



ST. MARK

— CATHOLIC CHURCH —

ST. JAMES, MISSION PARISH

DECEMBER 15, 2024

3RD 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



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John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you
with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not
worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will
baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16

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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, DEC. 16

8:15 AM MARY LOU CALLAWAY

(Mary Dixon)
(Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Mt 21:23-27)

TUESDAY, DEC. 17

8:15 AM TED PETERS

(His Children)
(Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17)

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 18

8:15 AM ROBERT GAVLOCK JR.

(Robert Gavlock Sr. & Family)
(Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25)

THURSDAY, DEC. 19

8:15 AM MELVA SIEBERT

(St. Mark Staff)
(Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25)

FRIDAY, DEC. 20

NO MASS

(Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38)

SATURDAY, DEC. 21 4:00 PM

PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES

(The Pastor)

SUNDAY, DEC. 22 9:00 AM

EARL & MARCIA ASPERGER

(Jeff Valenti Family)
(Mi 5:1-4a; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45)



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2 Worship Together

December 15, 2024

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:	LECTORS:	ALTAR SERVERS:
SATURDAY, DEC. 21 L. Summerson, V. Fragale & C. Dankesreiter	4:00 PM Ralph Grovanz	Hailey & Addison McAulay & Andy Clark
SUNDAY, DEC. 22 F. & MJ Guido & Volunteer	9:00 AM John English	Ruth Kane, Barrett Dixon & Paul Burlingame
TUESDAY, DEC. 24 C. Dankesreiter, A. DeMatz & M. Dixon	4:00 PM Dave Summerson	Maggie Abriatis & C. & H. Stuart
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 25 A. DeLucia, L. Richnafsky & A. Aikens	9:00 AM Don Fapore	VOLUNTEERS

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY (15th)	9:00 AM – 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT 10:00 AM - COOKIES & CONFESSION 10:00 – 11:30 AM <i>EDGE & CONFIRMATION SESSION</i>
WEDNESDAY (18th)	3:30 – 5:00 PM - FAITH FORMATION Grades 1-5 6:00 PM - HOLY HOUR <i>ADORATION INTENTION</i> CONFESSION <i>Return of all Catholics to Sunday Mass</i> 7:00 PM - Benediction
THURSDAY (19th)	6:30 PM - Rosary
SATURDAY (21st)	3:15 PM - CONFESSION 4:00 PM - VIGIL MASS @ ST. MARK
SUNDAY (22nd)	9:00 AM – 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT FAMILY MASS w/Family Session 10:00 – 11:30 AM <i>EDGE & CONFIRMATION SESSION</i>



GOSPEL: LUKE 3:10-18

JOHN CALL THE PEOPLE TO JUSTICE
QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

Adult: To whom have your past acts of kindness brought joy? What act of kindness would you do this week?

Youth: What kind thing have you done for someone lately? Whom could you make happy by your kindness this week?

ST. MARK MASS

ATTENDANCE

SAT. NOV. 30 4:00 PM - 94

SUN. DEC. 1 9:00 AM - 94

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

(11/30-12/1/2024)

ST. MARK: \$4,553.00

ST. JAMES: \$375.00

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.

St. Mark (St. James) is in need of



Altar Servers!

We believe it is time to enlist the help from our adults! If anyone would be able/willing to assist in being an Altar Server, please contact Fr. Paul or Kim at the rectory, 814-486-0569.

Don't worry, we will train you!

And don't worry, you won't need to kneel down in front of the Altar at Communion time!

Please consider this your personal invitation to help and do your part as St. Mark Family!
Thank you so much!!



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.

ST. MARK MEMORIAL



St. Mark Memorial received a generous donation in memory of:
JUDY HORVATH
From: Ruth Drum

Meeting!

RCIA

RCIA meets at 4:45 PM every **Monday** in the Faith Formation Center. If you'd like more information on RCIA, please contact Jen Abriatis at 814-486-0784.





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Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

John's clear and unequivocal answers to "What should we do?" gave direction to people's lives. John's good news, however, went beyond merely telling the people how to behave toward each other, but also instilled expectation in them. His good news pointed to the One who is all Good News, "a mighty savior" who is in our midst, who is near. The Good News is not a message but a person—Jesus.



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, DEC. 24:

Christmas Vigil:

4:00 PM: Children's Mass with *Children's Choir* and *St. Mark Folk Group*
(Please note, there will not be a Christmas Eve Mass at night.)

WEDNESDAY DEC. 25:

Christmas Day:

9:00 AM: with *St. Mark Choir*

Please join us!



NEXT WEEKEND Christmas Parish Family MASS

SUN. DEC. 22nd

Following 9:00 AM FAMILY MASS,

We will have an awesome Advent family session.

This is a great way to celebrate Advent with your family!

All are encouraged to attend.



AREA ADVENT PENANCE SCHEDULES

DEC. 14 5:00 PM –
COOKIES & CONFESSION @
ST. MARK w/visiting priest.

DEC. 15 10:00 AM -
COOKIES & CONFESSION @
ST. MARK w/Fr. Paul

OTHER AREA CHURCHES:

- Thurs. Dec. 12 6:30 PM Queen Of World
- Wed. Dec. 18 6:30 PM St. Leo, Ridgway
- Thurs. Dec. 19 6:00 PM St. Boniface, Kersey
- Tues. Dec. 20 6:30 PM Sacred Heart
- Thurs. Dec. 22 2:00 PM St. Joseph, Force

Mark your Calendar...



"FRIENDS SERVING FRIENDS"

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

Dinners are from 4:00 –6:00 PM. Deliveries and Take-outs are available. Please call 814-486-0373 for reservations or if you need a ride to the center.



DECEMBER = ST. MARK MONTH AT THE FOOD BANK

Volunteers are needed on **TUESDAY, DEC. 17th @ 6:15 PM** for packing and on **WEDNESDAY, DEC. 18th 12:50 PM till 3:00 PM** for distribution. Please consider volunteering. A sign-up sheet is in the back of the church.

New location 75 1/2 Maple St.

The Sanctuary Lamps burn before the Blessed Sacrament this week **IN LOVING MEMORY of: STEPHEN PERKINS** From: The Family



THIS 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 with Fr. Paul only.



ST. MARK CSA UPDATE

2024 Diocesan Goal: \$37,823.00

Total Pledged to date: \$52,642.00

Total Paid to date: \$51,252.00

Remember all donations over the Diocesan Goal amount will stay here at St. Mark. Final date to donate to 2024 CSA is Jan. 26, 2025.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!



RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT FUND

"Sincere thanks to the donors of the Retirement Fund for Religious. I hope we meet, if not in this world, then in the next," says Sister Theresa Korycka, 81, of the Sisters, Servants of Mary Immaculate.

Your gift impacts over 24,000 senior women and men religious, providing them a dignified retirement. To learn how your donation helps, visit retiredreligious.org.