

MARK TIMES

NEWS and NOTES for January 26, 2025

Monday, Jan. 27:	6:00PM	Pastoral Care committee – conference room
	7:00PM	Church Council meeting - CR
Tuesday, Jan. 28:	9:30AM	Christian Unity service - Holy Virgin Mary Armenian Church
Thursday, Jan. 30:	6:00PM	Yoga – parish hall
	6:15PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:15PM	Voice Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, Feb. 1:	6:00PM	SHINE worship - chapel

Diaper Drive for Epiphany!



Our Epiphany Diaper Drive continues through February 9. Items collected will be donated to The Pregnancy Care Center, Fontabella Maternity Home, and other local organizations.

Diapers sizes 3 through 7, pullups sizes 2T through 6T, and disposable pants sizes 2T through 6T are most needed. Open packages will be accepted.

Unopened packages of diaper wipes and diaper rash cream are also welcome.

Realizing diapers are expensive, members are encouraged to join together on purchases or give monetary donations to Sherri Foppe or Ann Martens. Donations may also be made electronically at https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YT91/campaign/C-14EWR?access=tile_direct through February 9.

Pastor on Vacation

Pastor Brian is on vacation **through the afternoon of Monday, January 27.** We welcome back Pastor **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.**



Trivia Night!

Get "**Animated for God**" at **Christ Community Lutheran Church** (Columbia) for their annual TRIVIA NIGHT youth fundraiser on **Saturday, February 8** from **6-8:00PM!** *This event will raise funds for this summer's youth mission trip to Milwaukee, **which our youth from St. Mark will be participating in!**

+ **Cost is \$15 per person or \$100 for a table of 8.**

+ Bring your own food; drinks will be available for purchase.

+ **Costume and Table Decorating contests!** Dress up as your favorite animated characters and create cool matching table décor!

+ **Generic trivia categories** – there will be something for everyone!

Let Melanie know if you are planning to join, and she will sign up all the tables at once. Checks can be written to **St. Mark Youth.

Yoga at St. Mark!



Classes are held for **45 minutes on Thursday evenings at 6:00PM in the Parish Hall**. A donation of **\$5.00** is asked for each session. Please **bring your own mat and water bottle** for classes.

Practicing yoga can help with body flexibility, strength, mobility, and balance. It also requires you to shift into a more relaxed state, which can help decrease stress, increase focus, and promote a stronger connection with yourself. You can't ask for a more pose-ative experience!

Week of Christian Unity Service 1/28

Belleville's annual **ecumenical prayer service** for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be held next **Tuesday, January 28 at 9:30AM** at **Holy Virgin Mary & Shoghagat Armenian Church (400 Huntwood Road, Swansea)**. A light reception will follow. Bishop Michael McGovern of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Belleville will be the preacher for this service. Clergy and members from many local congregations are invited to participate in this annual event, which is an opportunity to know each other a little better as sisters and brothers in Christ. Interested members of St. Mark are encouraged to attend!

Great (Super) Bowls of Fire!



St. George's famous **white chili** (both mild and hot) will be sold **Sunday, February 9**, from **noon to 3:00PM** in the Parish Hall. Cost is **\$11/quart when ordered in advance with payment; \$12/quart for walk-ins**. Orders with payment can be made to Henry in the office or by mail to St. George's. Proceeds to benefit our food pantry.



SHINE Worship NEXT Saturday

Join us on **Saturday, February 1 at 6:00PM** for praise worship in the **chapel** with combined musical talents from St. Mark & St. George's.

Adult Forum: *History & Archaeology of the Bible: Young Jesus*

There are precious few stories from what scholar refer to as the "lost years" or the "desert years" in Jesus' life: the period between his birth and when he began his ministry around age 30. The Presentation in the Temple, which we celebrate next Sunday, is one of them, as is the well-known account of the "Finding in the Temple," when Jesus was 12.

Next Sunday's Adult Forum includes a 30-minute video that looks at the history and archaeology of Galilee from the years when Jesus was growing up, giving us some insight into what his life might have been like. Please plan to join us for the video and discussion!

St. Mark Offerings for 1/19: General Fund: **\$4,712.81**; Coffee Fund: \$50; Food Pantry: \$105; ELCA Disaster Relief: \$98.01