



MARK TIMES

March 10, 2019 + The First Sunday of Lent



Confirmation Classes for the spring session on Luther's *Small Catechism* continue at **10:30AM in the conference room**, as well as on the following Sundays: **March 17, 24 & 31**. We will celebrate the rite of Confirmation on Sunday, May 26.

Adult Forum: *A History of Christian Baptism* This morning Pastor Brian continues his series exploring the history of Christian Baptism, with emphasis on some of the theological arguments for & against various baptism practices and beliefs.



Our first **Lent Soup Supper** is **THIS Wednesday, March 13 at 6:00PM**, with **evening prayer** to follow at **7:00PM**. A sign-up sheet for the soup suppers is on the counter near the coffee stand in the Parish Hall. We need groups of three or more to sponsor one or more of the five Wednesdays in Lent.

Retirement Reception NEXT Sunday, March 17 we will celebrate the retirement of our Parish Nurse, **June Benedick**, with prayer during worship and a reception to follow in the Parish Hall. Please join us to wish her well as we give thanks to God for her ministry among us.



LST Class at St. Mark - CRACKING THE CODE: The Book of Revelation

The Book of Revelation is surely one of the most misunderstood books in the Bible - and one of the most difficult to decipher. Typical of apocalyptic literature, it is filled with imaginative, even strange, images and symbols. In this course we will attempt to "crack the code" of Revelation, by interpreting it within the historical and theological contexts of its time.

The instructor is Dr. Mark Etling, Adjunct Assistant Professor of Theology, Saint Louis University's School for Professional Studies, Director of Adult Faith Formation, St. Nicholas Community Parish, O'Fallon, IL, and frequent lecturer at Our Lady of the Snows Shrine.

The four-session class will meet **Tuesdays, April 16, 23, 30, and May 7** from 7:00 to 9:30 p. m. at St. Mark/St. George's. It is class number PD-146 with tuition \$60 by April 6 and \$65 after.

Register at www.lststl.org/courses, by phone message at 314-918-2556, by email to registrar@lststl.org, or mail to LST, 475 E. Lockwood Ave., St. Louis, MO 63119.

The **Health and Wellness Ministry** is looking for **volunteers** who can **provide transportation for St. Mark members.**



We need drivers to **deliver meals** to members who have had recent surgeries or health concerns. The meals have already been prepared and frozen for easy re-heating, thanks to St. Mark's FROGs group.

We also need drivers to take members **to and from appointments for treatment sessions.**

If you are able to help out with transportation, please let Pr. Brian or Kim Ott (kimott58@gmail.com or 618-530-1186) know.

If **you are in need of meals or transportation to/from doctor appointments, please let us know.** We also have a wheelchair available for temporary use.

Help needed: The furniture in the old kitchen/youth room in the office/education building is in dire need of replacement. A nearly new couch has been donated; however, it needs to be picked up and delivered. Anyone young, strong people with a truck available? Let Pr. Brian or Kim Ott know! (618) 530-1186.



Stations of the Cross at St. Mark

We continue our long-standing devotion of praying the Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent with St. George's Episcopal and St. Luke's Catholic Churches. Join us on Fridays at **12:10PM at St. Mark/St. George's.**

Offerings & Attendance

March 3, 2019

Sunday worship attendance: 39
Shine worship attendance: 14
General Fund Donations: \$2,955
Designated Funds: \$20
Thrivent Choice Funds: \$60

Avg. Monthly Expenses: \$16,688

Next Sunday's Worship Leaders Sunday, March 17, 2019

Presider & Preacher: Pastor Brian Robison
Assisting Minister: Sherri F. **Acolyte:** Ash R.
Crucifer: Rex R. **Chalice Bearer:** Tom P.
Lector: Cheryl N. **Ushers:** Sherri FP & Jason M.
Basket Holders: Ash R. & Jaxson R.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 Psalm 27
Philippians 3:17-4:1 Luke 4:13:31-35

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Weekly Health Tip - Copy your kitty cat! Learn to do stretching exercises when you wake up. It boosts circulation and digestion, and eases back pain.



