



ST. MARK

— CATHOLIC CHURCH —

ST. JAMES, MISSION PARISH

FEBRUARY 18, 2024

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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 Fapore, *St. Mark Cemetery 486-1119*
Kimberly McFall, *Office Manager*

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, FEB. 19

8:15 AM SARAH DeLUCIA (ANNIV.)

(Pete DeLucia)

(Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46)

TUESDAY, FEB. 20

No Mass

(Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15)

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 21

8:15 AM BEN BAUER (ANNIV.)

(Steve & Marge Summerson)

(Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32)

THURSDAY, FEB. 22

8:15 AM MURRY STODDART

(Kim McFall)

(1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19)

FRIDAY, FEB. 23

8:15 AM MICHAEL CARNVALE

(His Sister)

(Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26)

SATURDAY, FEB. 24 4:00 PM

RON DANKESREITER (ANNIV.)

(Carol & Brian Dankesreiter & Family)

SUNDAY, FEB. 25 9:00 AM

PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES

(The Pastor)

(Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Rom 8:31b-34;
Mk 9:2-10)

EXTRAORDINARY**LECTORS:****ALTAR SERVERS:****MINISTERS:****SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24 4:00 PM**

A. DeMatz, A. Slottje & Volunteer | Dave Summerson | Melissa Stuart & Clara & Clark

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25 9:00 AM

F. & M.J. Guido & Volunteer | Vicky Songer | Ruth Kane & Barrett Dixon

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**SUNDAY (18th) 9:00 AM - FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**
FAMILY MASS (Grades 1-10)*"Family Sessions" will be a presentation on the recent Parish Mission trip to the Yucatan. Presentation will take place upstairs in the church.***WEDNESDAY (21st) 12:05 PM - LENTEN LUNCH**
3:30 - 5:00 PM EDGE SESSION GRADES 1-5**4:30 PM - STATIONS OF THE CROSS**6:00 PM - HOLY HOUR Adoration Intention:
CONFESSION *Return of all Catholics to Sunday Mass*
7:00 PM - Benediction**THURSDAY (22nd) 6:30 PM - Rosary****SATURDAY (24th) 3:15 PM - Confession**
4:00 PM - St. Mark VIGIL MASS**SUNDAY (25th) 9:00 AM - SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**
10:00 - 11:30 - EDGE SESSION Grades 6-8**GOSPEL: MARK 1:12-15****JESUS' TEMPTATION****QUESTION OF THE WEEK:****Adult:** When or how could you step away from your daily responsibilities to renew yourself, so that you can do a better job of following in the footsteps of Jesus?**Youth:** What good habit could you work on during Lent so you could grow closer to God?**ST. MARK MASS****ATTENDANCE**

SAT. FEB. 10 4:00 PM - 121

SUN. FEB. 11 9:00 AM - 84

OFFERTORY**COLLECTION****WEEKEND MASSES****(2/10-11/2024)**

ST. MARK: \$3,837.00

ST. JAMES: \$165.00

*Thank you for
returning some of God's
gift to you to His Church.*DIOCESE of ERIE
Sharing the Catholic faith in northwest Pennsylvania**Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments-
February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness
Month:**

Over one quarter of youth (12-17) who have been in a romantic relationship during the previous year say they'd been the victim of digital dating abuse according to Psychology Today. Digital dating abuse is physical, sexual or psychological/emotional violence that occurs between romantic partners through the use of texting, social media and related online mediums. 81% of youth who had been the target of digital dating abuse had also been the target of off-line dating abuse. So what are some of the best ways for a parent to open up communication with their kids about a delicate topic like online dating? First and foremost, ask kids what they are doing online and then really listen to why they like or don't like what's going on there. Parents must be diligent about staying on top of the latest trends. Great parenting and online dating tips can be found in at www.cyberwise.org. To see what the diocese is doing to help maintain safe environments for children and youth visit www.eriecd.org/childprotection/

**A Family Perspective**

Jesus went into the desert to put his life in perspective. This lent, take a fresh look at a difficult relationship in your life. Concentrate on the positive things that person does, not just the negatives. Try to understand why their behaviors 'bug' you. Can you honestly share your feelings with them without attacking them?

Make Lent a time to MEND and FORGIVE!



