



ST. MARK

— CATHOLIC CHURCH —

ST. JAMES, MISSION PARISH

DECEMBER 19, 2021 | FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

WELCOME

Church Staff

Rev. Paul S. Siebert, *Pastor*
Sr. Frances Therese Matia, SSJ, *Pastoral Minister*
Jennifer Abriatis, *Religious Ed. Facilitator*
Joseph DeSio, *Financial Council Moderator*
Dan Martuccio, *Pastoral Council President*
Don Fapore, *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.
Religious Education Center: 814-486-0784
St. Mark Community Day Care Center:
814-486-2399

Sacrament of the Reconciliation

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

Baptisms

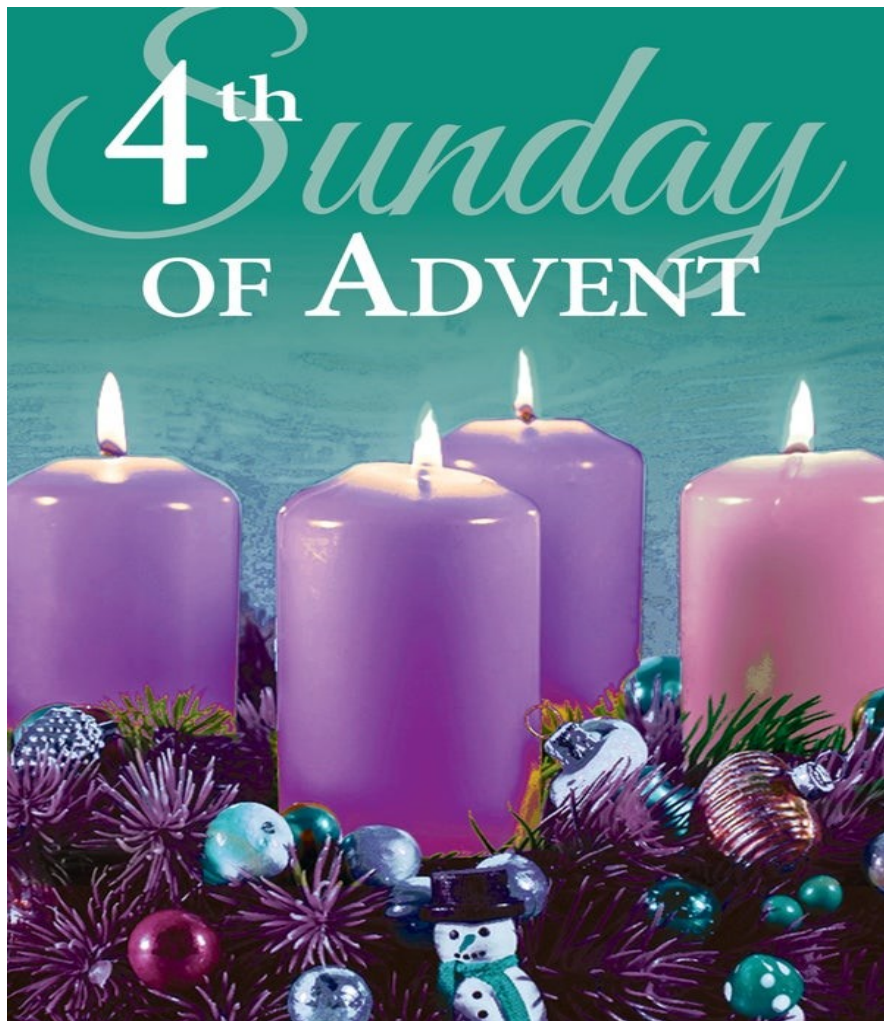
At all Sunday liturgies and outside of Mass after 9:00am Mass. Parents and Sponsors must attend Baptismal Preparation Class. Call the rectory for arrangements.

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 or prayers@gmail.com



MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, DEC. 20

8:15 AM ROGER CLARK

(The Family)
(1s 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38)

TUESDAY, DEC. 21

NO MASS

(Sg 2:8-14; Lk 1:39-45)

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 22

8:15 AM JENNIE FRAGALE (ANNIV.)

(The Family)
(1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56)

THURSDAY, DEC. 23

8:15 AM GUY BAUER (ANNIV.)

(Toni & Dave Dresser)
(Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66)



FRIDAY, DEC. 24

4:30 PM JAMES MURRAY (ANNIV.)

(The Family)

10:00 PM ELAINE GRIMONE (ANNIV.)

(Monday Friends Group)
(2 Sm 7:1-5, 8B-12, 14A, 16; Lk 1:67-79)



SATURDAY, DEC. 25

9:00 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES

(The Pastor)

THE HOLY FAMILY

SUNDAY, DEC. 26

9:00 AM JOSEPH LaBROZZI (ANNIV.)

