be accepted.  
(Please no undergarments)

**CLOTHES/COATS DONATIONS CAN DROP OFF BEGINNING MONDAY, SEPT. 9TH IN O'CONNELL HALL.**



ROSARY SOCIETY

## Rosary Society Meeting

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month @ 1:00 PM

**New members welcome!**

Next meeting, Tuesday, Sept. 10th @ 1:00 PM



The second Sunday of every month is **Cameron County Food Pantry Collection Sunday**.

Please bring a nonperishable food item and drop them in the designated location of the church. If you would prefer a monetary donation, please place an envelope in the collection that is labeled "**Food Bank**". Thank you so very much for your help to provide food to

individuals and families of Cameron County. Cameron County Community Food Pantry is a ministry provided by the Cameron County Ministerial Association.



**Catechetical Sunday for St. Mark parish has been moved to Sun. Sept. 22, 2024**

We will have a Family Mass on Sunday Sept. 22nd @ 9:00 AM and the *Outdoor Experience* for grades 1-10 from 6:00-7:30 PM

Faith Formation classes for grades 1-5 begin on Wed. Sept. 25, 2024 (3:30—5:00 PM)



## FOOD BANK

St. Mark's turn to volunteer!

**PACKING BOXES:**

TUES. SEPT. 17th @ 6:15 PM  
**DISTRIBUTION (ST. MARK):**

WED. SEPT. 18th  
12:50-3:00 PM

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





## 23rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

"Be opened!" Jesus commands the deaf-mute man as he heals him. This encounter, however, is more than a matter of physical healing. It is a sign of salvation: God's superabundant life breaking open the closed human condition. When we encounter Jesus, he commands, "Be opened!" and we too are healed: our ears are opened to hear the Good News and our tongues are loosened to proclaim it.

## WE'RE READY TO CELEBRATE!!



TONIGHT, SUNDAY, SEPT. 8th 6PM-8PM  
"WE'VE GOT FR. PAUL BACK"

### COFFEEHOUSE CELEBRATION

Join us for great music, food and FUN!

BYOB

Bring a snack or hors d'oeuvre to share!



## FIRST RESPONDERS



### MASS:

We, at St. Mark, will hold a special mass **NEXT SUNDAY, SEPT. 15TH AT 9:00 AM**

for our local first responders in thanks and gratitude for their unwavering and dedicated service to our community and our nation. Please join us for this special mass.

If you know a first responder, please invite them. They do not have to be a Catholic to attend.

## RECTORY IMPROVEMENT: MATCHING GIFT

Donations Accepted

If you haven't heard, we have a **\$10,000.00** matching gift opportunity towards installing HVAC Mini Split units in the rectory...a tremendous chance to upgrade our facility. If you'd like to give to this cause, please place an envelope marked "**Rectory AC**" and put the envelope in the collection basket.

This matching gift is given in thanksgiving to the many years of service Fr. Paul has given to St. Mark parish; in memory of Joe Cunningham and deceased members of the McManigle, Sullivan, O'Reilly and Burfield Families.

## RIGHT FOR LIFE MARCH



Elk County Right To Life is sponsoring a School Bus to the March For Life in **Harrisburg on Sept 23, 2024.**

Bus will depart St Marys Annex located at 139 Church St. in St Marys at 6 AM and return early evening.

Cost is FREE!

Come join us be a Voice For The Unborn.

Contact Fuzzy Cappello at 814-594-2140 or Mary Bea Maloney at 814-834-3834 for more information/RSVP.



## CATHOLIC EDUCATION COLLECTION SEPT. 14-15, 2024

Next weekend is the 2024 Catholic Education Collection. Please give generously. Without you, our Faith Formation and Religious Education programs would not be as successful as they are.

Because of you, our many children and their families, both young and old, are led to greater faith.

Half of the amount raised during this collection remains at our parish. **THANK YOU for your support.**



## ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC

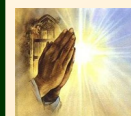
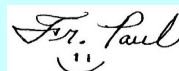
A big THANKS goes out to all of those who helped in any way towards the **WE GOT HIM BACK** Parish picnic! We had a very nice group of people attending with happy, accepting attitudes.

Thanks to those who set up tables, cooked food, brought food to share; the ushers, musicians, Altar Servers, games peoples, sound system people, and those who helped with clean up.

May the message continue, **we got him back!** And let's strive for new beginnings, serving God as a parish community!

Thank you, **Jen Abriatis** and the **K of C** for their leadership.

Those who attended the picnic hung out and visited more than in other years! If you missed it, please plan on coming next year, we missed you!



## IN YOUR CHARITY,

please pray for the souls of **MARGIE TAUSES and GORDON VOGT**, who passed away recently. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen

## ST MARK MEMORIAL FUND



St. Mark Memorial Fund received generous donations in loving memory of **MARGIE TAUSES**

From **St. Mark Rosary Society and Jim & Dolly**