

# The Standard February 2024



SAINT GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*To Love and Serve the Lord, and Our Neighbors as Ourselves*

## Lenten



## Quiet Day

## Quiet Day at Toddhall

“For God alone my soul in silence waits; from him comes my salvation.”  
*Psalm 62:1*

Among the many opportunities we will have for intentional prayer and discipline this Lent, I personally invite you to attend the Quiet Day we'll be holding at Toddhall Retreat and Conference Center. This is a great opportunity to unplug and devote yourself to time of quiet contemplation with the Lord.

The quiet day will be held on Saturday, March 23, as we prepare for Palm Sunday and Holy Week. It will run from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm, is free to attend, and a freewill offering will be taken to cover the cost of lunch. Silence is something that this world and our culture fights strongly against, and yet it's absolutely crucial for maintaining a healthy spiritual life. Only in times of silence can we purge ourselves of all the noise and commotion that is happening in our lives. Jesus himself spent many hours off by himself to pray in silence, because only when we quiet our minds (and our mouths) are we then able to be fully attentive to hearing God's word within us.

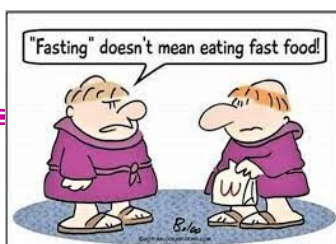
For this quiet day, we will be following a program from the Episcopal Church called *Life Transformed: The Way of Love in Lent*. From the description: “The journey through Lent into Easter is a journey with Jesus. We are baptized into his life, self-giving, and death; then, we rise in hope to life transformed.” This Quiet Day for Lent ties the Easter Vigil readings to the seven practices of the Episcopal Church's Way of Love through thoughtful meditations and personal reflections, all on the beautiful grounds of Toddhall.

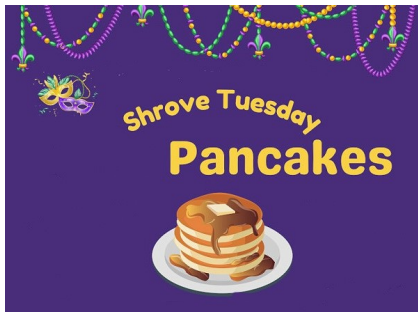
If you have never attended a quiet day before, I encourage you to give this one a try because it's a wonderful and low-risk way to devote yourself to intentional listening to the Lord. The program is structured with four sessions where commentaries are presented on particular bible passages. Following each session, you're given half an hour of silent, interrupted prayer time where you can meditate on helpful and thoughtful question prompts to discover how the word of God is speaking in your life.

Registration is required for this quiet day, and the deadline to register is Thursday, February 22, so that a proper head count for lunch may be obtained. To register, please go to <https://forms.gle/BPsnJMUoLxUctPpW8> or contact the St. George's office, 618-233-6320.

“Together, we will reflect anew on the loving actions of God as recounted in Holy Scripture. Together, we will walk through the depths of salvation history into the fullness of redemption. Together, we will embrace the transforming reality of love, life, and liberation.” I hope you will join me for this Lenten Quiet Day as we seek the Lord in the silence of our hearts.

~~Fr. Mark





## Pancakes!



Come to the Parish Hall February 13, 5:30 until 7:00 pm to celebrate one last feast before Easter with fellowship and pancakes.

Traditionally, meats like bacon would be eaten up on Collop Monday (a collop is a thin slice of meat), two days before the start of Lent. Pancakes are associated with Shrove Tuesday, because they are a way to use up rich foods such as eggs, milk, and sugar, before the fasting season of the 40 days of Lent, a time for solemn reflection and repentance.

Shrove Tuesday, also known as Pancake Tuesday or Fat Tuesday, is always the day before Ash Wednesday. The name comes from the old word 'shriving', which means to listen to someone's sins and forgive them. In Anglo-Saxon England, Christians would go to church on Shrove Tuesday to confess their sins and clean their souls. In other words, they would be 'shriven'.

Legend has it that in 1445, in the town of Olney in Buckinghamshire, England, a woman was so busy making pancakes that she lost track of time. When she heard the church bells ringing for the Shrove Tuesday mass, she ran as fast as she could to make it, and arrived still carrying her pancake in the pan! This story lives on in the Pancake Races where people race each other while tossing a pancake in a pan. Today, pancake races are often organized to raise money for charity and help those in need.

Editor's note: My British husband was surprised by the thick, fluffy buttermilk concoctions we call pancakes. In England, what they call pancakes are more like crepes, served with lemon. In high school, we called these "Swedish Pancakes." We'll have American-style for the purpose of our event!



Some information came from: <https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/geography/>



## Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is February 14 and will be observed at two joint services with St. Mark Lutheran Church. Services will be at 9:30 am and 7:00 pm with distribution of ashes and The Holy Eucharist.



## Lenten Soup Suppers

St. George's will be holding soup suppers and a Lenten program at 6 pm on Thursdays in Lent, starting February 22.

By popular demand, Fr. Mark will again lead a study program based on his grandfather's sermons of the Seven Last Words from the Cross. Each session will focus on one of the traditional phrases spoken by Jesus on the cross in light of possible reactions, emotions, and thoughts by some of the people mentioned in the passion story. We then follow with a group discussion and reflection on the reading and sermon. This program is appropriate for both adults and older youth as we make our way through the season of Lent and prepare ourselves for Holy Week.

Sign-up sheets are located in the parish hall for those who wish to provide soup and/or lead the service of Evening Prayer at the beginning of the program.

# KIDS & GOD @HOME

## *Kids & God @ Home*

Watch the Sunday bulletin and the Weekly Witness email for a new feature designed to provide spiritual conversation starters for parents or grandparents to use with their children. Called *Kids & God @ Home*, this seasonal devotional was developed by Janet Logan, the wife of our growth consultant Dr. Bob Logan, and has been used in churches and other communities of faith across the country.

