

MARK TIMES

NEWS and NOTES for February 4, 2024

THE WEEK AHEAD:

Monday 2/5: 2:30PM Fiber Arts at Westfield Manor
Wednesday 2/6: 10:30AM Joint Use Meeting-conference room
Thursday 2/8: 6:15PM Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:15PM Voice Choir Rehearsal

Diaper Drive for Epiphany Ends TODAY!

Our Epiphany Diaper Drive for little ones in need in our community **concludes TODAY, February 4**. Items collected will be donated to The Pregnancy Care Center of Belleville, Fontabella Maternity Home in O'Fallon and other local organizations.



Diapers sizes 4 through 7 and pullups sizes 2T and 3T are most needed. Open packages will be accepted. **Unopened packages of diaper wipes and diaper rash cream are also welcome.**

Realizing diapers are expensive, members are encouraged to join together on purchases or provide monetary donations to Sherri Foppe or Ann Martens.

Get Ready for a SOUPER Sunday!

We have designated the **second Sunday of each month** as a **special collection day** for the **Food Pantry**, and we want to make the first one **NEXT Sunday, February 11 a BIGGIE!** It's **Super Bowl Sunday**, so let's have fun with it – wear your favorite football apparel and bring cans of fruit and/or soup to put in the large basket for the Pantry. Let's score a big one for the home team!



Also on Super Bowl Sunday, St. George's will be selling its famous **white chili** (both mild and hot) from **noon to 3:00PM** in the Parish Hall. Cost is **\$11/ quart when ordered in advance with payment; \$12/quart for walk-ins**. Orders with payment can be made to Henry in the office or by mail to St. George's. A sign-up order form is in the Parish Hall. When ordering in advance, please indicate your preference for **frozen** or **refrigerated** chili.



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.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Returns!

St. Mark members are invited to St. George's annual **Pancake Supper** on **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.



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 me 618-235-8823 or earhart500@aol.com.

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 Offerings for 1/28: General Fund: **\$2,667.95** (*incl. online offerings received by 1/26*); Food Pantry: \$101; Muller Landscaping Fund: \$101; Fiber Arts: \$101; Grounds/Property Maintenance: \$101

Prayer Intentions

St. Mark Members

Eleanor Benton, Dave Brauer, Rick Crosby, Gary Dozier, Jan Dressel, Evelyn Duncan, Mary Hill, Bruce Martens, Dwight Ness, Mae Newsome, Kim Palmer, Sandra Purdy, 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 Grovot, 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, Elisabeth Woodrome, Karen Woolf, Wilma Woolf, Ken Zika, Chloe Zipperer

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

Nancy Guenther (2/4), **Michael Whitaker** (2/5), **Matt Simard** (2/7), and **Nancy Tribout** (2/10)

*We pray for those who celebrate **wedding anniversaries** this week: **Cathie & Larry Shurtleff** (2/9)*

*We celebrate with those who welcome **new life**: Nathan & Amy Partelow and the birth of **Winston Nathaniel** (1/27)*

*We pray for those who **mourn the loss of loved ones**: Family/friends of **Donna Koudelka** (*friend of Lucy M.*) (1/26)*