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WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH!

Our Vision: Rooted in Baptism. Growing in Faith. Branching Out into the World.

This bulletin contains all the information you need to worship with us today. Learn more about St. Mark's Episcopal Church, our ministry and mission, the Diocese of Chicago, and the Episcopal Church in the United States by visiting our website at www.stmarksglenellyn.org.



PASTORAL CARE & PRAYER LIST

The parish prayer list is updated weekly, and names are always welcome to be added. If you or someone you know has a pastoral care need, St. Mark's is here to help.

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WELCOME VISITORS AND GUESTS!

We'd like to get to know you!

We hope that you feel truly welcome and at home at St. Mark's.

Please fill out the Welcome Card in the pew or scan the QR code to complete the "Visitors and Guests Form."



If you have questions, please speak with the clergy or ushers. You may also call the office at any time at 630-858-1020, and we will be happy to help you in any way we can.

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OPENING VOLUNTARY

THE ENTRANCE RITE

Stand as able when the bell is rung

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Hymnal 200



1 Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!
2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ hath burst his pri - son,
3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,
4 Nei - ther might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,



God hath brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness:
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath ris - en;
with the roy - al feast of feasts, comes its joy to ren - der;
nor the watch - ers, nor the seal hold thee as a mor - tal:



loosed from Pha - raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,
all the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing
comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion
but to - day a - midst thine own thou didst stand, be - stow - ing



led them with un - mois - tened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
from his light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.
wel - comes in un - wear - ied strains Je - sus' re - sur - rec - tion.
that thy peace which ev - er - more pass - eth hu - man know - ing.

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COLLECT *for* PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Mass of St. Thomas | David Thorne

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God,

heav'n - ly King, al - migh - ty God and Fath - er, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks we—

praise you for your glo - ry. Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the

high - est. Lord, Je - sus Christ, On - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us,

You are sea - ted at the right hand of the Fa - ther, re - ceive our prayer.

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est. For you a - lone are the

Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, You a - lone are the Most High,

Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est.

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THE LITURGY *of* THE WORD

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover my flesh will live in hope.

For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

“Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

‘He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption.’

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

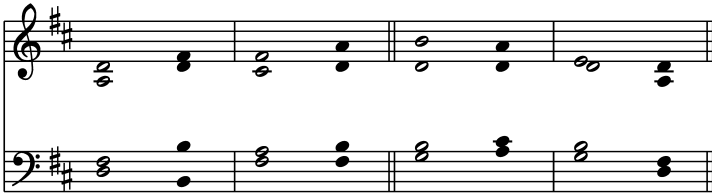
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE

Psalm 16 *Conserva me, Domine*

Verses in **bold** are sung by the Congregation



- 1 Protect me, O God, for I take /refuge in you; *
I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all /other."
- 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the /land, *
upon those who are noble among the /people.
- 3 But those who run after other /gods ***
shall have their troubles /multiplied.
- 4 Their libations of blood I will not /offer, ***
nor take the names of their gods upon my /lips.
- 5 O Lord, you are my portion and my /cup; *
it is you who uphold my /lot.
- 6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant /land; *
indeed, I have a goodly /heritage.
- 7 I will bless the Lord who gives me /counsel; ***
my heart teaches me, night after /night.
- 8 I have set the Lord always be/fore me; ***
because he is at my right hand, I shall not /fall.
- 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit re/joices; *
my body also shall rest in /hope.
- 10 For you will not abandon me to the /grave, *
nor let your holy one see the /Pit.
- †11 You will show me the path of /life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for /evermore.

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith-- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Holy Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Festival Alleluia | *James J. Chepponis*

The refrain is sung by the choir and repeated by all.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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THE GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

Clergy
People

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glorify to you, Lord Christ.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to

them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Gospel Acclamation is repeated.

THE SERMON

The Rev. George D. Smith, *Rector*

THE LITURGY OF HOLY BAPTISM

THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE

The Officiant says

The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents

I present Sarah Catherine Zwolan to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Parents and Godparents

I present George Roy Skura to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Officiant asks the parents and Godparents

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Officiant

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

The Officiant addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these children in their lives in Christ?