The weekly program provides questions, quotes from Scripture, and main ideas that are easy for young children to comprehend but can open the door for deeper discussions of faith and can allow God's message to find a way through all the busyness and activity of life that compete for our children's daily attention. We hope that you will find these simple prompts helpful in starting spiritual conversations with your children and grandchildren so that you all may grow closer with each other and with God.



## *Adult Confirmation Classes Beginning*

Father Mark will hold adult Confirmation/Reception Classes during Lent for those who are new(ish) to the Episcopal Church and wish to make a "mature public affirmation of their faith" through receiving the laying on of hands by the bishop. The classes will explore the history, theology, and mission of the church, and will prepare confirmants to fully live a life in Christ.

Classes will be held at 11:45 am (after the 10:30 service) on Sundays from February 18 to March 24. Registration is required by contacting the church office.



## *Special Adult Forum February 4 & 11*

On February 4 and 11th, Nancy Ypma will present a short history of the Requiem Mass. As early as the second century, Christians have honored the dead with a celebration of the Eucharist. Nancy will discuss the music of the Requiem and its development over the centuries, including the Requiems of Mozart, Brahms, Verdi and Andrew Lloyd Webber.



## *Adult Forum: Dust Bunnies in the Basket*

"How do we honor Lent? By giving up chocolate and taking on piety?"

These are questions that grace the back cover of the book *Dust Bunnies in the Basket: Finding God in Lent and Easter* which we will be discussing at the Adult Form starting February 18. Written by Episcopal priest Tim Schenck, this book is a follow-up to *Dog in the Manger*, which we read during Advent, and it provides a humorous and thoughtful journey through this most holy time of the church year.

"From dust bunnies and egg hunts to foot washing and the Easter Vigil," we hope you'll join us for this entertaining, reflective, and spiritual adult forum at 9:15 am on the Sundays in Lent.

Copies of the book will be provided to attendees (one copy per family, please), courtesy of the Florence Martin Fund to benefit Christian education at St. George's Episcopal Church.



## Annual Meeting January 28, 2024

St. George's Annual Meeting convened following a lunch provided by Vestry members after the 10:30 service. St. George's members enjoyed sandwiches, salads, desserts, and fellowship before returning to the sanctuary for the meeting. A packet containing the meeting's agenda and reports from various ministries, staff, and committees was provided to attendees.



Fr. Mark Ohlemeier opened the meeting with a welcome and a prayer at 12:34. Functions of the annual meeting included election of Synod Delegates, Deanery Representatives, and Vestry members. With no new nominations, Cindy Lynk and Brian Maves with Dawn Jung were approved as Synod Delegates and Deanery Representatives. Three nominees were presented to fill vacant positions on the Vestry. David Buckley has been filling the unexpired term of Jim Gillispie for several months and will now serve as



a full-term member of the Vestry along with Sue Vaughn and Steve Skaff. Fr. Mark thanked the outgoing members of the Vestry, Vicki Hall and Dawn Jung, whose terms had been frozen during the interim period and have now served five years on the Vestry.



Brian Maves, Treasurer, presented and explained financial reports, including the Endowment Trustee Report in the absence of Bob Vaughn. Dawn Jung and Brian Maves are outgoing members of the Endowment Trustees, although Brian will remain as an advisor.

New members have not been identified as of now and will be presented to and approved by the Vestry at a future meeting. We have had some unexpected and unbudgeted expenses in 2023, particularly repairs to the elevator and HVAC. St. George's and St. Mark both are making funding preparations for a future roof replacement. Income for 2023 was higher than budgeted, and the same income is budgeted for 2024. Brian expressed his appreciation for the assistance of Macy Barnett who does our auditing and of Henry Evans for his day-to-day financial assistance.



Maryann Fernandez, Vicki Hall, and Bill Zimmermann were introduced as new Toddhall Board members. Vicki had been fulfilling the unexpired term of Jeff Lowrey, and Ken Gottschall is an outgoing Board member. Maryann introduced Craig Bielke, the new Executive Director of Toddhall. Craig expressed his thanks for this opportunity and is happy to be here. He looks forward to meeting the mission of Toddhall and moving us all into the future.



Everyone in attendance participated in prayer for commissioning of lay ministers, as we are all baptized into Christ's ministry. We acknowledged and prayed for our members who have passed away in 2023: Ted Cook, Jean Vaughn, and Jim Gillispie.

Following a closing prayer, the Annual Meeting adjourned at 1:13.

## *We Welcome New Toddhall Executive Director*

Please welcome Craig Bielke (pronounced BILL-key) as the new Executive Director of Toddhall effective January 15, 2024. He is a native of San Antonio, Texas, attended Eden Theological Seminary in 2010, and has a background in the restaurant and hospitality industry. His wife, Katie Jo, is a United Church of Christ clergy, and together they parent Brian (4 1/2), Willa (3), and Bruno, a nine-month-old German Shepherd. His theology of outdoor ministry dovetails with Toddhall's mission. They live in Crestwood, and he is excited to be here. He has stayed at Toddhall in the past as part of a UCC retreat. Toddhall Board is excited to have Craig onboard and felt guided by the Holy Spirit for his selection. Craig has a vision for Toddhall and Vestry to meet with some regularity.

We thank Kevin Korte for his dedication to Toddhall and congratulations on his well-deserved retirement .

## *We Welcome New Vestry Members*

**David Buckley:** I am a long time member of the Anglican Communion, being baptized at St. George's Church, Ilford, UK, in 1946 and confirmed at St. Mary's Church, Ruabon, UK, in August of 1957. I have been a member of St. George's Episcopal Church, Belleville, since early 1958.

I have been a Vestry member in the past and am a current member filling the unexpired term of Jim Gillispie, ending this January. I am also a member of the St. Mark and St. George's Joint Use Task Force, St. Mark and St. George's Food Pantry committee, St. Mark and St. George's Safety and Security committee. I recently became a licensed Eucharistic Minister and am part of the rotation for the 8:00 am service. I have been a part of St. George's participation in the Belleville Chili Cook-Off for over 20 years and Super Bowl Sunday White Chili Sale since the start in 2013.

