



ST. MARK

— CATHOLIC CHURCH —

ST. JAMES, MISSION PARISH

DECEMBER 1, 2024

1ST 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 Fapone, *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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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, DEC. 2

8:15 AM RANDY DUNKLE
(Deb Dunkle)
(Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11)

TUESDAY, DEC. 3

NO MASS
(Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24)

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 4

8:15 AM ISABELLE CZEKAI
(The Family)
(Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37)

THURSDAY, DEC. 5

**8:15 AM DECEASED MEMBERS OF
THE GAVLOCK FAMILY**
(Tom Gavlock)
(Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27)

FRIDAY, DEC. 6 ~ FIRST FRIDAY

8:15 AM TOMMY MALIZIA
(Chris Troncone)
5:00 PM SPECIAL INTENTION
(Matthew & Regina Clark)
(Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31)

SATURDAY, DEC. 7 4:00 PM
PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES
(The Pastor)

SUNDAY, DEC. 8 9:00 AM
PATRICIA RICHNAFSKY
(Friend of the Family)
(Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6)



2 Worship Together

December 1, 2024

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:

LECTORS:

ALTAR SERVERS:

FIRST FRIDAY, FRI. DEC. 6

8:15 AM
5:00 PM

Fred Guido
Dave Malize

Andy DeLucia
Volunteer

SATURDAY, DEC. 7

S. & L. Zoschg and
M. Dixon

4:00 PM

Stephanie Petty | Hailey & Addison McAulay

SUNDAY, DEC. 8

9:00 AM

L. Purcell, L. Richnafsky
& Volunteer

Dennis Fapore

Barrett Dixon &
Harper Stuart

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY	(1st)	9:00 AM – 1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT EDGE & CONFIRMATION - NO SESSION - THANKSGIVING BREAK
TUESDAY	(3rd)	1:00 PM - ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING
WEDNESDAY	(4th)	3:30-5:00 PM - FAITH FORMATION Grades 1-5 6:00 PM - HOLY HOUR <i>ADORATION INTENTION</i> CONFESSION <i>Well being of Local Economy & Felt Manor</i>
THURSDAY	(5th)	7:00 PM - Benediction
FRIDAY	(6th)	6:30 PM - Rosary 8:15 AM & 5:00 PM - FIRST FRIDAY MASSES 7:00 PM—CHRISTMAS IN THE WILDS PARADE
SATURDAY	(7th)	3:15 PM - CONFESSION 4:00 PM - VIGIL MASS @ ST. MARK
SUNDAY	(8th)	9:00 AM – 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT 10:00-11:30 AM-EDGE & CONFIRMATION SESSIONS 6:00 PM - COMMUNITY HOLIDAY SERVICE



GOSPEL: LUKE 21:25-28, 34-36
COMING OF THE SON OF MAN
QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

Adult: What have been the strengths of your prayer life? What habit of prayer could you strengthen during this Advent season?

Youth: What prayers will you say each day during Advent?

ST. MARK MASS

ATTENDANCE

SAT. NOV. 16 4:00 PM - 101
SUN. NOV. 17 9:00 AM - 116

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

(11/16-17/2024)

ST. MARK: \$4,559.00

ST. JAMES: \$230.00

Thank you for returning some of God's gift to you to His Church.

Christmas in the Wilds



Night Parade

Fri., Dec. 6th,
starting at 7:00 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.



St. Mark (St. James) is in need of Altar Server's!

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!!



ST. MARK GIVING CRIB

Gingerbread Tags are available near the Altar in our St Mark Christmas Giving Crib, and also at businesses downtown Emporium. Each tag supplies the info & ideas needed for one child. Sunday, December 8th,

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.



ROSARY SOCIETY

ST. MARK ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING

Tues., Dec. 3rd @ 1:00 PM



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. *Apartment available Dec. 1, 2024*



1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Gospel: Luke
21:25-28, 34-36

This *Gospel* is not really about the end of the world; it is about the completion of the kingdom. The Second Coming is not a deadline; it is an invitation and incentive to live in a certain way in the present time. The Gospel calls us to be vigilant not about a future event but about a present way of living shaped by the Jesus before whom we stand. Our destiny is to share in the Son of Man's "great glory".



Thanks to all who helped with our **Thanksgiving Mass on Sunday, Nov. 24th.**

Thank you to our Whole Parish Family at this Family Mass along with parents, Faith Formation Pilgrims and Indians as well as our Edge and Confirmation Candidates. It was a wonderful and thankful service!
 Thank you also for your donations to the Cameron County Food Pantry!

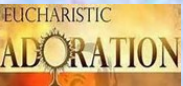
Fr. Paul

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The observance of **Immaculate Conception** has been transferred by NCCB to **Monday December 9th.** Masses on that day will be at **8:15 A.M. and 5:15 P.M.**
THE OBLIGATION TO ATTEND MASS IS IN EFFECT ON THIS DAY...
 Plan on joining us for mass to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patron Saint of The U.S.A.



FIRST FRIDAY, DEC. 6th

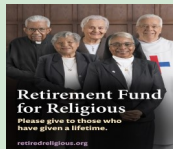
Please join us for Mass at 8:15 AM or 5:00 PM. Adoration is between 8:30 AM & 5:00 PM. A sign-up sheet is in the back of the church.
If you know of any shut-ins who would like a Communion visit, please contact the rectory.



Thank you to all who made the Harvest Dinner an amazing event! Everyone who contributed in any way, especially Pastoral Council, Jen Abriatis, Confirmation Candidates, kitchen crew, set up and clean up committees! Job well Done!

Fr. Paul

— NEXT WEEKEND —



Collection for RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT FUND

You can help. Aging religious need your help. *"Your support acknowledges that we continue the mission of Christ even in our retirement,"* says Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart Sister Celeste Burgos, 80. Donations provide for the care, medicine, and daily needs of over 24,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have dedicated their lives to service. Please give to the Retirement Fund for Religious.



COMMUNITY HOLIDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

St. Mark will host a CCMA Community Holiday Worship Service on Sunday, Dec. 8th @ 6:00 PM. We will have special music, children's message by Rev. Lionel Owen, and a special message presented by Pastor Ken Bailey. There will be a collection for Ministerial Association where all money goes to support local needs. **All are invited to attend. Please join us and bring a friend!**
Social to follow in O'Connell Hall.

ADVENT CONFESSIONS @



ST. MARK
 Every Wed. at 6:00 PM and Every Sat. at 3:15 PM
CONFESSION & COOKIES w/visiting Priest following 4:00 PM Mass Sat. Dec. 14th
CONFESSION & COOKIES Following 9:00 AM Mass Sun. Dec. 15th w/Fr. Paul only

FEAST OF ST. NICHOLAS DEC. 6th



May you be the heart and hands of St. Nicholas today by doing an unex-

The Sanctuary Lamps burn before the Blessed Sacrament this week

IN LOVING MEMORY of: STANLEY & ISABELLE CZEKAI
 From: The Family



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. 14th prior to 4:00 PM Mass. After Sat. evening Mass and following Sun., Dec. 15th Mass, the Hall will be opened to everyone for a Holiday Cookie Sale. **Only \$9 a dozen.** You pick your assorted cookie choices! Please bring your donation cookies in a non-returnable container. You may also want to bring a container to take your cookie selections home with you!

ST. MARK CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

TUES. DEC. 24th: 4:00 PM Children's Christmas Mass with St. Mark Folk Group
Wed. Dec. 25th: 9:00 AM Christmas Day Mass with St. Mark Choir.



FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Patron Saint of the Americas and Cursillo, **December 12th.** She is also great importance to The Knights of Columbus and others.