



MARK TIMES

March 24, 2019 + The Third Sunday of Lent



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.

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



Lent Soup Suppers continue **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 on Saturday! The 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, 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.

Pastor on Vacation

Pastor Brian will take some time off from this **Thursday, March 28 through Tuesday, April 2**. In case of **pastoral emergency**, please contact the **Reverend Mark Sidney at 618-530-5142**.



Just a reminder that this spring's "**Be Like Jesus**" event for grades 3-12 will be held **NEXT WEEKEND** at **Faith Lutheran (O'Fallon)** on **March 29-30!**



3-8 graders eat dinner before meeting at 6:30PM at Faith;

9-12 graders meet at Faith at 5:00PM - dinner is provided!

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**.

Thank You from Jill Thompson - Dear Friends: Thank you so much for your thoughts, prayers and cards as I recover from knee replacement. I know they helped for after just 4 weeks, I'm back to work full time. Thank you! Jill



Quiet Please! We've noticed some **increased conversation** in the sanctuary during the **Prelude** before service. While conversation is an important part of nourishing community, the Prelude is a time for reflection to quiet our hearts in preparation for worship. Please kindly try to bring your conversations to a close when you hear the Prelude music beginning.

Offerings & Attendance

March 17, 2019

Sunday worship attendance:	116
General Fund Donations:	\$4,780
Coffee Fund:	\$28.75
Food Pantry:	\$5
Billie Glueck Memorials:	\$120
George Shafer Memorials:	\$40
Designated Funds:	\$17

Next Sunday's Worship Leaders

Sunday, March 31, 2019

Presider & Preacher: Seminarian Brian Moeller

Assisting Minister: Terry T. **Acolyte:** Grace M.

Crucifer: Danielle T. **Chalice Bearer:** *No Communion*

Lector: Kathy R. **Ushers:** TBD

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Joshua 5:9-12, Psalm 32

2 Corinthians 5:16-21 Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

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Weekly Health Tip - “Neurobics” for your mind. Get your brain fizzing with energy. American researchers coined the term ‘neurobics’ for tasks which activate the brain’s own biochemical pathways and to bring new pathways online that can help to strengthen or preserve brain circuits.

Brush your teeth with your ‘other’ hand, take a new route to work or choose your clothes based on sense of touch rather than sight. People with mental agility tend to have lower rates of Alzheimer’s disease and age-related mental decline.



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!

Collection for Lisa Reyes - Next Sunday, **March 31**, the Health and Wellness Ministry will be collecting items to include in a care package for our member Lisa Reyes, who resides at in a long-term care facility in Florissant. She enjoys lotions, powders, nail polishes, items for her hair, as well as flavored instant teas, instant coffees, and small treats. A basket will be available in the narthex where you can place your donation.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, 3/25	6:00PM	Pastoral Care
	7:00PM	Church Council meeting
Tuesday	1:00PM	Worship planning meeting
Wednesday	6:00PM	Lent soup supper - parish hall
	7:00PM	Lent Evening Prayer
Thurs.-Tues,		<i>Pastor on vacation</i>
Thursday	7:00PM	Bells Rehearsal
	8:00PM	Choir Rehearsal
Friday	12:10PM	Stations of the Cross at St. Mark
Friday-Sat.		Be Like Jesus at Faith-O’Fallon
Saturday	2:00PM	Game Day—Parish Hall
Sunday, 3/31	9:00AM	Liturgy with Healing rite
	10:20AM	Coffee & fellowship
	10:30AM	Sunday School
	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	Dwight Ness	Tim Richards
Richard Shroat	Jill Thompson	Norma Townsend	Gary Weshinsky

<i>Family & Friends</i>		
Brian Augustine son of Ken Augustine	Marilyn Billings aunt of the Martens'	Marion Buchholz aunt of Cheryl Newsome
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
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
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	Sarah and family Private prayer request
Dave Schaaf former parishioner	Stefanie Schroeder friend of St. Mark	Wilma Waltemate sister of Lucy Montgomery
Kris Whitley sister to Kim O. & Kathy R	David Wilkey son of June Isselhardt	Linda Wisley sister of John Downing

THANKSGIVINGS AND INTERCESSIONS

We pray for those who celebrate their birthday this week:

**Brian Moeller (3/24), Ola Fulton (3/29), Geri Jolley (3/29), Bella Hayes (3/28),
and Larry Shurtleff (3/29)**