



ST. MARK

— CATHOLIC CHURCH —

ST. JAMES, MISSION PARISH

DECEMBER 22, 2024

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



The Nativity of the Lord

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2 Worship Together

December 22, 2024

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, DEC. 23

8:15 AM GLENN GUTGSELL
(ANNIV.)
(The Family)
(Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66)

TUESDAY, DEC. 24

4:00 PM ROSE ECKERT
(MONTHS MIND)
(Don Fapore)
(2Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14s-16; Lk 1:67-79)

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 25

9:00 AM M. JUDITH HORVATH
(MONTHS MIND)
(Rosalie Ives)
(Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18)

THURSDAY, DEC. 26

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

FRIDAY, DEC. 27

NO MASS
(1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8)

SATURDAY, DEC. 28 4:00 PM

LIVING AND DECEASED
MEMBERS OF THE FRAGALE
FAMILY
(Larry & Cris)

SUNDAY, DEC. 29 9:00 AM

PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES
(The Pastor)
(1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24;
Lk 2:41-52)

EXTRAORDINARY

MINISTERS:

TUESDAY, DEC. 24

C. Dankesreiter, A. DeMatz
& M. Dixon

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 25

A. DeLucia, L. Richnafsky
& A. Aikens

SATURDAY, DEC. 28

S. & L. Zoschg & A. Slottje

SUNDAY, DEC. 29

T. Dresser, F. Manginell
& Volunteer

LECTORS:

4:00 PM

Dave Summerson

9:00 AM

Don Fapore

4:00 PM

Stephanie Petty

9:00 AM

Mary Meisel

ALTAR SERVERS:

Maggie Abriatis &
C. & H. Stuart

VOLUNTEERS

Emilia & Mitchell
Copp

Maggie Abriatis &
Emma Brown

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY (22nd) 9:00 AM – 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FAMILY MASS w/Family Session

EDGE & CONFIRMATION SESSION

TUESDAY (24TH) 4:00 PM - CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS

WEDNESDAY (25TH) 9:00 AM - CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

THURSDAY (26th) 6:30 PM - Rosary

SATURDAY (28th) 3:15 PM - CONFESSION

4:00 PM - VIGIL MASS

SUNDAY (29th) 9:00 AM – THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

NO EDGE & CONFIRMATION SESSION– Christmas Break

GOSPEL: LUKE 1:39-45

THE VISIT TO ELIZABETH

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

Adult: When was it hardest for you to trust in God's plan for you, as Mary did? What can help you at such times?

Youth: When is it hardest for you to obey a parent or teacher? What can help you obey with more trust?



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ST. MARK MASS

ATTENDANCE

SAT. DEC. 7 4:00 PM 87

SUN. DEC. 8 9:00 AM 89

OFFERTORY

COLLECTION

(12/7-8/2024)

ST. MARK: \$4,553.00

ST. JAMES: \$375.00

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, Dish-washer, 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.





4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

Mary went in haste to Elizabeth's house, entered, and greeted her. Elizabeth recognized and responded to the mystery taking place. She expressed astonishment, wonder, amazement: "how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?" An even greater astonishment, wonder, amazement: the Lord himself comes to us.
How do we respond?



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!



TODAY... 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.



CONFESSION SCHEDULES

The last opportunity for
Confession at St. Mark
will be **Sat. Dec. 21st @ 3:00 PM**

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

Sun. Dec. 22 2:00 PM St. Joseph, Force

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!

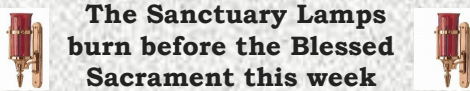
Dinners are from 4:00 –6:00 PM.
Deliveries and Take-outs are available.
Please call 814-486-0373 for
reservations or if you need a ride to the
center.

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



Altar Servers!

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



The Sanctuary Lamps
burn before the Blessed
Sacrament this week

IN LOVING MEMORY of:

STANLEY & ISABELLE CZEKAI

From: The Family



In your charity, please pray
for the soul of
MARGE NOBLE, mother of
Fr. Jeff Noble who passed
away recently. May her
soul and the souls of the faithful
departed, rest in peace. Amen

ST. MARK MEMORIAL



St. Mark received a
wonderful memorial gift
in honor of:

MARGIE TAUSES.

Our incense burner has
been sent out for gold replating!
We are looking forward to see it
when the job is completed!



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 donation
in an envelope marked
"St. James Roof" and place it in the
collection basket or drop it off at the
rectory. Thank you!

Thank
You

Thank you to
St. Mark parish from
Catholic Charities USA
for the generous gift of
\$2,060.00 to support the relief efforts
after Hurricane Helene. 100% of these
donation will be allocated to local
Catholic Charities Agencies helping
provide shelter, food and clean water
to those in need.



Thank You

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the
CCMA Community Holiday Service. It was a
wonderful community event! We are so very blessed to
live in a community where all denominations can come
together to celebrate our God!

Fr. Paul