



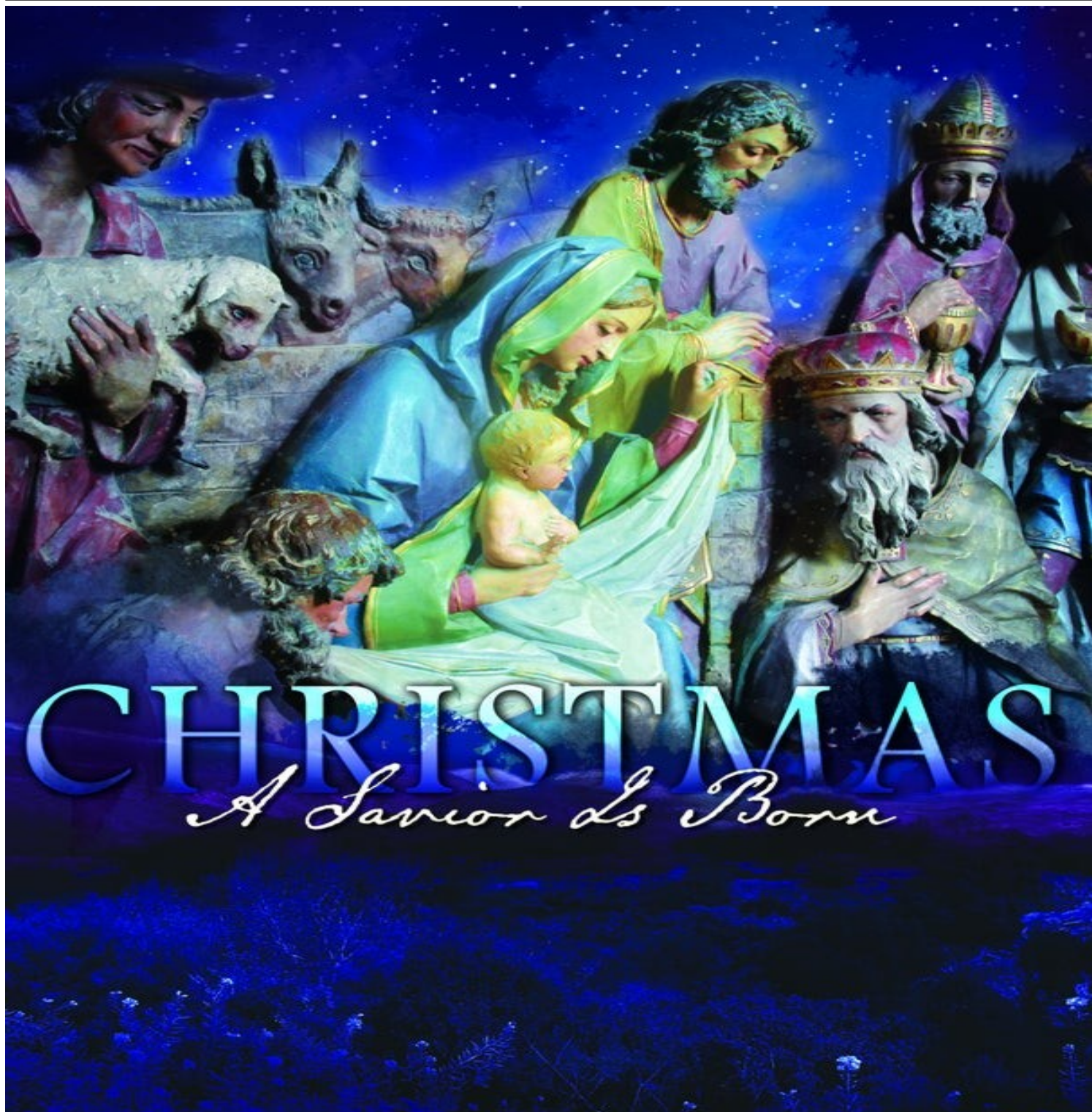
ST. MARK

— CATHOLIC CHURCH —

ST. JAMES, MISSION PARISH

DECEMBER 21, 2025

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, DEC. 22

8:15 AM KENNETH DEAN STRUCKER
(wife, Hilda)
(1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56)

TUESDAY, DEC. 23

8:15 AM HELEN NEWTON (MONTHS MIND)
(Deb Dunkle)
(Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66)

CHRISTMAS EVEWEDNESDAY, DEC. 24

4:00 PM PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES
(The Pastor)

10:00 PM DOUG COOK
(Mike & Kathy Fragale & Family)
(Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25)

CHRISTMAS DAYTHURSDAY, DEC. 25

9:00 AM MARY SIEBERT
(The Family)
(Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18)

FRIDAY, DEC. 26

NO MASS
(Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22)

SATURDAY, DEC. 27 4:00 PM

PATRICK RODGERS (ANNIV.)
(Jim & Mary Laughlin)

SUNDAY, DEC. 28 9:00 AM

PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES
(The Pastor)
(Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21; Mt 2:13-15)

EXTRAORDINARYMINISTERS:WEDNESDAY DEC. 24

C. Malize & V. Fragale & Volunteer

Volunteer, Volunteer Volunteer

THURSDAY, DEC. 25

L. Purcell, L. Lion & Volunteer

SATURDAY, DEC. 27

L. Zoschg, A. Slottje & V. Fragale

SUNDAY, DEC. 28

T. Dresser, F. Manginell & L. Richnafsky

LECTORS:4:00 PM

Melissa Stuart

10:00 PM

Mary Dixon

9:00 AM

Don Fapore

4:00 PM

Ralph Grovanz

9:00 AM

Vicky Songer

ALTAR SERVERS:

