



ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

GLEN ELLYN

“Only when we are brave enough
to explore the darkness will we
discover the infinite power of our
light.”

—Brené Brown

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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

Prelude and Fugue in C minor | *J.S. Bach*

THE ENTRANCE RITE

Stand as able when the altar party enters

OPENING HYMN

Hymnal 495



1 Hail, thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, thou Gal - i -
 2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, all our sins on
 3 Je - sus, hail! en - throned in glo - ry, there for ev - er
 *4 Wor - ship, hon - or, power, and bless - ing thou art wor - thy



le - an King! Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us;
 thee were laid: by al - might - y love a - noint - ed,
 to a - bide; all the heaven - ly hosts a - dore thee,
 to re - ceive; high - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing,



thou didst free sal - va - tion bring. Hail, thou u - ni - ver - sal
 thou hast full a - tone - ment made. All thy peo - ple are for -
 seat - ed at thy Fa - ther's side. There for sin - ners thou art
 right it is for us to give. Help, ye bright an - gel - ic



Sa - vior, bear - er of our sin and shame! By thy mer - it
 giv - en through the vir - tue of thy blood: o - pened is the
 plead - ing: there thou dost our place pre - pare; ev - er for us
 spi - rits, all your no - blest an - thems raise; help to sing our



we find fa - vor: life is giv - en through thy Name
 gate of hea - ven, re - con - ciled are we with God.
 in - ter - ced - ing, till in glo - ry we ap - pear.
 Sa - vior's mer - its, help to chant Em - man - uel's praise!

Words: John Bakewell (1721-1819) and Martin Madan (1726-1790), alt. Music: *In Babilone*, melody from *Oude en Nieuwe
 Hollandse Boerenliedes en Conradanseu*, 1710; harm. Roy. F. Kehl (b. 1935).

Officiant
People

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
God's mercy endures forever.

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. *Hebrews 4:14,16*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Please kneel or be seated

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE KYRIE

Hymnal S 91

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Music: From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880-1968). By permission of Oxford University Press.

Please stand as able

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST LESSON

1 Samuel 16:1-13

A reading from the first book of Samuel.

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the

spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE

Sung by the Choir

Psalm 23 *Dominus regit me*

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Gloria Patri

THE EPISTLE

Ephesians 5:8-14

A reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians:

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake!

Rise from the dead,

and Christ will shine on you.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able for the Gospel

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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Verse: Christ humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and given him the name that is above every name. *Philippians 2:8-9*

THE GOSPEL

John 9:1-41

Clergy
People

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

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.”

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we

know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.” Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

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

The Gospel Acclamation is repeated

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Clint Moore III, *Priest Associate*

THE NICENE CREED

Please stand as able

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for

our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE LITANY OF HEALING

The Leader and People pray responsively

God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation;
We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly;
We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence;
We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being;
We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick or injured. We pray for those on our parish prayer list. You are invited to say aloud names from the list below or other names of those in need of prayer.

Karen Nicholson, Azza and Yara, Joyce Hetzel, Ann Cardwell, Chad Alcorn, Martha Sexauer, Jay Mueller, Terry Heschke, Elizabeth Mueller, Colin Valdivia, Pam Benning, Bella Cuttone, Daniel Ljubi, Avery, Brian Rogers, George Pliml, Ashley and Kevin, Gretchen Kenower, Bill Van Wienen, Caroline Barclay, Connie Blair, Mark Zelman, Emily Resch, Tim Frawley, Jack Clinkman, Kaye and Roy Staggs, Jeanne Tschampa-Lopotko, John Mueller, Mary Treleven, Kara Ward, Don Wink, Lee and Natalie, Laura Bird, Karen Galligan, Sue Mylander, Janet, Sylvie Resch, Rose Schnell, Donna Valkuchak, Michael Wagoner, Lesa Bennett, Norman and Joy Ellsworth, Maribel Juarez, Brian Winkleman, Jeanne McCauley, Tom Mendralla, Kevin, May Anstee, Mark Finn, Lori Powers, Kristen Davia, Jim Roth, Jan Budzicz, Jim Yehling, Raúl Garcia, Karol Pinzón, Sandy Shellenhamer, Kelly Bartsdate, Jason Wilder, Walt Windholz, Mick

