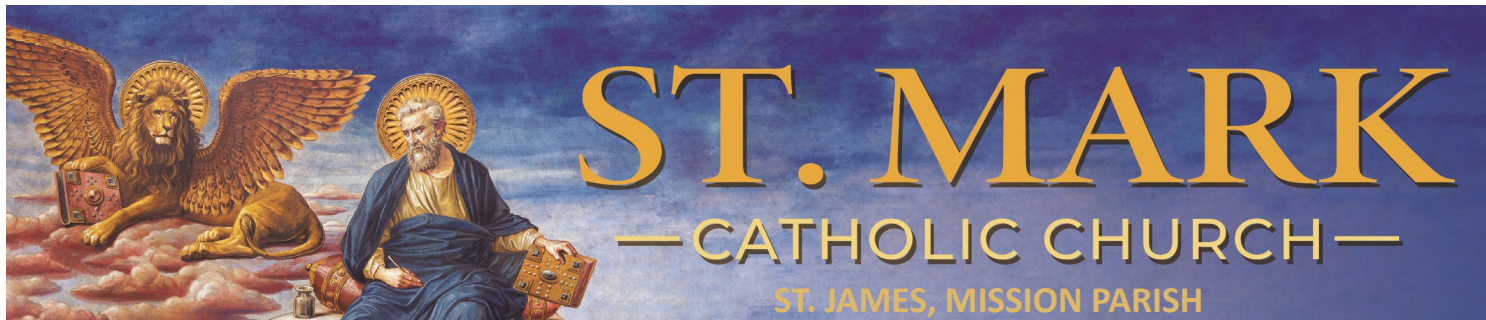




NOVEMBER 30, 2025 |

FIRST 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 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



1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Be sure of this: if the master of the house had
 known the hour of night when the thief was
 coming, he would have stayed awake." - Mt 24:43

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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, DEC. 1

8:15 AM LUANN REED

(Jeff Reed)
 (Is 4:2-6, Mt 8:5-11)

TUESDAY, DEC. 2

NO MASS

(Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24)

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 3

8:15 AM STEVE SEPOIL

(Rosalie Ives & Family)
 (Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37)

THURSDAY, DEC. 4

8:15 AM JOHN ERSKINE JR.

(MONTHS MIND)

(The Family)

(Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27)

FRIDAY, DEC. 5 ~FIRST FRIDAY~

8:15 AM ISABELLE CZEKAI

(Paul & Beth Malizia)

5:00 PM MARIE YOUNG

(Pete & Lynn Lion)
 (Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31)

SATURDAY, DEC. 6

4:00 PM PEOPLES OF THE PARISHES

(The Pastor)

SUNDAY DEC. 7

9:00 AM DELORES RODGERS

(Steve & Marge Summerson)
 (Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12)

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**EXTRAORDINARY
MINISTERS:****LECTORS:****ALTAR SERVERS:****FRIDAY, DEC. 5 ~ FIRST FRIDAY****8:15 AM N/A****5:00 PM N/A****C. Dankesreiter****D. Fapore****A. DeLucia****Volunteer****SATURDAY, DEC. 6****VIGIL MASS****4:00 PM****L. Zoschg, M. Dixon &
A. DeMatz****Ralph Grovanz****Andy & Eugenia Clark****SUNDAY, DEC. 7****9:00 AM****L. Lion, A. Slottje &
T. Dresser****Mary Meisel****Kamden, Beau &
Dominic Fragale****SCHEDULE OF EVENTS****SUNDAY (30th) 9:00 AM ~ FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT****EDGE & CONFIRMATION –****NO SESSIONS THANKSGIVING BREAK****WEDNESDAY (3rd) 3:30-5:00 PM ~ FAITH FORMATION Gr. 1-5****6:00 PM-HOLY HOUR****CONFESSION****7:00 PM-BENEDICTION***Adoration Intention:**Well Being of Local**Economy & Felt Manor***THURSDAY (4th) 6:30 PM-Rosary****FIRDAY (5th) 8:15 AM & 5:00 PM FIRST FRIDAY MASSES****SATURDAY (6th) 3:15 PM ~ Confession****4:00 PM - VIGIL MASS @ ST. MARK****SUNDAY (7th) 9:00 AM ~ SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT****10:00-11:15 AM-EDGE & CONFIRMATION SESSIONS****GOSPEL: MATTHEW 24:37-44
THE NEED FOR WATCHFULNESS****Question of the week:****Adult:** What will you do during Advent so that others can see that you have put on the light of Jesus Christ?**Youth:** What will you do during Advent so others can see the light of Jesus in you?**ST. MARK MASS****ATTENDANCE****SAT. NOV. 15 4:00 PM ~ 107****SUN. NOV. 16 9:00 AM ~ 124****OFFERTORY COLLECTION****(11/15-16/2025)****ST. MARK: \$4,209.00****ST. JAMES: \$350.00***Thank you For returning
some of God's gift to you
back to His church!***END-OF-YEAR GIVING
STATEMENTS****2025****All parishioners
are encouraged to
print their own
end-of-year
giving statements.****Parishioners can access
their giving history through the
Diocese of Erie website using the
Ministry Platform portal.***These self-service statements are
secure, easy to use, and help
reduce printing and mailing costs
for the parish.***To link directly to the diocese
portal, use:****www.eriercd.org/portal.html.****If you've not already used this
portal, it's easy to sign up and view
your information. As always, if you
do not have access to the internet,
we will happily print your giving
report for you. If you have any
questions, please call Kim at the
rectory, 814-486-0569.****Remember
Our Troops
This Holiday
Season****We are collecting items for our young men & women
serving in the military. Boxes will be sent so they will be
received around Christmas. We are in need of the following:****Individually packaged wrapped Snacks, *No chocolate please*, (it melts),
Band-Aids, Mini Hand Sanitizer, Chapstick, Sandwich & snack size plastic
Zip-lock bags, and toothbrushes. Please no big or hard containers as space is
limited. Please place the items on the table set up in the back of the church labeled****"Military Boxes". Drop-off Dead line is: *December 5th*.****Thank you for supporting our troops!****Feast Day of St. Nicholas
Dec. 6th****Learn about the true
Santa Claus:****St. Nicholas, a man of faith who lived his
life in devotion to Christ.****Focus on giving more than receiving:****St. Nicholas cared for the needy. Offer a
spiritual dimension to gift giving. Tell the story
of a Christian saint, whose model life inspires
compassion and charity.****ST. MARK
GIVING CRIB****Please return
unwrapped gifts
with the****Gift Tag securely attached by
Sunday, December 7th,
near the Infant of Prague Statue
at
St. Mark Church.**