Kamden, Beau & Dominic Fragale

Mike Fragale & Volunteer

Phil Jones & Volunteer

Andy & Eugenia Clark

Harper Stuart & Paul Burlingame

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY (21st) 9:00 AM – 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FAMILY MASS w/Family Session

NO EDGE & CONFIRMATION SESSION

WEDNESDAY (24TH) 4:00 PM ~ CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS

10:00 PM ~ CHRISTMAS MASS AT NIGHT

THURSDAY (25TH) 9:00 AM ~ CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

SATURDAY (27th) NO CONFESSION

4:00 PM ~ VIGIL MASS

SUNDAY (28th) 9:00 AM – THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,

MARY & JOSEPH

NO EDGE & CONFIRMATION SESSION– Christmas Break

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 1:18-24THE BIRTH OF JESUSQUESTION OF THE WEEK:

Adult: What does the birth of Jesus mean to you?

Youth: What could you do this week to make someone feel welcome, as Joseph welcomed Mary?

ST. MARK MASSATTENDANCE

SAT. DEC. 6 4:00 PM 102

SUN. DEC. 7 9:00 AM 105

OFFERTORYCOLLECTION

(12/6-7/2025)

ST. MARK: \$6,231.00

ST. JAMES: \$520.00

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

WE WON AN AWARD!

St. Mark won

"The Reason for the Season"

Award! Congratulations to all who participated in the Wilds Parade on Dec. 5th with our **Living Nativity**, showing that Christ is Alive!

LECTOR MEETING ~ TUES. JAN. 6th at 6:30 PM

Rescheduling of Nov. meeting. The annual get-together for prayer and instruction. Fr. Paul will give an inspirational special message for our new lectors. Please come, welcome them to feel a part of our amazing Lector Team!



4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

In this Gospel, the state of affairs is not what it appears to be. Mary is not unfaithful, but faithful. Mary is with child, but a virgin. The infant is not only an earthly child, but also a heavenly One. Yet the infant is not heaven-bound, but an earth-bound Emmanuel. Joseph is not the father, but in a father's role names the Child Jesus. When the Spirit of God is at work, and we cooperate as did Mary and Joseph, something altogether new happens: mystery abounds, "God is with us."



CONFESSION SCHEDULES

The last opportunity for Confession at St. Mark will be **Sat. Dec. 21st @ 3:00 PM**
Or Call the Rectory 814-486-0569 for a private appointment.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

Sun. Dec. 21 2:00 PM St. Joseph, Force
Mon. Dec. 22 6:00 PM Sacred Heart, St. Marys



The Sanctuary Lamps burn before the Blessed Sacrament this week
IN LOVING MEMORY of:
FRANK & PAT GRIMONE
From: LARRY & CRISS



GIVING CRIB

A big thank you Darlene Vogt and all the many people who bought gifts for the success of our Giving Crib! Everyone is so very generous and caring for the children in our community!

ST. MARK FAITH FORMATION LIBRARY



received a generous memorial donation in honor of:
PATRICIA PEARSON
From a friend of the family.



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 24:

Christmas Vigil: REJOICE, THE SAVIOR IS BORN!

4:00 PM: Vigil Mass with *Children's Choir* and *St. Mark Folk Group*
Message from Sister Therese!

10:00 PM: MASS AT NIGHT

Join with Fr. Paul for some Carols

THURSDAY, DEC. 25:

Christmas Day:

9:00 AM: with *St. Mark Choir*
Please join the choir & Fr. Paul in ringing in the Birth of the Savior!



Mark you 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 - 6:30 PM.

Deliveries and Take-outs are Available 3:30-4:30 PM

Please call 814-486-0373 for more information if you'd like to help prepare food, to volunteer to help, or if you'd like to make reservations or to call if you need a ride to the center.



IN YOUR CHARITY,
Please pray for the soul of **PATRICIA PEARSON**, who passed away recently.
May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen



TODAY.... Christmas Parish Family MASS


SUN. DEC. 21st

Following 9:00 AM FAMILY MASS,

We will have an awesome family session in O'Connell Hall.

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

All are encouraged to attend.



PILGRIMS OF HOPE TRELLIS

~ HEARTS OF HOPE ~

Dec. 28th is the Feast of the Holy Family and Solemn closing of the Holy Doors. Hearts for the Trellis are once again available to conclude our Jubilee Year. Please write on the hearts:

1. **Some hope that has been fulfilled for you this past year.**
2. **Anything you are hoping for still.**

Please attach them to the trellis. The trellis has been St. Mark's own Holy Door.

Next weekend, Dec. 27-28, at Communion, we will walk through the trellis to receive the Graces of this Holy Year. This time of grace doesn't end, it continues in our hearts.

Jesus, open the door of my heart!



ST. MARK MEMORIAL

St. Mark received a generous memorial gifts *In honor of:* **HELEN NEWTON**

From: Mike & Kerry Etchepare, Steve & Staci Brown, Catherine Labant & John & Kathy Dolan

And, In honor of: **SISTER SALLY VILLA**

From: Carole Dankesreiter

DONATIONS BEING ACCEPTED FOR AREA HOMELESS



We are again accepting donations for area homeless needs. Especially winter items; blankets, hats, gloves, coats, boots etc. Personal hygiene items are also in need. Donations can be left on the table in the back of the church.