

MARK TIMES

NEWS and NOTES for February 11, 2024

THE WEEK AHEAD:

Monday 2/12: 9:00AM Health & Wellness Meeting-conference room
Tuesday 2/13: 5:30PM Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
Wednesday 2/14: 9:30AM Ash Wednesday Morning Worship - church
7:00PM Ash Wednesday Evening Worship - church
Thursday 2/15: 6:15PM Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:15PM Voice Choir Rehearsal

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Returns!

St. Mark members are invited to St. George's annual **Pancake Supper THIS Tuesday, February 13** from **5:30-7:00PM** in the Parish Hall. Pancakes & sausage are the traditional fare for this day since meat, eggs, fat & butter were prohibited during Lent. There is no charge, but donations will be accepted.



Ash Wednesday Worship



St. Mark hosts Ash Wednesday services celebrated with St. George's Episcopal Church **THIS Wednesday, February 14** at **9:30AM** and **7:00PM**, both in the **church**. Father Mark will preside at the Eucharist, both Pastor Brian & Father Mark will assist in the imposition of ashes, and Pr. Brian will preach.

St. Mark's Financials for 2023 finish in the black - Thank You!

St. Mark saw healthy donations totaling \$43,301 for December 2023. This brought our 2023 income total to \$234,362. With 2023 expenses of \$231,382, our Net Cash Flow was a favorable \$2,980. The Council wishes to thank the congregation for this positive effort at the year end and the resulting positive outcome for the year. This is a positive starting point as we enter 2024 with a spending guideline/budget of \$250,234.

Some St. Mark Wooden Ornaments Still Available

There are five dated wooden ornaments and one undated ornament available at the wholesale cost of \$5. This is the break-even price. Any donation above the cost will go directly to the Chapel Organ fund. Contact Diane Earhart at 618-235-8823 or earhart500@aol.com.

St. Mark Offerings for 2/4: General Fund: **\$4,459.11** (*incl. online offerings received by 2/2*);
Coffee Fund: \$10; Sunday Morning Coffee: \$32

Lenten Quiet Day at Toddhall

On **Saturday, March 23**, from 9:30AM to 3:30PM, Fr. Mark will lead a spiritual Quiet Day at Toddhall Retreat and Conference Center. The event is free to attend, and a freewill offering will be taken on the day to cover the cost of lunch. However, **registrations are required by Thursday, February 22** to obtain an accurate headcount. You may register at <https://forms.gle/BPsnJMUoLxUctPpW8> or by contacting the church office, or scanning the adjacent QR code.



St. Mark/St. George's SHARE THE WARMTH Project

Our project, inspired by Phillip's Wish in the movie *5000 Blankets*, concluded January 31 with the following AMAZING total items donated. THANK YOU to everyone who participated!

164 blankets; 231 hats/ear covers; 105 pairs of gloves; 85 neck scarves/mufflers; 116 pairs of socks.

Donations were distributed to:

St. George/St. Mark Food Pantry (2); Union United Methodist Church for their homeless program;

Belleville Christian Center in Belleville; Moms on a Mission in Dupo (2)

Violence Prevention Center of Southwestern Illinois; Pregnancy Care Center in Belleville;

St. Clair County Sheriffs Department Investigations Division; Liz's Blessings in a Bag



Prayer Intentions

St. Mark Members

Eleanor Benton, Dave Brauer, Gary Dozier, Jan Dressel, Evelyn Duncan, Mary Hill,
Bruce Martens, Dwight Ness, Mae Newsome, Kim Palmer, Marilyn Robinson,
Larry Shurtleff, Cohen Summers, Carol Weshinskey, Gary Weshinskey, & Barb Wurdinger

St. Mark Family and Friends

Dennis Althardt, Phyllis Booker, Kathy Boxdorfer, Jim Braeutigam, Patty Brennecke, Susan Carson,
Dorothy Cheek, Christine, Pam Clark, Catherine Davis, Brian Dinges, Mike Ellison, Katrina Fenner,
Taiylar Foppe, Josh Gansmann, Christine Gass, Viv Gillespie, Joni Giordano, David Graber, Carrie Gravot,
Stephanie Groennert, TC Groennert, Jamie House, Debbie Jacobs, Austin Lickenbrock, Becky Loeschner,
Elroy Luffman, Wyatt Madison, Christopher Martiszus, Glenda Martiszus, Bobby & Joyce McCall,
Allen Martens, Janet Middendorf, Ron & Debbie Neustadt, Dean Norrenberns, Theresa Painter, Hilda Parnell,
Tim & Missy Partelow, Debbie & Larry Powers, Michelle Rideout, Darrell Robinson, Sarah & Family,
Dave Schaaf, Jill Schlueter, Stefanie Schroeder, David & Donna Sims, Margie Snep, Ingrid Thompson,
Toni Walston, Kris Whitley, Louise Wilson, Karen Woolf, Wilma Woolf, Ken Zika, Chloe Zipperer

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

The family and friends of **Sandra "Sandy" Purdy** (2/5)