McGuire, Tina Ulrich, Lucien Greesham, Cooper Stegen, Barbara Barajas, Thomas Lanzillo, Florrie Gramm, Matt Grieff, Rachel Newlin, Danuta Wroblewska, Priscilla Meldrim, Tracy Smith, Mary Jane Malik, Sally Neuert, Alondra De Casas, Kaleb Tompkins, Estrella Pedroza, Gwen, Shirley Hoops, Pam Rojc, Aunt Diane, Joseph Strati, June Judd, Sergio Mazariegos, Zoila Via Gambini, Alice Vanest, Barry Nelson, Victor Nieves, Higinio Camarillo, Jane Moore, Mallory Warman, Vicki Sheridan, David Roberts, Karen Evans, Martha Lakin, Shelley Hoffman, Mike McGrath, Shirley Schafer, Anne Schafer, Chris Kulawik, Jenn McFadden, Jennifer Sousa, Miguel Aguilar, Martha Torres, Tara Schoen, Carlos Ramirez, Anthony DeBorde, Nina Sol Del Angel, Frank Steele, Benjamin Burke, Karen Sahr, and Philippa Mylander.

May they be made whole;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

We pray for those who have died, especially June Judd, Kris Baeir, and Roger Dickson; and those e remember now silently or aloud. (*People may add their own petitions.*) Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world; this week we pray for the Mexican state of Tamaulipas;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

You are the Lord who does wonders;

You have declared your power among the peoples.

With you, O Lord, is the well of life;

And in your light we see light.

Hear us, O Lord of life;

Heal us, and make us whole.

Let us pray.

Silence

Following the litany of healing, all are welcome to come to the altar rail for prayers, anointing with holy oil and the laying on of hands.

MUSIC DURING HEALING

GOD IS FORGIVENESS

(Letra: San Juan Pablo II)

Bóg jest mi - łoś - cią miej-cie od - wa - gę żyć dla mi - łoś - ci.
Dios es ter - nu - ra. Dios vi-ve en ti; a - tré - ve-te a a - mar.
God is for-give-ness. Dare to for-give and God will be with you.

Bóg jest mi - łoś - cią. Nie lę - kaj - cie się.
Dios es ter - nu - ra. No hay por - qué te - mer.
God is for - give - ness. Love, and do not fear.

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has two staves: a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The second system also has two staves: a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are in Polish, Spanish, and English.

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JESUS, LOVER OF MY SOUL

1. Je - sus, lov - er of my soul, Let me to they bo - som fly,
2. Oth - er ref - uge have I none, Hangs my help - less soul on thee;
3. Plen-teous grace with thee is found, Grace to cleanse from ev - 'ry sin;

1. While the near - er wa - ters roll, While the tem-pest still is high;
2. Leave, ah! Leave me not a - lone, Still sup-port and com - fort me!
3. Let the heal - ing streams a - bound, Make and keep me pure with - in.

The musical score is written in F major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has two staves: a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The second system also has two staves: a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are in English.

1. Hide me, O my Sa - vior, hide, Till the storm of life be past;
 2. All my trust on thee is stayed; All my help from thee I bring;
 3. Thou of life the foun - tain art, Free - ly let me take of thee:

1. Safe in - to the ha - ven guide, O re - ceive my soul at last.
 2. Cov - er my de - fence - less head With the sha - dow of thy wing.
 3. Spring thou up with - in my heart, Rise to all e - ter - ni - ty.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: Charles Wesley and Simeon B. Marsh (1798-1875).

DONA NOBIS PACEM

Do - na no - bis pa - cem cor - di - um. Do - na no - bis

pa - cem. Do - na no - bis pa - cem

cor - di - um. Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

Text: Taizé Community
 Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994
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COME TO ME, O WEARY TRAVELER



- 1 "Come to me, O wea - ry trav - eler; come to me with your dis - tress;
- 2 "Do not fear, my yoke is eas - y; do not fear, my bur - den's light;
- 3 "Take my yoke and leave your trou - bles; take my yoke and come with me.
- 4 "Rest in me, O wea - ry trav - eler; rest in me and do not fear.



come to me, you heav - y bur - dened; come to me and find your rest."
do not fear the path be - fore you; do not run from me in fright."
Take my yoke, I am be - side you; take and learn hu - mil - i - ty."
Rest in me, my heart is gen - tle; rest and cast a - way your care."

