

DECEMBER 3, 2023

FIRST 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, *Secretary*

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, DEC. 4

No Mass

(Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11)

TUESDAY, DEC. 5

8:15 AM FR. WILLIAM A. RICE

(Carole Dankesreiter)

(Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24)

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 6

8:15 AM LARRY BORING

(Don & Deb Fapone)

(Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37)

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF** **VIRGIN MARY**

THURSDAY, DEC. 7 VIGIL MASS **5:30 PM ALL POOR SOULS IN**

PURGATORY

(Gerry Smith)

(Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27)

FRIDAY, DEC. 8

8:15 AM PEOPLES OF THE PARISHES

(Fr. Paul Siebert)

(Dn 7:2+-14; Lk 21:29-33)

SATURDAY, DEC. 9 4:00 PM

PEOPLES OF THE PARISHES

(The Pastor)

SUNDAY, DEC. 10 9:00 AM

KENNETH DEAN STRUCKER

(Wife, Hilda)

(Is 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8)



1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come." - Mk 13:33

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EXTRAORDINARY**LECTORS:****ALTAR SERVERS:****MINISTERS:**

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

THURS. DEC. 7 5:30 PM

S. & L. Zoschg | Stephanie Petty | Barrett Dixon, Clara Clark & Harper Stuart

FRI. DEC. 8 8:15 AM

F. & MJ Guido | Carole Dankesreiter | Andy DeLucia

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9 4:00 PM

C. Dankesreiter & B. & J. Keller | Mary Dixon | Hailey & Addison McAulay

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 9:00 AM

K. Aikens & F. Manginell | Mary Meisel | Mira Cooper & Barrett Dixon

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY (3rd) 9:00 AM - 1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FAMILY MASS &

ADVENT PARISH FAMILY DAY

TUESDAY (5th) 1:00 PM - ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING

WEDNESDAY (6th) 3:30-5:00 PM - Faith Formation Grades 1-5

6:00 PM - Holy Hour ***Adoration Intention: Local Confession Industry Employees, Families,***

7:00 PM - Benediction ***Local Economy & Felt Manor***

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ~ HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

THURSDAY (7th) 5:30 PM - VIGIL MASS

FRIDAY (8th) 8:15 AM - MORNING MASS

SATURDAY (9th) 3:15 PM - Confession
4:00 PM - St. Mark VIGIL MASS

SUNDAY (10th) 9:00 AM - 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT
10:00-11:30 AM - EDGE & CONFIRMATION SESSION

GOSPEL: MARK 13:33-37

NEED FOR WATCHFULNESS

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

Adult: Describe a way that you can be more alert for God.

Youth: What good thing might God be asking you to do right now?

ST. MARK MASS

ATTENDANCE

SAT. NOV. 18 4:00 PM - 99

SUN. NOV. 19 9:00 AM - 141

SAT. NOV. 25 4:00 PM - 100

SUN. NOV. 26 9:00 AM - 108

OFFERTORY

COLLECTION

WEEKEND MASSES

(11/18-19/2023)

ST. MARK: \$3,368.00

ST. JAMES: \$130.00

(11/25-26/2023)

ST. MARK: \$3,438.00

ST. JAMES: \$140.00

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

The Sanctuary

**Lamps burn before
the Blessed**

Sacrament this week:

***In Loving Memory Of:
STANLEY & ISABELLE CZEKAI***

By: The Family

Mark your Calendar...

***"FRIENDS SERVING
FRIENDS"***

Free Christmas Day supper @ the Emporium Senior center, is an outreach to our community. Consider reaching out in love this Christmas by partnering with others as we become the 'hands and feet' of Jesus!

ST. MARK

**ROSARY SOCIETY
MEETING**

**Tues., Dec. 5th @
1:00 PM**

***IN YOUR CHARITY*, please pray**

for the souls of JOHN "JACK"

CLARK, brother of Nancy

Zoschg, and for WILLIAM

"BILL" BOGART, who passed away recently. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

***Reminder...during Cold/Flu season,
refrain from chalice if you are ill.***

CAMERON COUNTY CHRISTMAS GIVING PROGRAM

The Christmas Giving Crib now has Gingerbread Tags available!

