

# MARK TIMES

## NEWS and NOTES for March 30, 2025

**Monday, March 31:** 6:00PM Yoga class – *Parish Hall*  
**Wednesday, April 2:** 6:00PM Soup Supper – *Parish Hall*  
7:00PM Evening Prayer for Lent - *Church*  
**Thursday, April 3:** 6:15PM Bell choir rehearsal  
7:00PM Chancel choir rehearsal  
**Saturday, April 5:** 9:30AM Lent Quiet Day - *Toddhall*  
6:00PM SHINE worship - *Chapel*

### GriefShare at St. Mark POSTPONED

We regret to report that we did not have the minimum number of participants sign up, and so **we are postponing the GriefShare program until a future date after the summer.**



### Midweek Lenten Soup Suppers and Evening Prayer

Come enjoy a nice evening of fellowship over a meal of **soup and salad this Wednesday at 6:00PM** in the **Parish Hall**, before joining us in the **church for evening prayer with Luther's Small Catechism at 7:00PM.**

### Pastor on Vacation

Pastor Brian is on vacation **through Monday, March 31.** We **welcome the Rev. S. Blake Duncan as our guest preacher and presider** this morning.

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

### Food Pantry THANK YOU!



Many thanks to **Belleville School District 118** for the tremendous food donation on Thursday, and to our volunteers who helped sort and store the donations! This team effort to help those in need is a blessing to us all.

### Next Week's Adult Forum: *From Snails to Stoles: The Ancient Pursuit of PURPLE*



By popular demand! Join Pastor Brian after worship **NEXT Sunday, April 6** and discover the *royally fascinating* history of **ancient purple dye!** From the tiny sea snails of Tyre to the painstaking process that made this color fit for kings, we'll *dive* into the world of biblical textiles and unravel how purple's high price and rarity made it a symbol of wealth and power—even in Scripture! Don't *dye* of curiosity—join us for this *colorful* class that's sure to *leave a lasting impression!*

## Yoga Classes

Through the end of April, yoga classes will be 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.

## Small Change, BIG BLESSINGS!!!

Our March 9 and 16 Lenten **Noisy/Not-So-Noisy Change Collection** for Franklin School student past due lunch and book fees resulted in **\$1080.60!** Can you image how many parents have been blessed with less stress by your hands for God's work? Amen!

## 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](https://paypal.me/BeaconMinistry) Make checks payable to **BEACON Ministries**.



## Kids for Christ Trivia Night - April 5

Super fun trivia night with HUGE silent auction!! Doors open at 5:30PM. Trivia begins at 6:30PM

**Location:** Life Church, 4180 Smelting Works Rd. #2021, Swansea, IL 62226

Tables of 8/\$160 - reserve by emailing [lordsservant3@outlook.com](mailto:lordsservant3@outlook.com)

1st place prize - \$200 2nd place - \$100

\*No alcohol or outside drinks. Soda and water will be for sale; desserts are provided!

## Food Pantry Donations

**Sunday, April 13** is our **monthly food collection** for our pantry. This month we're asking for donations of **canned meat, canned vegetables** and **pasta sauce**.



## Pizza Pennies for the Pantry from Bennie's!

We've got your dinner plans settled for **Wednesday, April 30** – head for downtown Belleville to Bennie's Pizza Pub, where **10% of all purchases will be donated to our food pantry!** 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!



## Memorial Hospital Book Bazaar

The annual book fair to support the Memorial Hospital Auxiliary is this coming Wednesday\* (9am-7pm), Thursday (9am-7pm), Friday (9am-7pm), and Saturday (9am-1pm) at the Belle-Clair Fairgrounds.

\*There is a \$10 admission fee on Wednesday only; other days are Free Admission.

