

**JANUARY 21, 2024**

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



**3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee,  
 and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets.  
 Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat  
 along with the hired men and followed him. - Mk 1:19-20

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**MONDAY, JAN. 22**

**8:15 AM FOR THE LEGAL  
 PROTECTION OF THE UNBORN**  
 (Fr. Paul Siebert)  
 (Mass for Peace & Justice nos. 887-891)

**TUESDAY, JAN. 23**

**No Mass**  
 (2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Mk 3:31-35)

**WEDNESDAY, JAN. 24**

**8:15 AM GLENN GUTSELL  
 (MONTHS MIND)**  
 (Deb Dunkle)  
**4:15 PM KATHY BRENNAN**  
 (Gina & Mary)  
 (2 Sm 7:4-17; Mk 4:1-20)

**THURSDAY, JAN. 25**

**8:15 AM EUGENE TRONCONE**  
 (The Family)  
 (Acts 22:3-16; Mk 16:15-18)

**FRIDAY, JAN. 26**

**8:15 AM IN HONOR OF EDWIN &  
 ROSE PERKINS 50TH WEDDING  
 ANNIVERSARY**  
 (The Family)  
 (2 Tm 1:1-8; Mk 4:26-34)

**SATURDAY, JAN. 27 4:00 PM**

**AILEEN DOLAN MINARD (ANNIV.)**  
 (The Family)

**SUNDAY, JAN. 28 9:00 AM**

**PEOPLES OF THE PARISHES**  
 (The Pastor)  
 (Dt 18:15-20; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28)

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EXTRAORDINARYLECTORS:ALTAR SERVERS:MINISTERS:SATURDAY, JANUARY 27 4:00 PM

A. DeMatz, A. Slottje &amp; Volunteer | Stephanie Petty | Melissa Stuart &amp; Clara Clark

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28 9:00 AM

F. &amp; M.J. Guido &amp; Volunteer | Mary Dixon | Maggie Abriatis &amp; Barrett Dixon

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY (21st) 9:00 AM - THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME  
10:00-11:30 Edge & Confirmation sessions

WEDNESDAY (24th) 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM Faith Formation Classes Grades 1-5  
4:15 PM - Mass with Faith Formation Students  
6:00 PM - Holy Hour Adoration Intention: *Vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life*  
7:00 PM - Benediction

THURSDAY (25th) 6:30 PM - Rosary

SATURDAY (27th) 3:15 PM - Confession  
4:00 PM - St. Mark VIGIL MASS

SUNDAY (28th) 9:00 AM - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME  
10:00-11:30 Edge & Confirmation sessions  
*MARDI GRAS following*  
*9:00 AM Mass in O'Connell Hall*

GOSPEL: MARK 1:14-20CALL OF THE FIRST DISCIPLESQUESTION OF THE WEEK:**Adult:** What part of your life is Jesus calling you to change right now?**Youth:** In what way do you think you can be a better follower of Jesus?ST. MARK MASSATTENDANCE

SAT. JAN. 13 4:00 PM - 109

SUN. JAN. 14 9:00 AM - 97

OFFERTORYCOLLECTIONWEEKEND MASSES

(1/13-14/2024)

ST. MARK: \$3,707.00

ST. JAMES: \$305.00

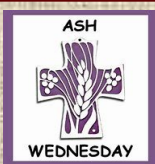
Thank you for  
returning some of God's  
gift to you to His Church.

*Coming soon.....***FEB. 3-4 BLESSING OF THROATS***Chili/Mac-n-Cheese Cook-off***FEB. 10-11 CSA SIGN-UP****FEB. 14 ASH WEDNESDAY****FEB. 21 FIRST LENTEN LUNCHEON**ST. MARK MEMORIAL

A memorial gift was given to  
the St. Mark Memorial Fund  
in memory of

FRANK FRAGALE

by John &amp; Patricia English

ASH WEDNESDAY  
MASSES**WEDNESDAY,  
FEB. 14, 2024**Masses will be at  
8:15 AM & 5:15 PM.breadfortheworld  
HAVE FAITH. END HUNGER.BREAD FOR THE  
WORLD

Thank you for your  
gifts to  
support *Bread for the World*.  
Our recent collection for this  
cause was **\$711.00** from  
St. Mark.

Your support is especially  
helpful as you and other Bread  
for the World members help  
support WIC funding, which  
feeds millions of vulnerable  
families here in the United  
States. Your gift also supports  
advocacy for humanitarian aid  
to those abroad.  
Thank you again for your  
generous contribution.