This paraphrase and expansion of Matthew 11:28-30 by a Canadian minister is structured so that the first three syllables of each stanza provide the hymn's skeleton and summary. The immediacy of the text is enhanced by the folksong-like setting later composed for it.

TEXT: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1991
MUSIC: William P. Rowan, 1992
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AUSTIN
8.7.8.7

ABIDE WITH ME

- 1 A - bide with me: fast falls the e - ven - tide;
- 2 I need thy pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour;
- 3 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
- 4 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;

the dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide:
what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's power?
ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;

when o - ther help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
 Who, like thy - self, my guide and stay can be?
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
 heaven's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain sha - dows flee;

help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
 Through cloud and sun - shine, Lord, a - bide with me.
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me.
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

Words: Henry Frances Lyte (1793-1847). Music: *Eventide*, William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

ADDITIONAL HYMN AS NEEDED

Hymnal 499 “Lord God, you now have set your servant free”

THE PEACE

Officiant
People

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

Turn Thy Face from My Sins | *Thomas Attwood*

Soprano solos by Kristen Balisi and Nancy Purcell

Following the Offertory, the service continues with this blessing over the gifts

All things come of Thee, O Lord,
And of Thine own have we given Thee.

Please stand as able

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer C

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Officiant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.
By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.
Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.
By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Hymnal S 114





Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -



- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth



— in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880-1968). By permission of Oxford University Press.

Please kneel or be seated

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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.”

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham and Sarah; Isaac and Rebecca; and Jacob, Leah and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

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

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us

Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu Nombre, venga a nosotros tu reino, hágase tu voluntad, en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro

our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

pan de cada día. Perdona nuestras ofensas, como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden. No nos dejes caer en tentación y líbranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es el poder, y tuya es la gloria, ahora y por siempre. Amén.

The Officiant breaks the consecrated Bread, silence is kept.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast

FRACTION ANTHEM: *Agnus Dei*

Hymnal S 158

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -
 way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
 on us. O Lamb of God, that
 ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have
 mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of
 God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
 world, grant us thy peace.

Music: From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880-1968). By permission of Oxford University Press.

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

Ostinato Refrain / Estribillo

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.
Ten - go sed de ti, oh fuen - te del a - mor.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.
Ten - go sed de ti: tu a - mor es li - ber - tad.

Text: Psalm 103
Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994
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HYMNAL 328

1 Draw nigh and take the Bo - dy of the Lord,
2 Saved by that Bo - dy and that ho - ly Blood,
3 Sal - va - tion's giv - er, Christ, the on - ly Son,
4 Of - fered was he for great - est and for least,
5 Ap - proach ye then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,

1 and drink the ho - ly Blood for you out - poured.
 2 with souls re - freshed, we ren - der thanks to God.
 3 by his dear cross and blood the vic - tory won.
 4 him - self the Vic - tim, and him - self the Priest.
 5 and take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.

6 He that his saints in this world rules and shields
 to all believers life eternal yields;

7 with heavenly bread he makes the hungry whole,
 gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

8 Alpha-Omega, unto whom shall bow
 all nations at the doom, is with us now.

Words: *Bangor Antiphoner*, ca. 690; tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt. Music: *Song 46*, melody and bass Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906.

HYMNAL 343

1 Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless thy cho - sen
 2 We would not live by bread a - lone, but by thy
 3 Be known to us in break - ing bread, and do not
 4 Lord, sup with us in love di - vine thy Bo - dy

5 pil - grim flock with man - na in the
 6 word of grace, in strength of which we
 7 then de - part; Sa - vior, a - bide with
 8 and thy Blood, that liv - ing bread, that



wil - der - ness, with wa - ter from the rock.
 trav - el on to our a - bid - ing - place.
 us, and spread thy ta - ble in our heart.
 heaven - ly wine, be our im - mor - tal food.