**Steve Skaff:** Steve and his wife, Kelly, have been members of St. George's since 2013. Steve is a past member of the Endowment Fund Board and the Choir, and previously served on the Vestry and as Senior Warden.

**Sue Vaughn:** I am a long time member at St. George's (1986-1989 and 1996-present). I have recently served on the Vestry. I sing in the choir, serve as co-chair for the Safety Committee and assist in coordinating the Book Club. I serve as a member of the Toddhall Board, and I am a member of the Agape Ambassadors. I am active in Cursillo, and during the summer I lead a women's Bible Study group. I am very excited to see St. George's grow and stretch under the able leadership of Fr. Mark as we prayerfully work toward fulfilling our church's mission. I am grateful for the opportunity to assist as a member of the vestry.



## Evening Prayer

Join us for a service of Evening Prayer, every Friday during Lent at 5:30 pm in the chapel, officiated by our own licensed lay Worship Leaders. This brief service, born out of the Anglican tradition, offers an opportunity to break from the hustle and bustle of the week while we focus on our spiritual journeys during Lent. Please join us by closing out the end of the work week in glory to the one who brings light into the world.

## Evening Prayer

### Florence Martin Scholarships

St. George's is now accepting applications for the 2024 Florence Martin Scholarships. St. George's will be awarding \$2500 scholarships to deserving students for the fall 2024 and spring 2025 school year. Information and the application are on the St. George's website at <https://stgeorges.files.wordpress.com/2024/01/florence-martin-scholarship-application-2024-fillable-1-1.pdf>

Florence Martin and her husband, Sam, were long-time members of St. George's. She taught in Colorado and also at Parks College and SWIC, and her main interest was horticulture work and research. She was a teacher always, even in retirement, passing along the techniques she knew about hybridizing, as well as her love of plants. In retirement she developed new varieties of petunias.

She was a member of St. George's Episcopal Church and the Episcopal Church Women. She also was a member of the Prayer Group; a volunteer at Toddhall, and a devoted volunteer caretaker of the flowers on the church grounds. Many of us remember her as a friendly, spunky little lady carefully tending the flowers and greenery around St. George's.

Her interest in education and those wanting to learn led to her special gift to St. George's. She specified in her will to use part of the endowment for "education such as scholarships to members of St. George's"... and for the Sunday school program. The Vestry established the scholarship in her honor.

The deadline for scholarship applications is March 1, 2024.



St. George's is actively seeking a **part-time paid** Sunday School Coordinator.

The successful candidate will be responsible for organizing, coordinating and on-site direction of the Christian Ed and Nursery program for the children and youth of St. George's Episcopal Church.

The position is for 5-8 hours per week, (including Sunday School Classes), with extra hours for special events, for a (renewable) twelve-month period. Full job description is available from Henry.

The Sunday School and Nursery Coordinator is the primary contact person for the teachers, caregivers, children and youth groups of the parish. It is a ministry of coordinating through service, support and direction, and also includes some administrative duties. The Sunday School and Nursery Coordinator should have a passion for children's care, Christian education, and the Christian faith. The Sunday School and Nursery Coordinator needs to be a good communicator with strong interpersonal skills, using discretion, sensitivity, and confidentiality. This position is part of our overall mission and ministry and as such, the Sunday School and Nursery Coordinator must respect our beliefs and practices. This person should be a local Episcopalian.

Please help spread the word and pray for God to guide the right person to apply.



## *“Ask me anything about Cursillo.”*

### *Steve King Wins Grand Prize!*

On Sunday, January 14, some local Cursillo boosters sponsored coffee hours, promoted around the theme, “Ask me anything about Cursillo.” In the distant past, some enthusiastic but misguided Cursillo boosters created an atmosphere of secrecy around what happens on a Cursillo weekend. Those days are over. The ministry’s modern goal is to be as transparent as possible about weekends and the Cursillo method. An outline of the weekend, how Cursillo weekends should go, outlines for every talk, and life after the weekend are readily available on the Episcopal Cursillo website: [Episcopalcursilloministry.org](http://Episcopalcursilloministry.org)

Steve King posed the best question that Sunday. He asked, “What does Cursillo mean exactly, or stand for?” Answer: Cursillo (Cur-SEE'-yo) is a Spanish word meaning “short course”. “Cursillos de Christianidad” is the full title of the movement that started in Spain in 1947. This phrase literally means a short course of lectures in Christian living.\* Cursillo is much more than a short course of lectures. Cursillo offers a weekend to consider stretching our relationship with the Lord to even deeper levels; as well as a process to keep learning and growing and serving. Cursillo offers a framework for Christian living in terms of Piety (our love affair with the Lord), Study (learning more about our God and his world), and Action (sharing the Good News).

Honorable Mention award goes to David Buckley, for his question, “ Why is the rooster a symbol associated with Cursillo?” Answer: There are several theories about the association that reach back to the early days in Spain. One has to do with the Spanish association of the rooster’s colors with the rainbow covenant of the Old Testament. The colors of this common animal are brilliant and could reflect a natural response of the person whose eyes have been freshly renewed to the richness of God's Grace. The rooster is the herald of the new day.

Although there are no more prizes, perhaps you have a question. You won't have to look hard to find a fellow St George parishioner that has made the Cursillo journey. What is your question?

\* <https://alabamacursillo.org/what-is-cursillo>



## *Ornament Update & New Challenge*

Thank you to everyone who ordered St. George's (and St. Mark) ornaments. \$122 was raised for the chapel organ renovation fund. There are still ornaments (dated and undated) available that make a nice wall hanging all year around. I am already thinking about 2024 dated ornaments. All donations beyond the actual cost of ornaments will be added to this fund.

I also have a few ornaments that were made out of the seats from the old Busch Stadium. 100% of the funds from the sale of these ornaments will benefit the Chapel Organ fund. So far \$96 has been raised. I have a few left.

