



ST. MARK

— CATHOLIC CHURCH —

ST. JAMES, MISSION PARISH

DECEMBER 8, 2024

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

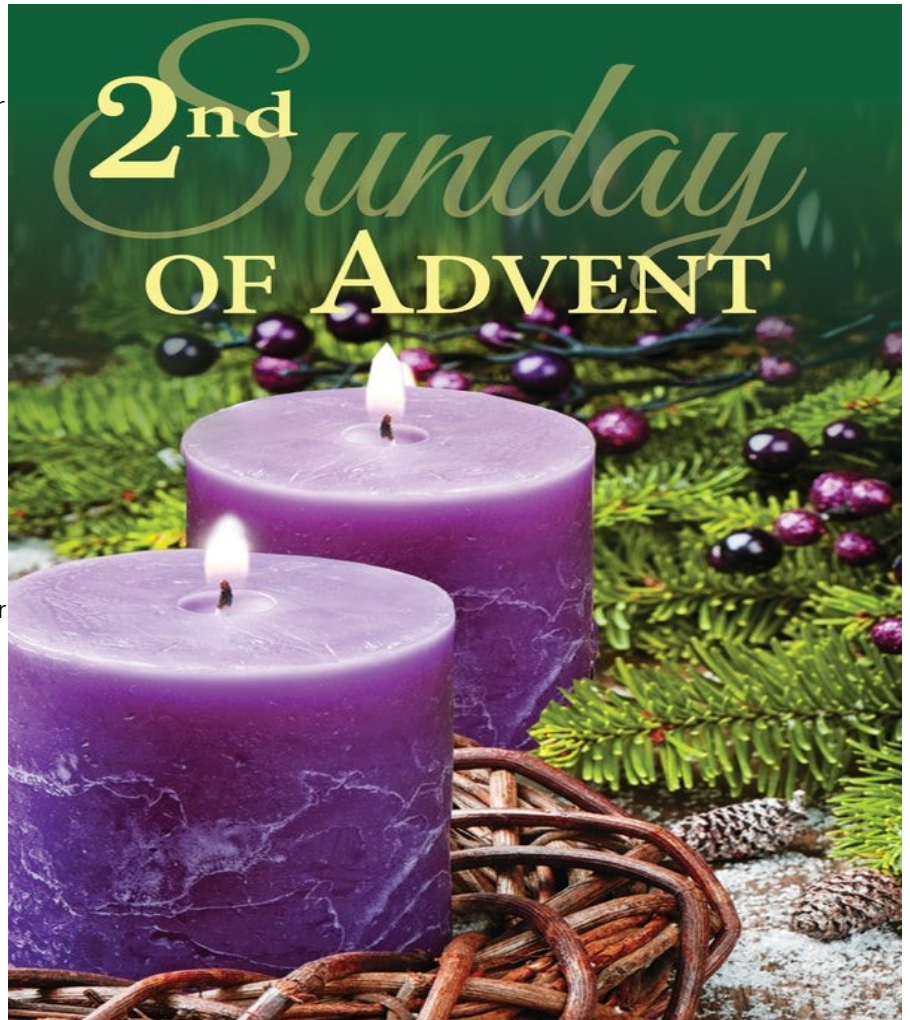
At all Sunday liturgies and outside of Mass after
9:00 am Mass. Parents and Sponsors must
attend Baptismal Preparation Class. Call the
rectory for arrangements.

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 or
oursmprayers@gmail.com



MASS INTENTIONS

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

MONDAY, DEC. 9

8:15 AM DELORES RODGERS

(Kim McFall)

5:15 PM MATTHEW 'CASH'
GRIMONE

(Larry & Cris)

(Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38)

TUESDAY, DEC. 10

8:15 AM JACOB PIECZYNSKI

(The Family)

(Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14)

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 11

8:15 AM STEPHEN PERKINS

(The Family)

(Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30)

THURSDAY, DEC. 12

8:15 AM MARY WILLIAMS

(ANNIV.)

(The Family)

(Zec 2:14-17; Lk 1:26-38)

FRIDAY, DEC. 13

NO MASS

(Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19)

SATURDAY, DEC. 14 4:00 PM

PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES

(The Pastor)

SUNDAY, DEC. 15 9:00 AM

CHRISTINE KNOUSE PETERS

(Her Children)

(Zep 3:14-18a; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18)



2 Worship Together

December 8, 2024

EXTRAORDINARY

LECTORS:

ALTAR SERVERS:

MINISTERS:

MONDAY DEC. 9 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASSES

8:15 AM C. Dankesreiter, A. DeMatz & A. Slottje	Mary Meisel	Toni Dresser
5:15 PM L. Summerson & F. & MJ Guido	Dave Malize	Emma Brown & Cambree Stuart

SATURDAY, DEC. 14

4:00 PM

C. Malize, M. Fragale & A. Slottje	Melissa Stuart	Emilia & Mitchell Copp
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SUNDAY, DEC. 15

9:00 AM

A. DeLucia, K. Aikens & Volunteer	Mary Dixon	Kamden & Beau Fragale & Paul Burlingame
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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY (8th)	9:00 AM – 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT 10:00-11:30 AM-EDGE & CONFIRMATION SESSIONS 6:00 PM - COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICE
MONDAY (9th)	8:15 AM & 5:15 PM - IMMACULATE CONCEPTION HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION MASSES
WEDNESDAY (11th)	3:30 –5:00 PM -FAITH FORMATION Grades 1-5 6:00 PM - HOLY HOUR <u>ADORATION INTENTION</u> CONFESSION <i>Legal Protection of The Unborn Child</i> 7:00 PM - Benediction
THURSDAY (12th)	6:30 PM - Rosary
SATURDAY (14th)	3:15 PM - CONFESSION 4:00 PM - VIGIL MASS @ ST. MARK 5:00 PM - COOKIES & CONFESSION
SUNDAY (15th)	9:00 AM – 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT 10:00 AM - COOKIES & CONFESSION 10:00 –11:30 AM EDGE & CONFIRMATION SESSION



GOSPEL: LUKE 3:1-6

JOHN THE BAPTIST

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

Adult: Describe what John the Baptist does for you during Advent.