People **We will.**

The Officiant then says

Let us renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Officiant Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Officiant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is**

seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Officiant
People

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Officiant
People

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
I will, with God's help.

Officiant
People

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
I will, with God's help.

Officiant
People

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
I will, with God's help.

Officiant
People

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
I will, with God's help.

Officiant
People

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
I will, with God's help.

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE

The Celebrant then says

Let us now pray for Sarah Zwolan and George Skura who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader
People

Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader
People

Open their hearts to your grace and truth.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader
People

Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader
People

Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader As we pray for peace in the world, send them into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

As the water is poured, the Officiant continues

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

The candidate is presented to the Officiant who then pours water upon the candidate

Sarah, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Sarah, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

George, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

George, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.
Amen.

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them inquiring and discerning hearts, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.
Amen.

The baptismal candle is lit from the paschal flame and presented to the Godparents.

The Officiant says

Receive the light of Christ.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.



ANNOUNCEMENTS & THE OFFERING

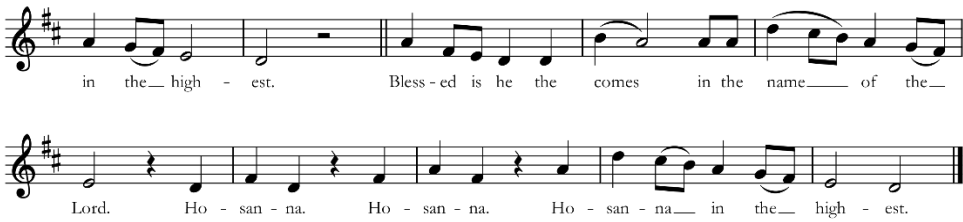
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THE LITURGY of THE TABLE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

If We Believe that Jesus Died | *Sir John Goss*

If we believe that Jesus died and rose again,
even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.
Wherefore comfort one another with these words. *1 Thessalonians 4*



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Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

- Christ has died.**
- Christ is risen.**
- Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Officiant continues

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
 be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
 dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
 as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
 us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
 from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
 and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

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The Officiant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

AGNUS DEI

Mass of St. Thomas | David Thorne

Lamb of God; you take a-way the sin of the
 Lamb of God; you take a-way the
 sin of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of

God; you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us.
world: Grant us peace.

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The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

ALL ARE WELCOME
TO RECEIVE THE HOLY COMMUNION

*Join in one of the two lines to receive communion. Gluten free hosts are available upon request.
Please dispose of the serving cup on the nearby tray.*

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Be not a-fraid; sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le-lu-ia!
Be not a-fraid; sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le-lu-ia!

Intended for repeated singing like other chants from the Taizé Community, this text began in Czech as "Nebojte se." The English version uses the language of the angel's greeting to Mary Magdalene and "the other Mary," who went to Jesus' tomb on Easter morning (Matthew 28:5-6).

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BE NOT AFRAID
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Hymnal 201



1 On earth has dawned this day of days, where on the
 2 At ear - ly morn, with spi - ces rare, the wo - men
 3 "Whom seek ye here?" the an - gel said; "The Lord is
 4 So let our songs to hea - ven wing, the vault with



faith - ful give God praise! For Christ is ris - en from the tomb,
 three as - sem - bled there, all to a - noint fair Ma - ry's Son,
 ris - en from the dead; see where he lay; let joy be - gin,
 al - le - lu - ias ring, in praise of Christ, our ris - en Lord;



and light and joy have con - quered doom. Al - le - lu - ia!
 who o - ver death had vic - tory won. Al - le - lu - ia!
 the tomb is emp - ty: en - ter in!" Al - le - lu - ia!
 new life to all he doth af - ford. Al - le - lu - ia!

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 Music: *Erschienen ist der herrlich Tag*, melody Nikolaus Hermann (1480?-1561); harm. *Hymnal 1982*.

Hymnal 187



1 Through the Red Sea brought at last, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Like the cloud that o - ver - head, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 In that cloud and in that sea, Al - le - lu - ia!



E - gypt's chains be - hind we cast, Al - le - lu - ia! Deep and wide
 through the bil - lows Is - rael led, Al - le - lu - ia! by his tomb
 bur - ied and bap - tized were we, Al - le - lu - ia! Earth - ly night



flows the tide sev - ering us from bond - age past, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ makes room, souls re - stor - ing from the dead, Al - le - lu - ia!
 brought us light which is ours e - ter - nal - ly, Al - le - lu - ia!

