

Mark Times

News & Notes for June 7, 2026

THE WEEK AHEAD

Wednesday, June 10:	9:30AM	Evangelism/Social Ministry meeting – conf. room
Thursday, June 11:	6:00PM	Yoga – Parish Hall
Friday, June 12:	7:30A-1:30PM	Beacon Ministries Yard Sale Fundraiser
Saturday, June 13:	:30A-1:30PM	Beacon Ministries Yard Sale Fundraiser

Pastor Out of Town



Pastor Brian will be out of town to officiate the wedding of Trevor Crosby and Crestina Pacheco **this Wednesday, June 10 through Monday, June 15**. Next Sunday, we welcome back **Pastor Wayland Middendorf** as our guest preacher and presider.

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

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.

Beacon Ministries Fundraiser Yard Sale

If you have even a little time to spare **THIS Friday, June 12** and **Saturday, June 13** from **7:30am to 1:30pm**, join in this *multi-congregational* fundraiser to raise funds for Beacon Ministries. Volunteers are needed before the event to move and arrange furniture, household items and other items that were donated but do not serve Beacon's clients' needs. Volunteers are needed both days of the event also. Please contact Sherri Foppe for more information and/or to volunteer.

Summer Office Hours

With the slower summer months, Randi's administrative assistant hours are reduced by one day each week, with a commensurate reduction in pay. Through the end of August, her work hours will be 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.



Ladies Lunch Bunch This Week

For June's gathering, the LLB will meet on **Wednesday, June 10 at 12 noon at Wahaka Margarita Bar and Grill in O'Fallon** (1405 Green Mount Rd Ste. 100, O'Fallon). **Call Peggy Andersen at 618-791-0992** with questions.

Save the Dates!

+ This year's "**Patriotic Potluck**" will be held in the Parish Hall on **Saturday, June 27** from **4:00PM-6:00PM**. A sign-up sheet for attendance and dishes is in the Parish Hall.

+ Consider joining the group of us traveling to **EverVella** (formerly Mercy/Rosewood) **Rehab & Care Center** (Swansea) and **another location to be determined** on **Sunday, July 5** to **sing some patriotic songs and other favorite melodies**. More information coming soon!

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!

Reflection on Today's Readings

Today the readings point to the mystery of holiness as a mystery of life-giving and love-sharing power. Such power begins and ends with life and love shared. This mystery is one the disciples of Christ are invited into, for he gives over his power to heal, to enlighten, and to love. That ideal of Christ's power, the power to care, to share, and to heal, has not been the power that humans have used through history. Power over others rather than power for others has been more typical, from personal relationships to those of more global proportions. Today we are called to receive again the power that is given to all disciples. This day we are called to be co-creators with Christ of a world where Christ's power continues to heal, to affirm, to encourage, to empower others. In giving his gift of reconciliation, we receive more of that gift, for Christ's table assures those who believe that they shall share his power to proclaim and manifest God's kingdom. —*Shawn Madigan, CSJ in Homilies for the Christian People, 112-113*

St. Mark Offerings for 5/31: General Fund: \$2,666;

