



**SEPTEMBER 24, 2023**

**25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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

## **MASS INTENTIONS**



## **25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

“Are you envious because I am generous?” Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.” - Mt 20:15-16

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### **MONDAY, SEPT. 25**

**8:15 AM JAMES GRIMONE**

(Larry & Criss)  
 (Ezr 1:1-6; Lk 8:16-18)

### **TUESDAY, SEPT. 26**

**No Mass**

(Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Lk 8:19-21)

### **WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 27**

**8:15 AM FR. WILLIAM A. RICE**

(Fr. Paul Siebert)  
 (Ezr 9:5-9; Lk 9:1-6)

### **THURSDAY, SEPT. 28**

**8:15 AM MR. & MRS. PAUL MOORE**

(Fr. Paul Siebert)  
 (Hg 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9)

### **FRIDAY, SEPT. 29**

**8:15 AM DARYL RICHARDSON**

(MONTHS MIND)  
 (The Family)  
 (Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Jn 1:47-51)

### **SATURDAY, SEPT. 30 4:00 PM**

**RICHARD “DICK” GREEN**

(Carol Ann & George Beckes)

### **ST. JAMES 5:30 PM**

**PEOPLES OF THE PARISHES**

(The Pastor)

### **SUNDAY, OCT. 1 9:00 AM**

**COLE LaBROZZI**

(Vince & Molly Fragale)  
 (Ez 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11; Mt 21:28-32)

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**EXTRAORDINARY  
MINISTERS:****LECTORS:****ALTAR SERVERS:****SATURDAY, SEPT. 30 4:00 PM**

A. Slottje &amp; M. Dixon | Ralph Grovanz | Emilia &amp; Mitchell Copp

**ST. JAMES, SEPT. 30 5:30 PM**

Phil Burkhouse

**SUNDAY, OCT. 1 9:00 AM**

A. DeLucia &amp; Volunteer | Mary Meisel | Cambree Stuart &amp; Mira Cooper

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

SUNDAY (24th) 9:00 AM - 25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*CATECHICAL SUNDAY***FAMILY**

6:00 - 7:30 PM - FAMILY MASS

*ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED**EDGE/FAITH FORMATION Grades 1-10 PLEASE  
ATTEND FAMILY MASS & OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE*

WEDNESDAY (27th) 3:30-5:00 PM - Faith Formation Grades 1-5

6:00 PM - Holy Hour *Adoration Intention: Vocations  
to Priesthood &  
Confession Religious Life*

7:00 PM - Benediction

THURSDAY (28th) 6:30 PM - Rosary

SATURDAY (30th) 3:15 PM - Confession

4:00 PM - St. Mark VIGIL MASS

5:30 PM - Mass at St. James

SUNDAY (1st) 9:00 AM - 26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10:00-11:30 AM— EDGE &amp; CONFIRMATION SESSION

*RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY*

2:00 PM - LIFE CHAIN - DOWNTOWN EMPORIUM

**Mark your calendar for upcoming events in OCTOBER**MONTH OF OCTOBER: *CLERGY APPRECIATION**ROSARY RECITED DAILY at 4:15 PM DURING MONTH OF  
OCTOBER*SUNDAY, OCT. 1st: *RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY*SUNDAY, OCT. 15th: *FAMILY MASS @ 9:00 AM*SATURDAY, OCT. 21st: *LAST MASS @ ST. JAMES FOR SEASON*SUNDAY OCT. 22nd: *CONFIRMATION RETREAT, ST. MARYS CHURCH***ST. MARK PASTORAL  
COUNCIL MEETING****THURSDAY, OCT. 5TH**Meeting will take place  
beginning with  
Rosary @  
4:15 PM.  
Please plan on  
attending.We're asking for  
volunteers to help  
with the  
Livestreaming of  
Saturday  
afternoon masses (4:00 PM). It's  
really easy to do and if we can get a  
few people to help us, you'd only be  
scheduled once every 4 or 5 weeks.  
Please consider helping. Contact Kim  
McFall at the Rectory, 486-0569.**GOSPEL: MATTHEW 20:1-16****THE LABORERS IN THE VINEYARD****QUESTION OF THE WEEK:****Adult:** What lesson do you draw from  
today's Gospel? How has God been  
generous to you in this way?**Youth:** Who is generous to you, even  
when you do not always deserve it?**HAPPY 70TH WEDDING****ANNIVERSARY TO****SAM & GERRY SMITH****SEPT. 26, 2023****MANY BLESSING TO YOU  
BOTH!****HAPPY 89TH****BIRTHDAY****GERRY SMITH ON  
SUNDAY OCT. 1ST.***Have a wonderful day!***HAPPY BIRTHDAY****KIM McFALL****Sept. 28th***Have a joyful day!***BECOME A  
VOLUNTEER  
DRIVER**Care & Concern is in  
desperate need of  
drivers. If you would  
be willing to help,  
please contact Leslee Berry (814) 594  
-4008 or Cindy Cook (814) 335-  
7845. Thank you.**MARK YOUR CALENDAR****ST. JAMES, DRIFTWOOD  
CLOSES FOR SEASON,  
SAT. OCT. 21st.****~ROSARY~****EVERY DAY IN OCTOBER**The Rosary will be prayed  
every day @ 4:15 PM. (Exception... Wed.  
Rosary will be prayed @ 6:30 PM)