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ADDITIONAL COMMUNION HYMNS

Hymnal 193: That Easter day with joy was bright

Hymnal 192: This joyful Eastertide

BIRTHDAY BLESSING

Watch over your servant(s), O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their heart may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

Hymnal 210

1 The day of re - sur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;
2 Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right
3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin,

the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.
the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of re - sur - rec - tion light;
the round world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;

From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,
and, lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear so calm and plain
let all things seen and un - seen their notes to - geth - er blend,

our Christ hath brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
his own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.
for Christ the Lord is ris - en, our joy that hath no end.

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THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

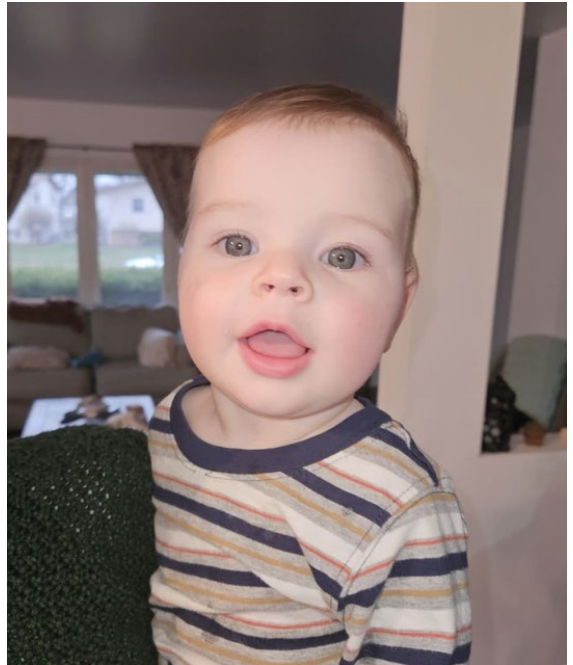
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*Congratulations to
Sarah Catherine Zwolan and George Roy Skura
Our baptismal candidates at today’s 10:30 am service!*



LOOKING AHEAD

April

15	Wed	12:00 pm – 12:30 pm	Midweek Eucharist
18	Sat	10:00 am – 4:00 pm	Sacred Ground Field Trip
18	Sat	12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Meals to Go
21	Tue	7:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Vestry Meeting
22	Wed	6:30 pm – 8:00 pm	Youth Night
22	Wed	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Holding the Light – Dementia Group
23	Thur	6:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Community Dinner
23	Thurs	7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Confirmation Rehearsal
24	Fri	6:30 pm – 9:00 pm	The Well Artist Reception & Talk
26	Sun	11:00 am	Bishop visit, confirmations and celebration

May

3	Sun	2:00 pm	Crop Hunger Walk
3	Sun	6:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Evensong for Eastertide
6	Wed	12:00 pm – 12:30 pm	Midweek Eucharist
16	Sat	9:00 am – 2:30 pm	Anti Racism Training
26	Sun	11:00 am Combined Service	Celebration Sunday

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2026 Appalachia Service Project Trip June 6 – June 13

Come join us on the St. Mark's Appalachia Service Project trip this summer! Open to youth (finishing 8th grade and older) and adults.

ASP helps residents of Appalachia live in warmer, safer, and drier homes.

All you need is a willingness to serve others. No special construction skills are needed. It's a fun trip where you serve others, learn about Appalachia's stunning beauty and unique culture, and learn something about yourself.

The cost for the last couple of years has been zero because we have raised enough funds with the flower sale, and we anticipate that it will be the same this year. We don't have our exact location yet, but we have expressed a preference for Eastern Kentucky.

Contact John Zelman if you are interested or have questions: jzelman86@gmail.com or 630-854-0301.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Feeling Called to be Received into the Episcopal Church?

The Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago, Paula Clark will be visiting St. Mark's on **Sunday, April 26** and presiding at a special 11 am, bilingual service. This will be a wonderful opportunity for those who wish to be formally received into the Episcopal Church or confirmed.