The Sanctuary  
Lamps burn before the  
Blessed

Sacrament this week  
**IN LOVING MEMORY of**

*My dear sister,***PATRICIA FAPORE CATON**

By: Don Fapore



Are you looking for a way  
to donate in memory of a  
loved one? Our Faith  
Formation Library could use  
some new books. Please  
contact Jen Abriatis for suggestions.

*Thank  
You**Thank you for all the  
prayers and cards.**I hope to be home soon!**Blessings to you all!**Rosalie Ives*





## THIRD SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME Focusing on the Gospel...

At the very beginning of his public ministry, Jesus reveals his mission to call others to repent and believe in the Good News, for "the time of fulfillment is at hand." At the same time he calls followers to cooperate with him in his mission. This call is made not just to Simon, Andrew, James, and John, however, but also to us. Jesus' pronouncement and call, his mission and our discipleship, are not time-bound. Today remains the time of fulfillment: now we are the persons called to collaborate with Jesus to complete his mission.



## YUCATAN MISSION

All of us who went to the Yucatan had an amazing time visiting our sponsor families in Merida (the capital city), as well as visiting six of our churches that belong to our Sister Parish, San Antonio in Tinum. We were very glad to visit with Fr. Martin, the former pastor. Most especially we spent a couple days with Fr. Felix. He is a very hard working and friendly pastor. But most of all, the native people in these parishes and the children truly touched our hearts! Many thanks to all who helped us out in any way! Blessings in Christ,

*Fr. Paul*

## FAITH MAGAZINE & CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION COLLECTION

Contributions to the Help Spread the Faith campaign, scheduled to take place in parishes next weekend, **Jan. 27-28, 2024**, will continue to help our diocese make the most effective use of all forms of communications, from videos and publications, to work online and in social media. Please know your support is most appreciated.



## CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK

**JAN. 18-25, 2024**

*"You shall love the Lord your God...and your neighbor as yourself."*

Luke 10:27

The theme, taken from the first chapter of the Gospel of Luke, reflects the connection between love of God and love of neighbor with a particular concern for challenging the boundaries of who is considered "neighbor". Jesus is questioned as to the path to eternal life. His answer is not to only observe the commandments, but to also imitate the love of God in the giving of self for another. It is a call for charity, mercy, justice, and unity.

## DAY OF LEGAL PROTECTION FOR UNBORN CHILDREN

**MONDAY, JAN. 22, 2024**



Most precious Lord, You dwelt within the womb of your dear mother, sanctifying the womb, and elevating the dignity of all human life. I pray today for the full legal protection of every unborn child. I also pray that every heart that supports abortion will be changed so as to experience the freedom that comes from living in the Truth.



## CHILI and/or MAC-N-CHEESE

## COOK-OFF @ ST. MARK

**SAT. FEB. 3rd**

**following 4:00 PM Mass  
(in O'Connell Hall)**

**THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC! SPREAD THE WORD....**

Please call the rectory @  
814-486-0569 to register your entry.

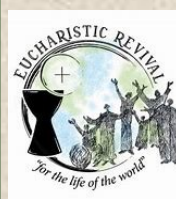
*All entries, chili or mac-n-cheese dishes are also open to anyone to submit their favorite recipe!*

*This is not a cash prize contest..however, winners will have full bragging rights!!*

We'll have other goodies & drinks available for purchase and Fr. Paul and guests will be entertaining us in the 'Coffee House' style with acoustic guitars.

*Please plan on stopping down for some great chili or mac-n-cheese.*

*Fundraising profits to proceed our Sister Parish in the Yucatan (to help replace their 1996 mission truck).*



## *"Jesus and The Eucharist"*

### Sermons:

The past three monthly talks and Lay witness

talks have been inspiring!

We have one more talk to go, *"The Eucharist and the Call to Evangelize and Serve."*

The date of this talk will be determined.

Remember to

*"Invite One Back!"*



## **MASS WITH FAITH FORMATION STUDENTS WEDNESDAY**

**JAN. 24, 2024 @ 4:15 PM  
PLEASE JOIN US!**



## MARDI GRAS @ ST. MARK

NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 28th

following 9:00 AM Mass, in O'Connell Hall!

We'll have games, great food and lots of fun! Bring a dish to share; we'll provide the pancakes and sausage.

**Join us for a great family time!**