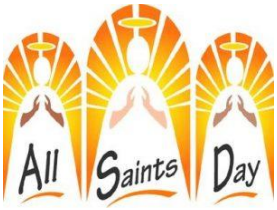
# MARK TIMES

*News & Notes for the week of November 1, 2026*

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| **Monday, November 2:** | 2:30PM | Fiber Arts – Westfield Manor |
| **Wednesday, November 4:** | 10:30AM | Joint Use Taskforce – conference room |
| **Thursday, November 5:** | 4:15PM | Voice Choir |
| | 6:00PM | Bell Choir |
| | 6:00PM | Yoga – *Parish Hall* |
| **Saturday, November 7:** | 6:00PM | SHINE worship - chapel |

## All Saints Sunday




**Thank you for joining us as we celebrate the feast of All Saints.** The names of deceased loved ones that were entered into our Book of Remembrance are listed in today's Order of Worship. The names marked with an asterisk are those who have passed into everlasting life since last All Saints Sunday. Those names will be read aloud during the service, with the toll of a bell after each name.

## Adult Forum: *Ouija Boards: Not Playing Games*




Since ages past, people have not only remembered their departed loved ones (as we do today), but some have tried to actually *make contact* with those in the Great Beyond. A classic means to do so has been through use of a **Ouija board**. Despite being marketed as a harmless board game beginning in the 1960's, there are numerous documented cases of contact made with… something *else*. As PB has said before: *don't open a door you don't know how to close!* Join us for a look at the history, reputation, and alleged dangers of Ouija boards in this morning's Adult Forum around 10:40am in the Parish Hall!

## Pastor Out of Town

Pastor Brian is taking vacation time starting **Wednesday evening, November 4 through Monday, November 9**. In case of **pastoral emergency**, please contact **Fr. Mark Ohlemeier at 785-220-5528**.

## St. Mark 50th Anniversary celebration!

St. Mark Lutheran Church turns 50 years old in December, and the anniversary committee has been hard at work planning events! A year of celebration kicks off on **Saturday, December 5 at 10:30AM** with a commemorative **worship service** in the place where it all started: the **Belleville Philharmonic Hall**. A luncheon in our Parish Hall follows. Watch for sign-up sheets and invitations in a couple of weeks!

**St. Mark Offerings for 10/18:** General Fund: **$2,381.93**; Food Pantry $50; Fiber Arts; $101; Fiber Arts; $101; D. Muller Landscaping: $101; Grounds/Property Maintenance: $101

## GriefShare: *Surviving the Holidays* Event on November 21




St. Mark will again offer a one-day, two-hour session of *Surviving the Holidays* to offer support, encouragement, and practical tools to help you navigate this holiday season with peace and assurance after the loss of a loved one. Join our special session, led by Nurse Becky, on **Saturday, November 21** from **1–3 PM** in the **Parish Hall**. The free event includes a video, group discussion, and a Survival Guide. Pre-registration is required at griefshare.org/events/294597

*If you've attended this session previously, please consider attending again; grief and loss affect us differently with the passage of time, and you may benefit from another session in ways you can't anticipate.

## Pumpkin Palooza returns November 15!



On Sunday, November 15, our eagerly anticipated **pumpkin bake sale** between and after all three services is back, with proceeds to **benefit our combined Food Pantry**. Bake a fall treat and bring before services on November 15!

## Community Dinner Volunteers Needed

St. Mark members have been assisting St. Paul UCC occasionally with their **free Community Dinner on Tuesday evenings**. Over the last several months, the number of individuals attending the dinner has increased. We have been asked to provide **two volunteers** on **1st Tuesdays** to assist their existing team. Volunteers would **arrive at 3:45pm** and **finish about 6:00pm**. No heavy lifting involved! Contact Sherri Foppe at 618 791-6148 or cookinsherri2@gmail.com if you would like to assist once a month or every other month.




## Boy Scout Food Drive 11/21

This year's Boy Scout Food Drive is on **Saturday, November 21**. We need **volunteers** to help **sort food** for a couple of hours starting at about **1:30PM.**

## Dear St George's and St Mark friends,

I want to express my sincere gratitude for all of the get-well cards, birthday wishes, flowers and most of all your prayers. They made my recovery time easier to go through. I thank you all and am happy to be home. God bless you all, **Maryann Fernandez**

## St. Paul's Community Meal Volunteers Needed!

We have been asked to provide **volunteers** for the community meal at St. Paul's United Church of Christ. Volunteers would need to arrive about 3:45PM and should be done about 6:00PM. They are seeing an increase in attendance. It's been several months since St. Mark was needed to help; if anyone is willing and available, please contact Sherri Foppe.