If you have been wanting to claim the Episcopal Church as your spiritual identity, please contact **Fr. George** for more details at rector@stmarksigenellyn.org / 630-858-1020, ext 222.

Volunteer with St. Mark's Members Northern Illinois Food Bank Saturday, April 25, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Volunteer with St. Marks members at Northern Illinois Food Bank to help pack food for local food pantries.

Next volunteer shifts are Saturday, April 25th – 9am – 12pm. Sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/2z6zazk9>



Questions? Contact Hester at hesterbury@gmail.com.

CROP Hunger Walk - Sunday May 3rd

Join St. Marks CROP Walk team as we join with other Glen Ellyn and Wheaton churches to raise funds and awareness for global and local hunger. We will walk a 3-mile route starting at the Glen House Snack Center at 800 N. Roosevelt Road. More information at this link:

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/chw/team/st-marks-episcopal-2>

Questions - Hester Bury - hesterbury@gmail.com



ST. MARK'S COMMUNITY DINNER & BINGO



Thursday
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
April 23

A vibrant, colorful illustration of a tropical rainforest scene. In the center, a waterfall cascades down a rocky ledge. To the left, a man in a blue shirt is holding a large red and blue parrot. The background is filled with lush green foliage, palm trees, and a bright sunburst effect on the right. A wooden sign in the upper left corner reads "St. Mark's Vacation Bible School!". The main title "RAINFOREST FALLS" is written in large, stylized green and blue letters, with "Exploring the Nature of God" written below it on a wooden plank. At the bottom, there are two QR codes, one labeled "Registration" and one labeled "Payment".

St. Mark's
Vacation Bible
School!

RAINFOREST FALLS

Exploring the Nature of God

July 13-17, 2026
9:00am - 12:00pm
\$100 per Child / \$200 Family Maximum

Register Today!

Registration

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RECEPTION AT

ST. MARK'S

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

6:30 - 9:00PM

7:15PM ARTIST TALK



csjthewell.org

The Sisters Artists of St. Joseph affirm the power of the arts to heal, bring beauty, transform consciousness, and to catalyze justice and systemic change. We believe our art expresses the universal human experience, recognizing that the arts comfort us, amplify our voices, and invite both contemplation and action.

**Save the Date for
CELEBRATION
SUNDAY**

April 26

**One service, bilingual
11 a.m.**

**Refreshments to follow
in Mahon Hall**

*On the Feast Day of St Mark the
Evangelist, we have much to
celebrate!*

- Large confirmation class
- Bishop visit
- Father George's 20th anniversary
as rector

*Mark your calendars and stay tuned - more
information to come!*



In honor of Fr. George's 20 years of faithful service at St. Mark's, we invite you to make a celebratory gift. Your donation will directly support causes close to Fr. George's heart, to help St. Mark's continued growth as a faith community.

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Sacred Ground - St. Mark's Social Justice Group

Sacred Ground explores issues of Race and Faith – All are welcome!

St. Mark's Sacred Ground Group is a continuation of a program developed by the National Episcopal Church to explore the intersection of race and faith. All are encouraged to join the journey this year as we increase our awareness and work to become agents of change in our church, our communities, and the world.

Saturday, April 18 Field Trip from St. Mark's (back-up date...April 25)

42nd Chicago Latino Film Festival is scheduled for April 16-27, 2026. Films have not yet been selected or scheduled. Save the date—Saturday, April 18, 2026, as we travel into Chicago for one or more films. More info soon.

Tuesday, April 28 Monthly Meeting Library 7:30 - 9:00 pm

Questions? Contact Joyce Fletcher at joyce@stmarksglenellyn.org

Start Your Day in Prayer – on Zoom

If you are looking for a simple and meaningful way to begin your mornings, join St. Mark's **Morning Prayer on Zoom** every Monday, Tuesday, and Friday at 8:30 am. Morning Prayer is a brief, 20-minute service of prayers and scripture that is available to you from the comfort of your own home. All are welcome!

- **When:** Mondays, Tuesdays, & Fridays at 8:30 am
 - **Where:** Zoom (Meeting ID: **483 170 780**)
 - **Questions:** Contact George Smith at rector@stmarksglenellyn.org | 630-858-1020, ext. 222
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The St. Mark's Forum

9:30 am – 10:20 am, Library
In person & on Zoom

Fellowship and lifelong learning for adults and youth are the hallmarks of St. Mark's Forum. Connect with your friends and make new friends, as we explore a variety of topics relating to the St. Mark's Vision—Rooted in Baptism, Growing in Faith, Reaching Out into the World.