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1845), alt. Music: *St. Agnes*, melody John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876); harm. Richard Proulx (b. 1937), after John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876). Copyright © 1985, G.I.A. Publications.

ADDITIONAL COMMUNION HYMN AS NEEDED

Hymnal 304 “I come with joy to meet my Lord”

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.**

1 O God of ev - ery na - tion, of ev - ery, race and land,
 2 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,
 3 Lord, strength-en all who la - bor that we may find re - lease
 4 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,

re - deem the whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand;
 from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc-tion through the night,
 from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease;
 when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,

where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,
 from pride of race and na - tion and blind-ness to your way,
 when hope and cour-age fal - ter, your still small voice be heard;
 till dawns the morn-ing glo-rious when truth and jus - tice reign

in love and mer - cy guide us and heal our strife - torn world.
 de - liv - er ev - ery na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray!
 with faith that none can al - ter, your ser - vants un - der - gird.
 and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

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THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Prelude and Fugue in C minor | *J.S. Bach*

All are welcome to Mahon Hall for coffee hour.

It is a custom during Lent to forgo altar flowers. You are invited to sign up for flowers for the Easter season.



The Sunday Altar Flowers may be given in honor or memory of a loved one and for other special occasions such as birthdays and anniversaries. The suggested donation is \$50. Please complete the “Altar Flowers” sign-up in the narthex or email the front desk at frontdesk@stmarksglenellyn.org and make your donation by check payable to St. Mark’s or electronically using this QR code:



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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.

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 join me for one of two informational meetings to learn more about the process of being received or confirmed:

- **Thursday, March 19** at 7:00 PM
- **Tuesday, March 24** at 7:00 PM

These sessions are designed to answer your questions and help you prepare for the Bishop's visit.

Questions? Please reach out to **Fr. George** for more details at rector@stmarksigenellyn.org / 630-858-1020, ext 222.

Recycle Your Yard Signs

Recycle your political signs after the election! St. Mark's is working with Go Green Glen Ellyn to collect signs after the March 17 primary. Please drop them off in the bin outside door 2 at church. Only corrugated plastic and cardboard signs will be accepted. Metal stands must be separated from signs prior to drop off. Go Green Glen Ellyn will collect signs from around the community to take to the DuPage County Main Campus for recycling. Drop off no later than March 20th.



Questions? Please contact Jacquelin at Go Green Glen Ellyn at jac@gogreenglenellyn.org.

ST. MARK'S 2026 | GUIDE TO HOLY WEEK AND EASTER



PALM SUNDAY | MARCH 29

Worship & Procession:
8:30, 10:30 am, 1:00 pm.
(Processions begin in
East Parking Lot)



MIDWEEK EUCHARIST

Holy Mon, Mar 30 (7 PM)
Holy Tue, Mar 31 (7 PM)
Holy Wed, Apr 1 (12 PM)

MAUNDY THURSDAY | APRIL 2

6:00 pm Agape Dinner (Mahon Hall).
Dried fruit, nuts, olives, bread, wine/juice.

Service continues in Nave: Holy
Communion and Stripping of the Altar.



GOOD FRIDAY | APRIL 3

10:00 am Children's Journey
through Holy Week

1:00 pm Meditation & Music
(Sanctuary)

7:00 pm Passion Narrative
& Veneration of the Cross
(Communion offered)



EASTER VIGIL | APRIL 4

7:30 pm Lighting of the New Fire
(front of church). Scripture, baptisms,
and the first Eucharist of Easter.



EASTER SUNDAY | APRIL 5

Worship at 9:00 am, 11:15 am, 1:00 pm.

Children's Worship in Mahon Hall (9:00, 11:15, 1:00).
Easter Egg Hunts after each service.



JOIN US AT ST. MARK'S



Dear friends and members of St. Mark's,

I invite you to participate as fully as possible in our upcoming **Holy Week and Easter** services. The schedule for these gatherings is on the adjacent page of the bulletin. Through the prayers, music, messages, and mystery of this sacred week, we open our hearts and minds once again to the profound love of God revealed in Jesus.

This is a love that meets us—and the world—exactly where we are. It offers hope and healing whether we are navigating seasons of suffering, confusion, or joy.