(Sam & Ruth Gentile)
(Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21;
Lk 2:41-52)



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2 Worship Together

DECEMBER 19, 2021

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

WEEKEND OF DEC. 24-25-26

FRIDAY, DEC. 24

4:30 PM Vince Fragale

10:00 PM Laura Zoschg

SATURDAY, DEC. 25

9:00 AM Pat Rodgers

SUNDAY, DEC. 26

9:00 AM Lea Purcell

LECTORS:

Melissa Stuart
Volunteer

Joe DeLucia

Phil Burkhouse

ALTAR SERVERS:

M. Abriatis & K. Fragale
Volunteer & Volunteer

H. & A. McAulay

R. Shaffer & Z. Abriatis

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY (19th) 9:00 AM - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Religious Ed. Students attend Family Mass—No Class

11:00 AM - FAMILY MASS

WEDNESDAY (22nd) Religious Ed. Students attend Family Mass—No Class

No Holy Hour or Benediction

Confession by appointment only

FRIDAY (24th) 4:30 PM - CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MASS

Children Choir

10:00 PM - CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL MASS

St. Mark Choir

SATURDAY (25th) 9:00 AM - CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

St. Mark Folk Group

**SUNDAY (26th) 9:00 AM - THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,
MARY AND JOSEPH**

No Religious Ed. classes



The Sanctuary Lamps burn
before the
Blessed Sacraments
this week



IN LOVING MEMORY of:
STEVE, MARY & JIM HORVATH
By: The Family

GOSPEL: LUKE 1:39-45 THE VISIT TO

ELIZABETH

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

Adult: When was it hardest for you to trust
in God's plan for you as Mary did? What
can help you at such times?

Youth: When is it hardest for you to obey a
parent or teacher? What can help you obey
with more trust?



ST MARK MEMORIAL GIFTS

We welcome monetary
contributions of any amount to
the St. Mark Memorial Fund
through a will, estate
planning, or as a memorial in the name of
a loved one.

St. Mark Memorial Fund Giving envelopes
can be found in the center aisle table in
the back of the church, at the church
rectory or at the local funeral homes.



MEMORIAL GIFTS

St. Mark recently
received a
beautiful gift of a new
Incense Stand. It's large, very
sturdy, and beautifully ornate.
We also received a hand-made,
wooden cremation stand.

Both gifts are
"In Loving Memory of
Deceased Members of Extended
McManigle Families"
from the Burfield Foundation.

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL



There's still time to give to the
2021 Catholic Services Appeal!

WE ARE OVER THE

DIOCESAN GOAL!

ALL FUNDS STAY HERE!

We appreciate any gift, pledge,
one-time payment or gold envelopes to help
us out. Thanks everyone who has helped us
through CSA this year!



A Family Perspective

Mary was excited about her first
pregnancy and rushed to tell her
cousin. Sadly children are often
seen as a liability, "another
mouth to feed" or an "obstacle to
my career." It is said "Christmas
is for children." It is more
accurate to say "Christmas is for
adults to appreciate the gift of
children!"

Welcome to St. Mark Church!

If you're visiting Cameron County this weekend, welcome and thank you for celebrating the Eucharist with us! If you're searching
for a Spiritual home, we welcome you to join us in worship and invite you to become part of our church family.

Please complete this form and return it to the parish office or drop it in the offertory basket.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE GREATNESS OF MARY

Mary's steadfastness and trust in God, even in the trouble of being an unmarried pregnant woman, are a training for her and a sign for us.

Mary will eventually find the greatness of soul to love God and her son at the foot of the cross, in the shame of having her son die a shaming death.

And, from watching Mary standing by the cross, we learn that human greatness has, at its core, fidelity through shame and suffering. And so the greatness of Christ on the cross is foreshadowed by the greatness of this small woman, pregnant, shamed and faithful.



HOLY HOUR & CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Wed. Dec. 22nd,

*Confessions by appointment, call
814-486-0569.*

Wed. Dec. 29th

*there will be no Holy Hour
or Confessions.*

Sat. Jan. 1st there will be
Confessions @ 3:30 PM.



Advent
Penance
Service

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES:

Sunday, Dec. 19th @ 2:00pm

ST. JOSEPH, FORCE

Monday, Dec. 20th

@ 6:00pm: ST. LEO'S,
RIDGWAY

@ 6:30pm: ST. MARYS,
ST. MARYS



FAMILY MASS—

TODAY,

SUNDAY, DEC. 19TH @
11:00 AM

We will join together for
Holy Eucharist with our
Religious Education
students and their families.

Following mass, we will
process to the Manor
(back patio) and perform some
Christmas Carols for the
residents.

PLEASE JOIN US!



GIVING CRIB

Thanks so very much
to Darlene Vogt and Tana Smith
for coordinating such a beautiful
way to help the children of our
community. Such a lovely job,
very well organized and service
with a smile!

Fr. Paul

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Fri. Dec. 24: 4:30 PM Christmas Eve

Children's Mass with Children's Choir

10:00 PM Christmas Vigil

with St. Mark Choir

Sat. Dec. 25: 9:00 AM Christmas Day

with St. Mark Folk Group



FRIENDS SERVING

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FREE CHRISTMAS DINNER

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25TH

In need of a meal delivery? Want to help make food?

Like to volunteer to help?

WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Please call 814-486-0373 and leave your contact number.

We'll call you back promptly.

Be sure to sign up or call (# listed above) for take out or delivery:

Delivery between 3:30—4:30 PM

Take-outs from 4:15—6:00 PM



Fr. Paul will be on the CCMA video Blog on
Wed. Dec. 22nd. The video can be found on
YouTube by Googling

Cameron County Ministerial Association.

It will then be shared on the St. Mark
Facebook page. You can also find an
article from Fr. Paul in the Echo and you can
hear his message here at St. Mark at the
4:30 PM Christmas Eve Children's Mass.
St. Mark will be featured on the radio on
Christmas Day.