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News & Notes for February 1, 2026

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, February 2:	2:30PM	Fiber Arts at Westfield Manor
	6:30PM	Yoga – Parish Hall
Wednesday, February 4:	10:30AM	Joint Use Task Force – Conference Room
Thursday, February 5:	4:15PM	Chancel choir
	6:00PM	Bell Choir
Saturday, February 7:	9:00AM	Safety Class – Parish Hall
	6:00PM	SHINE Contemporary Worship – Chapel

Important Safety Class Next Weekend!

NEXT Saturday, February 7 from **9am-1pm** in the **parish hall**, Chestnut Health Systems will present information on **Mental Health, Substance Abuse/Narcan** and **Suicide awareness/prevention**. Our target audience is the **safety committee members, food pantry workers** and **ushers**. Anyone else interested in this important information is also very welcome to attend. Please sign up in the Canterbury Room on the available sheets on St. George's table to assist in our planning. For questions, please text **Mark Bearth @ (618) 767-6543**

Lenten Quiet Day – Registration Open Now

This year's **Lenten Quiet Day** at Toddhall Retreat Center will be on **Saturday, February 28** from **10am–2pm**, led by Father Mark. The event is **FREE**, although freewill donations will be accepted at the event. **Lunch is included with registration**. The **deadline** for registrations is **Friday, January 30**, and can be made by calling St. George's office or through this link: <https://forms.gle/eq5DsL32MAC8U6F7A>

Great (Super) Bowls of Fire!



St. George's famous **white chili** (both mild and hot) will be sold next **Sunday, February 8** **after each church service** and from **noon to 3:00PM** in the Parish Hall. Cost is **\$11/quart** when ordered in advance and prepaid, and **\$12 on the day of sale**. Orders with payment can be made to Henry in the office or by mail to St. George's. Proceeds benefit our food pantry.

As sign-up sheet to help prepare chili on Wednesday, January 28 and to make and dispense it on the day of sale is in the parish hall.

*Those who may be out of town Super Bowl Sunday but would like to order chili can request another Sunday for pickup.





Yoga Day Change in February

To accommodate Lenten midweek activities for both churches, yoga classes will move to **Mondays at 6:30pm beginning tomorrow, February 2**. Classes will remain on Mondays through the end of May.

50th Anniversary Committee

St. Mark Lutheran Church celebrates the 50th anniversary of its first worship service on December 6, 2026. This will kick off a year of celebration surrounding our 50th year. We are looking for members who might be interested in serving on a **planning committee** to devise ideas for events to help celebrate this milestone. Please contact Pastor Brian if you're interested!

GriefShare 12-Week Session at Zion Begins February 2

Loss is hard. Even when we trust our loved ones are with the Lord, it can be hard for those of us left behind. GriefShare is a loss support group starting a new session at **Zion Lutheran Church** (1810 McClintock Ave, Belleville)



on **Monday, February 2, 2026 at 6:00 pm**. The program is led by Nurse **Becky Schnitzius**, and will include video, group discussion, and personal workbook components. This group is open to the whole community. If you or someone you know may benefit from this group, please share this information with others. Sign up at <https://www.griefshare.org/groups/283072>

St. Mark Offerings for 1/25: General Fund: **\$2,319.22**; Toni Brendel Memorials: \$97.32; Fiber Arts: \$101; Muller Landscaping: \$101; Grounds/Properties: \$101; Diaper Drive: \$96.80

Prayer Intentions

St. Mark Members

Ken Augustine, Eleanor Benton, Robbie Buck, Gary Dozier, Charlie Duncan, Evelyn Duncan, Art Engelage, Michael Foppe, Morris Kugler, Bruce Martens, Lucy Montgomery, Tina Partelow, Marilyn Robinson, Cohen Summers, Carol and Gary Weshinsky

St. Mark Family and Friends

Dennis Althardt, Bert Alvarez, Stellamarie Bearth, Bonnie Baete, John Belz, Thomas Boxdorfer, Jim Braeutigam, Patty Brennecke, Susan Carson, Christine, Arianna Curnes, Catherine Davis, Mike Ellison, Katrina Fenner, Josh Gansmann, Christine Gass, Viv Gillespie, Joni Giordano, David Graber, Stephanie Groennert, TC Groennert, Andrea Hendrix, Jamie House, Glenda Jacquot, Jimmy Jurgens, Austin Lickenbrock, Dusty Little, Donna Loesche, Becky Loeschner, Wyatt Madison, Christopher Martiszus, Bobby & Joyce McCall, Don McCoy, Allen Martens, Janet Middendorf, Linda Munn, Pr. Ron & Debbie Neustadt, Dean Norrenberns, Hilda Parnell, Tim & Missy Partelow, Larry Powers, Goldie Rideout, Darrell Robinson, Shirley Saia, Sarah and Family, Jill Schlueter, Stefanie Schroeder, Denise Sebastian, David & Donna Sims, Margie Snep, Ingrid Thompson, David Vaught, Toni Walston, Louise Wilson, Margie Wilson, Karen Woolf, Wilma Woolf, Carol Ann Woolsey, Jeanie Workman, Ken Zika, Chloe Zipperer

Members and Friends Serving in Our Nation's Military

Ethan Collins, Taiylar Foppe Merrel, Josh Merrel, Ryan McKenzie, Amy Morgan

Members celebrating birthdays this week

Nancy Guenther (2/4), Michael Whitaker (2/5), Matt Simard (2/7), and Morris Kugler (2/7)