

MARK TIMES

NEWS and NOTES for April 20, 2025

Monday, April 21: 2:30PM Fiber Arts at Westfield Manor
6:00PM Yoga class – *Parish Hall*

Thursday, April 24: 6:15PM Bell choir rehearsal
7:00PM Chancel choir rehearsal

Saturday, April 26: 7:00PM Beacon Trivia Night

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!



Joint Service NEXT Sunday 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) **NEXT Sunday, April 27 at 10:00AM**. A joint coffee & fellowship hour follows the service.

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.

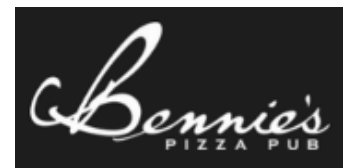
Price: \$20 per person

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 Make checks payable to BEACON Ministries.



Pizza Pennies for the Pantry from Bennie's – April 30!

We've got your dinner plans settled for **Wednesday, April 30** – head for downtown Belleville to Bennie's Pizza Pub, where **10% of all sales will be donated to our food pantry!** The event is **ALL DAY, 11:00AM-8:00PM**. 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!



Yoga Classes

Through the end of April, yoga classes are 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.

Adult Forum: *Excavating the Last Supper, Part 2* – May 4

On **Sunday, May 4**, Pastor Brian will conclude his class on ***Excavating the Last Supper: Archaeological Perspectives on Dining Practices in First-Century Jerusalem and the Early Jesus Movement***. This engaging class (based on one of the lectures Pastor heard at Biblical Archaeology conference) explores how archaeological discoveries illuminate the cultural and religious context of Jesus' final meal. Through artifacts, ancient dining spaces, and recent scholarly insights, we'll uncover how first-century dining customs shaped early Christian gatherings. Come deepen your understanding of this pivotal event in Christian history through the lens of archaeology!



Confirmation Day Set for May 11

We look forward to rejoicing with our Confirmation students as they affirm their baptismal promises on Sunday, May 11 during our regular worship. Join us for a celebratory reception to follow! May 11 is also Mother's Day, on which we will offer our traditional prayer for mothers.

St. Mark Offerings (4/13): Gen. Fund: **\$5,691**; Food Pantry: \$9.41; Easter Flowers: \$205; Coffee Fund: \$48; Coffee Hour: \$31

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In the Gospel story in the last Sunday in Lent, we hear about Jesus visiting with his dear friends, Martha, Mary and Lazarus. This happened just after Jesus had raised Lazarus from the dead. And Mary was anointing Jesus' feet with pure nard, this incredibly costly, precious substance. And then she dried his feet with her hair. Nard is a very powerful, pungent substance, and the Gospel says the room was filled with the fragrance.

Now I did a little research on nard, and some people would describe the smell as being pungent or earthy, or musty, or musky or like feet. So it was an interesting choice that people had in those days. And they did two things with nard. One, they would use nard to anoint the bodies of the dead in order to offset the stench of death, which Jesus had only encountered with his friend Lazarus a few days before. And it was also used for kings as a sign of royalty because of the luxury of this whole thing.

Well, Jesus was himself, like us, like the first Adam, an earth creature — pungent and full of life, dense in this sense. And this earth creature was obedient to death, reversing the work of the first Adam, who disobeyed and brought sin into the world. And we've suffered the consequences. The chief consequence is death, separation from God.

And now Jesus, the new Adam, the new earth creature, he's anointed, he says to Mary, for his burial and so that he will be using this incredibly pungent substance, while at the same time being very clear that he is, in fact, part of this incarnation, this earth creature. But instead of it being oil put on him to remove the stench of death, it became the anointing of a royal king. Through the death and resurrection of Jesus, the usual cycle of life and death has been disrupted forever. Jesus' death and resurrection promises new life and brings us new life.

Happy Easter, dear church.