The Sanctuary
Lamps burn
before the Blessed
Sacrament this week for:
JESSIE MARIE HOUSLER
By: Her Family

**TURKEY DINNER**

Ridgway K of C
#1064 will be
hosting a

Turkey Dinner fundraiser on
Sunday, February 25th
from 11 AM until sold out.

Cost: \$13.00

Dinner includes Turkey, Stuffing,
Mashed Potatoes, Seasoned
Vegetables, Cranberries, Dessert
and Beverage. Dine in/Take out.

The Ridgway K of C is
located at

331 Main St., Ridgway PA
Benefit members in need.



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Gospel:
Mark 1:12-15

There is an urgency to Mark's depiction of Jesus' experience in the desert—the Spirit drives Jesus into the desert. What happened there? Jesus grappled with being “tempted by Satan,” and in this he embraced fully the human reality of struggling to be faithful. Jesus left the desert ready to begin his ministry of proclaiming “the gospel of God.” Jesus had faced his own “this is the time” and said yes. Lent is our desert time to come to saying a fuller yes to God.

ST. MARK CHILI & MAC-N-CHEESE COOK-OFF RESULTS

...and the winners are...

CHILI COOK-OFF

First Place: ABBY AIKENS
Second Place: JOHN SONGER
Third Place: TARA NEWTON

MAC-N-CHEESE COOK-OFF

First Place: DESIREE CUMMINGS
Second Place: HEIDI AIKENS
Third Place: KIM JONES

What a wonderful event.

It was a great fundraiser and everyone had such a good time. We were very successful in raising a total of **\$2,201.70** through the cook-off profits and individual donations towards the Yucatan Mission Truck!

Thank you everyone who donated!

WEDNESDAY'S DURING LENT

Lenten Lunch 12:05 PM

O'Connell Hall

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Wed. FEBRUARY 21st @

4:30 PM

For the remaining Wed.'s of Lent, Stations will be at 5:30 PM

Holy Hour 6:00 PM

Confession 6:00 PM

Benediction 7:00 PM

ST. MARK PARISH...



Plan

ahead....

MARCH 10th,

11th & 12th

PARISH MISSION w/

MSGR. CHARLES

KAZA

Sun. March 10th @ 6:00 PM

Mon. March 11th @ 6:30 PM

Tues. March 12th @ 6:30 PM

Please join us for all three evenings.

Social will be afterwards in O'Connell Hall each night.



BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS

THURSDAY, FEB. 29, 2024

Please call the rectory @ 486-0569 if you're in need of classes for an upcoming baptism.



CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Please consider making a pledge to CSA. This project helps make great improvements for our parish year after year. Pledge cards can be found in back vestibules of the church.



LENTEN LUNCHES

Beginning

Wed. FEB. 21st,

Lenten Lunches will start up

@

12:05 PM in O'Connell Hall. Lunches will take place every Wed. throughout Lent. Our speakers for the upcoming Lenten Lunches will be:

Wed. FEB 21st:

Fr. Paul Siebert

(St. Mark Catholic Church)

Wed. FEB. 28th:

Rev. Richard Bennett

(Faith Baptist Church)

Wed. MARCH 6th:

Dr. Andy Spore

(Endless Mountains Methodist Church)

Wed. MARCH 13th:

Pastor Lionel Owen

(Emporium Alliance Church)

Wed. MARCH 20th:

Rev. Ken Bailey

All are welcome to come down for a delicious lunch and Lenten message!



2024 CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

Register today for

22:32 Men a Catholic Men's Conference!

The 11th annual 22:32 Men's Conference live in person @ St. Jude the Apostle in Erie and virtually at hosting parishes.

Sat., March 2,

8:30 AM till 1:00 PM.

This event will be virtually hosted by

ST. MARK PARISH via YouTube.

REGISTRATION FEES WILL BE COVERED BY THE PARISH.

For more information or to register, please call Vince Fragale @ 814-486-2030 or the Rectory @ 814-486-0569.



SUNDAY FEBRUARY 25, 2024

At the 9:00 AM Mass, we will have an Anointing Mass. Confession will be heard prior to Mass for those needing anointing to be in a state of Grace.

Edge Students will meet at 10:00 AM for Edge Session and Confirmation Students will meet at 5:00 PM for their session.