

# Mark Times

## News & Notes for May 3, 2026

### THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, May 4:	2:30PM	Fiber Arts at Westfield Manor
Wednesday, May 6:	10:30AM	Joint Use Task Force – Conference Room
Thursday, May 7:	4:15PM	Chancel choir rehearsal
	6:00PM	Yoga – Parish Hall
Friday, May 8:	6:00PM	Federation Friday – Parish Hall

### “Federation Friday” *Star Trek* Gathering on May 8



Attention St. Mark and St. George's Trekkies and friends! We will gather from across the quadrant **THIS Friday, May 8 at 6:00PM** in the Parish Hall. Join us for out-of-this-world adventure and conversation as we enjoy an episode together and note the theological themes within. Wear your *Trek* uniforms/t-shirts if you've got them, and bring a dish to share – fresh or replicated!

### Field Trip Cancelled

Unfortunately, we did not get enough sign-ups to qualify for the group rate to the St. Louis Art Museum's temporary exhibit "**Ancient Splendor: Roman Art in the Time of Trajan.**" Therefore, the proposed field trip on May 17 is **cancelled**.

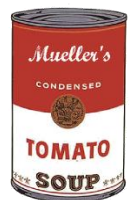
Pastor Brian will lead a class about the Emperor Trajan on Sunday, May 24 (originally May 17), and members will be encouraged to attend the exhibit on their own.

Learn more about the exhibit at <https://www.slam.org/exhibitions/ancient-splendor-roman-art-in-the-time-of-trajan/>



### Food Pantry Collection Next Sunday

**NEXT Sunday, May 10**, is our monthly food collection for our pantry. We're requesting donations of soups, peanut butter and jelly, and/or small bottles of dish and laundry soap.



### ♪ Music Notes ♪

There will be an opening for **one new bell player** in the fall. If you can read music even a little and would like to play bells, see director Carol Kugler.

It would also be wonderful to have new singers join the Chancel Choir. No requirements other than being able to carry a tune and a love for singing!

On another note, many thanks and much appreciation to all members of both choirs for sharing their time and talent all season long. Kudos!



## Ladies Lunch Bunch

For May's gathering, the LLB will meet next **Wednesday, May 13 at 12 noon** at **Papa Vito's Smithton** (101 North Main St., Smithton). **Call Jan Dressel at 618-558-2533** with questions.

### St. Mark Logo Wear – New Items Available!

Now available at <https://www.richsstitchesemb.com/store.php> through May 3. Order sheets are also in the Parish Hall for those who prefer not to order online. Prices on the order sheets include taxes, payment is due when the order is placed. Payment may be given to Sherri Foppe or Ann Martens. Sherri Foppe will pick up completed orders and bring them to church through May 10.

#### Several styles and colors available:

Crew Neck Sweatshirt with embroidered logo on the shoulder S-XL \$25 2XL-3XL \$28

Hoodie with embroidered logo on the shoulder S-XL \$37 2XL-3XL \$40

Polo Shirt with embroidered logo on the shoulder. \$23 S-XL 2XL-3XL \$26

Short Sleeved T-shirt with images on front and back S-XL \$20 2XL-3XL \$23

Short Sleeved T-shirt with *front image only* S-XL \$18 2XL-3XL \$21

Long Sleeved T-shirt with images on front and back S-XL \$23 2XL-3XL \$26

Long Sleeved T-shirt with *front image only* S-XL \$20 2XL-3XL \$23

### Rummagepalooza!

TOCO (Tapestry of Community Offerings) is hosting its annual "Rummagepalooza" on **May 9** from 9:00AM to 3:00PM at 9<sup>th</sup> and West Main Streets in Belleville. TOCO operates a thrift store and provides services to needy and homeless people in our community. TOCO also helps with St. George's Chili Cook-Off booth and is a recipient of some of the proceeds from that event.

The name gives the impression to some that this will be like a yard sale, but it isn't. TOCO has a yearly "palooza" with music, crafts, events for kids, and food trucks. They do this for the community, to raise awareness about what TOCO does and give those with hobbies, cottage businesses, artists, and crafters a chance to share their work.

They welcome volunteers to help in the children's area, to help vendors set up (even as early as 6:30AM) or throughout the event, and help at the TOCO table or any general support during the event. The volunteer coordinator is Steve Davenport, and he can be reached at 708-707-0229. He will confirm with volunteers before the event but will also welcome anyone who just shows up to help!

TOCO is also looking for at least one more food source (a truck or caterer or ???), and there are still spots available for vendors. Contact [community@tocofamily.org](mailto:community@tocofamily.org) or 618-857-8626.

**St. Mark Offerings for 4/19 & 4/26:** General Fund: **\$3,529.27**; Fiber Arts: \$101; Food Pantry: \$5; Coffee Fund: \$103.20; Muller Landscaping: \$101; Grounds/Property Maintenance: \$101; Franklin School Lunches/Summer Sack Lunches: \$195.99