

# MARK TIMES

NEWS and NOTES for August 4, 2024

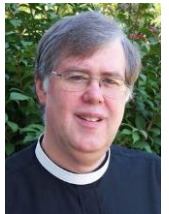
## *This Week at St. Mark:*

**Monday, August 5:** 2:30PM Fiber Arts at Westfield Manor  
6:00PM Evening Prayer for the Nation - chapel  
**Wednesday, August 7:** 10:30AM Joint Use Taskforce – conference room

## Pastor on Vacation

Pastor Brian is on vacation **through this Tuesday, August 6**. 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**.



## Congratulations Natalie and Cody!

We offer our best wishes and God's richest blessings to **Natalie Ott** and **Cody Best**, united in the bonds of matrimony at St. Mark this weekend!



## School Supply Collection Ends Today!

It's Back-to-School in a couple of weeks! This is the last weekend for donating **school supplies** in support of Franklin Elementary. A box and can are in the narthex/Canterbury Room. Items most needed: **boxes of 24 crayons; large colored washable markers; colored pencils; colored highlighters; plastic folders with prongs; earbuds; adult scissors; dry-erase markers; glue sticks; Kleenex; One-gallon Ziplock bags; One-inch and 2-inch binders**. They do NOT want backpacks, paper, pencils, and pens. Cash, of course, is always helpful!

## Honoring Pastor Ron Next Sunday!

The Church Council voted unanimously in June to **name the Rev. Ron Neustadt**, former long-time pastor of St. Mark, as **pastor emeritus**. The declaration will become official at our regular worship service at 9:00AM on **Sunday, August 11**, in which we will also pay tribute to Pastor Ron's **50<sup>th</sup> ordination anniversary**. Bishop Greg Busboom of the Central/Southern Illinois Synod will be present to preach and bring greetings from the synod. A cake and punch reception will follow in the Parish Hall. Please join us for this special celebration!

## Belleville Summer Sack Lunch Program THANK YOU!

The Social/Evangelism Committee thanks everyone who supported the program again this year by donating money, chips, cookies, fruit juice pouches, packing and/or delivering to provide free lunches for low-income children!



A couple more volunteers for lunch packing on August 7 at 5pm at Westview Baptist would be helpful. Please contact Sherri Foppe 618 791-6148 or [cookinsherri2@gmail.com](mailto:cookinsherri2@gmail.com) if you can help!

**Youth Gathering Worship service and presentation coming Sunday, August 25!**

## Second Sunday Food Collection



**NEXT Sunday, August 11** is our **monthly focus on food pantry donations**, and for August we ask folks to bring **soup, canned meats, and pasta sauce**. Please place them in the big basket as you come into church. \*The donations will be blessed the following Sunday, on 8/18.

## Guys' Nite is Back!

The rumors are true - Guys' Nite is back! This event for the men (age 14+) of St. George's and St. Mark (and friends!) will be held in the **circle driveway** area on **Friday, August 16 at 5:00PM** (food served at 6PM). Fly solo or bring a friend and enjoy an evening of beverages, brats, games and more! The event is free but a donation of \$20 per person is suggested to help offset the cost; any money remaining after expenses will be donated to the Chapel Organ fund. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex and Parish Hall. If you have any questions, contact Bob Vaughn (618-593-7263) or Greg Guenther (618-910-4594).



## Special Prayer Service for a Nation in Turmoil

In the wake of the assassination attempt against former President Trump and other political violence that has rocked the country in recent days, weeks, and months, St. George's is answering the call of Episcopal Bishop Brian Burgess for "a time of intentional intercessory prayer in the interest of witnessing to the world how it is that we commend the faith that is in us."

To that end, a service of **Evening Prayer with special prayers for the nation** will be held on the **first Mondays from now until Election Day**. The service will also feature a common recitation of the Great Litany, the church's ancient and traditional prayer of intercession, to beseech Almighty God for blessing and protection over the church and the world.

The partisanship and division that has become so commonplace in our political discourse has caused fear, anxiety, and hatred to fester in the land. We are called to confess our faith, to provide healing to a hurting world, and to put all our hope and trust in the Lord. God has blessed this nation with freedom and liberty; it's our charge to use those blessings for the good of all and to God's honor and glory.

**Evening Prayer for the Nation** will be held at **6:00PM** in the **chapel** on **August 5, September 2, October 7, and November 4**. St. Mark members are welcome to join and to invite others to take part in this very important endeavor in witness to our faith.