Throughout Lent, many of us have been contemplating the parables of Jesus. We began this season reflecting on the wise and foolish builders:

“Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and put them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.”

The work we do together during Holy Week and Easter is the work of building that house on the rock—a house made of God's people. In this community, everyone is welcome, everyone is called to help, and everyone can find a home.

Our celebration is also a beautiful opportunity to give thanks for our blessings and to remember those who have died or who hold a special place in your heart.

Your Easter offering directly supports:

- **Brass musicians** and **Easter lilies** that beautify our worship.
- The continued **ministries of St. Mark's** throughout the year.

To ensure your memorial or thanksgiving is listed in the Easter Sunday bulletins, please submit your contribution by **Tuesday, March 31**.



The Lord is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!
George+

The Rev. George Smith, Rector, St. Mark's Episcopal Church,
Glen Ellyn, Illinois
630-858-1020 / rector@stmarksglenellyn.org



UPCOMING EVENTS

The Sons of Zebedee Indoor Golf Spectacular **Join the Men's Group of St. Mark's for an afternoon of fun and teeing up your golf game for spring.**

When: Sunday, March 22nd - 1PM to 4PM

Where: Golfzone Social (formerly Game of Irons), 3041 Butterfield Rd., Oak Brook, IL.

Cost:

- Golfers - \$90 per person
- Caddies (there for the food) - Chip in what you can.
- Greenskeepers (there for the conversation) - Free
- Space for golfers is limited so reserve your spot today.

Contact: Andy Labis (andy@andylabis.com or 331-303-2323)



Holding the Light: A Support Group for Dementia Caregivers **Wednesday, March 25th, at 7:00 pm** **Library**

We will share how caregiving has affected our Lenten journeys, where in our loved ones' lives we have seen glimpses of resurrection joy, and in what ways we can help and support each other.



In the meantime, some possible resources for anyone walking – or helping someone else walk – the caregiver journey: the 2025 PBS documentary on caregiving <https://www.pbs.org/video/caregiving/>; *The Conscious Caregiver: A Mindful Approach to Caring for Your Loved One without Losing Yourself* (Abbit, 2017); *The Thirty-Six Hour Day* (Mace & Rabins, 8th edition, 2025).

Holding the Light offers a safe and sacred space for dementia caregivers: a time set apart for prayer, sharing stories, and spiritual respite. This monthly gathering is facilitated by Dr. Anne Windholz, a board-certified chaplain. Anyone who is caring for – or has ever cared for— someone with dementia is welcome. For more information, please contact Anne at windholzam@gmail.com.

Trans Day of Visibility

Sunday, March 29, 5:00 PM

Join with us to raise awareness and
celebrate the Trans community with
faith communities in DuPage County.

With more visibility comes more understanding.
Join us to pray, to sing, and to celebrate God's
love in this festive interfaith worship service.

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Lombard IL 60148



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St. Mark's Book Club

Meets on the 4th Sunday of each month at 3:00 pm

The St. Mark's Book Club announces its selections for the year. If you love to read or simply want to take part in a conversation about books, please join us. Read just one book or read as many as you like. You are welcome at our monthly Zoom meetings. We meet on the fourth Sunday of each month at 3:00 pm. For questions or to get the Zoom address, contact Diane Hunter dlhunter866@outlook.com, or John Zelman jzelman86@gmail.com.

March: Heartwood by Amity Gage

April: The Argument Culture by Deborah Tannen

May: The Book Woman's Daughter by Kim Michele Richardson

June: On Freedom by Timothy Snyder

July: Old Filth by Jane Graham

August: The Women of Platform Two by Laura Anthony

September: Washington at the Plow by Bruce Ragsdale

October: The Eagle of the Ninth by Rosemary Sutcliff

November: The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho

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.

Lenten Series – Soup, Film & Discussion

Wednesdays from 6:30 – 8 pm

St. Mark's Library

March 18



Come for soup and bread and stay for the film and discussion!

On March 18, we will watch one of the remaining five episodes of “Living Undocumented,” which shows the stress put on families living in the US without documentation. Discussion will follow each film.

