

MARK TIMES

NEWS and NOTES for April 13, 2025

Monday, April 14:	6:00PM	St. George's Evening Prayer – <i>Chapel</i>
	6:00PM	Yoga class – <i>Parish Hall</i>
Tuesday, April 15:	6:00PM	St. George's Evening Prayer – <i>Chapel</i>
Wednesday, April 16:	6:00PM	St. George's Evening Prayer – <i>Chapel</i>
Thursday, April 17:	7:00PM	Maundy Thursday worship – <i>Chapel</i>
Friday, April 18:	12:00PM	Good Friday Way of the Cross & liturgy
	7:00PM	Good Friday liturgy
Saturday, April 19:	9:00AM	Easter Church Decorating

Proclaim Christ's Resurrection with Easter Flowers – Due Tomorrow!

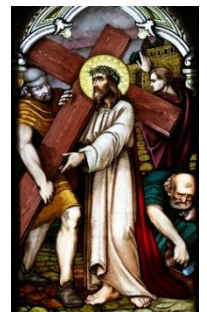
Orders are now being taken for Easter flowers. Special envelopes can be found in the pews. Please complete the front portion of the envelope and return it, with a check or cash, to the offering box or to the office **by tomorrow, Monday, April 14**. All dedications will be printed in the bulletin.



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. George's hosts the traditional joint **liturgy with adoration of the cross** in the **church**, with Pastor Brian preaching.
- + Then join us at **9:00AM on Easter Sunday** for the **grandest celebration** of all!



St. Mark Offerings (4/6): Gen. Fund: **\$5,215**; Food Pantry: \$109.27; Easter Flowers: \$120

Adult Forum: *Excavating the Last Supper*

Join us **TODAY, Sunday, April 13** as Pastor Brian leads *Excavating the Last Supper: Archaeological Perspectives on Dining Practices in First-Century Jerusalem and the Early Jesus Movement*.

This engaging class (based on one of the lectures Pastor heard at Biblical Archaeology conference) explores how archaeological discoveries illuminate the cultural and religious context of Jesus' final meal. Through artifacts, ancient dining spaces, and recent scholarly insights, we'll uncover how first-century dining customs shaped early Christian gatherings. Come deepen your understanding of this pivotal event in Christian history through the lens of archaeology!



Yoga Classes

Through the end of April, yoga classes are held on **Monday evenings** at **6:30PM** in the Parish Hall. As before, bring your own mat and water bottle, and a contribution of \$5 per session. *From May to August, the classes will move back to Thursdays at 6PM.

BEACON Trivia Night – April 26

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

Doors Open at 6:15pm, play starts at 7pm. This year's theme is **THE BOOB TUBE**.

Sign-up sheets and flyers are in the narthex and Parish Hall.

\$20 per person at the door, **or pre-register and pay before April 10** by check or PayPal to get **\$5 off!**



St. Mark participants may give payment to Sherri Foppe or Ann Martens to ensure your team is seated together. OR mail a check to: **BEACON, P.O. Box 23468, Belleville, IL 62223** or use PayPal paypal.me/BeaconMinistry Make checks payable to **BEACON Ministries**.

Pizza Pennies for the Pantry from Bennie's – April 30!

We've got your dinner plans settled for **Wednesday, April 30** – head for downtown Belleville to Bennie's Pizza Pub, where **10% of all sales will be donated to our food pantry!** The event is **ALL DAY, 11:00AM-8:00PM**. No need to mention the church or the pantry. Just come on out and eat, drink, and be merry, and help out the food pantry in the process!



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