

St. Mark's

Sacred Ground Schedule of Events for Fall 2025

AUGUST

Tuesday, Aug 26 *Monthly Meeting* Library 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.
A Blueprint for Racial Healing - video (21 minutes) & discussion
This TED talk explores the journey of a Southern white man learning about and confronting his slave-holding and KKK ancestry before meeting Black descendants of people his family enslaved and terrorized.

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday, Sept 2 *Special Zoom Call with Bishop Sean Rowe, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, "Sacred Ground and the Work of Racial Reconciliation"*
Library (Zoom) 12 - 1:30 pm

If you prefer to view at home, register at the following link:

https://dfms.formstack.com/forms/fall_program_launch2025?mc_cid=f62e451574&mc_eid=0a914ebbc5

Thursday, Sept 11 *A Binding Truth* Mahon Hall 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.
This is a documentary premiere shown in cooperation with the Northern Illinois Conference of United Methodists, Collective Action to Build Community (CA2BC), and co-sponsored with Pizza and Social Justice. Discussion to follow. Refreshments served.

When Jimmie Kirkpatrick transferred his senior year to an affluent Charlotte high school in 1965, he was their first Black football star. That decision swept him into one of North Carolina's most volatile civil rights cases, played out at the explosive intersection of football and race. De Kirkpatrick watched that case unfold and wrote about it in his college essay application. Decades later, a shocking discovery reveals secrets buried in church records that would change their lives. Their story, rooted in the South, is also America's story – one of slavery's legacy and our current racial divide. It's a story of healing and shows a way forward as Jimmie and De explore their binding truth.

Registration link (Registration encouraged, but not required):

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScpAewFm_uaqLtAdx-Yun2iiQVYTKHaOWYIdWE2LIft0u45Nw/viewform

Tuesday, Sept 16 ***Sitting-in For the American Dream*** Glenside Library 7 - 8 p.m.
25 E. Fullerton, Glendale Heights

(Registration Required)

<https://glenside.librarycalendar.com/event/greensboro-sit-ins-52848> In 1960, four Black students staged a sit-in at a segregated Woolworth's counter in Greensboro, NC, challenging the grip of the Jim Crow laws. Inspired, Van Gilmer—then a student at North Carolina A&T—soon joined the peaceful protests. In this powerful talk, he shares his firsthand experience and reflects on the courage that fueled the Civil Rights Movement.

Tuesday, Sept 23 **Monthly Meeting** Library 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.
Update on the Native American Cultural and Environmental Center at Churchill Woods Forest Preserve.
Guests include Kirk Burger, President, McKee Preservation Group and a representative from Midwest SOARRING.

Sunday, Sept 28 ***A Binding Truth: Follow-up*** Library 3:00 p.m.
Zoom interview with Jimmie and De Kirkpatrick and filmmaker Louise Woehrle (A Binding Truth)
If you prefer to view from home, register at the following link to receive the link:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScpAewFm_uaqLtAdx-Yun2iiQVYTKHaOWYIdWE2LIft0u45Nw/viewform

OCTOBER

Saturday, Oct 11 Field Trip Gather at Church 10 a.m. - 3 pm
Gichigamiin Indigenous Nation Museum, 3001 Central St., Evanston
Meet at St. Mark's for a carpool to the museum in Evanston. After exploring the museum, we will have lunch at a nearby restaurant before returning to Glen Ellyn.

Wednesday, Oct 22 **Exodus Simulation** Mahon Hall 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Follow in the Footsteps of a Refugee
All St. Markers from middle school up and invited to take on the roles of refugees forced to flee their homeland, making tough decisions along the way. This immersive experience engages participants through compelling true stories and discussion questions.

NOVEMBER

Tuesday, Nov 25 Monthly Meeting Library and Zoom 7:30 - 9:00 pm

Immigration Issues Update with Sara Dady

Sara Dady has been practicing family-based immigration including visas for victims of domestic violence and other crimes, asylum as well as deportation defense for over 17 years. She is the principal of Dady Law Group LLC in Rockford, Illinois. Sara is a member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association and the National Immigration Project. She writes and presents frequently on immigration matters and is an advocate for comprehensive immigration reform. Sara graduated with a BA in Classical Studies and Political Science from Luther College, Decorah, Iowa and earned her J.D. from William Mitchell College of Law, St. Paul, Minnesota. She volunteers her time with 4-H and League of Women Voters of Greater Rockford. In 2018, Sara made an unsuccessful but satisfying run for US Congress in the 16th Congressional District.

DECEMBER

Thursday, Dec 11 Feast of the Virgin of Guadalupe at St. Mark's

- Procession 6:00 pm
- Juan Diego Drama 7:00 pm
- Miso 7:30 pm
- Convivio and Mariachi 8:30 pm

Posadas - Dec 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 at St. Mark's 7 - 8:30 p.m.