

# MARK TIMES

NEWS and NOTES for December 1, 2024

## ***This Week at St. Mark:***

<b>Monday, Dec. 2:</b>	2:30PM	Fiber Arts at Westfield Manor
<b>Wednesday, Dec. 4:</b>	10:30AM	Joint Use Meeting — Conference Room
	6:00PM	Advent Soup Supper
	7:00PM	Holden Evening Prayer
<b>Thursday, Dec. 5:</b>	6:15PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00PM	Voice Choir Rehearsal
<b>Saturday, Dec. 7:</b>	6:00PM	SHINE Worship — Chapel

## **Annual Meeting**

The 2024 Annual Meeting is **TODAY, December 1 at 10:45AM** in the **Parish Hall**. Please plan to join us for this meeting; we will vote to ratify changes to the By-Laws, approve the budget for 2024, vote on new church officers, and be given updates from the council and committees.



## **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**DECEMBER 1, 10:45AM**

### **COUNCIL NOMINATIONS** (\*denotes incumbent)

President:	<b>Keith Kniepkamp</b>
Vice-President:	<b>Mike Murakami</b>
Evangelism/Social Min.:	<b>Sherri Foppe*</b>
Financial Secretary:	<b>Kathy Evans</b> <b>Nancy Guenther</b>
Christian Education:	<i>TBD</i>

### Synod Assembly Voting Members:

Adult Male:	<b>Greg Martens</b>
Adult Female:	<b>Danielle Tribut</b>

## **“Angel Tree” Project with Lutheran Child and Family Services (LCFS)**

St. Mark and St. George’s joint participation in the Angel Tree Project Christmas Drive through LCFS continues this year. The project provides Christmas gifts to especially needy families in our area. *Children’s names/wish lists with Information/Instructions and gift tags attached are on/under the “Christmas Tree” in the narthex/Welcome Area.*

You are not asked to provide everything on the child’s wish list - a **\$60 limit per child** is recommended. However, we realize that may not be possible for many so please consider asking other members, family members or neighbors to share the joy of Christmas with you!

*Please attach the child’s name/wish sheet to the UNWRAPPED gift to be **returned by December 8**, and earlier if possible. Gift wrap and/or gift bags may also be donated.*

Please contact Sherri Foppe 618-791-6148 [cookinsherri2@gmail.com](mailto:cookinsherri2@gmail.com) or Ann Martens 618-530-8679 if you have any questions. Monetary gifts will be accepted for those who prefer not to shop, and may be given to Ann or Sherri. Donations for gifts may also be made electronically at [https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YT91/campaign/C-14EWR?access=tile\\_direct](https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YT91/campaign/C-14EWR?access=tile_direct).





## **Advent Evening Prayer & Soup Suppers** return this **Wednesday, December 4.**

Plan to come enjoy a hot meal of soup and salad at 6:00PM in the Parish Hall before joining us in the church for Holden Evening Prayer.

**Get a group together and host one of the soup suppers!** A sign-up sheet is in the Parish Hall near the coffee stand.



## **SHINE Worship NEXT Saturday**

Join us on **Saturday, December 7 at 6:00PM** for praise worship in the **chapel** with combined musical talents from St. Mark & St. George's.

## **Proclaim Christ's birth with flowers!**

Anyone wishing to donate should watch for a special envelope in the pews, fill out the front portion and return it, with a check/cash, to the offering plate or the office by 12/18 with "Christmas Flowers" in the memo line. \*Online donations may be made through VANCO at <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YT91/campaign/C-ZMGD>. All dedications will be published in the Christmas bulletin.



## **Christmas Caroling Next Sunday!**

**NEXT Sunday, December 8**, you're invited to join a group of us to sing Christmas carols to the residents of two local long-term care facilities, including some of our own church members. We will meet at **12:30PM** at **Colonnade Senior Living** in O'Fallon for our first stop. **All ages are welcome!**



## **Advent Lessons & Carols**

Please join us **Sunday, December 15 at 5:00PM** for our annual service of Advent Lessons & Carols with St. George's. This traditional service is a wonderful way to celebrate the season, with beautiful hymns and scripture passages that guide and focus us in our time of preparation for Christmas and the Lord's return. The service is especially appropriate for inviting friends and family, particularly those who might be searching for "something more" this holiday. A wine and cheese reception will follow.

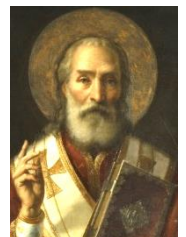


## **Scouting for Food THANKS**

A hearty THANK YOU to everyone who helped make this year's Scouts food drive one of the best-organized events yet! Many hands made fast work. We have at least 60 cases of food in our storeroom!! Such a blessing!

## **December 8 Adult Forum – St. Nicholas**

Next Sunday's Adult Forum will feature the video documentary, *St. Nicholas – The Real Story*, led by Dr. Mark Wilson, one of the lecturers at the Bible and Archaeology Fest that Pastor Brian attended.



