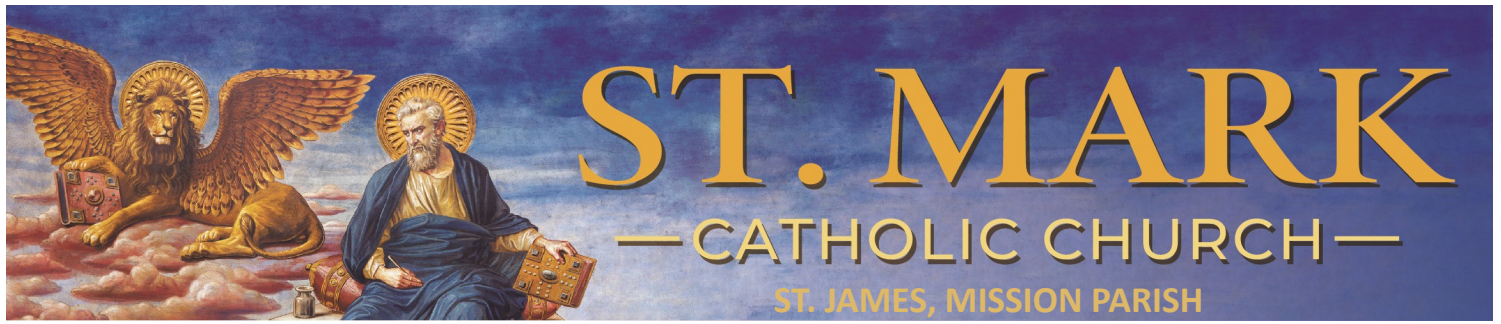




NOVEMBER 23, 2025 | JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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

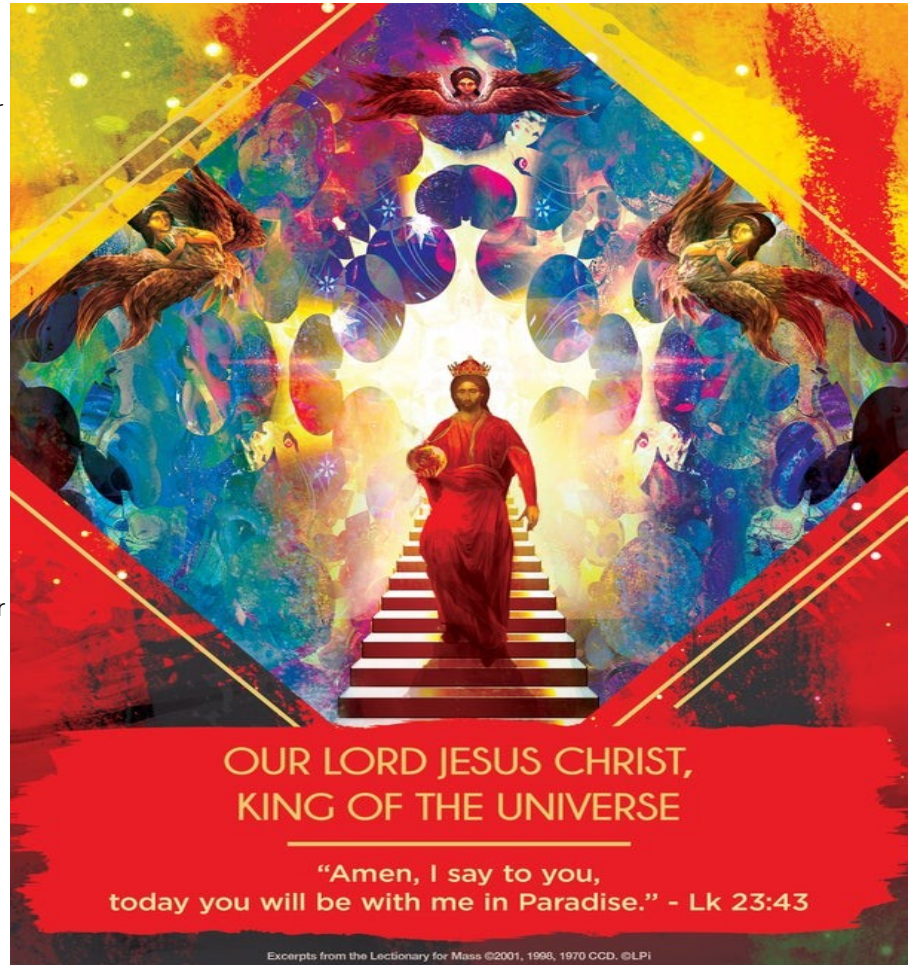
At all Sunday liturgies and outside of Mass after
 9:00 am Mass. Parents and Sponsors must
 attend Baptismal Preparation Class. Call the
 rectory for arrangements.

