



# ST. MARK

— CATHOLIC CHURCH —

ST. JAMES, MISSION PARISH

**JANUARY 5, 2025**

**THE EPIPHANY**

### 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

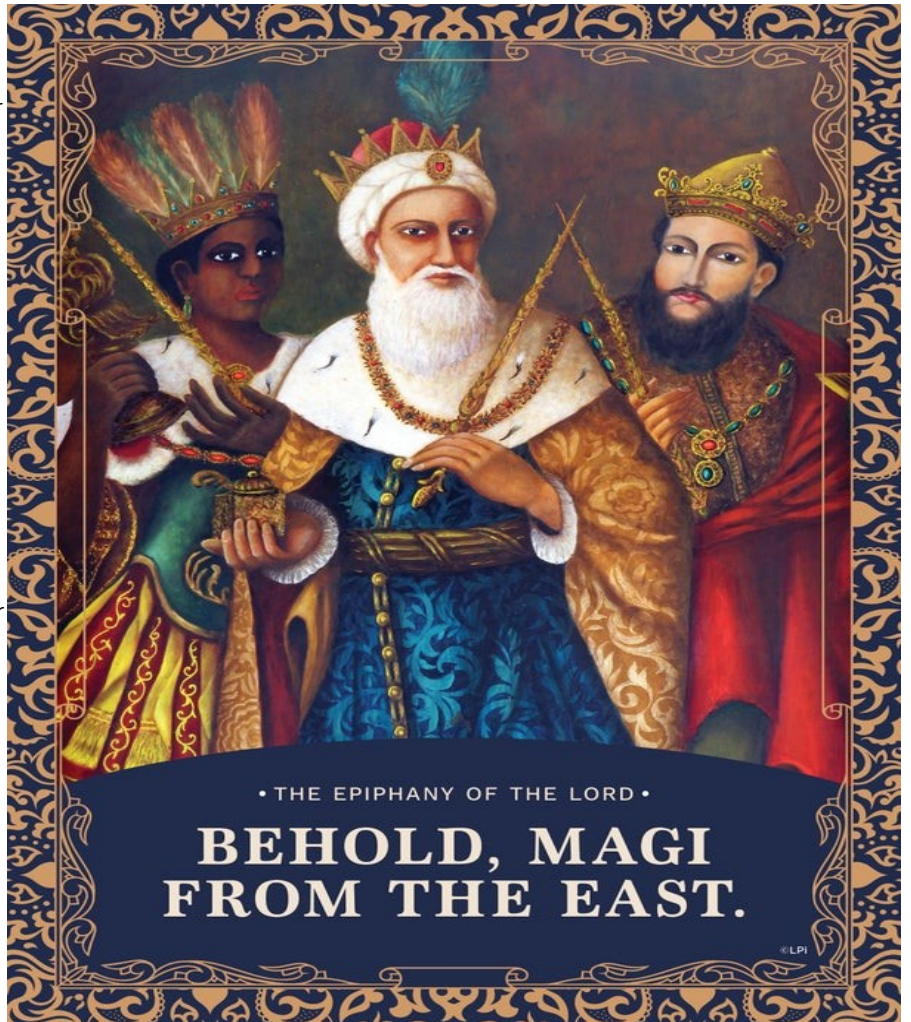
At all Sunday liturgies and outside of Mass after  
9:00 am Mass. Parents and Sponsors must  
attend Baptismal Preparation Class. Call the  
rectory for arrangements.

#### 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](http://www.stmarkemporium.org) or  
[oursmprayers@gmail.com](mailto:oursmprayers@gmail.com)



## MASS INTENTIONS

### MONDAY, JAN. 6

**8:15 AM DECEASED MEMBERS  
OF RODICH & HALEY FAMILIES**

(Dan Haley)  
(1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25)

### TUESDAY, JAN. 7

**NO MASS**

(1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44)

### WEDNESDAY, JAN. 8

**8:15 AM TERRIE SIEBERT (ANNIV.)**

(Fr. Paul Siebert)  
(1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52)

