

MARK T I M E S

News & Notes for June 21, 2026

THE WEEK AHEAD

- Monday, June 22:** 7:00PM Church Council meeting – CR
Tuesday, June 23: 6:00PM Safety Committee meeting - CR
Thursday, June 25: 6:00PM Yoga – Parish Hall
Saturday, June 27: 4-6:00PM “Patriotic Potluck” – Parish Hall

Pastor Out of Town



Pastor Brian is out of town **through Monday, June 22** to celebrate Father’s Day weekend with his dad in Idaho. This morning we welcome back **Pastor Wayland Middendorf** as our guest preacher and president.

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



“Patriotic Potluck” on June 27



Please join us for some great food and fun fellowship **THIS Saturday, June 27 from 4:00 to 6:00pm** in the **Parish Hall**. Fried Chicken, condiments and paper products provided!

Sign-up sheets to assist with sides, desserts, and planning are in the Canterbury Room (Narthex) and Parish Hall.

Care Facility Sing-Alongs

Consider joining us on **Sunday, July 5** to **sing** some **patriotic songs and other favorite melodies** at **EverVella** (formerly Mercy/Rosewood) **Rehab & Care Center** in Swansea (meet there at **1:45PM**) and **another location to be determined**.

Free Summer Meals

Healthy and nutritious **free summer meals** are available for all **children ages 18 and under** for **breakfast (7:30AM-8:30AM)** and **lunch (10:30AM-1:00PM)**, **Monday through Thursday from June 1 through July 2** at the **Belleville East Cafeteria** (255 West Blvd, Belleville, IL). Be sure to pass the word along to any families who might benefit!

Summer Office Hours

Through the end of August, Randi's administrative assistant hours are Monday-Thursday from 12:00PM-4:00PM. *Henry will be in the office on Fridays (9a-3p) should anyone need to access the office proper.

Belleville Summer Sack Lunch Program

We're excited to continue our partnership with Westview Baptist to provide **free lunches for low-income kids!**

Donations: Individually packaged Cheez-Its, chips, pretzels, nut-free cookies (homemade cookies are welcome!), and juice pouches (e.g., Capri Sun). Drop off at church or contact **Sherri Foppe** for other arrangements.

+ **Monetary gifts welcome:** Give to Sherri, Ann Martens, or online: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YT91/campaign/C-15AC7>

+ **Volunteers Needed for...**

Packing: Wednesdays, 5–5:45 PM @ Westview Baptist

Delivery: Thursdays, 10:35 AM–1 PM

Dates: June 1–Aug 7 (weekly)

+ Sign-up in Parish Hall, or contact **Sherri** (618)791-6148 | cookinsherri2@gmail.com or **Ann** (618)235-7762 | ga72mart@charter.net if you have questions.

Reflection on Today's Readings

Most high, all-powerful, good Lord,
yours are the praises, the glory, the honor, and all blessing.

To you alone, Most High, do they belong,
and no one is worthy to mention your name.

Praised be you, my Lord, through our sister Mother Earth,
who sustains and governs us, and who produces varied fruits with colorful flowers and herbs.

Praised be you, my Lord, through those who give pardon for your love
and bear infirmity and tribulation.

Blessed are those who endure in peace,
for by you, Most High, they shall be crowned.

Praised be you, my Lord, through our sister bodily Death,
from whom no one living can escape.

Blessed are those whom death will find in your most holy will,
for the second death shall do them no harm.

Praise and bless my Lord,
and give him thanks and serve him with great humility.

—*Francis of Assisi*

[Francis of Assisi, *Francis and Clare: The Complete Works*, ed. Regis J. Armstrong OFM CAP and Ignatius C. Brady OFM (NY: Paulist, 1982), 38-39.]



St. Mark Offerings for 6/21: General Fund: **\$3,494.50**; Coffee Fund: \$30; Food Pantry: \$252.50