I also sold some buried treasure (stuff from the basement that I no longer need) on Marketplace for a donation to the Chapel Organ fund. I raised \$150 from selling these items. I challenge you to do the same with any of your no-longer-used items.

There are five dated wooden ornaments available at the wholesale cost of \$5. This is the break-even price. Any donation above the cost will go directly to the Chapel Organ fund. Contact me 618-235-8823 or [earhart500@aol.com](mailto:earhart500@aol.com).

~~Diane Earhart



# SUPER BOWL CHILI

Once again, St. George's famous white chili will be available for Super Bowl Sunday, February 11, 2024.

For \$12, you can take home a quart to enjoy for your pre-game, post-game, or during the game enjoyment!

Having a party?? Order several quarts! Pre-order now for the discounted price of only \$11 per quart! Walk-ins on the day of the Big Game will pay \$12 per quart from noon until 3:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

Available in **HOT** or MILD and available fresh or **FROZEN!**

Funds raised by this event support our St. George's and St. Mark Food Pantry. A sheet to pre-order chili will be on the wall, near the south door, in the Parish Hall, or call the church office with your order.

Please help spread the word about the Super Bowl Sunday White Chili Sale! Tell family, friends and coworkers.

Also please see the sign-up sheet to help cook the chicken, prepare the chili, and distribute it on game day.



## Congratulations!

Congratulations to Willow Welborn who had her very first gymnastics competition on January 20 in Manchester, MO at the Super Hero Invitational. She took Second place All Around. She placed First on bars with a score of 9.6. It was very exciting.

## Greetings from Guam

Hello from Guam!

I have been negligent in updating the St. George's Family on How we are doing since our move. The move right after the Typhoon was a challenge, but we have settled into school and work routines. My squadron is super supportive and Jennifer is actually working remotely for SLUH. The kiddos are all enjoying their new schools, smaller than in Illinois, but still enjoyable.

We joined St John's the Divine on island, and will soon be part of the Hawaii Diocese. Jennifer has started signing in the choir and I am continuing to lay read. John is taking a break from acolyting, but there is a youth group in the church that will be doing some winter activities. The girls and Matty have found their niche in

Sunday School. We are all slowly learning The Lord's Prayer in Chamorro. I have attached a photo of the family in front of the new alter.

I hope this finds you and the rest of St. George's well.

V/R  
The Sinclairs





## Share the Warmth Challenge

In conjunction with the ongoing Prayer Shawl Ministry, St. George's, together with St. Mark, the Share the Warmth Campaign collected blankets, hats, gloves, scarves, mittens, and other warming items for our needy neighbors.

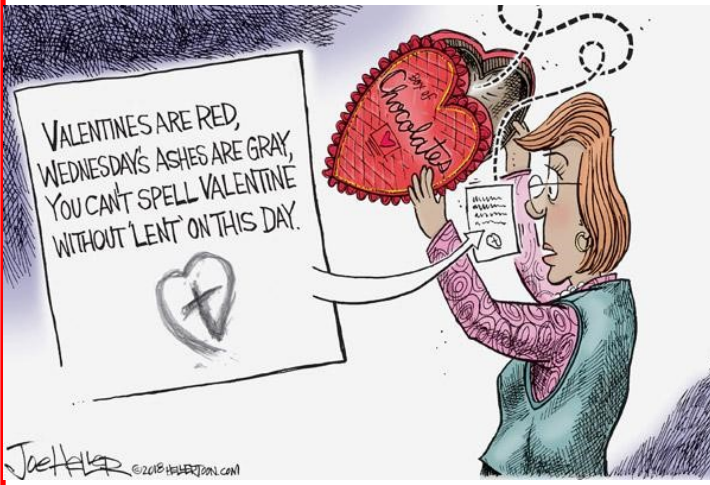


The donations have been beyond expectation. St. George's and St. Mark once again demonstrated generosity for community needs. As of January 14, the donations have included 145 blankets, 169 caps and ear covers, 91 pairs of gloves, 59 scarves, and 95 pairs of socks, and with more than two weeks to go until January 31, the receptacle bin is again overflowing!

Donations have been distributed to Moms on a Mission in Dupo, St. George's/St. Mark Food Pantry, Union Methodist Church Homeless Program, Belleville Christian Center of Southwestern Illinois, St. Clair County Sheriff's Department, Pregnancy Care Center, and Liz's Blessings in a Bag. The past few weeks have been brutally cold. Bless each of you who participated in this program.

A special thank you to Sherri Foppe from St. Mark for arranging and delivering the donations.

## God is Love



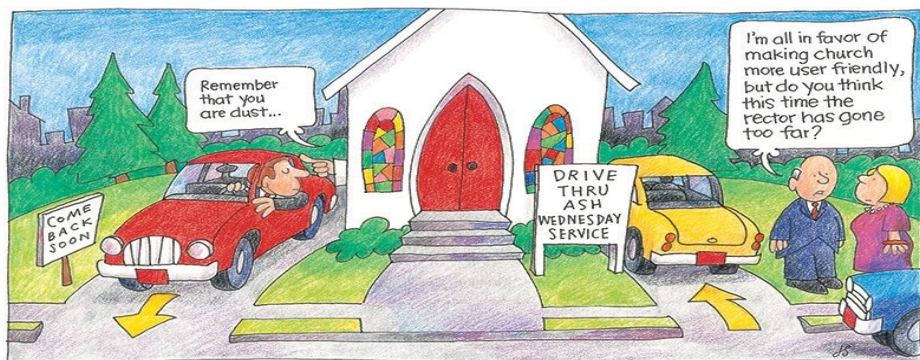
When I put up my new calendar, I looked at the upcoming months for this year. What immediately jumped out at me was Ash Wednesday falling on Valentine's Day. My initial reaction was to start whining about that. But then I started thinking about the hard parts of Valentine's Day.