Questions? Contact Joyce Fletcher at joyce@stmarksglenellyn.org

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.

March 15 *Lenten Encounter with Icons* **Aphrodite Peponis**

Encounter the events of Christ's Passion through the beauty and symbolism of several Icons of Easter. Join Aphrodite Peponis, a respected lecturer and presenter of icons and iconography, as she shares her love for the theology and symbolism of the icon.

March 22 *The Call of Moses and Our Call to Mission Today* **Vicki Fink**

We may never have thought we have much in common with Moses, but the account of his experience of God's call and the burning bush may offer a connection. In this session, Moses' call story in Exodus will be explored as a potentially beneficial model for ministry today.

March 29 *A Walk Through Holy Week* **Father George Smith**

In our culture, it seems that Valentine's Hearts are quickly discarded for Spring colors, bunnies, and Easter candy. Easter seems to arrive in February. For Christians, however, that is not the case. Every year we focus on Lent for 40 days and then act out the amazing drama that is Holy Week and culminates in Easter. Father George will lead us through an explanation of Holy Week observance at St. Mark's.

April 5 Easter – No St. Mark's Forum

For more information about the St. Mark's Forum, 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

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.



UTO Boxes:

UTO Boxes are in the Narthex! The United Thank Offering (UTO) is a ministry of The Episcopal Church that encourages people to practice daily gratitude by noticing blessings and making a monetary offering for each one, using the UTO boxes provided. 100% of these contributions are distributed via grants to support mission and ministry projects. Boxes will be collected at the beginning of Easter.

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 **Tamaulipas**.



- Capital: Ciudad Victoria
- Information: A northeastern state bordering Texas, Tamaulipas is an important center for international trade and is home to major port cities.

YOUTH NEWS

Youth Night

**Next Youth Night, Wednesday March 25, 2026
6:30 – 8 p.m. in Mahon Hall**

Our next Youth Night is "Love Your Neighbor" Day! We will be learning more about the Appalachia Service Project and how we can show love to our neighbors through service.



St. Mark's Youth Night continues to meet two Wednesday evenings each month. We will be eating pizza, playing games, and talking about how Jesus' life and teaching apply to our lives. Meet in Mahon Hall

All youth in 6th - 12th grade are invited to attend Youth Nights. Bring your friends!

Remaining Youth Nights

April 8 & April 22

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

ST. MARK'S ART EXHIBIT

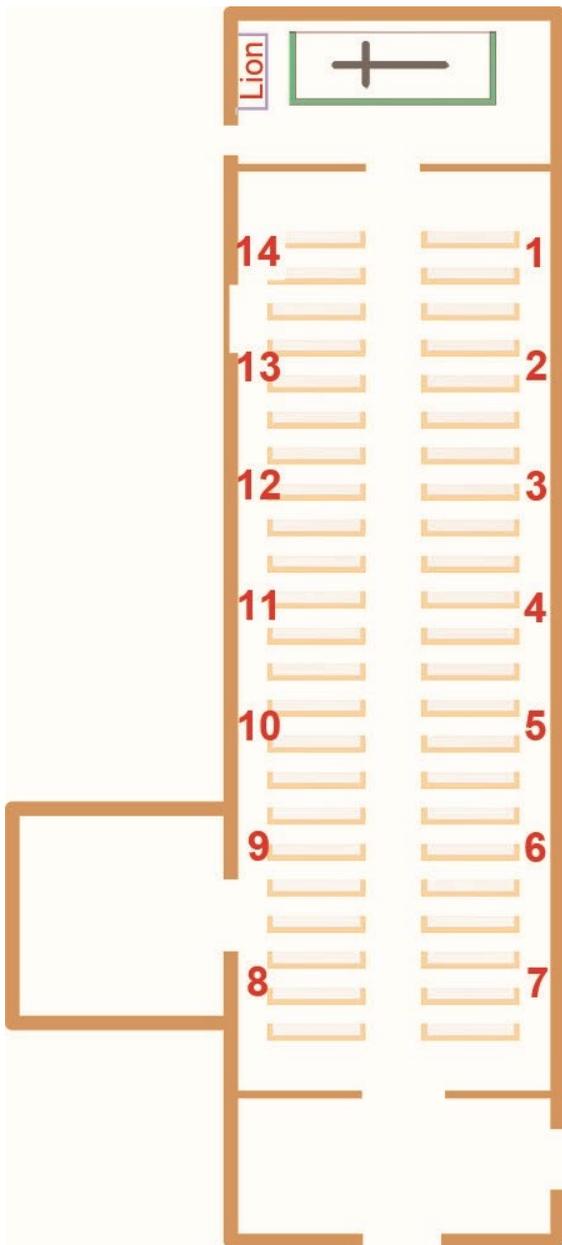
St. Mark's Lenten Display: Stations of the Cross and The Lion of St. Mark

