



MARCH 22, 2026 | 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

WELCOME

Church Staff

Rev. Paul S. Siebert, *Pastor*
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Contact Information

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 Faith Formation Center: 814-486-0784
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 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



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life;
 whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live."
 - Jn 11:25

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MASS INTENTIONS



<p>MONDAY, MARCH 23 8:15 AM FELIX H. & MARY L. SWIDERSKI (Their Children) (Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Jn 8:1-11)</p>	<p>THURSDAY, MARCH 26 8:15 AM MARGARET SIMON (The Family) (Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59)</p>	<p>SATURDAY, MARCH 28 4:00 PM MARY LOU CALLAWAY (Mary Dixon)</p>
<p>TUESDAY, MARCH 24 NO MASS (Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30)</p>	<p>FRIDAY, MARCH 27 8:15 AM REGINA STREICH (Carole Dankesreiter) (Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42)</p>	<p>SUNDAY MARCH 29 9:00 AM PEOPLES OF THE PARISHES (The Pastor) (Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 20:14-27)</p>



**EXTRAORDINARY
MINISTERS:**

LECTORS:

ALTAR SERVERS:

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

4:00 PM

B. & J. Keller
& L. Summerson

Mary Dixon &
John English

Addison McAulay, Mitchell
Copp & Butch Gennocro

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

9:00 AM

L. Purcell, L. Richnafsky
& Volunteer

Vicky Songer &
Don Fapore

Cambree Stuart, Alana
Barnes & Annette Campbell

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- SUNDAY (22nd) 9:00 AM - FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**
No Edge Session
2:00 PM - CONFIRMATION at ST. LEO, RIDGWAY
- MONDAY (23rd) 6:30 PM - OCIA SESSION**
- TUESDAY (24th) 4:30 PM - PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING**
- WEDNESDAY (25th) 12:05 PM - LENTEN LUNCH**
3:30-5:00 PM - Faith Formation Gr. 1-5
4:45 PM - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
5:00 PM - Come for Private Adoration with the Eucharistic Christ
5:30 PM - Stations of the Cross
6:10 PM - Confession *Adoration Intention*
6:30 PM - Rosary *Vocations to Priesthood*
6:55 PM - Benediction *and Religious Life*
- THURSDAY (26th) 6:30 PM - Rosary**
- SATURDAY (28th) No CONFESSION**
4:00 PM - VIGIL MASS @ ST. MARK
- SUNDAY (29th) 9:00 AM - PALM SUNDAY**
No Edge Session
(All Faith Formation, Edge & Confirmation students attend Palm Sunday Mass, Sunday, March 29th)

GOSPEL: JOHN 11:1-45

THE RAISING OF LAZARUS

Question of the week:

Adult: Christ calls us from death to new life. What could be reawakened in you?

Youth: How does Jesus help you do what is good and avoid what is not?

ST. MARK MASS

ATTENDANCE

SAT. MARCH 14 4:00 PM 86

SUN. MARCH 15 9:00 AM 114

OFFERTORY

COLLECTION

(3/14-15/2026)

ST. MARK: \$5,570.00

ST. JAMES: \$55.00

Thank you For returning some of God's gift to you back to His church!



ST. JAMES, DRIFTWOOD

St. James, Driftwood will be re-opening for the season on

Saturday, April 11th. 5:30 PM.



ST. MARK PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Tues. March 24th

@ 4:30 PM O'Connell Hall

Thank You

"Thank You" from St Mark/St James Care & Concern Ministries for all the sign-ups we have received thus far from our church family. "Thank You" to the folks who head up each ministry within Care & Concern. As a result of our wonderful parishioner's time, generosity and volunteering, it is possible to help each other through difficult times, but also serves to make our Parish events & celebrations special & enjoyable! Also, "Thank You" for the anonymous monetary donations to help others. If you know someone who is going through a challenging time, please let us know.

Darlene Vogt C & C Chairperson @ 814-486-1683 or 814-335-3295.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of help cleaning the wooden areas in the church (ie: pews, window sills, doors, etc.) Please bring a bucket and a rag with you, we'll supply the cleaning product, **Monday, March 23rd beginning at 9:00 AM.** Many hands make light work...please help if you can.