Be Like Jesus donations

For the Be Like Jesus overnight youth event at the end of the month, we are collecting **bottles of water, wrapped Easter candy, and Walmart gift cards** (which you can buy through the TURTLES!). These are **due to Melanie by NEXT Sunday, March 17.**



Food Pantry Needs toilet paper, bar soap, dish detergent, and laundry detergent! If you're able to donate any, please bring it to the Welcome Area or to the office. Thank you!

Game Day— Evangelism/Social Concerns Committee invites everyone to join in a game day on Saturday, March 30 from 2-4PM in the Parish Hall. Bring your favorite table games and a snack. Popcorn and drinks provided.



Gift Cards! Check with **Jan D., Evelyn D. or Melanie R.** after church for gift cards available for purchase through the TURTLES youth group. The TURTLES get a % of each order!



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, 3/11	11:00AM	Health & Wellness companion meeting
Wednesday	11:30AM	St. Mark Table Talk: <i>How the Cross Became the Symbol of Christianity</i> - conference room
	6:00PM	Lent soup supper - parish hall
	7:00PM	Lent Evening Prayer
Thursday	7:00PM	Bells Rehearsal
	8:00PM	Choir Rehearsal
Friday	12:10PM	Stations of the Cross at St. Mark
Sunday, 3/17	9:00AM	The Divine Liturgy
	10:20AM	Coffee & fellowship
	10:30AM	Sunday School
	10:30AM	Retirement reception for June Benedick
	10:30AM	Confirmation class - conference room

WE PRAY FOR THE ILL AND CONFINED

<i>St. Mark Parishioners</i>			
Ken Augustine	Angie Bjornstadt	Kathryn Bjornstadt	Ellen Buehler
Gary Dozier	Maxine Elmore	Mike Foppe	Lila Frerichs
Roland Jacquot	Geri Jolley	Jackie Lynch	Bruce Martens
Bob McConnell	Don Muller	Tim Richards	Richard Shroat
Jill Thompson	Norma Townsend	Gary Weshinskey	

<i>Family & Friends</i>		
Brian Augustine son of Ken Augustine	Marilyn Billings aunt of the Martens'	Christine Private prayer request
Kelly Costello daughter of Sue Patrick	Cheryl Ellison stepmother of Julie Valerius	Katrina Fenner friend of Art Engelage
Sandra Gibson mother of Nikki Reed	Joni Giordano friend of Barb Wurdinger	Margy Groennert aunt of the Martens'
Stephanie Groennert cousin of the Martens'	Imogene Kuykendell friend of Lucy Montgomery	Kyle Langrehr friend of Curt Gansmann
Pat Likness mother of Jan Dressel	Allen & Mary Jane Martens uncle/aunt of the Martens'	John Martfeld friend of Ruth Carnaghi
Dorothy May mother of Jan Richards	Pr. Ron & Debbie Neustadt friend of St. Mark	Jim Outland family of Anita Robinson
Wyatt Parker grandson of June Benedick	Tim & Missy Partelow Brother/sister-in-law of Tom	Minnie Powers aunt of Anita Robinson
Darnell Rideout stepfather of Mike Cardoza	Eileen Robertson cousin of Kathy Casey	Darrell Robinson husband of Anita Robinson
Dave Schaaf former parishioner	Stefanie Schroeder friend of St. Mark	Kris Whitley sister to Kim O. & Kathy R
David Wilkey son of June Isselhardt	Linda Wrisley sister of John Downing	Jane friend of Julie Valerius

THANKSGIVINGS AND INTERCESSIONS

We pray for those who celebrate their birthday this week:

Angie Anderson (3/11)m **Sue Patrick** (3/14), and **Nathan Partelow** (3/16)

We pray for those who celebrate their wedding anniversary this week:

Richard & Wilma Shroat (3/10)