**St. Mark Offerings (3/23):** Gen. Fund: **\$1,803**; Food Pantry: \$5; Noisy Offering: \$1070.33; Fiber Arts: \$101; DM Landscaping: \$101; Grounds/Property Maintenance: \$101; Thrivent Choice: \$500

Sunday	Mon.	Tues.	Weds.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
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<b>6 Fifth Sunday in Lent</b> <b>9:00AM The Divine Liturgy</b> 10:20AM Coffee & Fellowship 10:30AM Adult Forum: <i>From Snails to Stoles: the Pursuit of Purple</i> , led by PB	<b>7</b> 9:30AM H&W Meeting-CR 2:30PM Fiber Arts @ Westfield Manor 6:00PM Yoga	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 9:30AM Evang/Soc.Min mtg—CR 6:00PM Soup supper <b>7:00PM Evening Prayer for Lent</b>	<b>10</b> 6:15PM Bell Choir 7:00PM Voice Choir	<b>11</b> <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	<b>12</b> 9:00AM: Church/Chapel Cleaning Day & Property Work Day
<b>13 Palm/ Passion Sunday</b> <b>9:00AM The Divine Liturgy</b> 10:20AM Coffee & Fellowship 10:30AM Adult Forum: <i>Excavating the Last Supper</i> , led by PB 	<b>14</b> 6:00PM St. G's Evening Prayer— <i>chapel</i> 6:00PM Yoga	<b>15</b> 6:00PM St. G's Evening Prayer— <i>chapel</i> 	<b>16</b> 6:00PM St. G's Evening Prayer— <i>chapel</i> <i>Holy Week</i> 	<b>17</b> <b>7:00PM: Maundy Thurs. worship—chapel</b> 	<b>18</b> <b>12:00PM: Good Friday Way of the Cross</b> <b>7:00PM: Good Friday Worship</b> 	<b>19</b> 9:00AM Easter Decorating
<b>20 The Resurrection of Our Lord</b> <b>9:00AM Festival Liturgy for Easter Sunday</b> 	<b>21</b> 2:30PM Fiber Arts @ Westfield Manor 6:00PM Yoga	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 6:15PM Bell Choir 7:00PM Voice Choir	<b>25</b> <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	<b>26</b>
<b>27 Second Sunday of Easter</b> <b>10:00AM Joint liturgy for the feasts of St. Mark &amp; St. George</b> 11:20AM Coffee & Fellowship	<b>28</b> 6:00PM Pastoral Care Committee 7:00PM Church Council Mtg. 6:00PM Yoga	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>			

<u>Date</u>	<u>Assisting Minister</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Crucifer</u>	<u>Chalice Bearer</u>	<u>Tech Minister</u>	<u>Usher</u>	<u>Safety Volunteer</u>	<u>Coffee Hour</u>
<b>Apr. 6</b>	Greg M.	Charlie D.	Rex R.	Mike M.	Mike M.	Frank D. & Jason M.	Mark B.	Team 5
<b>Apr. 13</b>	Danielle T.	Aaron F.	Frank D.	Tom P.	Greg M.	Rick Crosby & Rex R.	Jan R.	Team 6
<b>Apr. 17</b> <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	Greg M.	Curtis D.	Greg M.	Mike M.	TBD	Danielle T.	Mark B.	N/A
<b>Apr. 18</b> <i>Good Friday</i>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	St. George's	St. George's	TBD	N/A
<b>Apr. 20</b>	Charlie D.	Terry T.	Keith K.	Greg M.	Melanie R.	Danielle T. & Curt G.	Frank D.	N/A
<b>Apr. 27</b>	Greg G.	Jan L. & St. G's	St. G's	Fr. Mark	Aaron F.	Kathy C. & Nancy G.	Melanie R.	Team 8



Tom L.	4/2	Bethany T.	4/5	Jan D.	4/8
Braden V.	4/9	Greg G.	4/13	Eleanor B.	4/16
Nick R.	4/17	Todd D.	4/19	Cheri B.	4/21
Janet J.	4/23	Judy K.	4/23	Rachel S.	4/25
Tom P.	4/27	Nancy T.	4/28	Mark B.	4/29
Mike S.	4/29				



Nancy & Ken T.	4/4
Amanda & Darren K.	4/8
Charles & Kim P.	4/16
Aaron & Susan F.	4/19
Mike & Sherri F.	4/20
Karen & Will E.	4/27
Brad & Julie V.	4/28