



AUGUST 23, 2026

21ST 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

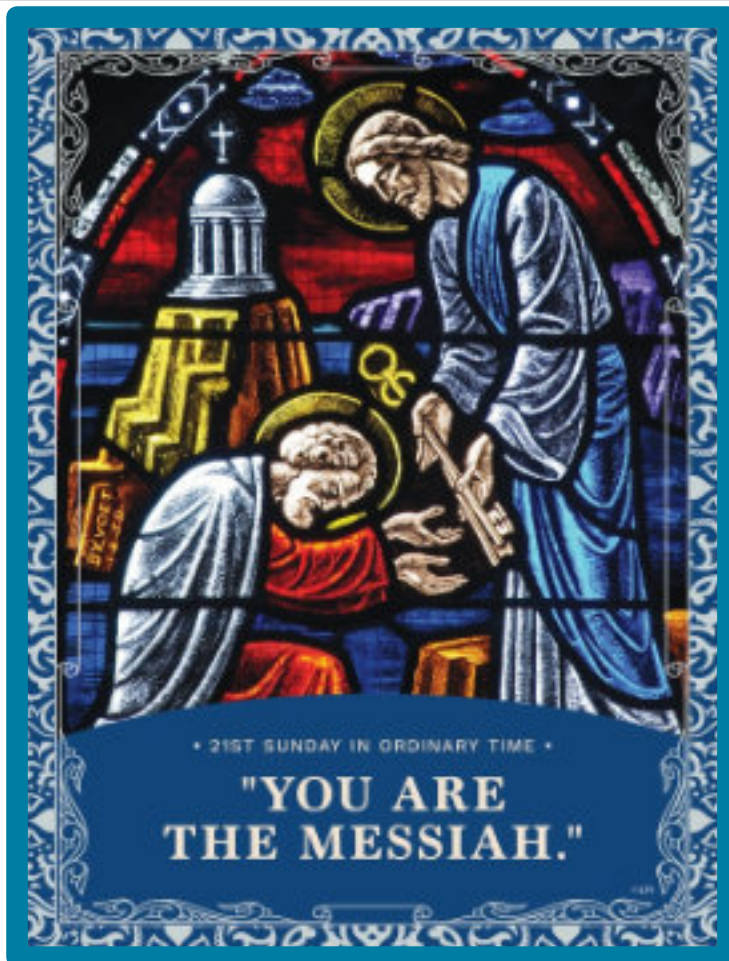
At all Sunday liturgies and outside of Mass after 9:00 am Mass. Parents and Sponsors must attend Baptismal Preparation Class. Call the rectory for arrangements.

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 or oursmprayers@gmail.com



MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, AUGUST 24

8:15 AM PATTY HAGSTROM

(Carole Dankesreiter)
 (Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25

8:15 AM MARK GUTSELL

(His Nieces)
 (2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Mt 23:23-26)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

8:15 AM MARY HORVATH

(Rosalie Ives & Family)
 (2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Mt 23:27-32)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27

NO MASS

(1 Cor 1:1-9; Mt 24:42-51)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

NO MASS

(1 Cor 1:17-25; Mt 25:1-13)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

ST. MARK

4:00 PM

PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES

(The Pastor)

ST. JAMES

NO MASS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30 NOON

FR. B. LAMONTE SAYERS

(Fr. Paul Siebert)

(Jer 20: 7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27)

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERSLECTORS:ALTAR SERVERSSATURDAY, AUGUST 29ST. MARKB. & J. KELLER &
L. SUMMERSON4:00 PM

