



ST. MARK

— CATHOLIC CHURCH —

ST. JAMES, MISSION PARISH

DECEMBER 10, 2023

SECOND 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
oursmpayers@gmail.com

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, DEC. 11

8:15 AM STEPHEN PERKINS
(The Family)
(Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26)

TUESDAY, DEC. 12

No Mass
(Zec 2:14-17; Lk 1:26-38)

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 13

8:15 AM JOHN "SONNY" SARICK
(Barry Sarick)
(Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30)

THURSDAY, DEC. 14

8:15 AM LUANN REED
(Jeff Reed)
(Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15)

FRIDAY, DEC. 15

8:15 AM CHRISTINE KNOUS PETERS
(Her Children)
(Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19)

SATURDAY, DEC. 16 4:00 PM

TED PETERS
(His Children)

SUNDAY, DEC. 17 9:00 AM

PEOPLES OF THE PARISHES
(The Pastor)
(Is 61:1-2a,10-11; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28)



2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Prepare the way of the Lord." - Mk 1:3

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2 Worship Together

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EXTRAORDINARY

LECTORS:

ALTAR SERVERS:

MINISTERS:

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16 4:00 PM

L. Summerson, V. Frigale | Vicky Songer | Emilia & Mitchell Copp

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 9:00 AM

L. Purcell, M. Dixon | Dennis Fapore | Maggie Abriatis & Ruth Kane

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY (10th) 9:00 AM - 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 10:00-11:30 AM - EDGE & CONFIRMATION SESSION
WEDNESDAY (13th) 3:30-5:00 PM - Faith Formation Grades 1-5
 6:00 PM - Holy Hour *Adoration Intention: Return of all Catholics to Sunday Mass*
 7:00 PM - Benediction
THURSDAY (14th) 6:30 PM - Rosary
SATURDAY (16th) 3:15 PM - Confession
 4:00 PM - St. Mark VIGIL MASS
 5:00 PM - SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY for CONFESSION & COOKIE SALE in O'CONNELL HALL
SUNDAY (17th) 9:00 AM - 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 10:00-11:30 AM - EDGE & CONFIRMATION SESSION

GOSPEL: MARK 1:1-8

JOHN THE BAPTIST

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

Adult: With whom could you be more patient this week, as God has been patient with you?

Youth: With whom can you be more patient?

ST. MARK MASS

ATTENDANCE

SAT. DEC. 2 4:00 PM - 101

SUN. DEC. 3 9:00 AM - 123

OFFERTORY

COLLECTION

WEEKEND MASSES

(12/2-3/2023)

ST. MARK: \$7,076.00

ST. JAMES: \$575.00

Thank you for

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



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!

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!

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



CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS-

The Digital World:

The digital world is constantly evolving with new social media platforms, apps, and devices, and children and teens are often the first to use them. Sometimes with negative impacts such as cyberbullying, sexting, or the posting hateful messages or content. Parents need to become aware and stay up-to-date on the latest apps, social media platforms and digital slang used by children and teens. Parents should monitor their child's social media sites, apps and browsing history regularly. Visit <https://www.eriercd.org/childprotection/> to see what the diocese is doing to help maintain safe environments for children and youth.



DECEMBER = ST. MARK MONTH AT THE FOOD BANK

Volunteers are needed on **TUESDAY, DEC. 19TH @ 6:15 PM**

for packing and on **WEDNESDAY, DEC. 20th 12:50 PM till 3:00 PM**

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



Patron Feast of the Americas:
OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
 Dec. 12, 2023
Pray for us!



SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT

Comfort. Imagine it—perfect, unending comfort. Not the temporal comforts of a home-cooked meal, or the nearness of a trusted friend. But true serenity, peace, security: comfort. This is God's gift to us, one that is worth the work of softening those rough places, worth the effort of wrestling each obstacle on the road to glory. This is the comfort that is what waits for us and for all God's children. Do we believe it is there?



COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS SERVICE

TONIGHT, SUNDAY,
DEC. 10th at
6:00 PM at

THE EMPORIUM ALLIANCE CHURCH
(Sizerville Rd.)

Guest Speaker: *Dr. Andy Spore*. Free will offerings will be given to the Cameron County Ministerial Association, and Non-perishable food donations will be accepted for the Cameron County Food Bank. Following service, light refreshments will be served.
ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.



**The Sanctuary Lamps
burn before the Blessed
Sacrament this week:**

**In Loving Memory Of:
STEPHEN PERKINS**

By: The Family



Heifer ~ ~ Consider giving a donation to Heifer in honor of a loved one this Christmas season. Your gift will provide the gifts of food, health and hope this holiday for families in need.



"INVITE ONE BACK"

During Advent & Christmas Season!



CSA MATCHING GIFT

Our CSA project this upcoming year is new O'Connell Hall & kitchen floors. This is an expensive undertaking. Through the extreme generosity of an anonymous donor, they will **MATCH** your donation! Complete your CSA pledge and beyond. Every CSA dollar stays here towards O'Connell Hall floor. If you prefer not to go thru CSA, put an envelope marked "O'Connell Hall Floor" in the collection basket or drop it at the rectory.



NEED...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.



IN YOUR CHARITY, please pray for the soul of

WILLIAM "BILL" BOGART,

who passed away recently. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen



RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT FUND

Support a lifetime of Service.

Women and men religious have spent their lives serving others in prayer, ministry, education and care for those in need—usually for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. As they age, they require essential care and medications. Please support them by giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your donation makes a difference for nearly 25,000 senior men and women religious. Please give 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 }

ADVENT CONFESSIONS at ST. MARK

Every Wed. at 6:00 PM and

Every Sat. at 3:15 PM

SPECIAL CONFESSION OPPORTUNITY

W/GUEST PRIEST, SAT. DEC. 16th FOLLOWING 4:00 PM MASS

OTHER PENANCE SERVICES:

Mon. Dec. 11th 6:30 PM:

Holy Rosary, Johnsonburg

Thurs. Dec. 14th 6:30 PM:

Queen of the World

Sun. Dec. 17th 2:00 PM:

St. Joseph, Force

Wed. Dec. 20th 6:30 PM

Sacred Heart, St. Marys



NEXT WEEKEND....COOKIES & CONFESSION!

Saturday, Dec. 16th following 4:00 PM Mass, we'll have a special opportunity for Confessions with a guest priest.

Also following this mass, the **HOLIDAY COOKIE SALE** will take place.

Stop down in O'Connell Hall to purchase some homemade holiday cookies...only \$9.00 a dozen!

