

**NOVEMBER 28, 2021 | FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

## WELCOME

### Church Staff

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### 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.  
 Religious Education Center: 814-486-0784  
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 814-486-2399

### Sacrament of the Reconciliation

Wednesday at 6:00 pm, Saturday at 3:30 pm  
 Anytime by appointment

### Baptisms

At all Sunday liturgies and outside of Mass after 9:00am 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 [prayers@gmail.com](mailto:prayers@gmail.com)



## **MASS INTENTIONS**

### MONDAY, NOV. 29

**8:15 AM LUANN REED (ANNIV.)**

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

### TUESDAY, NOV. 30

**No Mass**

(Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22)

### WEDNESDAY, DEC. 1

**8:15 AM JOHN J. SARICK**

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

### THURSDAY, DEC. 2

**8:15 AM DELORES RODGERS  
 (ANNIV.)**

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

### FRIDAY, DEC. 3 –FIRST FRIDAY

**8:15 AM ELIZABETH SIDELINGER**  
 (Friends at Keystone Rural Health Consortia)

**5:00 PM ROSE SCUTELLA**  
 (Josie Sarick)  
 (Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31)

### SATURDAY, DEC. 4

**4:15 PM NAOMI 'POLLY' SCHAGER  
 (ANNIV.)**  
 (John & Carol Dippold)

### SUNDAY, DEC. 5

**9:00 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES**  
 (The Pastor)  
 (Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6)



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**EXTRAORDINARY  
MINISTERS****WEEKEND OF DEC. 4-5****4:15 PM - L. Summerson****9:00 AM - A. Slottje****LECTORS:****D. Summerson  
Mary Meisel****ALTAR SERVERS:****E. & M. Copp  
Hayden Brown****SCHEDULE OF EVENTS****SUNDAY (28th) 9:00 AM - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

No Religious Ed. Class

**WEDNESDAY (1st) 3:30—5:00 PM Religious Ed. Class Grades 1-5**600 PM - Holy Hour ~*Intention*~ *America Axle*Confession *Manufacturing Employees*7:00 PM - Benediction *Families and Local Economy***FRIDAY (3rd) 8:15 AM & 5:00 PM - FIRST FRIDAY MASSES****SATURDAY (4th) 11:00 AM - Funeral Mass for GARY & JOAN WOLFEL**

3:15 PM - Confession

4:15 PM - VIGIL MASS - ST. MARK

**SUNDAY (5th) 9:00 AM - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

10:00 - 11:30 AM Religious Ed Class Grades 6-10



The Sanctuary Lamps burn  
before the  
Blessed Sacraments  
this week

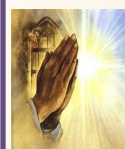


**IN LOVING MEMORY of:**  
**MARK ANDREW SCHATZ**  
By: John & Linda Schatz

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

**Adult:** What habit of prayer could you  
strengthen during this Advent season?

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



**IN YOUR CHARITY,** please pray  
for the souls of

**GARY & JOAN WOLFEL** who  
passed away recently. May  
their souls and the souls of all  
the faithful

departed rest in peace. Amen

**ST. MARK MASS****ATTENDANCE****SAT. NOV. 20 4:15 PM - 96****ST. JAMES 6:15 PM - 14****SUN. NOV. 21 9:00 AM - 96****OFFERTORY COLLECTION****WEEKEND MASS****(11/20-21/2021)****ST. MARK: \$3,374.00****ST. JAMES: \$290.00**

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



**Remember Our Troops This Holiday Season**  
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: Snacks: (not in cans or hard containers). No chocolate (it melts). Band-Aids, Razors, Neosporin or Bacitracin, Hand Sanitizer, Chapstick, Q-tips, Gallon size plastic Zip-lock bags. 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". Dead line is **December 4th**.  
**Thank you for supporting our troops!**

**ST. MARK  
GIVING CRIB**

**Gingerbread tags will  
be available  
beginning Nov. 18th.**



**Each Gingerbread Tag  
will have all the information needed  
for shopping ideas.  
UNWRAPPED gifts need to be returned  
to Church by **Thurs. Dec. 9th**.**

**UPDATE: COVID-19****PROTOCOLS**

Effective 11-19-2021, the use of  
hymnals is now permitted and  
ushers may take up collection  
using baskets.