**St. Mark Offerings for 11/24:** **General Fund:** \$2,613.82; **Food Pantry:** \$20; **Angel Tree:** \$242.40; **Fiber Arts:** \$101; **Muller Landscaping Fund:** \$101; **Grounds/Property Maintenance:** \$101;

# Sunday

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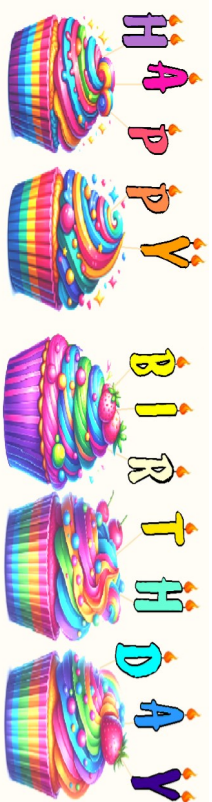
# Fri.

# Sat.

<p><b>1</b> First Sunday of Advent  <b>9:00AM The Divine Liturgy</b>          10:20AM Coffee &amp; Fellowship          10:30AM Annual Meeting</p> 	<p><b>2</b> 2:30PM Fiber Arts @ Westfield Manor</p>		<p><b>4</b> 10:30AM Joint Use Meeting CR          6:00PM Soup Supper  <b>7:00PM Holden Evening Prayer</b></p>	<p><b>5</b> 6:15PM Bell Choir          7:00PM Voice Choir</p>	<p><b>6</b> Pastor's Day Off</p>	<p><b>7</b> 9AM Church &amp; Chapel Cleaning Day  <b>6:00PM SHINE Worship</b></p>
<p><b>8</b> Second Sunday of Advent  <b>9:00AM The Divine Liturgy</b>          10:20AM Coffee &amp; Fellowship          10:30AM Adult Forum          10:30AM Confirmation          12:30PM Christmas Caroling</p>	<p><b>9</b> 9:30AM H&amp;W Meeting -CR</p> 	<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>11</b> 6:00PM Soup Supper  <b>7:00PM Holden Evening Prayer</b></p>	<p><b>12</b> 6:15PM Bell Choir          7:00PM Voice Choir</p>	<p><b>13</b> Pastor's Day Off</p>	<p><b>14</b> 9:00AM Hanging of Greenery, Trees &amp; Wreaths</p> 
<p><b>15</b> Third Sunday of Advent  <b>9:00AM The Divine Liturgy</b>          10:20AM Coffee &amp; Fellowship          10:30AM Confirmation          10:30AM Adult Forum  <b>5:00PM Joint Advent carol service</b></p>	<p><b>16</b> 2:30PM Fiber Arts @ Westfield Manor</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> 	<p><b>18</b> 11:30AM St. Mark Table Talk -CR          6:00PM Soup Supper  <b>7:00PM Holden Evening Prayer</b></p>	<p><b>19</b> 6:15PM Bell Choir          7:00PM Voice Choir</p>	<p><b>20</b> Pastor's Day Off</p>	<p><b>21</b></p>
<p><b>22</b> Fourth Sunday of Advent  <b>9:00AM The Divine Liturgy</b>          10:20AM Coffee &amp; Fellowship          10:30AM Confirmation          10:30AM Adult Forum</p>	<p><b>23</b> Time TBD: Christmas Decorating</p> 	<p><b>24</b> 7:00PM Christmas Eye Divine Liturgy</p>	<p><b>25</b> 10:00 AM Joint Christmas Day Liturgy with St. George's</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> 	<p><b>27</b> Pastor's Day Off</p>	<p><b>28</b></p>
<p><b>29</b> First Sunday of Christmas  <b>10:00AM Joint Liturgy of Lessons &amp; Carols with St. George's</b></p> 	<p><b>30</b></p>	<p><b>31</b></p>	<p><b>Church Offices Closed December 25-26</b></p>			

**DECEMBER 2024**  
 St. Mark Lutheran Church 105 East D Street Belleville, Illinois

Date	Assisting Minister	Lector	Crucifer	Chalice Bearer	Tech Minister	Usher	Safety Volunteer	Coffee Hour
December 1	Greg M.	Charlie D.	Rex R.	Mike M.	Mike M.	Frank D. & Jason M.	Cathie S.	Team 5
December 8	Greg G.	Jan L.	Frank D.	Tom P.	Melanie R.	Rick Crosby & Rex R.	Jan R.	Team 7
December 15	Danielle T.	Aaron F.	Corbin M.	Greg M.	Greg M.	Danielle T. & Curt G.	Jan R.	Team 6
December 22	Sherrri F.	Curtis D.	Keith K.	Greg M.	Aaron F.	Kathy C. & Nancy G.	Melanie R.	Team 8
December 24	Charlie D.	Jan R.	Frank D.	Mike M.	Melanie R.	TBD	Mark B.	NA
December 25	Greg G.	Terry T.	St. G's	Greg M.	Greg M.	TBD	Cathie S.	NA
December 29	Greg M.	Kathy R.	St. G's	Tom P.	Aaron F.	TBD	Melanie R.	NA



Brooke S.	12/1	Kim O.	12/3	Noah M.	12/4
Ann M.	12/7	Rick C.	12/9	Lauren R.	12/9
Brad G.	12/12	Patty B.	12/13	Pr. Brian	12/15
Sarah O.	12/16	Keith K.	12/17	Kara M.	12/21
Sam S.	12/21	Ash R.	12/22	David C.	12/23
Jamie P.	12/23	Melaina R.	12/23	Curt G.	12/26
Danielle T.	12/26	Leah R.	12/26	Marilyn R.	12/27
Linda N.	12/28	Brianna K.	12/28		



Cari & Nick R.	12/02
Michael & Rachel G.	12/03
Brandon & Jamie P.	12/07
Mike & Randi C.	12/12

