

MARK TIMES

NEWS and NOTES for January 19, 2025

Monday, Jan. 20: Office closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Thursday, Jan. 23: 6:00PM Yoga – parish hall
6:15PM Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:15PM Voice Choir Rehearsal
Thurs., 1/23-Mon., 1/27: Pastor on vacation

Installation of Church Council Today

New and ongoing members of the Church Council will be installed during today's worship service. We give thanks to God for all those willing to serve our church in leadership positions!

Diaper Drive for Epiphany!



As the Wise Men brought gifts to the baby Jesus, we will celebrate **Epiphany** with a **Diaper Drive** for little ones in need in our community.

Our Epiphany Diaper Drive will run through February 9. Items collected will be donated to The Pregnancy Care Center of Belleville, Fontabella Maternity Home in O'Fallon and other local organizations.

Diapers sizes 3 through 7, pullups sizes 2T through 6T, and disposable pants sizes 2T through 6T 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 give monetary donations to Sherri Foppe or Ann Martens. Donations may also be made electronically at https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YT91/campaign/C-14EWR?access=tile_direct through February 9.

Today's Adult Forum: *Unholy Ink? What Does the Bible Say About Tattoos?*

For those of us over 50, any mention of a person with tattoos might bring to mind a rowdy sailor or a motorcycle gang member. Over the past generation, however, the art of tattooing has become part of mainstream culture.

Did the biblical writers weigh in on the practice? We wouldn't have a class if they didn't! *Due to low *Table Talk* attendance on Wednesday, **PB is repeating this class this morning.** Meet us in the Parish Hall after coffee hour for an ink-redible discussion!



Pastor on Vacation

Pastor Brian will be on vacation from **Thursday, January 23 through Monday, January 27.** We welcome back Pastor **S. Blake Duncan** as our guest preacher and presider on January 26.

In case of pastoral emergency, please contact Fr. Mark Ohlemeier of St. George's at 785-220-5528.



Ladies Tea Returns!

The Ladies Tea Event will be **THIS Saturday, January 25 at 3:00PM** in the Parish Hall. This is an event for the **ladies of St. George's and St. Mark that are 16 years and over**. If you are interested in attending this year's tea, please **RSVP to Kristie at 785-640-7452 or Sarah at 317-730-1470**. You can send your **RSVP by email to Kristie at StGeorgesBellevilleSS@gmail.com**. We also have a **signup sheet available on the table in the Narthex/Canterbury Room for those who wish to RSVP**. Please contact us with your **RSVP by Thursday, January 23**. We look forward to having a lovely afternoon with the ladies of St. George's and St. Mark!



Yoga at St. Mark!



Classes are held for 45 minutes on Thursday evenings at 6:00PM in the Parish Hall. A donation of \$5.00 is asked for each session. Please bring your own mat and water bottle for classes.

Practicing yoga can help with body flexibility, strength, mobility, and balance. It also requires you to shift into a more relaxed state, which can help decrease stress, increase focus, and promote a stronger connection with yourself. You can't ask for a more pose-ative experience!

Week of Christian Unity Service 1/28

Belleville's annual **ecumenical prayer service** for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be held next **Tuesday, January 28 at 9:30AM** at **Holy Virgin Mary & Shoghagat Armenian Church (400 Huntwood Road, Swansea)**. A light reception will follow. Bishop Michael McGovern of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Belleville will be the preacher for this service. Clergy and members from many local congregations are invited to participate in this annual event, which is an opportunity to know each other a little better as sisters and brothers in Christ. Interested members of St. Mark are encouraged to attend!

Trivia Night!

Shake off the winter rust and get "**Animated for God**" at **Christ Community Lutheran Church (Columbia)** for their annual TRIVIA NIGHT youth fundraiser on **Saturday, February 8** from **6-8:00PM!** *This event is to raise funds for this summer's youth mission trip to Milwaukee, **which our youth from St. Mark will be participating in!**

+ **Cost is \$15 per person or \$100 for a table of 8.**

+ Bring your own food; drinks will be available for purchase.

+ **Costume and Table Decorating contests!** Dress up as your favorite animated characters and create cool matching table décor!

+ **Generic trivia categories** – there will be something for everyone!

Tickets on sale now! Follow the link below to sign up yourself or an entire table of friends:

<https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLScsTqKie9IkeJ.../viewform>

Great (Super) Bowls of Fire!



St. George's famous **white chili** (both mild and hot) will be sold **Sunday, February 9**, 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. Proceeds to benefit our food pantry.



St. Mark Offerings for 1/5 & 1/12: General Fund: \$16,129.11