### THURSDAY, JAN. 9

**8:15 AM ISABELLE CZEKAI**

(The Family)  
(1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Lk 4:14-22)

### FRIDAY, JAN. 10

**8:15 AM MILLIE CLARK (ANNIV.)**

(June Caldwell)  
(1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16)

### SATURDAY, JAN. 11 4:00 PM

**LEO, IDA and BILL GRIMONE and  
ANGEL ERICKSON**

(The Family)

### SUNDAY, JAN. 12 9:00 AM

**PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES**

(The Pastor)

(Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38;  
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22)





# Worship Together

January 5, 2025

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:

### LECTORS:

### ALTAR SERVERS:

#### SATURDAY, JAN. 11

C. Dankesreiter  
& B. & J. Keller

4:00 PM

Stephanie Petty | Emilia & Mitchell Copp

#### SUNDAY, JAN. 12

A. DeLucia, K. Aikens  
& Volunteer

9:00 AM

Mary Dixon | Cambree & Harper Stuart

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY	(5th)	9:00 AM – EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
		10:00 –11:30 AM - EDGE & CONFIRMATION SESSION
WEDNESDAY	(8th)	3:30-5:00 PM - Faith Formation Class Grades 1-5
		6:00 PM - HOLY HOUR <i>ADORATION INTENTION</i>
		CONFESSION <i>Legal Protection of the Unborn Child</i>
		7:00 PM - Benediction
THURSDAY	(9th)	4:45 PM - RCIA SESSION/INQUIRY
		6:30 PM - Rosary
SATURDAY	(11th)	3:15 PM - CONFESSION
		4:00 PM - VIGIL MASS
SUNDAY	(12th)	9:00 AM – THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
		10:00 –11:30 AM - EDGE & CONFIRMATION SESSION

### GOSPEL: LUKE 2:41-52

#### THE FINDING IN THE TEMPLE

#### QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

**Adult:** What does your family do to honor and respect its older members?

**Youth:** Why did Jesus leave the temple? How can Jesus be an example for you?

### ST. MARK

#### FAITH FORMATION LIBRARY MEMORIAL



St. Mark Faith Formation Library received a generous donation in loving memory of

**M. JUDITH HORVATH** and  
**JACOB PIECZYNSKI**

from an anonymous donor.  
*Thank you for your gift that will be in our library for years to come!*



ROSARY SOCIETY

### ST. MARK ROSARY SOCIETY

During the months of January and February, there will be no Rosary Society meeting.

We will meet again Tues. March 11, 2025 @ 1:00 PM. New members are always welcome!



St. Mark is in need of

### ADULT Altar Servers!

Please contact Fr. Paul (486-0569). Please consider serving. Thank you so much!!



### 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.



### Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments

#### January is Human Trafficking

#### Prevention Month: Who are the perpetrators?

Traffickers can be anyone who profits from the selling of a child for sex to a buyer, including family members, foster parents, friends, gangs, trusted adults, or “boyfriends.” Much of the trafficking of children has moved from street corners and truck stops to the internet where children are sold for sex. Online classified sites allow traffickers and buyers anonymity and accessibility when exploiting children. In some case, there is no identified trafficker, and it is the person buying sex from the child who is exploiting the child’s vulnerabilities. A child cannot consent to being bought and sold for sex, and anyone purchasing sex from a child is committing a serious crime. If you suspect a case of Child Sex Trafficking you can call 1-800-THE-LOST or make a report at

www.CyberTipline.org . Visit <https://www.eriecd.org/childprotection/> to see what the diocese is doing to help maintain safe environments for children and youth.



In your charity, please pray for the soul of **MARY LOU FRAGALE** who passed away recently.

May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen



### RCIA ~ INQUIRY/SESSION ~ THIS THURSDAY!

Thursday, Jan. 9, 2025 @ 4:45 PM in O’Connell Hall.  
Call Jen Abriatis at 814-486-0784 for more information.

This is a great opportunity for adults seeking God or belonging to our church or receiving Confirmation.

Fr. Paul (814-486-0569) will also be available at this session.



