



# MARK TIMES

March 17, 2019 + The Second Sunday of Lent



**Retirement Reception TODAY, 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.



**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 24 & 31**. We will celebrate the rite of Confirmation on Sunday, May 26.



**Lent Soup Suppers** continues **THIS Wednesday, March 20 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.

**Game Day**— Evangelism/Social Ministry 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.



## **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](http://www.lststl.org/courses), by phone message at 314-918-2556, by email to [registrar@lststl.org](mailto:registrar@lststl.org), or mail to LST, 475 E. Lockwood Ave., St. Louis, MO 63119.

## From Your Pastor...

TODAY is one of our favorite holidays, **St. Patrick's Day!**

Our liturgical colors for Lent may be purple, but I hope that you will wear **a bit o' the green**, for it's a day that everyone—German, Polish, Italian, Scandinavian—can pretend to be Irish for the day.

But we can wear the green for another reason too: to **give thanks to God for the gift of spring that lies only four days away**. We've had *enough* of the of snow, ice and bitterly cold days! Thus we can at last rejoice that the dreariness and cold of winter is on its way out, and soon we will see the blessed signs of **new life** "springing" forth from the ground and the tree limbs. Wear the green in anticipation of this change of seasons. Wear it also **in anticipation of the end of Lent** that is soon to come, when the **dreariness & cold of the tomb is left behind in the wake of the warmth of new life God that brings to us through Christ's resurrection**.

"May God give you...

For every storm, a rainbow,  
For every tear, a smile,  
For every care, a promise,  
And a blessing in each trial.  
For every problem life sends,  
A faithful friend to share,  
For every sigh, a sweet song,  
And an answer for each prayer."



-An Irish Prayer, from islandireland.com

### Offerings & Attendance

*March 10, 2019*

<b>Sunday worship attendance:</b>	<b>101</b>
<b>Ash Wednesday attendance:</b>	<b>101</b>
<b>General Fund Donations:</b>	<b>\$4,873</b>
<b>Coffee Fund:</b>	<b>\$30</b>
<b>Food Pantry (Ash Weds.):</b>	<b>\$382</b>
<b>Billie Glueck Memorials:</b>	<b>\$100</b>
<b>George Shafer Memorials:</b>	<b>\$100</b>
<b>Designated Funds:</b>	<b>\$27</b>

**Avg. Monthly Expenses: \$16,688**

### Next Sunday's Worship Leaders

**Sunday, March 24, 2019**

**Presider & Preacher:** Pastor Brian Robison  
**Assisting Minister:** Danielle T. **Acolyte:** Logan D.  
**Crucifer:** Keith K. **Chalice Bearer:** Mike M.  
**Lector:** Charlie D. **Ushers:** Frank D. & TBD  
**Basket Holders:** Madison C. & Logan D.

### SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Isaiah 55:1-9, Psalm 63:1-8  
1 Corinthians 10:1-13 Luke 13:1-9

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**Weekly Health Tip - Get spiritual!** A study conducted by the formidably sober and scientific Harvard University found that patients who were prayed for recovered quicker than those who weren't, even if they weren't aware of the prayer.



**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!

**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!



### 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.**

**Be Like Jesus donations** are due to Melanie TODAY, Sunday, March 17. We are collecting **bottles of water, wrapped Easter candy, and Walmart gift cards** (which you can buy through the TURTLES!). Thank you for your help!

### THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, 3/18	2:00PM	Fiber Arts at Westfield Manor
Wednesday	6:00PM	Lent soup supper - parish hall
	7:00PM	Lent Evening Prayer
Thursday	5:30PM	Social/Evangelism Meeting
	7:00PM	Bells Rehearsal
	8:00PM	Choir Rehearsal
Friday	12:10PM	Stations of the Cross at St. Mark
<b>Sunday, 3/24</b>	<b>9:00AM</b>	<b>The Divine Liturgy</b>
	10:20AM	Coffee & fellowship
	10:30AM	Sunday School
	10:30AM	Adult Forum: <i>History of Christian Baptism</i>
	10:30AM	Confirmation class - conference room

**WE PRAY FOR THE ILL AND CONFINED**

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

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

**THANKSGIVINGS AND INTERCESSIONS**

*We pray for those who celebrate their birthday this week:*

**Roland Jacquot (3/17), Elizabeth Brendel (3/17), Renee Southers (3/17),  
Tucker Downen (3/17), Tina Partelow (3/18), Kylie Martens (3/20), Allison Buck (3/21),  
Sis Bain (3/23), and Robert Buck (3/23).**

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

**Mike & Missy Kimbrell (3/21)**