We have those around us who have lost loved ones, bombarded by hearts and Hallmark, and their cards, all the while with their hearts hurting. There is also the sobering remembrance of the students and staff at Parkland High School in Florida who were killed or

wounded in the shooting in 2018 on Valentine's Day 2018.

But most importantly for us Christians, Valentine's Day IS Ash Wednesday. It IS a day of love. Our Lord is starting His long road of LOVE for us.

So instead of whining this Valentine's Day, I will rejoice in the awe of the love found in the immeasurable love of God.



~~Georgia Script



**Crafts Corps** will meet February 3 and 17 at 11:30 am in the Florence Martin Room. Bring any type of craft project you're working on to enjoy the company and/or advice and assistance of others. Coordinated by Cindy Lynk, 618-288-4439



**Women's Lunch Bunch** meets to learn about Women of the Bible on Mondays at 10:00 am at 4382 Shelfield Ct. Swansea 62226. Contact Judy Skaff: 407-967-2088 or jtskaff@aol.com



**Men's Monday Moanin'** group meets Mondays through February discussing *David, Developing a Heart for God* at 8:00 am in the parish hall. Contact Tom Skaff 810- 394-8203 or tskaff@aol.com

**St. George's Book Club** is going to experiment with a Saturday lunch for Book Club during Lent. Details will be in the bulletin.



**WEDG** (Women's Episcopal Dining Group) will meet for rescheduled LUNCH on Wednesday February 7 at 11:30 am at Longhorn Steakhouse, 6115 North Illinois, Fairview Heights, 618-384-8540. RSVP for headcount to Diane Laedlein via text (618)558-7398 or the church office 618-233-6320

**Agape Ambassadors** Wednesday, February 21 at 5:30-6:30 pm in the Parish Hall . Contact Dawn Jung 618-792-6035 or dawnjung@juno.com



## Blessing Bracelets

The Agape Ambassadors group is in the first stages of making and sharing Blessing Bracelets.

These bracelets are a reminder to offer gratitude for blessings in your life. Whenever you wear, or are drawn to the bracelet, offer a blessing to the Lord as you touch each of the four large beads. These bracelets will be available to anyone wishing a reminder to offer gratitude to the Lord for gifts received or to share with someone who may benefit from lifting gratitude.

If beaded jewelry you no longer wear is cluttering your jewelry box, consider donating to this project. Join us on February 21 or contact Dawn Jung dawnjung@juno.com or 618-792-6035.



One possible style.

Prayer  
Shawl Ministry



## Prayer Shawl Ministry

Participants in the Prayer Shawl Ministry offer the fruits of their knitted, crocheted, quilted, or other works on their own time. The items might be shawls, lap blankets, full afghans, quilts, or scarves, etc. Father Mark gives an individualized and directed blessing on each prayer item after it is completed. Items may be made for a specific person or collected and distributed to someone with a future need. You may want to create a prayer item as part of Craft Corps or on your own. Diane Laedlein coordinates this ministry. (618-558-7398 or dclaidlein@hotmail.com)

love

## Support STEM Programs and Mark Your Calendars for a Fun Night Out!

Who doesn't enjoy a fun evening out? Did you have fun at the Pancake Breakfast at Flight Park in Millstadt? Did you see my enthusiasm talking about my student pilot? You, too, can help support STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) education and Youth Aviation Pilot Training Scholarships!!

### Come Join me for Trivia Night

Saturday March 23, 2024 at the Millstadt VFW Post 7980  
200 S Veterans Dr, Millstadt, IL 62260 (Look for the tank on Highway 158)

The questions will be general enough for non-aviation people to answer!

Fun – Trophy – Cash Prizes - 50/50 – Fun



\$15 per-person / \$110 for a table of 8

Doors Open at 6 p.m., Game Starts at 6:30 p.m.

Register at: [EAACH64Secretary@gmail.com](mailto:EAACH64Secretary@gmail.com)

Or phone @ 618-239-9359 (leave a message)

Food and snacks welcomed, but drinks MUST be purchased on-site (Cash Only; ATM available onsite)

Please help spread the word. For every full St. George's or St. Mark table, I'll give someone at the table a free flight lesson or sightseeing flight.

~~Diane Earhart



## Episcopal Church Camp of Illinois

Mark your calendars now for June 23-29 for the annual Episcopal Church Camp of Illinois. Overnight camp for children going into grades 2 through 12 can enjoy many activities in a Christian community. Activities include water activities, Bible study, nature hikes, singing around the campfire, arts and crafts, and so much more! The Diocese of Springfield with pay one-half of the registration fee for first-time campers. Registration includes six nights and seven days, all meals and snacks, and souvenirs. This is a ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Springfield but campers of any denomination are warmly welcomed.

The purpose of Episcopal Church Camp of Illinois (ECC) is to provide both youth and adult participants with the extraordinary opportunity to live in a Christian community within the environment of the cabins, lakes, and woods. It is ECC's goal that all participants will experience this life in Christ, the particular expressions of which may be somewhat different from what they experience in their home parishes; and that their growth in Christ may be enriched by these experiences. All kids will come home with many memories and renewed excitement about their faith.

Camp Wartburg consists of 124 acres of park-like grounds, wooded trails and recreational fields. Camp Wartburg's mission is to provide Christ-centered outdoor ministries where children, adults and families can experience God and His Creation.

Visit [www.eccillinois.org](http://www.eccillinois.org) to learn more, information about fees, and to register. Katrina at 309-453-9337 will be happy to answer any questions.