**25th SUNDAY in  
ORDINARY TIME**  
**Gospel: Mt 20:1-16a**

This Gospel raises the question of who is first and who is last in the kingdom of heaven. Those laborers are last who shift their focus from doing the work of the landowner to grumbling about the amount of wages others are receiving. Those are first who do not labor in the vineyard because of the amount of wages, but simply because they are privileged to share in the work of the landowner. Indeed, simply being called to the privilege of sharing in Jesus' work of salvation is its own recompense. The kingdom of heaven is revealed by those who choose this work. Do we choose it?

CATECHETICAL  
**SUNDAY**



**CATECHETICAL  
SUNDAY,  
SEPT. 24, 2023**

This year's theme:

**"Come to me all you who  
labor and are burdened"**

*Matthew 11:28*

Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel.

Catechetical Sunday will be celebrated at a special Mass at



**FAMILY  
MASS**

**THIS WEEKEND**

TODAY, Sunday, Sept. 24, 2023 we will have a whole parish experience from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

This will include

**CATECHETICAL SUNDAY  
FAMILY MASS**

along with an  
Outdoor  
Experience &  
cider making.



All Faith Formation students grades 1-10 are to attend this Mass and Outdoor Experience. This mass and Outdoor Experience is for everyone in the parish... please join us!



**CATHOLIC  
EDUCATION  
COLLECTION**

Last week our parish took up a second collection to help support the lifelong faith formation and educational needs of our parish and diocese. Many parishioners responded generously. Thank you! If you missed last week's Catholic Education Collection, please consider a donation by using the envelope in your offertory packet, or you can give online at VANCO (see our website: [stmarkemporium.org](http://stmarkemporium.org) for online giving information.)

**TAKE A STAND FOR LIFE**

The Cameron County Pro-Life Committee will be sponsoring a



**"Life  
Chain",  
Sunday,  
October 1st.**

They'll begin distributing signs at 2:00 p.m. from the First Baptist Church; the demonstration will run from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. We will be standing on 4th Street from Broad St. to Chestnut St. A time of refreshments and fellowship will follow. Every life is precious—join us as we take a stand for life!

**ST MARK CATECHISTS**

**Grade 1:** Mary Gelnett  
**Grade 2:** Kate Fragale & Lea Purcell  
**Grade 3:** Joe DiBello  
**Grades 4 & 5:** Sr. Frances Therese  
**Edge:** Audra & Jody Reid, Jen Dixon & Nicia McAulay  
**Confirmation:** Laure Richnafsky  
**Children Music Ministry:** Lea Purcell

**Thank you for your gift of  
Time, Talent and Treasure!**



**RESPECT LIFE**  
*respect · love · protect*

**RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY  
NEXT WEEKEND  
OCT. 2, 2023**

Every October the Catholic Church in the U.S. celebrates *Respect Life Month* and the first Sunday of October is observed as *Respect Life Sunday*. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning to the end of their lives, and at every point in between. During the month of October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life.



The Sanctuary Lamps  
burn before the Blessed  
Sacrament this week  
**In Loving Memory Of:**  
**JOSEPH V. CLONAN SR.**  
By: Kimberly McFall

