

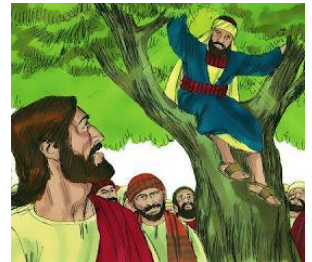
# MARK TIMES

## NEWS and NOTES for November 2, 2025

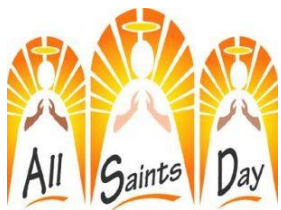
Monday, Nov. 3:	2:30PM	Fiber Arts at Westfield Manor
Wednesday, Nov. 5:	10:30AM	Joint Use Task Force – <i>conference room</i>
Thursday, Nov. 6:	4:00PM	Men's Chorus
	4:30PM	Chancel choir
	6:00PM	Bell Choir
	6:00PM	Yoga – Parish Hall

### Adult Forum: *Jesus, the Short King?*

Join us this morning as we take a fresh look at the well-known story of Zacchaeus in Luke 19. Believe it or not, recent scholarship suggests that the original Greek text may *not* tell us exactly **who** was *actually* “short in stature”: Zacchaeus... or Jesus!? We'll explore how this surprising ambiguity invites us to reconsider our assumptions about Jesus and what it means that God's grace comes to us not through power or appearance, but through humility and mercy.



### All Saints Sunday



**Thank you for joining us as we celebrate the feast of All Saints.** The names of deceased loved ones that were entered into our Book of Remembrance are listed in today's Order of Worship. The names marked with an asterisk are those who have passed into everlasting life since last All Saints Sunday. Those names will be read aloud during the service, with the toll of a bell after each name.

### GriefShare: *Surviving the Holidays* Event on November 15

The holiday season can stir difficult emotions, especially after the loss of a loved one. Again this year we are offering the one-day, two-hour session of *Surviving the Holidays* to offer support, encouragement, and practical tools to help you navigate this time with peace and assurance. Join St. Mark's special session, led by Nurse Becky, on **Saturday, November 15** 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 [griefshare.org/events/276776](https://griefshare.org/events/276776)



NOTE: Even if you attended this session last year, please consider attending again; grief and loss affect us differently with the passage of time, and you may benefit from another session of *Surviving the Holidays* in ways that you don't anticipate.

### Pumpkin Palooza returns November 16!

On Sunday, November 16, our eagerly anticipated **pumpkin bake sale** between and after all three services is back, with proceeds to **benefit our combined Food Pantry**.



## Ladies Lunch Bunch November 12

The Ladies Lunch Bunch will meet on **Wednesday, November 12** at 12 noon at **Bandanas** (4608 N Illinois, Fairview Heights). They don't take reservations, but we will call ahead to let them know how big a table we need. Please call or text Marva Dowty at 618-363-3060 if you plan on attending!

## Meals on Wheels Needs Help!



The Meals-On-Wheels services provided out of our Parish Hall need more volunteers, particularly on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Please see Frank Dressel or David Buckley for more details about serving those for whom these meals may be the only substantial meal of the day.

## Franklin School Lunch Packing

We pack 20 bag lunches for needy students at Franklin school for all long weekends, and we welcome volunteers! Packing requires about an hour on the day before most holiday weekends. See Peggy Andersen (618-791-0992) to sign up or for questions. There is also a sign-up sheet downstairs near the coffee hour tables. Your support is so much appreciated!



## Boy Scout Food Drive 11/22

This year's Boy Scout Food Drive is on **Saturday, November 22**. We need **volunteers** to help **sort food** in the **Parish Hall** for a couple of hours starting at about **1:30PM**.

## "Angel Tree" Project with Lutheran Child and Family Services (LCFS)

St. Mark and St. George's are again participating in the Angel Tree Project Christmas Drive through LCFS. The project provides Christmas gifts to especially needy families in our area. *Children's names/wish lists with Information/Instructions and gift tags attached will soon be on/under the "Christmas Tree" in the narthex.*



Remember, 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!

Watch for more information coming soon!

**Advent Communion Service & Soup Suppers** return **Wednesday, December 3**. 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.