***If you would like to help make a child's Christmas bright, you can pick up a
Gingerbread Tag, which includes information & instructions.***

Please return **UNWRAPPED GIFTS** with the **GINGERBREAD TAG**
securely attached, to the right side alcove area of the church.


Please call Darlene Vogt 814-486-1683 with any questions, or for pickup. **Drop-off deadline is Dec. 8th.**



FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT
Gospel: Mark 13:33-37
 In the Gospel we are told to
 "Be watchful! Be alert." What is this? It is a life of "holiness and devotion", a life of "repentance" and "forgiveness", and a life of hearing the "glad tidings" of God's salvation and announcing this "good news" to the world.

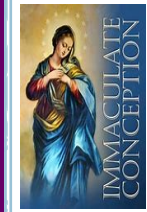


"INVITE ONE BACK"
 During Advent & Christmas Season!




I want to comment on how nicely we at St. Mark/St. James celebrated Thanksgiving. Beginning with the beautiful Harvest Dinner on Nov. 12th, then the following Sunday, Nov. 19th at Family Mass, we enjoyed parishioners of all ages, including Pilgrims and Indians, followed by wonderful activities in O'Connell Hall. Finally on Thanksgiving Day we enjoyed Mass, donations to the Food Bank, Bread for the World and we all received homemade bread to share with our loved ones. In addition, to all of this, I would like to thank those who sent me personal gifts, food and cards. The whole few weeks were very lovely. Blessing to you!

Fr. Paul



HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
 Vigil Mass:
Thursday, Dec. 7th @ 5:30 PM
 Day of Obligation Mass:
Friday, Dec. 8th @ 8:15AM
The Catholic Church teaches that Mary was conceived by normal biological means in the womb of her mother, but God acted upon her soul, keeping it "immaculate".



YUCATAN MISSION TRIP
 Fr. Paul and four other adults from our parish will be visiting our sister parish and our sponsor families in the Yucatan Jan. 2-9, 2024. We welcome financial help. Please mark on envelope: "Yucatan Mission Trip". Donations can be placed in the collection baskets or dropped off at the rectory. Thank you!



ADVENT CONFESSIONS
ST. MARK
 Every Wed. at 6:00 PM and
 Every Sat. at 3:15 PM
SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY
W/GUEST PRIEST
SAT. DEC. 16th FOLLOWING
4:00 PM MASS
OTHER PENANCE SERVICES:
 Thurs. Dec. 14th 6:30 PM:
 Queen of the World
 Sun. Dec. 17th 2:00 PM:
 St. Joseph, Force

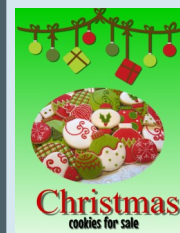
MATCHING GIFT
O'CONNELL HALL FLOOR
 In order to help raise enough funds to pay for our new floor, the donor has expanded the match to \$10,000.00...dollar for dollar. Every CSA dollar now stays here to go toward the new floor. If you prefer not to go through CSA, please put an envelope marked "O'Connell Hall Floor" in the collection basket or drop it at the rectory.



RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT FUND
You can help.
 "Religious are blessed to serve," says Dominican Father Bertrand Ebben, age 90. Please donate to the Retirement Fund for Religious next week. Your gift will provide essential care for nearly 25,000 senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests who have dedicated their lives to serving others. Let us show our gratitude to these selfless individuals by giving generously.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE
 Christmas Eve (12/24) 4:00 PM Children's Mass; Christmas Day (12/25) 9:00 AM
 {Please note, due to the unique fact that Christmas Eve is on Sunday, there will not be a "Mass at Night" this year }

NEEDED...Eucharistic Ministers to the Home bound.
 Due to shortage of E.M.'s, we can only visit the home bound one time a month. This is sad because we should go every week. Is any current E.M. willing to help? Other inquiries, please contact Fr. Paul at 814-486-0569.



ST. MARK HOLIDAY COOKIES: Fundraiser for O'Connell Hall Floor
 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. 16th prior to 4:00 PM Mass. After Sat. evening Mass (and on Sun., Dec. 17th if there are any cookies remaining), the Hall will be opened to everyone for a Holiday Cookie Sale. \$9 per dozen. Please bring your donation cookies in a non-returnable container. You may also want to bring a container to take your cookie choices home with you!