During the season of Lent our church displays the *Stations of the Cross* and *The Lion of St. Mark* by artist and St. Mark's longtime parishioner Richard Rush (1916-2001). Dick Rush was a prolific commercial artist who concentrated on sculpture in the later part of his career. He founded Richard Rush Studio, a model company where he created permanent displays for many clients, including the Shedd Aquarium; Chicago's Museum of Science and Industry (including work on the coal mine); and most notably, the dies from which the Presidential Seal is cast. Other work at St. Mark's by Dick Rush includes the wall mural of the life of Christ, found in the hallway outside the choir room.



The Stations of the Cross displayed throughout the nave of the church are made of a lightweight modeling material that resembles stone. They are hand colored and mounted on wood panels. The images are emotional, yet subtle. The consistency of the colors and the use of similar figure groupings enable the story of Christ's journey with the cross to build slowly and carefully. They bear more depth of understanding with repeated visits, as the Stations of the Cross spiritual practice is wont to do. The Stations begin at the front right of the church and proceed clockwise, ending at the pulpit.

The Lion of St. Mark appears at the rear right of the church nave. It too is made of lightweight modeling material but is not stained. St Mark represented as a lion comes from the prophetic visions in the Book of Revelation—one of the four living creatures near the throne of the Almighty who are symbols of the four evangelists. In his sculpture of the winged lion, Dick Rush has incorporated crosses and other religious motifs along with significant dates in the founding and building of St. Mark's Church in Glen Ellyn. It also includes an engraved panel listing the rectors of St. Mark's parish from the first, Herbert. W. Prince in 1909, through the eighth, Raymond E. Cole, ending in 1996. Please take time during this quiet season to visit the pieces that we are fortunate to keep as Richard Rush's legacy.



First Station--Jesus is condemned to death.

Second Station--Jesus takes up His cross.

Third Station--Jesus Falls the First Time.

Fourth Station--Jesus meets His afflicted mother.

Fifth Station The cross is laid on Simon of Cyrene.

Sixth Station-- A woman wipes the face of Jesus.

Seventh Station--Jesus falls the second time.

Eighth Station--Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem.

Ninth Station---Jesus Falls a third time.

Tenth Station---Jesus is stripped of His garments.

Eleventh Station--Jesus is nailed to the cross.

Twelfth Station---Jesus dies on the cross.

Thirteenth Station--- Jesus is placed in the arms of Mary, his mother.

Fourteenth Station-- Jesus is placed in the tomb.

OUTREACH

Northern Illinois Food Bank Volunteer Opportunity Saturday, March 28, 9 am – 12:00 pm



Thank you to the 10 volunteers who packed 1,160 backpacks of food at Northern Illinois Food Bank last Saturday. They packed 14,964 pounds of nutritious shelf stable food that will be delivered to schools across DuPage and beyond for children at risk of hunger on weekends. Next volunteer shifts are Saturdays March 28th, April 25th & May 30th - 9 – 12pm.

Sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/2z6zazk9> Questions? Contact Hester at hesterbury@gmail.com.

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:

March 21	April 4 & 18	May 2 & 16	June 6 & 20
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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!

March 27	April 23	May 28
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Questions? Please contact David Dornblaser at dornblaser@me.com.

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 Peas, Fruit Cocktail (in Natural Juice), Crackers (Low Sodium), Boxed Tea Bags / Bottled Juice (Low Sugar), Granola Bars (Low Sugar), and Spices: Oregano/Parsley/Garlic Powder

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.