The following restrictions  
remain in place:

No holy water, no offertory  
processions, or distributing of

**DECEMBER IS ST. MARK  
MONTH AT THE FOOD BANK**

Volunteers are needed on  
**WEDNESDAY, DEC. 15th,**  
**12:50 PM till 3:00 PM** for  
distribution.

Please consider volunteering.  
A sign-up sheet is in the back of the  
church.



*In Our  
Thoughts  
and Prayers*

**ST. MARK  
MEMORIAL FUND**

A Memorial

donation was made in honor of  
**ELAINE UZDALE**

From: Barb Hoffower and  
Dennis & JoAnn Fapore

And for

**ANGEL GRIMONE ERICKSON**  
From: Edgar & Linda Heglen

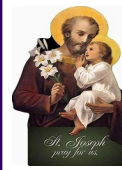
## ADVENT

The tradition for the first Sunday of Advent includes lighting the candle of hope. This candle of hope symbolizes promises delivered through the prophets from God as well as the hope we have in Christ. God crafted a great rescue plan that he lays out in Scripture. This plan foretells years in advance the arrival of Christ.



### HOLIDAY VIDEOS

Ministers of Cameron County Association will be posting short video devotionals each Wednesday plus a video on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day on [YouTube](#) by Googling *Cameron County Ministerial Association*, and on [St. Mark Facebook](#) page, on the [Cameron County Blog](#).



### CONCLUSION OF THE YEAR OF THE HONOR OF ST. JOSEPH

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Dec. 8, 2021, we will mark the end of the year of St. Joseph.

Prayer of Pope Francis to St. Joseph Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted His only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen."



### Christmas in the Wilds Night Parade

Friday, Dec. 3rd, 7-10 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!



### SATURDAY EVENING LITURGIES

St. Mark Sat. evening Liturgies will remain 4:15 PM throughout the winter months. We'll be waiting for springtime to resume Liturgies at St. James Driftwood.

### UPCOMING HOLIDAY MASSES

Wed. Dec. 8: Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary  
8:15 AM & 5:15 PM  
Fri. Dec. 24: Christmas Eve  
4:30 PM Children's Mass  
10:00 PM Christmas Vigil  
Sat. Dec. 25: 9:00 AM Christmas Day  
Sun. Dec. 26: 9:00 AM The Holy Family  
Fri. Dec. 31: 5:15 PM Vigil Mass, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God  
Sat. Jan. 1 4:15 PM Vigil Mass, Epiphany of The Lord  
Sun. Jan. 2 9:00 AM Epiphany of The Lord



### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Every Wed. @ 6:00 PM, every Sat. @ 3:15 PM. There will be a special afternoon confession with guest priest Sun., Dec. 12th @ 3:00 PM.  
Is it time for you to begin again by confessing your sins, receiving forgiveness, clearing your conscience, or returning to a more practice of your faith???



### WELCOME DEER HUNTERS

*We're so happy that you've joined us today @ St. Mark/St. James.*  
By the intercession of St. Hubert, patron saint of hunters, may you always honor God the Creator, who set man in dominion over all the animals. May the Lord God make you an honorable hunter. who respects fellow hunters, the animals, and all creation; May He keep you safe.

### COMUNION RITE

Effective this weekend, Bishop Persico has pronounced liturgical protocol.

At the "Lord, I am not worthy", everyone will kneel (or sit), after going to Communion, the people will either kneel or sit according to their preference.



Happy Birthday *Jennie Songer*  
Today, Nov. 28th  
Many blessings to you...we're grateful for all you've done for St. Mark's!

### CHRISTMAS LITURGIES

There's excitement about our Christmas Liturgies this year! Our children are once again practicing their songs, our choir is practicing weekly, the decorations are being planned! **We'll be together** with each other to celebrate the birth of our savior....  
(see schedule above)...

**COME LET US ADORE HIM!**