

MARK TIMES

News & Notes for April 5, 2026

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, April 6:	2:30PM	Fiber Arts at Westfield Manor
	6:30PM	Yoga – Parish Hall
Wednesday, April 8:	9:30AM	Evangelism/Social Ministry meeting – conference rm
	11:00AM	Joint Use Taskforce – CR
	12:00PM	Ladies Lunch Bunch at Tavern on Main
Thursday, April 9:	4:15PM	Chancel choir rehearsal
	6:00PM	Bell choir rehearsal
Saturday, April 11:	9:00AM	Property work day



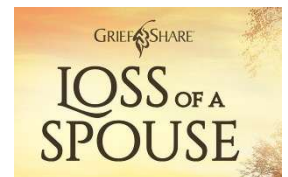
Easter THANK YOU to everyone who helped to make this Holy Week so beautiful and meaningful! From those who cleaned and decorated, to those who donated flowers (be sure to take them with you after worship), to those who assisted in worship leadership, and to those who served in our choirs and as musicians! Because of you this day is positively **radiant!** Christ is risen indeed!

GriefShare: *Loss of a Spouse* Event on April 18

People who are widowed haven't just lost a **loved one**; they've lost an *entire lifestyle*. This one-day, two-hour session GriefShare session hopes to offer support, clarity, and peace during this unsettling time.

You will meet people who understand what you are going through in a safe space to talk, be encouraged, and connect. This 2-hour seminar includes a short video featuring expert Christian counselors, authors, and pastors, followed by small-group discussion.

Join St. Mark's special session, led by Nurse Becky, on **Saturday, April 18** 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 <https://find.griefshare.org/events/290253>



Food Pantry Collection Sunday

NEXT Sunday, April 12, is our **monthly food collection** for our pantry. We're requesting donations of **peanut butter and jelly, small bottles of dish and laundry soap, and/or personal items** such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, and shampoo.

Lenten Noisy/Not-So-Noisy Change Offering

THANK YOU to all who gave up "noisy and not so noisy change" for this year's Lenten project! The **\$565** donated will help several Franklin School families with past due book fees.

Beacon Warehouse Workday - SAVE THE DATE! April 18th 10am to 1pm

Many have heard me say the new BEACON Warehouse coordinator, Kathy Sisco, is awesome! She has been picking up and delivering furniture and household items several times a week, often by herself or with just one other person. Several St. Mark folks have helped with pickups and deliveries - to each of them, Mike Stidman, Mark Waltz, Kathy, and I say THANK YOU!

As one can imagine, Kathy can't keep everything organized *and* do pickups and deliveries. She's trying to do it all – which is where St. Mark members can help on **Saturday, April 18 from 10:00am-1:00pm**. Help is needed to organize the warehouse to improve the furniture pickup and delivery process. Individuals are needed to lift furniture, sort and label bedframes and mattresses. Individuals who are limited in lifting can assist with organizing dishes, pots and pans, and other light weight items. Everything can't be done in one day but God knows how much can be done when we all work together!

A volunteer sheet is in the Narthex and in the Parish Hall! Please sign up for 1, 2 or all 3 hours.

Please feel free to contact me at 618 791-6148 or cookinsherri2@gmail.com if you have any questions! - Sherri Foppe, Evangelism/Social Ministry Team Lead

Joint Service April 26 at 10AM

You won't want to miss our annual joint service to celebrate the feast days of St. Mark (4/25) and St. George (4/23) on **Sunday, April 26 at 10:00AM**. A joint coffee & fellowship hour follows the service.



Ladies Lunch Bunch

For April's gathering, the LLB will meet **Wednesday, April 8 at 12 noon at Tavern on Main** (301 East Main, Belleville). **Call Cindy Collingham at 816-387-3302 with questions or to reserve a spot.**

St. Mark Offerings for 3/29: General Fund: **\$1,859.66**; Noisy Offering: \$195.99; Food Pantry: \$50; Easter Flowers: \$60



Easter Flower Donations and Memorials

Given By:	In Memory of or Thanksgiving for:	Given By:	In Memory of or Thanksgiving for:
Anonymous		Mary Hill	Larry Hill
Patty & Mark Bearth		Linda Ness	Dwight Ness
Charlie & Evelyn Duncan		Pastor Brian & Patricia Robison	Casimir & Dolly Orzel
Kathy Evans	Wil & Jean Martens	Bonnie & Mike Schaefer	Wurdinger Family
Nancy & Greg Guenther	Family	Mary Skifton	Frank, Lucille, & Al Nork, Marylou Kackmann, and Lenny Mueller