ADORATION BOOKLETS

"Prayers Before the Blessed Sacrament" books.

If you have taken these booklets home, please return them to the church, as we cannot reorder and they are not meant for home use.

Thank you



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Gospel: John 11:1-45

Both Martha and Mary express great conviction in Jesus' healing power: "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." Their conviction, however, was tied to their human experience of the fragility of sickness and the finality of death. Jesus' action surmounts human experience and reveals something entirely new: "everyone who lives and believes in [him] will never die." Belief in Jesus unties us from the limits of human experience and frees us for the eternity of risen Life.



LENTEN LUNCH

Final Lenten Lunches of 2026 will be on

Wed. March 25th: @ 12:05 PM in O'Connell Hall.

Pastor Ken Bailey will be our speaker.

Our lunch host will be the K. of C. Please join us!

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3rd, TENEBRAE SERVICE 7:00 PM



This year we will be hosting the Ministerial Assoc. and the whole county for a special service. *Tenebrae* means "darkness". This is an extended meditation of the Passion of Christ. Before the service, candles are lit. With each reading, a candle is extinguished until there is total darkness. Mark your calendar and plan on joining us for this unique event.



Old Palms can be returned to the church. Please place them in the basket in the back of the church as soon as possible.



The Sanctuary Lamps burn before the Blessed Sacrament this week

IN LOVING MEMORY of DAVID & DANIEL CLONAN
By: Kim Clonan McFall



Palm Sunday

PALM SUNDAY IS NEXT WEEKEND.

(3/28-29/2026)

Saturday and Sunday, we will begin downstairs in O'Connell Hall for the blessing of the palms and The Lord's entrance into Jerusalem. **At the 9:00 AM Mass on Sunday, the students of Faith Formation will be processing together with a banner they made!**



Penance Services for Lent in our area:

St. Marys Church

Monday, March 23rd 6:00 PM

St. Leo Church, Ridgway

Thursday, March 26th 6:00 PM

St. Joseph, Force

Sunday, March 29th 2:00 PM



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Please consider spending personal time before the Holy Eucharist.

This is a very special opportunity.

Wednesday March 25th

4:45 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

5:00 PM—5:30 PM: Quiet time

5:30 PM: Stations of the Cross

Last opportunity for Stations before Easter

6:10 PM: Confession

Last Wednesday Confession before Easter

6:30 PM: Rosary

6:55 PM: Benediction



CONFESSION

The last opportunities for Confession at St. Mark before Easter will be:

SAT. MARCH 21st @ 3:00 PM

WED. MARCH 25th @ 6:10 PM

Please call the Rectory

(486-0569) for a private Confession appointment.



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The Holy Sacrament of Confirmation will take place

TODAY, SUNDAY,

MARCH 22, 2026 2:00 PM @

St. Leo Church, Ridgway.

Our Confirmation candidates from St. Mark are: **Ruthie Fragale, Timothy Grovanz, Cambree Stuart, and Abel Walker**. *It is our prayer that the Holy Spirit will watch over you and guide you as you confirm your commitment to God. We pledge to stand by you and to be there for you with our support and prayers. May the faith that has brought you to this blessed day keep you in His will for your life. May God be with you and bless you as you continue to grow in Him.*

COME TO EASTER VIGIL~



PLAN AHEAD!

World wide, we keep in mind all the adults about to be baptized, receive Holy Communion or Confirmation. At our own parish, we will offer all our love and support at the confirmation and First Holy Communion of: **DUSTIN BURGOON, PAULINE GAVLOCK & TASHA SONGERI**



Holy Thursday

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 2nd @ 6:30 PM

EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

A most memorable parish family experience!

PROCESSION with HOLY OILS.

Volunteer to have your feet washed on Holy Thursday!

BRING YOUR BELLS and a non-perishable food item, Collection for Rice Bowl! Spend time at night before the Blessed Sacrament at the **Altar of Repose** in O'Connell Hall. Adoration concludes at 10:00 PM with night prayer.