## St. Mark is Now on Instagram!

Help us grow our following! If you already follow us on Facebook, or even if you don't, our Instagram feed is slightly different. Some things are posted to both, but not everything! Our Instagram is more photo-based, so you will see more artistic pics and words of inspiration on top of upcoming events!

Search for STMARKBELLEVILLE on Instagram, or use the QR code to find us!



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## Save the Date!

**Ladies Lunch Bunch** meets at **noon** on **Wednesday, August 14 at Eckert's**.

Questions: Cindy Collingham 816 387-3302

**Joint Safety Volunteer AED/CPR Recertification Opportunity** on **Saturday October 19** from **9am-12noon** in the Parish Hall. The cost is *\$65 for recertification* or *\$75 for new certifications*.

**St. Mark Offerings for 7/28:** Operating Fund: **\$4,954.31** (online giving received by 7/26); Muller Landscaping Fund: \$101; Fiber Arts: \$101; Grounds/Property Maintenance: \$101

**Sunday Mon. Tues. Weds. Thurs. Fri. Sat.**



**August 2024**

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		St. Mark Office Closed	4:00PM Ot/Best Wedding 6:00PM SHINE Worship-chapel
<i>Pastor on vacation 7/30-8/6</i>			
<b>4</b> 7th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00AM The Divine Liturgy 10:20AM Coffee & Fellowship	<b>5</b> 2:30PM Fiber Arts @ Westfield Manor 6:00PM Evening Prayer w/ St. George's	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 10:30AM Joint Use Committee —conference room
		<b>8</b> 1:30PM Evangelism/ Social Ministry meeting—conf. room.	<b>9</b> St. Mark Office Closed
<i>Pastor on vacation 7/30-8/6</i>			
<b>11</b> 8th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00AM The Divine Liturgy 10:20AM Coffee & Fellowship 10:30AM Reception for Pr. Ron	<b>12</b> 9:00AM H&W Meeting-CR	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 12PM Ladies Lunch Bunch at Eckert's
		<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 5:00PM Guy's Nite - Circle Driveway St. Mark Office Closed
<b>18</b> 9th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00AM The Divine Liturgy 10:20AM Coffee & Fellowship	<b>19</b> 2:30PM Fiber Arts @ Westfield Manor	<b>20</b> 5:30PM Food Pantry Meeting-CR	<b>21</b>
		<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Office Closed
<b>25</b> 10th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00AM The Divine Liturgy 10:20AM Coffee & Fellowship 10:30AM Youth Gathering presentation - PH	<b>26</b> 6:00PM Pastoral Care Committee 7:00PM Church Council Mtg.	<b>27</b> 6:30PM Safety & Security Meeting-CR	<b>28</b>
		<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> St. Mark Office Closed
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**St. Mark Lutheran Church 105 East D Street Belleville, Illinois**

<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>
August 4	Sherri F.	Charlie D.	Rex R.	Tom P.	Greg M.	Frank D. & Jason M.	Cathie S.	Team 5
August 11	Greg G.	Pr. Brian	Frank D.	Mike M.	Mike M.	Rick Crosby & Rex R.	Missy K.	Team 6
August 18	Greg M.	Terry T.	Keith K.	Mike M.	Greg M.	Danielle T. & Curt G.	Jan R.	Team 7
August 25	Charlie D.	Missy K.	Greg M.	Greg M.	Aaron F.	Kathy C. or Nancy G.	Mark B.	Team 8



Will E.	8/2	June B.	8/2	Harmon F.	8/2
Robin B.	8/3	Tyler M.	8/4	Bryce S.	8/6
Stephanie T.	8/7	Tim r.	8/7	Jeremy H.	8/7
Henry E.	8/8	Eric K.	8/5	Nicole P.	8/10
Vivienne B.	8/11	Diane M.	8/15	Cody B.	8/15
Carolyn S.	8/16	Jordan R.	8/16	Charlie D.	8/17
Ivan K.	8/17	Madeline S.	8/22	Kathy E.	8/22
Michelle M.	8/23	Jason M.	8/24	Kinsley P.	8/26
Marilyn R.	8/29	Cheryl W.	8/31	Josh R.	8/31




  
 happy anniversary

Tom & Tina P.	8/11
Jan & Tim R.	8/15
David & Marsha B.	8/16
Alice & Mike M.	8/20
Brooke & Damian S.	8/27