Be Ready

Matthew 24:36-44

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Gospel: Matthew 24:43

The return of Christ will be unexpected. The signs will be unmistakable, but only once the critical moment has come. Jesus will return as the judge without warning as everyone is going about their daily lives. Since nobody can possibly know at what moment that will be, Jesus insists His followers must be constantly vigilant and prepared.



The Sanctuary Lamps burn before the Blessed Sacrament this week

IN LOVING MEMORY of:
MARK ANDREW SCHATZ

From: John & Linda Schatz



Christmas in the Wilds

Night Parade

Friday, Dec. 5th,

starting at 6:30 PM.

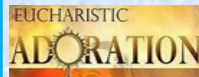
St. Mark is participating in this fun community event again this year! Our float will be LIVING NATIVITY!

If you'd like to help us create, decorate or be a part of the float, please call Jen Abriatis @ 486-7664 or the rectory @ 486-0569.

We'd love to have you be a part of this awesome night!

Thank You

Thank you for your generous support for the recent collection for Local Needs on 11/15-16/2025! As a parish, we raised \$1,035.00 to support those on the margins who live in poverty.



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

FRIDAY, DEC. 5, 2025

Please join us at the

8:15 AM & 5:00 PM

for First Friday Masses.

Adoration 9:00 AM and ends at 5:00 PM with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

If you know of anyone in need of a home visit for First Friday, please contact the Rectory at 486-0569.

ST. MARK ADVENT CONFESSIONS



Every Wed. at

6:00 PM and

Every Sat. at

3:15 PM

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY

W/GUEST PRIEST AT

ST. MARK

SAT. DEC. 13th

FOLLOWING 4:00 PM MASS

OTHER AREA Penance

SERVICES:

Thurs. Dec. 11th 6:00 PM:

Holy Rosary, Johnsonburg

Tues. Dec. 16th 6:00 PM:

Queen of the World, St. Marys

Thurs. Dec. 18th 6:00 PM

St. Leo, Ridgway

Sun. Dec. 21st 2:00 PM

St. Joseph, Force

Mon. Dec. 22nd 6:00 PM

Sacred Heart, St. Marys



BAPTISM NEXT SUNDAY (Dec. 7th)

We will welcome into our faith:

CREW LUCA SONGER & MOSS LOREN SONGER,

children of

Joseph & Tasha

Garrigan Songer

Please keep these children & their family in your prayers.



ST. MARK CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

WED. DEC. 24TH:

4:00 PM CHILDREN'S MASS

with St. Mark Folk Group

10:00 PM CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS

THURS. DEC. 25TH:

9:00 AM CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

with St. Mark Choir



Welcome hunters and visitors. Thank you for sharing in our Eucharistic Feast!

DATES TO REMEMBER:

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 3rd:

Second Pastoral Planning meeting for Elk/Cameron Counties at St. Leo in Ridgway

SUNDAY, DEC. 7th:

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING/ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SERVICE

6:00 PM

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Pastor Ken Bailey will be preaching and delivering a Special message.

MONDAY, DEC. 8th:

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION:

Immaculate Conception of Virgin Mary

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 17th @ 6:00 PM

Last Wednesday Confession before Christmas

SATURDAY, DEC. 20th @ 3:15 PM

Final opportunity for Confession before Christmas



COMING SOON....

ST. MARK HOLIDAY COOKIE: Fundraiser

We're asking parishioners to donate at least two dozen of your favorite holiday cookies to be dropped off at O'Connell Hall,

Sat., Dec. 13th AFTER 4:00 PM

Mass; and Sun., Dec. 14th

AFTER 9:00 AM Mass.

Keep an eye on upcoming bulletins for more information!