## *Financial Information*

<b>ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH</b>			
<b>Income &amp; Expenses for the Year ended December 31, 2023</b>			
<b>Unrestricted/Operating Fund</b>			
	Budget	Actual	Actual
	2023	2023	2022
		Year to Date	Year to Date
Pledges and Plate	220,000	225,813	228,307
Other Income	16,010	16,758	17,511
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>236,010</b>	<b>242,571</b>	<b>245,818</b>
Total Outside Parish	35,402	36,385	33,352
Total Parish Programs	3,700	3,258	2,258
Total Salary/Related	173,510	178,350	188,491
Total Administration	44,869	44,093	51,853
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>257,481</b>	<b>262,086</b>	<b>275,954</b>
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b>(21,471)</b>	<b>(19,515)</b>	<b>(30,136)</b>
Beginning Fund Balance		(171,628)	
Ending Fund Balance		(191,143)	
Checking Account Balance		1,867	

<b>ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH</b>	
Endowment Fund Transactions	
January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023	
2023 Funding from Endowment	30,000
Expenses	
Salary - Choristers Director	2,306
Salary - Nursery	1,467
Salary - Clergy	19,310
Salary - Clergy Coaching	3,500
Christian Education	18
Children's Worship Guides	100
Textbooks & Study Guides	929
Gift Cards for Sunday School Coordinators	200
Vacation Bible School	
Choristers	
Choristers - Annual fee for Royal School of Music	
Scholarships	3,750
Void Check from March, 2020 for speaker never cashed	(200)
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>31,380</b>
<b>Net Funding</b>	<b>(1,380)</b>
Fund Balance - January 1, 2023	4,554
Fund Balance - December 31, 2023	3,174

## *We pray for:*

**Parishioners:** Joan Barnes, Liz Briesacher, Joe Bono, Marilyn Boschert, Margaret Brown, Mickey Cattaneo, Barbara Gates, Marilyn Gillen, Nolan Haefner, Susan Fellner, Mary Vivian Gillispie, Ken Gottschall, Bradley Harmon, Heather Holden, Judy Jacobs, Kevin Korte, Charles Laedlein, Mike Ledden, Susan Magnan, Betty Massey, Mary Mohrman, Kathy Parsons, Frank Rogers, The Rev. Cindy Sever, Jim Stelling, Liz Stelling, Elaine Thebus, Duffy Walters, David Welch, Claudia Zimmermann;

**Family & Friends:** The Auth Family, P.J. Barnett, Helen Blackburn, Jena Breckon, Cheryl Callahan, The Most Rev. Michael Curry, Father Gary Dalmasso, Alex Dieterle, Hunter Dunn, Mike Gross, The Very Rev. Andrew S. Hook, Jennifer Huggins, Adam Jones, Robert Laedlein, Brenda Lee LaMonte, Kim Levick, Diane Lordan, Ann Lowe, Carol Ludwick, Evelyn Marquardt, Annette Milford, Jean O'Neal, Mary Ann Steinkamp, Sue Tarbell, Anita Thomas, Sharon Underwood, Darrell Weigand, Jane Williams, Anne, Jessica, Kim;

**For the people** of the Holy Land, Ukraine, and all victims of war and terrorism;

**For those in service of our country:** Joshua Arbogast, Sean Arbogast, Neal Ballas, Jeff Boschert, Douglas DiCenso, Steven Gates, Daniel Gearhart, Kenneth Gearhart, Dustin Kelley, Dan Kitchell, Eric Lunan, Jacob Marler, Ryan Marler, David Moses, Creighton Worley;

## *We pray for:*

### **February Birthdays**

- 1 Gene Weil
- 5 Betsy Lynk
- 6 Kelsy Maves  
Duffy Walters
- 7 Brian Maves
- 10 Mother Cindy Sever
- 14 Pat Duncan  
Elliott Hoffmann  
Melissa Harden
- 16 Kylie Walters
- 17 Brian Hill  
Ariana Irby
- 18 Michael Harres  
Claudia Zimmermann
- 19 Charles Laedlein

## ***We Pray For:***

### ***More February Birthdays:***

23 Nolan Haefner  
24 Diane Earhart  
25 Everett Irby

### ***February Anniversaries:***

5 Ed & Cindy Lynk  
27 Charles & Diane Laedlein

***Congratulations to :*** Willow Welborn for her successful gymnastic competition (see page 7).

Please send your achievements and good news to earhart500@aol.com or the church office. Your church family wants to acknowledge your accomplishments.



## **Sunday Schedule**

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Spoken)  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School and  
Adult Forum  
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Sung)

## **Office Hours —105 East D Street**

Monday - Friday  
9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
stgeorgeoffice@sbcglobal.net  
618-233-6320

# **Saint George's Episcopal Church**

## **Head of the Church**

Jesus, the Christ

## **Bishop of the Diocese of Springfield**

The Rt. Rev. Brian K. Burgess

## **Priest-in-Charge**

The Very Rev. Mark W. Ohlemeier

## **Senior Warden**

TBD

## **Junior Warden**

TBD

## **Treasurer**

Brian Maves

## **Music Director**

Nancy S. Ypma, D.Mus.