DAVE MALZE

ANNETTE CAMPBELL &
MIKE FRAGALEST. JAMES NO MASSSUNDAY, AUGUST 30

TO BE ANNOUNCED

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KAMDEN, BEAU & DOM
FRAGALESCHEDULE OF EVENTS**SUNDAY (23rd)****9:00 AM - 21st SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME**
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**11:00 AM - Benediction****TUESDAY (25th)****4:30 PM - PARISH COUNCIL MEETING****WEDNESDAY (26th)****6:00 PM - Confession****THURSDAY (27th)****6:30 PM - ROSARY (O'Connell Hall)****SATURDAY (29th)****No Confession****4:00 PM - MASS @ ST. MARK****NO MASS @ ST. JAMES****SUNDAY (30th)****12:00 PM - 22nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME**
40th ANNIVERSARY MASS for FR. PAUL**1:00 PM - Reception line O'Connell Hall**
-Open to the Public-**2:30 PM - Dinner at Emporium Fire Hall**
(RSVP Only)**5:00 PM - Live Music in O'Connell Hall with**
Fr. Paul and his music friends
-Open to the Public-GOSPEL: MATTHEW 16:13-20PETER THE ROCKQUESTION OF THE WEEK:*Adult: If you were asked, how would you explain Jesus to a person who had not heard of him?**Youth: Who do you tell people Jesus is?*The Sanctuary
Lamps
burn before the
Blessed Sacrament
this week**IN LOVING MEMORY of:**
MARY HORVATH
From: Rosalie IvesST. MARK MASSATTENDANCE

SAT. AUG. 15 4:00 PM 70

ST. JAMES 5:30 PM 32

SUN. AUG. 16 9:00 AM 101

OFFERTORYCOLLECTION

(8/15-16/2026)

ST. MARK: \$3,865.00

ST. JAMES: \$150.00

Thank you For returning
some of God's gift to you
back to His church!**VOLUNTEERS NEED!**We are asking for help from anyone in the parish,
next Saturday, Aug. 29th to help set up and decorate
the Fire Hall for the Anniversary Party. We are
encouraging any K of C member, Lectors, Ushers, Altar
Servers, Eucharistic Ministers etc. to help us with set up,
decorating AND clean up on Sunday following the dinner.
Please call Kim at the rectory 486-0569 to advise if
you're able to assist.

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Gospel:

Matthew

16:13-20

In answer to
Jesus' query

about his identity, the disciples tell Jesus what others are saying about him. Jesus is not simply initiating an open discussion, however; he is leading the disciples to personal understanding and profession of who he is. Peter arrives there when he acclaims, "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God." Each of us must come to this same personal profession about who Jesus is. The church is that community of individuals who have come personally to know who Jesus is and have chosen personally to make Jesus known to the world. Jesus himself will lead us there through our personal encounters with him.

HOLY HOUR

Holy Hours will return to
Wednesdays at 6:00 PM
beginning Sept. 9th.



Please come if you're able! Can you adjust your schedule to spend a little time in prayer and devotion? We hope that the summer Adoration has inspired people to grow in their devotion to the Blessed Sacrament.

Also, remember, confession occur on Wed. nights shortly after 6:00 PM as well. When was the last time you went to confession?

ST. MARK SCHEDULE FOR FR. PAUL'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION WEEKEND!



SAT. AUG. 29th & SUN. AUG 30th

Saturday Aug. 29th :

Mass at St. Mark 4:00 PM

No Confession at St. Mark

No Mass at St. James, Driftwood

Sunday August 30th:

St. Mark: No Mass at 9:00 AM

(Adoration of the Blessed

Sacrament will not occur)

**12:00 PM Fr. Paul's 40th Anniversary Mass
(Open to the public)**

Followed by Receiving Line in O'Connell Hall

Music by: The Eastern Hellbenders

**2:30 PM: Dinner at the Emporium Fire Hall
(reservation only)**

With a Special Tribute honoring Fr. Paul

5:00 PM: Live music (variety) in O'Connell Hall

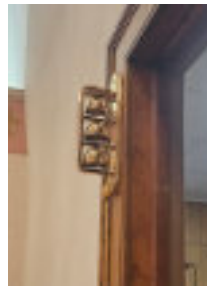
Fr. Paul, three bands & more!

Open to the public!

(Notice: These times scheduled/listed are "flexible")

(Notice: The Rectory Office and Faith Formation office will be closed on Monday, Aug. 31st.)

NEW BELLS



New bells have been purchased and installed as a memorial in honor of

HELEN NEWTON.

They will be used at Daily Masses, Holy Hours and Benediction when Priests and servers enter the Sanctuary from the side entrance. We remember that Helen accompanied First Friday Benedictions and Mass so faithfully all these years.



**If you'd like to donate to help defray some of the costs for the 40th Anniversary Celebration, please put any donation in an envelope and drop it in the collection basket or at the rectory.
Thank you!**



ST. MARK
PASTORAL
COUNCIL

MEETING

TUESDAY, AUG. 25

@

4:30 PM in O'Connell Hall

This will be a brief meeting to finalize the Anniversary Celebration details.

Please plan on attending.