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, NOV. 24

**8:15 AM THE DECEASED MEMBERS
OF THE GRIMONE FAMILY**
 (Chris & Ann Margaret Heglen)
 (Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Lk 21:1-4)

TUESDAY, NOV. 25

**8:15 AM EDWARD LAMONT
(MONTHS MIND)**
 (Deb Dunkle)
 (Dn 2:31-45; Lk 21:5-11)

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 26

NO MASS
 (Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Lk 21:12-19)

THANKSGIVING DAY
THURSDAY, NOV. 27
NO MASS

(Dn 6:12-28; Lk 21:20-28)

FRIDAY, NOV. 28

NO MASS
 (Dn 7:2-14; Lk 21:29-33)



ADVENT

SATURDAY, NOV. 29

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

SUNDAY NOV. 30

**9:00 AM LIVING AND DECEASED
MEMBERS OF THE FRAGALE FAMILY**
 (Larry & Cris)
 (Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44)

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Worship Together

November 23, 2025

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:

LECTORS:

ALTAR SERVERS:

SATURDAY, NOV. 29

VIGIL MASS

4:00 PM

M. Fragale, A. DeMatz &
C. Dankesreiter

Stephanie Petty

Addison McAulay &
Mitchell Copp

SUNDAY, NOV. 30

9:00 AM

L. Richnafsky, A. DeLucia &
L. Purcell

Cheryl
Hockenberry

Mark Guido & Paul
Burlingame

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**SUNDAY (23rd) 9:00 AM - JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
FAMILY SESSION AFTER FAMILY MASS**

**WEDNESDAY (26th) FAITH FORMATION —NO SESSION—
THANKSGIVING BREAK**

NO HOLY HOUR OR CONFESSION

THURSDAY (27th) HAPPY THANKSGIVING

SATURDAY (29th) 3:15 PM - Confession

4:00 PM - VIGIL MASS @ ST. MARK

SUNDAY (30th) 9:00 AM - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

EDGE & CONFIRMATION —

NO SESSIONS ~ THANKSGIVING BREAK



GOSPEL: LUKE 23:35-43

THE CRUCIFIED KING

Question of the week:

Adult: In what way is Jesus the ruler of your life?

Youth: How can you show that you honor Jesus as the king of your life?



ST. MARK GIVING CRIB

Gingerbread Tags are available near the Altar in our St. Mark Christmas Giving Crib.

Each tag supplies the info & ideas needed for one child.

Sunday, December 7th, is the deadline for unwrapped gifts (with the Gingerbread Tag securely attached) to be returned by the Infant of Prague Statue at St Mark Church.



We are collecting items for our young men & women serving in the military. Boxes will be sent so they will be received around Christmas. We are in need of the following:

Individually packaged wrapped Snacks, *No chocolate please*, (it melts), Band-Aids, Mini Hand Sanitizer, Chapstick, Sandwich & snack size plastic Zip-lock bags, and toothbrushes.

Please no big or hard containers as space is limited. Please place the items on the table set up in the back of the church labeled "**Military Boxes**".

Drop-off Dead line is: **December 5th.**

Thank you for supporting our troops!



COMING SOON....

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. 13th prior to 4:00 PM Mass; and Sun., Dec. 14th

Prior to 9:00 AM Mass.

