

MARK TIMES

NEWS and NOTES for March 24, 2024

THE WEEK AHEAD:

- Thursday 3/28:** 7:00PM Maundy Thursday Worship - Chapel
Friday 3/29: 12:00PM Good Friday Worship w/ Way of the Cross
7:00PM Good Friday Joint Worship
Saturday 3/30: 9:00AM Church Decorating Day – Church & Chapel

Adult Forum: *The Burials of Jesus and James*

Today we conclude our video series on *The Holy Land Revealed*. This morning's video looks at some fascinating developments regarding the history and archaeology of *The Burials of Jesus and James*.

Proclaim Christ's Resurrection with Easter Flowers!

Orders are now being taken for Easter flowers. Special envelopes can be found in the pews. Please complete the front portion of the envelope and return it, with a check or cash, to the offering box or to the office **by TOMORROW, Monday, March 25**. All dedications will be printed in the bulletin.



HOLY WEEK

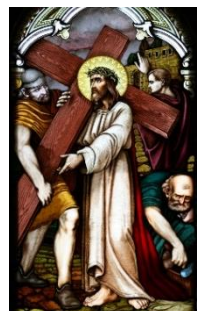
Today begins the holiest week of the year for Christians. Take this opportunity be immersed in the story of Jesus' Passion, death and resurrection - the most influential events in human history.

+ On **Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday** evenings at **6:00PM** in the **chapel**, St. George's hosts services of evening prayer. St. Mark members are welcome to add this prayer time to your Holy Week observances.

+ On **Maundy Thursday**, we will hear the **words of consecration for Holy Communion in Aramaic** - the language of Christ - and will have the ritual **washing of hands**. Bring your tired, dry, aching hands and experience the healing power of water poured and cross marked. Maundy Thursday worship is at **7:00PM in the chapel**.

+ On **Good Friday**, we will meet at **12 noon** in the church **courtyard** and walk the **Way of the Cross** around the block in place of the day's usual Scripture readings. We will then process into the church for the remainder of the traditional Good Friday liturgy. If you don't drive at night or are looking for a more embodied Good Friday worship experience, please make our noon service a part of your Holy Week plans.

+ At **7:00PM**, St. Mark hosts the traditional joint **liturgy with adoration of the cross** in the **church**, with Father Mark preaching.



+ Then join us at **9:00AM on Easter Sunday** for the **grandest celebration** of all!

New Courtyard Bench

Today after worship we will gather in the courtyard to dedicate a new park bench in memory of Roland Jacquot. Thank you to Frank Dressel and Janet Jacquot for facilitating the arrangements, and to Keith Kniepkamp and David Buckley for installing it! The new bench will be a fine place around which to share conversation before worship, to enjoy the blessing of the Animals service in October, and to wait comfortably for a ride near the circle drive.



Church Decorating Day

The Altar Guild is holding a **workday THIS Saturday, March 30 at 9:00AM** to prepare the church and chapel for Easter Sunday. Come on down - many hands make work light and quick!

SAVE THE DATE: April 27 BEACON Trivia Night

This year's theme is "ALMOST ANYTHING GOES." Each round will be a new subject. Sign Up Sheets are in the Narthex and the Parish Hall; you may also sign up by contacting Sherri Foppe at 618 791-6148. Now through April 10, seats are just \$15 payment per person. Payment can be made to Sherri Foppe or Ann Martens with checks payable to BEACON Ministry. *New this year, payments may also be made via PayPal at paypal.me/BeaconMinistry*

St. Mark would love to have 2 teams participate again this year! Team members do not need to be members of St. Mark, so grab a friend or two!

St. Augustine of Canterbury - 1910 West Belle, Belleville, IL 62226

Doors open: 6:15PM; Game starts: 7:00PM

Admission: \$15 per person through April 10 (\$20 per person after 4/10).

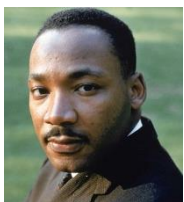
B.Y.O.S. (Bring Your Own Snacks); Beer, Wine, Soda, & Water available for purchase

SILENT AUCTION, 50/50 RAFFLES AND MORE WILL ADD TO THE FUN!



Thrivent Choice Dollars

Thank you to all who have designated Thrivent Choice Dollars to St. Mark. The church has received \$1,321 in 2024. If you have Choice Dollars available through Thrivent, you can still designate them until March 31.

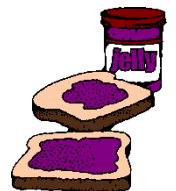


MLK, Jr. Memorial Prayer Service April 4

St. George's will host a service of **evening prayer** in memory of Dr. **Martin Luther King, Jr.** at **7:00PM** on **Thursday, April 4**, the day of his assassination 56 years ago. **All are welcome** to attend and participate in this service of remembrance **in the chapel.**

Second Sunday Food Collection

Sunday, April 14 is our **monthly focus on food pantry donations**, and for April we ask folks to bring **peanut butter and jelly** and **soups**. Place them in the big basket as you come into church on **April 14** (or before, if you won't be in church on 4/14). Thank you!



St. Mark Offerings for 3/17: General Fund: **\$5,730.61** (*incl. online offerings received by 3/22*); Food Pantry: \$105; Easter Flowers: \$90; ELCA Disaster Relief: \$101