Youth: What can you do during Advent to show you are sorry?



ST. MARK MASS

ATTENDANCE

SAT. NOV. 23 4:00 PM - 90
SUN. NOV. 24 9:00 AM - 140

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

(11/23-24/2024)

ST. MARK: \$3,279.00

ST. JAMES: \$60.00

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



APARTMENT FOR RENT:

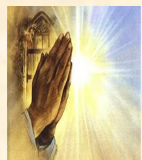
Two story, two bedroom apartment, available, across parking lot from the church, facing East Third Street. Non-smoking—no pets, utilities not included in rent. Ideal for single/retired person. Apartment has been professionally cleaned. Includes Stove, new Refrigerator, Washer/Dryer, Dishwasher, one window 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.



Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments The Digital World:

The digital world is constantly evolving with new social media platforms, apps, and devices, and children and teens are often the first to use them. Sometimes with negative impacts such as cyberbullying, sexting, or the posting hateful messages or content. Parents need to become aware and stay up-to-date on the latest apps, social media platforms and digital slang used by children and teens. Parents should monitor their child's social media sites, apps and browsing history regularly. Visit <https://www.eriecd.org/childprotection/> to see what the diocese is doing to help maintain safe environments for children and youth.

*Reminder...
during
Cold/Flu
season,
refrain from
chalice if you
are ill.*



In your charity, please pray for the souls of ROSE EICKERT, oldest St. Mark parishioner, and for M. JUDITH HORVATH, who passed away recently. May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen



Livestream Masses can be viewed on our Facebook page:

St. Mark Catholic Church, Emporium
We livestream Daily Masses at 8:15 AM and Saturday Masses @ 4:00 PM.

Watch us live or you can log in anytime on our page.

We also upload masses to our YouTube page: St. Mark Catholic Church. YouTube is not live, but can be accessed anytime after mass has finished.



2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

John proclaims that we must “prepare the way of the Lord” by repenting. Isaiah and John both describe repentance as a leveling and a straightening out of the uneven and crooked shape of our lives. They call us to ask whether our path is taking us closer to God as well as opening up for others the way to God. Then “all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

COMMUNITY HOLIDAY WORSHIP SERVICE



TONIGHT, SUNDAY, DEC. 8th @ 6:00 PM

Community Service celebrating Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas! Join us for the Methodist Church Bell Choir, special music by our local Pastors and St. Mark Music Ministry. There will be a special message from Pastor Ken Bailey and a special children’s message from Pastor Lionel Owen. There will also be a special collection to help the needy of Cameron County. A reception with goodies will take place in O’Connell Hall following the service. Let’s be great hosts by St. Mark Parishioners with a great turn out!

TOMORROW:
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY TOMORROW,
Monday December 9th.
Masses on that day will be at 8:15 A.M. and 5:15 P.M.
THE OBLIGATION TO ATTEND MASS IS IN EFFECT ON THIS DAY...
Plan on joining us for mass to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patron Saint of The U.S.A.

ADVENT CONFESSIONS @

ST. MARK

Every Wed. at 6:00 PM and
Every Sat. at 3:15 PM



COOKIES & CONFESSION
w/visiting Priest following
4:00 PM Mass
Sat. Dec. 14th

COOKIES & CONFESSION
Following 9:00 AM Mass
Sun. Dec. 15th
w/Fr. Paul Only

RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT FUND

TODAY, SECOND COLLECTION

Support those who have given a lifetime.



Women and men religious have dedicated their lives to service—praying, teaching, and caring for those in need—usually for little to no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your donation provides for essential care, medicine, and daily needs of thousands of senior women and men religious. Please give to the Retirement Fund for Religious.

Mark you Calendar...



“FRIENDS SERVING FRIENDS”

Free Christmas Day supper @ the *Emporium Senior Center*, is an outreach to our community. Consider reaching out in love this Christmas by partnering with others as we become the ‘hands and feet’ of Jesus!

AREA ADVENT PENANCE SCHEDULES



Tues. Dec. 10 6:30 PM Sacred Heart
Thurs. Dec. 12 6:30 PM Queen of World
Wed. Dec. 18 6:30 PM St. Leo, Ridgway
Thurs. Dec. 22 2:00 PM St. Joseph, Force

The Sanctuary Lamps burn before the Blessed Sacrament this week
IN LOVING MEMORY of: TIMOTHY REED
From: The Family

NEXT WEEKEND... COOKIES & CONFESSION!



Saturday, Dec. 14th following 4:00 PM Mass, we’ll have a special opportunity for Confessions with a guest priest.



Following this mass, the **HOLIDAY COOKIE SALE** will take place. Stop down in O’Connell Hall to purchase some homemade holiday cookies...only \$9.00 a dozen!
Confessions & Cookies will also be available following Mass on Sunday, Dec. 15th.

ST. MARK HOLIDAY COOKIE: Fundraiser

We’re asking parishioners to donate at least two dozen of your favorite holiday cookies to be dropped off at O’Connell Hall,
Sat., Dec. 14th prior to 4:00 PM Mass. After Sat. evening Mass and following Sun., Dec. 15th Mass, the Hall will be opened to everyone for a Holiday Cookie Sale.
Only \$9 a dozen.

You pick your assorted cookie choices! Please bring your donation cookies in a non-returnable container. You may also want to bring a container to take your cookie selections home with you!