## **Parish Administrator**

Henry Evans

## **Sexton**

Gary Huffman

## **Nursery Attendant**

Kendra Hargan

## **Sunday School Coordinator**

vacant

## **Rector Emeritus**

The Rev. Canon Elliot H. Blackburn

## **Vestry**

### ***Class of 2025***

Sarah Bender  
Ken Gottschall  
Angela Kammann

### ***Class of 2026***

Maryann Fernandez  
Joe Hooten  
Craig Jesenick

### ***Class of 2027***

David Buckley  
Steve Skaff  
Sue Vaughn

Diane Earhart, Clerk

## **After Hours Emergencies**

Father Mark: 785-220-5528

# SAINT GEORGE'S CALENDAR

# February 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4 EPIPHANY 5 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:15 am Christian Formation 10:30 am Holy Eucharist 6:00 pm Girl Scouts	5 8:00 am Monday Moanin' 8:30 am Meals on Wheels 10:00 am Lunch Bunch	6 8:30 am Meals on Wheels 4:00 pm OSL	7 8:30 am Meals on Wheels 10:30 am Joint Use Comm. 11:30 am WEDG at Longhorn 3:00 pm Cursillo Reunion 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	8 6:30 pm Vestry	9 5:00 pm Cursillo Retreat 5:30 pm Evening Prayer	10 8:00 am Cursillo Retreat 9:00 am Food Pantry
11 LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:15 am Christian Formation 10:30 am Holy Eucharist 12 pm Super Bowl Chili Sales	12 8:00 am Monday Moanin' 8:30 am Meals on Wheels 10:00 am Lunch Bunch	13 8:30 am Meals on Wheels 5:30 pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper	14 ASH WEDNESDAY 8:30 am Meals on Wheels 9:30 am Liturgy of Ash Wed. 3:00 pm Cursillo Reunion 7:00 pm Liturgy of Ash Wed. Choir Rehearsal follows the Ash Wed. evening service.	15	16 5:30 pm Evening Prayer	17 9:00 am Food Pantry 11:30 am Crafts Corps
18 LENT 1 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:15 am Christian Formation 10:30 am Holy Eucharist 6:00 pm Girl Scouts	19 8:00 am Monday Moanin' 8:30 am Meals on Wheels 10:00 am Lunch Bunch	20 8:30 am Meals on Wheels 6:30 pm Toddhall Board	21 8:30 am Meals on Wheels 3:00 pm Cursillo Reunion 5:30 pm Agape Ambassadors 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	22 6:00 pm Lenten Soup Supper	23 5:30 pm Evening Prayer	24 9:00 am Food Pantry
25 LENT 2 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:15 am Christian Formation 10:30 am Holy Eucharist	26 8:00 am Monday Moanin' 8:30 am Meals on Wheels 10:00 am Lunch Bunch	27 8:30 am Meals on Wheels	28 8:30 am Meals on Wheels 3:00 pm Cursillo Reunion 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	29 6:00 pm Lenten Soup Supper		

# Ministry Schedule

# February 2024

## February 4 Epiphany 5

**Readings**  
 Isaiah 40:21-31  
 1 Corinthians 9:16-23  
 Mark 1:29-39  
 Psalm 147:1-12, 21c

**8:00 a.m.**  
 Lector Bradley Harmon  
 Prayers of the People Duffy Walters  
 Chalice Bearers Joe Bono  
 Bradley Harmon  
 Prayer Team Becky Korte  
 Acolyte Joe Bono  
 Coffee Hour David Buckley  
 Diane Earhart

**10:30 a.m.**  
 Lectors (OT) Marti Evans  
 (NT) Kim Miller  
 Prayers of the People Cindy Lynk  
 Chalice Bearers Brian Maves  
 Betsy Rogers

Prayer Team Vicki Hall  
 Sharon Lavelly  
 Acolyte Katie Kammann  
 Eliza Kammann  
 Altar Guild Team 1  
 Counters Steve King  
 TBA  
 Coffee Hour Sarah Bender  
 Nolan Haefner  
 Nursery

## February 11 Last Sunday after the Epiphany

**Readings**  
 2 Kings 2:1-12  
 2 Corinthians 4:3-6  
 Mark 9:2-9  
 Psalm 50:1-6

**8:00 a.m.**  
 Lector Duffy Walters  
 Prayers of the People Joe Bono  
 Chalice Bearers Joe Bono  
 David Buckley  
 Prayer Team Becky Korte  
 Acolyte Joe Bono  
 Coffee Hour David Buckley  
 Diane Earhart

**10:30 a.m.**  
 Lectors (OT) Brian Maves  
 (NT) Dawn Jung  
 Prayers of the People Vicki Hall  
 Chalice Bearers Cindy Lynk  
 Craig Jesenick

Prayer Team Vicki Hall  
 Bob Vaughn  
 Acolyte Noa Welborn  
 Ari Welborn  
 Altar Guild Team 2  
 Counters Nolan Haefner  
 Duffy Walters  
 Coffee Hour Brian Maves  
 Nursery

## February 14 Ash Wednesday

**Joint services with St. Mark**

**Readings**  
 Joel 2:1-2,12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12  
 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10  
 Matthew 6:1-6,16-21  
 Psalm 103 or 103:8-14

**9:30 a.m.**  
 Lector TBD

**7:00 p.m.**  
 Lector TBD  
 Eucharistic Minister TBD

## February 18 Lent 1

**Readings**  
 Genesis 9:8-17  
 1 Peter 3:18-22  
 Mark 1:9-15  
 Psalm 25:1-9

**8:00 a.m.**  
 Lector Diane Earhart  
 Prayers of the People Duffy Walters  
 Chalice Bearers Joe Bono  
 Duffy Walters  
 Prayer Team Becky Korte  
 Acolyte Joe Bono  
 Coffee Hour David Buckley  
 Diane Earhart

**10:30 a.m.**  
 Lectors (OT) Angela Kammann  
 (NT) Craig Jesenick  
 Prayers of the People Gene Hart  
 Chalice Bearers Marti Evans  
 Claudia Zimmermann

Prayer Team Sharon Lavelly  
 Dawn Jung  
 Acolyte Finn Hart  
 Altar Guild Team 3  
 Counters Sarah Bender  
 Ken Gottschall  
 Coffee Hour Elizabeth Winchester  
 Nursery

**February 25**

**Lent 2**

**Readings**

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Romans 4:13-25

Mark 8:31-38

Psalm 22:22-30

**8:00 a.m.**

Lector

Steve King

Prayers

of the People

Diane Earhart

Chalice Bearers

Joe Bono

Diane Earhart

Prayer Team

Becky Korte

Acolyte

Joe Bono

Coffee Hour

David Buckley

Diane Earhart

**10:30 a.m.**

Lectors (OT) Claudia Zimmermann

(NT) Lisa Yearian

Prayers of

the People

Besty Rogers

Chalice Bearers

Cindy Lynk

Gene Hart

Prayer Team

Bob Vaughn

Dawn Jung

Acolyte

Claire Skaff

Sam Skaff

Altar Guild

Team 4

Counters

Maryann Fernandez

Vicki Hall

Coffee Hour

Maryann Fernandez

Barbara Miller



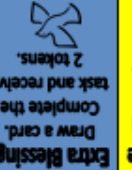
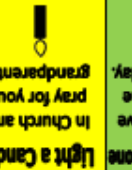
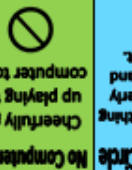
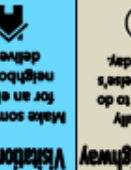
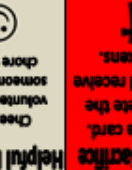
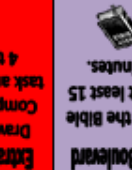