### 2024 GIVING REPORTS

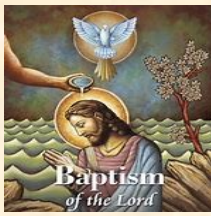
St. Mark 2024 Giving reports will be mailed out beginning the week of Jan. 20th. If you don’t get a report and need one, please call the rectory at 814-486-0569.



## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Arriving in Jerusalem, the magi ask a critical question: "Where is the newborn king of the Jews?" This is the burning question that prompted them to follow a distant star to a distant place. What planted this burning question in their hearts surely was some wisdom that their lives were not complete. Their journey to find the Infant was long and convoluted, yet guided by heavenly light. We, too, will find Christ if we search. We, too, will be led by God's light. We, too, will be satisfied with Fullness of life.



## NEXT SUNDAY JAN. 12, 2025 ~ BAPTISM OF THE LORD ~

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord celebrates the revelation of Jesus Christ as God's beloved Son and the effects of the Holy Spirit. The readings will highlight Jesus' mission as the chosen servant and emphasize the significance of baptism.



## ~ JUBILEE 2025 ~

Jubilee 2025 opened Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, 2024 with the rite of the opening of the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican immediately before Pope Francis celebrated midnight Mass. Pope Francis has designated Saint Peter's Cathedral Church in Erie as a place of pilgrimage. Bishop Persico has designated St. Leo Magnus in Ridgeway as an additional place of pilgrimage. Holy Doors will also be opened at Rome's three major basilicas: St. John Lateran, St. Mary Major and St. Paul's Outside the Walls. The doors represent the passage to salvation Jesus opened to humanity. The Jubilee Year concludes with the closing of the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica on Jan. 6, 2026, on the Feast of the Epiphany. The theme of the Holy Year is "Pilgrims of Hope." the papal bull, issued May 9, 2024, that introduced the coming Jubilee Year is titled "*Spes Non Confundit*," or "*Hope does not disappoint*," drawn from Romans 5:5. "*Everyone knows what it is to hope*," Pope Francis wrote. "*In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring.*"



## ST. JAMES ~ ~ ~ ROOF ~ ~ ~

Currently we are in the process of having a new roof put on St. James Church, Driftwood. The roof at St. James needed replaced very badly. If you'd like to contribute to our replacement costs, please put your donation in an envelope marked "St. James Roof" and place it in the collection basket or drop it off at the rectory through Jan. 26, 2025. Thank you!



## THE CHOSEN: SEASON 4

The Chosen Saturday evenings begins Jan. 11th after 4:00 PM Mass, in O'Connell Hall. The Chosen, Season 4 is a groundbreaking, historical drama based on the life of Jesus, seen through the eyes of those who knew him. Set against the backdrop of Roman oppression in first-century Israel, the seven-season series shares an authentic and intimate look at Jesus' revolutionary life and teachings. What started as a crowd-funded project has grown to over 250 million viewers and more than 17 million social media followers. "There's a lot of pain this season, there's a lot of grief this season." Elizabeth Tabish, who portrays Mary Magdalene, to Crosswalk. "But there's also hope and light. It's got some of my absolute favorite stories in the gospel." *Come for inspiration, food and time together! We will view season 4 on the following Saturday's: Jan. 11, Jan. 18, Jan. 25 and Feb. 1, 2025. All are welcomed and encouraged to join us!*

*Thank You*

"Thank You" to our St. Mark parishioners and generous donors who helped make

The 2024 Children's Christmas Giving Gift Program

for Cameron County possible. What an amazing and giving project this has become in our community.

*Sincerely, Event coordinators and helpers!*



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.



## CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

There's still time to give to the 2024 CSA/2024 CSA gifts can be dropped off in the collection basket or at the rectory until Jan. 26, 2025. We appreciate any gift, pledge, one-time payment or gold envelopes to help us out. *St. James Roof donations can be made through CSA as well.* Thanks everyone who has helped us through CSA



The Sanctuary Lamps burn before the Blessed Sacrament this week  
**IN LOVING MEMORY of:**  
**THOMAS & JULIA CLEARY**  
From: The Family