## 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.



**Offerings (10/26): General Fund:** \$1,236; **Coffee Hour:** \$99; **Food Pantry/Andersen Mem:** \$830.54; **Music Ministry/Andersen Mem:** \$590; **Andersen Memorials:** \$800; **Muller Landscaping:** \$101; **Fiber Arts:** \$101; **Property/Grounds Maintenance:** \$101; **Thrivent Choice:** \$235.52

# Sunday

# Mon.


# Tues.

# Weds.


# Thurs.


# Fri.

# Sat.

<p><b>2</b> All Saints Sunday  <b>9:00AM Divine Liturgy</b>          10:20AM Coffee &amp; Fellowship          10:40AM Adult Forum:  <i>Jesus the Short King</i></p> 	<p><b>3</b> 2:30PM Fiber Arts @ Westfield Manor</p>	<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>5</b> 10:30AM Joint Use Taskforce—CR</p>	<p><b>6</b> 4:00P Men's Chorus          4:30P Voice Choir          6:00P Yoga—PH          6:00P Bell Choir</p>	<p><b>7</b> <i>Pastor's Day Off</i></p>	<p><b>8</b></p>
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<p><b>9</b> 22nd Sunday after Pentecost  <b>9:00AM The Divine Liturgy</b>          10:00AM Blood Pressures—PH          10:20AM Coffee &amp; Fellowship          10:40AM Health &amp; Wellness mtg  <i>No Adult Forum</i></p>	<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>11</b> <i>Office Closed</i></p> 	<p><b>12</b> 12:00PM Ladies Lunch Bunch at Bandanas BBQ</p>	<p><b>13</b> 4:00P Men's Chorus          4:30P Voice Choir          6:00P Yoga—PH          6:00P Bell Choir</p>	<p><b>14</b> 6:00P Federation Friday—PH</p> 	<p><b>15</b> 1P-3P <i>Grief Share: Surviving Holidays—PH</i></p>
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<p><b>16</b> 23rd Sunday after Pentecost  <i>Pumpkin Palooza Between Services</i>  <b>9:00AM The Divine Liturgy</b>          10:20AM Coffee &amp; Fellowship          10:40AM Adult Forum:  <i>Radon Safety</i></p> 	<p><b>17</b> 2:30PM Fiber Arts @ Westfield Manor</p>	<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19</b></p>	<p><b>20</b> 4:00P Men's Chorus          4:30PM Voice Choir          6:00PM Yoga—PH          6:00PM Bell Choir</p>	<p><b>21</b> <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>  <b>Annual Reports Due at 12PM!</b></p>	<p><b>22</b> 10:30AM Boy Scout Food Drive—PH</p>
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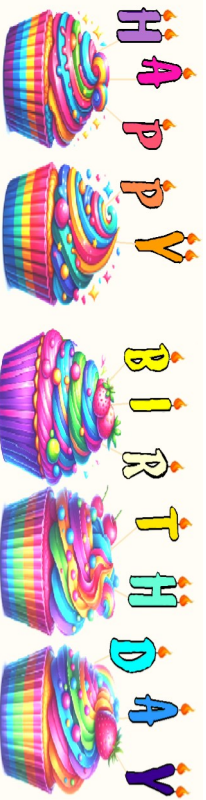
<p><b>23</b> Christ the King Sunday  <b>9:00AM The Divine Liturgy</b>          10:20AM Coffee &amp; Fellowship          10:40AM 2026 Budget Presentation</p> <p>Youth Carlinville Trip 11/21-11/23</p>	<p><b>24</b> 6:00PM Pastoral Care Committee          7:00PM Church Council Mtg.</p>	<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b> <i>Offices Closed</i></p> 	<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p>
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<p><b>30</b> First Sunday of Advent  <b>9:00AM The Divine Liturgy</b>          10:20AM Coffee &amp; Fellowship  <i>No Adult Forum</i></p>
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# November 2025

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

Date	Assisting Minister	Lector	Crucifer	Chalice Bearer	Tech Minister	Usher	Safety Volunteer	Coffee Hour
Nov. 2	Danielle T.	Charlie D.	Rex R.	Mike M.	Mike M.	Frank D. & Jason M.	Jan R.	Team 1
Nov. 9	Charlie D.	Aaron F.	Frank D.	Tom P.	Melanie R.	Rick C. & Rex R.	Mark B.	Team 2
Nov. 16	Sherrri F.	Terry T.	Keith K.	Mike M.	Aaron F.	Danielle T. & Curt G.	Frank D.	Team 3
Nov. 23	Corbin M.	Curtis D.	Corbin M.	Greg M.	Greg M.	Kathy C. & Nancy G.	Mark B.	Team 4
Nov. 30	Greg G.	Corbin M.	Greg M.	Mike M.	Aaron F.	TBD & Mark B.	Melanie R.	H&W



Curtis D.	11/1	Hailey B.	11/2	Olivia B.	11/2
Debra M.	11/5	Jeni D.	11/6	Katelyn K.	11/6
Susan F.	11/11	Dee Z.	11/13	Mark S.	11/14
Ania R.	11/14	Monica L.	11/14	Nancy Y.	11/16
Mike M.	11/17	Tyler C.	11/22	Joe M.	11/22
Olivia R.	11/23	Donna L.	11/24	Kathy B.	11/25
Michael G.	11/25	Kathy C.	11/26	Corbin M.	11/26
Missy K.	11/30	Craig B.	11/30		



***Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever!***  
**— 1 Chronicles 16:34**



Ann & Greg M.	11/11
Diane & Robert M.	11/16
Anita & Darrell R.	11/26