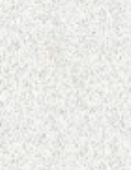
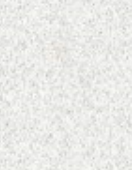
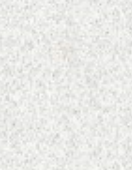
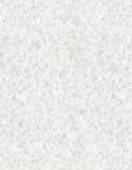
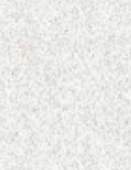
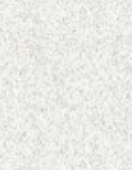
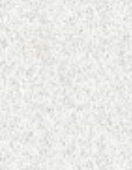
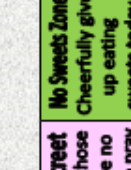

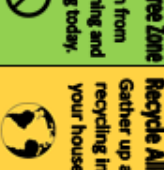
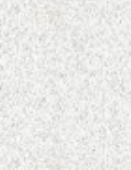


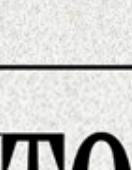

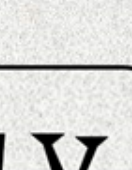
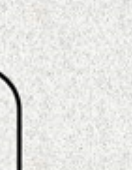
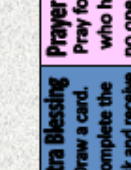

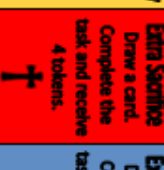
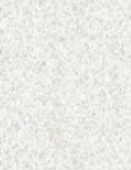



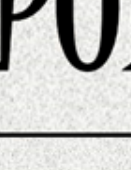

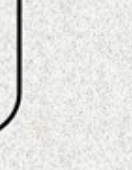
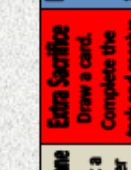
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# The Standard

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## LENTOPOLY

 <p><b>Confession</b>                  15                  Complete the task and receive 15 tokens.</p>	 <p><b>Rosary Road</b>                  Pray a decade of the rosary.</p>	 <p><b>Extra Blessing</b>                  Draw a card. Complete the task and receive 2 tokens.</p>	 <p><b>Light a Candle</b>                  In Church and pray for your grandparents.</p>	 <p><b>No Computer Zone</b>                  Cheerfully give up playing the computer today.</p>	 <p><b>Visitation Circle</b>                  Make something for an elderly neighbor and deliver it.</p>	 <p><b>Helpful Highway</b>                  Cheerfully volunteer to do someone else's chore today.</p>	 <p><b>Extra Sacrifice</b>                  Draw a card. Complete the task and receive 4 tokens.</p>	 <p><b>Bible Boulevard</b>                  Read the Bible for at least 15 minutes.</p>	 <p><b>FREE PARKING</b></p>
 <p><b>Light a Candle</b>                  In Church and pray for your siblings.</p>	 <p><b>Whine Free Zone</b>                  Refrain from complaining and whining today.</p>	 <p><b>Recycle Alley</b>                  Gather up all recycling in your house.</p>	 <p><b>Extra Sacrifice</b>                  Draw a card. Complete the task and receive 4 tokens.</p>	 <p><b>Extra Blessing</b>                  Draw a card. Complete the task and receive 2 tokens.</p>	 <p><b>Priest Place</b>                  Pray for your priest today.</p>	 <p><b>Visitation View</b>                  Make something for an elderly neighbor and deliver it.</p>	 <p><b>Light a Candle</b>                  In Church and pray for your parents.</p>	 <p><b>Extra Sacrifice</b>                  Draw a card. Complete the task and receive 4 tokens.</p>	 <p><b>Scripture Street</b>                  Read the Bible for at least 15 minutes.</p>
 <p><b>No Sweets Zone</b>                  Cheerfully give up eating sweets today.</p>	 <p><b>Prayer Street</b>                  Pray for those who have no one to pray for them.</p>	 <p><b>Extra Blessing</b>                  Draw a card. Complete the task and receive 2 tokens.</p>	 <p><b>Extra Sacrifice</b>                  Draw a card. Complete the task and receive 4 tokens.</p>	 <p><b>Complement Lane</b>                  Complement a family member 3 times today.</p>	 <p><b>Light a Candle</b>                  In Church and pray for your grandparents.</p>	 <p><b>Light a Candle</b>                  In Church and pray for your parents.</p>	 <p><b>No TV Zone</b>                  Cheerfully give up watching TV today.</p>	 <p><b>Saving Way</b>                  Pick up trash in your neighborhood.</p>	 <p><b>Decade Drive</b>                  Pray a decade of the rosary.</p>
 <p><b>Go with God</b>                  Grace and receive 2 tokens.</p>	 <p><b>Light a Candle</b>                  In Church and pray for your parents.</p>	 <p><b>Extra Sacrifice</b>                  Draw a card. Complete the task and receive 4 tokens.</p>	 <p><b>Scripture Street</b>                  Read the Bible for at least 15 minutes.</p>	 <p><b>No TV Zone</b>                  Cheerfully give up watching TV today.</p>	 <p><b>Saving Way</b>                  Pick up trash in your neighborhood.</p>	 <p><b>Decade Drive</b>                  Pray a decade of the rosary.</p>	 <p><b>Extra Blessing</b>                  Draw a card. Complete the task and receive 2 tokens.</p>	 <p><b>Go To Confession</b></p>	