Keep an eye on upcoming bulletins for more information!

DATES TO REMEMBER:

SUNDAY, NOV. 30th:

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 3rd:

Second Pastoral Council meeting for Elk/Cameron Counties at St. Leo in Ridgway

SUNDAY, DEC. 7th:

COMMUNITY

**THANKSGIVING/ADVENT/
CHRISTMAS SERVICE**

6:00 PM

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Pastor Ken Bailey will be preaching and delivering a Special message.

MONDAY, DEC. 8th:

**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION:
Immaculate Conception of
Virgin Mary**

Welcome

Welcome to St. Mark Church!

If you're visiting Cameron County this weekend, welcome and thank you for celebrating the Eucharist with us! If you're searching for a Spiritual home, we welcome you to join us in worship and invite you to become part of our church family. Please complete this form and return it to the parish office or drop it in the offertory basket.

Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____



JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Gospel: Luke 23:35-43

In this Gospel, Jesus is crucified alongside two criminals. The rulers mock Him saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Christ of God." One of the criminals acknowledges Jesus' innocence and asks to be remembered in His kingdom. Jesus responds, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise," highlighting the themes of redemption and God's grace. The passage emphasizes that even in His final moments, Jesus offers forgiveness and hope, illustrating the inclusive nature of His salvation.



Welcome to all visiting for the Thanksgiving Holiday or for the opening of antlered deer season. May your stay with us be pleasant.



THANKSGIVING FAMILY MASS

**TODAY, Sunday,
Nov. 23rd @
9:00 AM is our**

Thanksgiving Family Mass!

Our Faith Formation children will be dressed as Pilgrims and Indians at this mass!



God, we thank you for the blessing and joy of family. Thank you for those who are gathered with us today and those who are far away. May we all see the many ways you provide for us, comfort us and protect us.

We will have donation baskets available for non-perishable food items for the Cameron County Food Pantry at both weekend masses. Following Sunday Mass, there will be Family activities for **ALL** parishioners in O'Connell Hall.



The Sanctuary Lamps burn before the Blessed Sacrament this week

IN LOVING MEMORY of:

JAMES GAVLOCK

From: Tom Gavlock



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Next Sunday,

NOVEMBER 30th

is the first Sunday of Advent. Advent is a wonderful time of spiritual preparation for His coming again and His nativity.



Due to Thanksgiving Holiday on

Wed. Nov. 27th, Confessions will not be heard and Holy Hour will not occur.

Confessions will be available on Saturday, Nov. 29th @ 3:15 PM



St. Mark Church will not have a Mass on Thanksgiving Day.

Please spend Thanksgiving Day with your loved ones and friends, giving thanks for all God has provided. Have a happy & safe holiday!



Christmas in the Wilds

Night Parade

Friday, Dec. 5th,

starting at 6:00 PM.

St. Mark is participating in this fun community event again this year!

Our float will be **LIVING NATIVITY!**

If you'd like to help us create, decorate or be a part of the float, please call Jen Abriatis @ 486-7664 or the rectory @ 486-0569.

We'd love to have you be a part of this awesome night!



ST. MARK CSA UPDATE

2025 Diocesan Goal:
\$39,714.00

Total Pledged to date: \$44,085.00

Total Paid to date: \$42,308.00

We've gone over the goal!

All donations over the Diocesan Goal amount now stay here at St. Mark/St. James. Thank you for your continued support!



FORMED.ORG HOW TO ADVENT

Advent sometimes just feels like that time that is sandwiched between Thanksgiving and Christmas – life is hectic with Christmas shopping, parties, the school year ending, and so much more. But as Catholics – we really ought to enter into this season of joyful anticipation with purpose and intention! In *How to Advent*, we will discover the rich traditions that mark this season and how they aid us in preparing our hearts for the birth of the child Jesus at Christmas. Guided by priests, religious, professors, and a charismatic host, you will gain practical tips and spiritual reflection on the practices of the Advent calendar, Advent wreath, Jesse tree, and nativity scene. There are four episodes in this show that are between 12 and 15 minutes.