



MARK TIMES

April 7, 2019 + The Fifth 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.



Easter Flower Donation Envelopes are in the hymnal racks. **Donate any amount & take the flowers with you after worship.** Thank you for making our church beautiful for the celebration of our Lord's resurrection.

Palm/Passion Sunday Next Week

We celebrate Palm/Passion Sunday **NEXT Sunday, April 14**. Remember that we begin worship at **8:45AM** in the **chapel**.



Lent Soup Suppers conclude **THIS Wednesday, April 10 at 6:00PM**, with a final evening prayer to follow at **7:00PM**.

Stations of the Cross at St. Mark

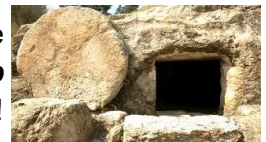
We continue our long-standing devotion of praying the Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent with St. George's Episcopal and St. Luke's Catholic Churches. Join us on Friday at **12:10PM at St. Mark/St. George's**.

Church Cleaning

Please set aside some time **THIS Saturday, April 13 at 9:00AM** for **cleaning the church and the chapel** for Easter. The pews, woodwork, brass & communion vessels all get polished. Windows need sprucing up and cobwebs knocked down. Palm branches need splitting & counting. Our sexton, Mike, will be working in the Parish Hall that morning, so volunteers can also help him prepare it for Holy Week. We **hope to see many of you!**

St. Mark Table Talk - *How was Jesus' Tomb Sealed?*

Join us at 11:30AM in the education/office building's conference room for this month's class on the topic of, "**How was Jesus' Tomb Sealed?**" You think you know the answer? You might be surprised! Bring a lunch and an appetite for knowledge!





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.

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—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 at St. 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 9:30PM 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.

Offerings & Attendance

March 31, 2019

Sunday worship attendance:	85
General Fund Donations:	\$2,576
ELCA Disaster Relief:	\$10
Billie Glueck Memorials:	\$100
Easter Flowers:	\$75

Avg. Monthly Expenses:	\$16,688
March Offerings:	\$18,688.75

Next Sunday's Worship Leaders

Sunday, April 14, 2019

Presider & Preacher: The Rev. Brian Robison
Assisting Minister: Greg G. **Acolyte:** Ash R.
Crucifer: Rex R. **Chalice Bearer:** Braden V.
Lector: Jim M. **Ushers:** Danielle T. & Jim M.
Basket Holders: Anna R. & Ash R.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 31:9-16,
 Philippians 2:5-11, Luke 22:14-23:56

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Weekly Health Tip - Berries for your belly! Blueberries, strawberries and raspberries contain plant nutrients known as anthocyanidins, which are powerful antioxidants. Blueberries rival grapes in concentrations of resveratrol – the antioxidant compound found in red wine that has assumed near mythological proportions. Resveratrol is believed to help protect against heart disease and cancer.

Jr./Sr. TURTLES Service Project All youth in grades 6 and up are invited to a service project after church **NEXT Sunday, April 14**. Bring money for lunch and cloths to get dirty in. Contact Melanie to RSVP and for more information!



Good Friday Soup Lunch Help Wanted Following the walking Way of the Cross at noon on **Good Friday (April 19)**, St. Mark will host the traditional soup lunch for members of St. Mark, St. George's, and St. Luke's. If you are able to help with the preparations and service, please let Pr. Brian know.



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, 4/8	11:00AM	Health & Wellness Companion Meeting
Wednesday	11:30AM	St. Mark Table Talk: <i>How was Jesus' Tomb Sealed?</i>
	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
Saturday	9:00AM	Church/Chapel Cleaning Day
	6:00PM	SHINE worship —chapel
Sunday, 4/14	8:45AM	The Divine Liturgy (begins in Chapel)
	10:20AM	Coffee & fellowship
	10:30AM	Sunday School
	10:30AM	Adult Forum: <i>A History of Christian Baptism</i>
	1:00PM	Jr./Sr. TURTLES Service Project @ Animal Shelter

WE PRAY FOR THE ILL AND CONFINED

*(Please say only **first** names during Prayers of Intercessions)*

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

Family & Friends

Brian Augustine son of Ken Augustine	Marilyn Billings aunt of the Martens'	Marian Buchholz aunt of Cheryl Newsome
Susan Carson daughter of Gary Dozier	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'
Mary Krause friend of Wally K. & Judy Y.	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	Dylan Renner-Brown father of Jordan Renner-Brown	Eileen Robertson cousin of Kathy Casey
Darrell Robinson husband of Anita Robinson	Sarah and family Private prayer request	Dave Schaaf former parishioner
Jill Schlueter friend of Lorraine Crannage	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 Wrisley sister of John Downing

THANKSGIVINGS AND INTERCESSIONS

We pray for those who celebrate their birthday this week:

Jan Dressel (4/8), **Cari Rensing** (4/8), **Braden Valerius** (4/9), and **Greg Guenther** (4/13)

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

Mac McCollum & Kari Stueber (4/8) and **Darren & Amanda Kilzer** (4/8)

We pray for those who mourn the loss of loved ones this week:

The family and friends of **Don Hoferkamp** (uncle of Kathy Casey)