Elizabeth A. Eaton

Elizabeth A. Eaton, Presiding Bishop
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Easter Flowers



| Given By: | In Memory of or Thanksgiving for: |
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| Mark & Patty Bearth | |
| Steve & Sarah Bender | In memory of Pat Brock and Donna Bender |
| The Buckley Family | In memory of Clarrie and Betty Buckley, Ed and Wilma Schmitz, and Delours and Anthonysamy Pannirselvam |
| Mike & Randi Cardoza | In memory of Nora Cardoza and Miguel Cardoza, Sr. |
| Lorraine Crannage | In memory of Dan Crannage |
| Rick & Elizabeth Crosby | |
| Charles & Evelyn Duncan | |
| Kathy Evans | In memory of Wil & Jean Martens |
| Ken Gottschall | In memory of Sharon Gottschall |
| Greg & Nancy Guenther | Family |
| Vicki Hall | In memory of Robert Hall |
| Brian & Tyner Hill | In honor of Emma and Ava Hill |
| Craig Jesenick | In memory of Rudolph Jesenick and Mary T. Harris |
| Chuck & Michele Kraus | In memory of the Joffray and Krause families |
| Carol & Morris Kugler | Our parents, Aunt June and Aunt Ruth |
| Charles & Diane Laedlein | In honor of Robert Laedlein |
| Ann & Greg Martens | In honor of Easter |
| Steven & Mary Mathus | In honor of our granddaughters, Marilyn, Marcela, and Mariana |
| Dwight & Linda Ness | Jacquelin Hanson |
| Patricia Robison, Pastor Brian & Family | Casimir & Dolly Orzel |
| Mary Skifton | Frank, Lucille, & Al Nork; Marylou Kackmann, and Lenny Mueller |
| Bob & Sue Vaughn | In thanksgiving for family (<i>altar flowers</i>) |
| Gene & Kay Weil | |
| David & Sheri Welch | In memory of Clarence and Grace Fox, Helen Rose, Carol Smale, Brad Smale, Ray and Martha Welch, Joseph Gilbert, and Barry and Sandy Langenbach |
| Wurdinger Family | Darrell, Darlene & Barb Wurdinger; Jay & Arwen Fields |

St. Mark Lutheran Church and St. George's Episcopal Church give thanks for everyone who gave to Proclaim Christ's Resurrection with Flowers!

Prayer Intentions

St. Mark Members

Eleanor Benton, Toni Brendel, Kathy Casey, Gary Dozier, Evelyn Duncan, Lois Gentsch, Laurie Geppert, Ivan Kohlmeier, Diane Maes, Bruce Martens, Dwight Ness, Kim Palmer, Tina Partelow, Marilyn Robinson, Larry Shurtleff, Cohen Summers, Carol and Gary Weshinsky

St. Mark Family and Friends

Dennis Althardt, Stellamarie Bearth, Bonnie Baete, Kathy Boxdorfer, Thomas Boxdorfer, Jim Braeutigam, Jordyn Brazelton, Patty Brennecke, Doug Carpenter, Susan Carson, Christine, Arianna Curnes, Catherine Davis, Mike Ellison, Katrina Fenner, Josh Gansmann, Marge Gardner, Christine Gass, Viv Gillespie, Joni Giordano, David Graber, Stephanie Groennert, TC Groennert, Jamie House, Debbie Jacobs, Jimmy Jurgens, Austin Lickenbrock, Donna Loesche, Becky Loeschner, Wyatt Madison, Christopher Martiszus, Glenda Martiszus, Bobby & Joyce McCall, Allen Martens, Janet Middendorf, Linda Munn, Pr. Ron & Debbie Neustadt, Dean Norrenberns, Theresa Painter, Hilda Parnell, Tim & Missy Partelow, Debbie & Larry Powers, Goldie Rideout, Darrell Robinson, Sarah and Family, Jill Schlueter, Stefanie Schroeder, Denise Sebastian, David & Donna Sims, Margie Snep, Ingrid Thompson, Bob Vaughn, David Vaught, Toni Walston, Louise Wilson, Margie Wilson, Sue Witherell, Karen Woolf, Wilma Woolf, Jeanie Workman, Ken Zika, Chloe Zipperer

Members and Friends Serving in Our Nation's Military

Taiylar Foppe, Ryan McKenzie

Members who celebrate birthdays this week

Cheri Batten (4/19), Janet Jacquot (4/23), Judy Kohlmeier (4/23), and Rachel Southers (4/25)

Members who celebrate Wedding Anniversaries this week

Mike & Sherri Foppe (4/20)

Land Acknowledgement

St. Mark Lutheran Church is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the **Quapaw**, **Myaamia**, **Kaskaskia**, and **Kickapoo** peoples, and we give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We also recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.