No commitment or rsvp is required. Come when you are able or interested in the topic. Join in the community learning and sharing at the St. Mark's Forum.

April 12 Making Peace with the Bible: Jacob and Esau Lindsey Paris-Lopez

Continuing last year's series on making peace with stories from scripture that have sometimes been subjected to violent interpretations, Lindsey Paris-Lopez will facilitate a discussion on Jacob and Esau. Stories of Abraham's descendants have historically been misappropriated to imply continual enmity between Arabs and Jews, or Judaism and Christianity on the one hand and Islam on the other. But the story of these long-estranged brothers actually ends in reconciliation. A particularly timely tale for a world in the throes of conflict yearning for mercy and peace!

April 19 Making Peace with the Bible: Joseph's Story Lindsey Paris-Lopez

There's much more to Joseph than his Technicolor Dreamcoat. This final section of Genesis is among the most dramatic in scripture, taking us on a journey from jealousy and betrayal to forgiveness and reconciliation. Lindsey Paris-Lopez will facilitate a conversation about Joseph's story as a prefiguration of the story of the Prodigal Son and, ultimately, of a wayward humanity's reconciliation with God.

April 26 Confirmation Sunday (Mahon Hall) Bishop Paula Clark

Bishop Clark is meeting with those being confirmed or received and their families and sponsors in Mahon Hall. All are welcome.

May 3 Spirituality in America Deacon Miguel Briones

For many people, being spiritual means observing rituals, studying texts, and attending religious services—well, religiously. For others, it is not at all a question of traditional structures or notions of God. What is spirituality for you in these times?

For more information about the St. Mark's Forum, contact Joyce Fletcher at joyce@stmarksglenellyn.org

Anti-Racism Training
Saturday, May 16, 2026
9 am - 2:30 pm



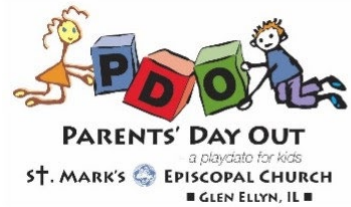
Do you want to gain insight into your own biases and beliefs? This Anti-Racism training, designed and led by members of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago Anti-Racism Commission, is designed for St. Markers to challenge our biases and attitudes, teach about the history of racism in our country, and look at ways forward. Lunch is included. **Spots are limited!**

Please reserve your spot by contacting Joyce Fletcher at joyce@stmarksglenellyn.org

PARENTS' DAY OUT (PDO)

Register for St. Mark's Parents Day Out (PDO)

PDO offers care for children between the ages of 2 and 4+. A child can be registered for one or two days per week, and a substitute list is available for all days. PDO's program year runs mid-September to mid-May, Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. PDO's summer program is Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays during the months June and July.



St. Mark's PDO registration will begin on April 7th. Applications can be found on the St. Mark's website: <https://www.stmarksglenellyn.org/parents-day-out> and in the church office. Applications are due in-person on the dates listed below.

Registration Dates for the 2026-2027 School Year:

- Tuesday, April 7, 2026, for **St. Mark's Parishioners, Returning PDO Families, & St. Mark's Preschool Families.**
- Registration begins on Monday, April 13 for **New Families.**

Registration for the 2026 Summer Session (Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays in June and July, 9 am to 12 pm):

- Monday, April 20th

For more information, contact PDO Director Katie Anderson pdokatie@gmail.com.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Welcome to St. Mark's Sunday School!

The Sunday School Program Includes:

Nursery For infants through 3 years of age during all services (8:30 am, 10:30 am and 1 pm).

8:30 a.m. Godly Play Sunday School for ages 4 and older.

10:15 a.m. Sunday School is offered for ages 4 and older.

- 10:15 - Gather in Mahon Hall for a greeting, song and music.
- 10:30 - Classrooms for Pre K, K – 1st, 2nd & 3rd, 4th and 5th.
- 2nd half of Church service --Worship with parents with participation at the altar.



Volunteering:

Please sign-up to be a classroom volunteers (adults over 18) or a youth assistants (junior high/high school students). This is a fun, easy opportunity for EVERYONE to help the St. Mark's children grow in their faith! Volunteer to sign-up for ONE hour 4 times per year (though you are welcome to teach MORE than 4 times if you like!). Everything you need to lead the class will be clear and provided to you. Sign up using the QR code to the right.



BIBLE STUDY

Welcome to the Tuesday Bible Study! We are studying 1st Corinthians.

St. Mark's offers a Bible study led by Fr. George on Tuesday mornings on Zoom from 9 am to 10:30 am. We are at the beginning of 1st Corinthians.

The Zoom ID is: 483-170-780. This Bible study begins with people logging in between 9 am and 9:30 am. After check-ins and conversation, we pray at 9:30 am and then read and discuss a chapter of the text. Questions? Please contact Fr. George at 630-858-1020, ext. 222 or by email at rector@stmarksglenellyn.org.

ST. MARK'S PRAYERS FOR THE STATES OF MEXICO

Branching Out Into The World

At St. Mark's our Vision statement is, "*Rooted in Baptism, Growing in Faith, Branching Out into the World.*" Today in the prayers of the people, we are praying for the Mexican state of Zacatecas.



- Capital: Zacatecas
- Information: A state in north-central Mexico, Zacatecas is renowned for its rich silver mining history and the stunning pink-stone colonial architecture of its capital city, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

OUTREACH

St. Mark's Community Dinner

The St. Mark's Monthly Community Dinner is held on the 4th Thursdays of each month from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm in Mahon Hall. Everyone is Welcome! Upcoming dates are: April 23 and May 28.

St. Mark's Meals to Go

St. Mark's hosts a Meals to Go on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of every month from 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm. Meals will be available to pick up at St. Mark's at the Hillside entrance. Everyone is Welcome! The Winter / Spring 2026 Saturday dates for Meals to Go are: April 18, May 2 & 16, June 6 & 20.

How to Support the Glen House Food Pantry

You may drop off your donations to Glen House Food Pantry at 55 N. Park Blvd., or you may bring them to St. Mark's and put them in the shopping cart inside the front door, and we will make sure your donations get to the Food Pantry.

Items this week: Canned Kidney Beans / Canned Broth (Low Sodium), Diced Tomatoes, Boxed Granola Bars (Low Sugar), Bagged Flavored Rice & Noodles / Macaroni & Cheese, Relish, Olives & Pickles, and Sauces: Soy, Teriyaki, & Taco.

Call the Pantry at (630) 469-6988 if you need to arrange another drop off time. Any questions, please contact St. Mark's representative to the Food Pantry, Joyce Frawley, at (630) 476-5655.

YOUTH NEWS

Next Youth Night, Wednesday April 22, 2026 6:30 – 8 pm in Lehman Parlor and the Game Room

Come to Youth Night on Wednesday, April 22! We only have one more Youth Night scheduled this school year! We will be eating pizza, playing games, and talking about how Jesus' life and teaching apply to our lives. Meet in Lehman Parlor. All youth in 6th - 12th grade are invited to attend Youth Nights. **Bring your friends!**



Remaining Youth Night – May 6

Tuesday evening Teen Bible Study

Come to St. Mark's on Tuesdays from 5 – 6 p.m. for a teen-led Bible Study, meeting in the Teen Room (also known as Lehman Parlor). We're going to look at how to spread God's love as a teen. Bring your Bible if you have one. We'll have plenty on hand. Hope to see you there.

For more information, contact Joyce Fletcher at joyce@stmarksglenellyn.org



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Luna Ortega-Huizenga

Rick and Beth Quoss

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Lydia Schulz

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- *In thanksgiving for our 21st Easter at St. Mark's*

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Route “Flute” 66



A Musical Cross Country Concert

Saturday, April 18, 2026 3pm

St. Mark’s Episcopal Church

393 N Main, Glen Ellyn IL 60137

Presented by

the

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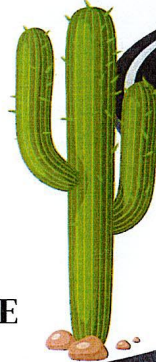
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