

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 22, 2023

8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
(In-Person and 10:30 Live-Streamed on Facebook and YouTube)



St. Mark's Church, begun in 1848.

This Service includes information in red for instructions on the actions and words of the Eucharist. It is our hope that the Service will be spiritually meaningful and uplifting for all ages at St. Marks.

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

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Welcome to St. Mark's

... a vibrant community of faith, which has gathered for worship since 1836 and in the current building since 1848. If this is your first visit with us, please know that we are delighted you are here. Please, introduce yourself and be sure to sign our guest sign-in sheet in the foyer and/or fill-out a Visitor's Welcome Card. Also, please take a welcome folder on the Welcome Desk.



Safety: Everyone entering the St. Mark's Parish House is encouraged to sanitize and visitors are asked to sign the register. The wooden doors to the Parish House will be locked fifteen minutes after Services begin with a security guard on duty to be of assistance. Upon leaving a restroom, please wash hands with warm soapy water and sanitize. Many thanks.

Weekly Worship and Prayer at St. Mark's: Sundays at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.; Compline on Mondays and Thursdays at 8:00 p.m. via Facebook live. The bulletin is identical for both Sunday Services with musical elements not included in the 8:00 a.m. Service. We offer a mid-week Eucharist Service in St. Mary's Chapel each Wednesday at noon.

The Breakfast Café, a program of our outreach ministry, is at 8:15 a.m. every Saturday. If you would like more information, please contact Judy Freeman at judyfw@comcast.net.

Children's Formation: Sundays, we offer children's formation during 10:30 services. This includes formation, nursery care and church school. Please contact Evan Knill, Director of Children's Ministry at evank@stmarksg.org.

Junior and Senior High Youth: Grand Rapids Episcopal Youth: G.R.E.Y. is a joint youth ministry between St. Mark's and St. Andrew's Episcopal Churches for youth in grades 6-12. We have regular formation gatherings during the school year and service as well as social activities throughout the year. Please contact our Director of Youth Ministry, Jeff Brown, for more information: jeffatgrey@gmail.com.

Adults: We offer the *Education for Ministry* seminar during the program year, an *Inquirers' Class* for those preparing for Confirmation, Reception, or Reaffirming one's faith and seasonal Sunday forums at 9:30 a.m. Please, see Fr. Christian for more details. We also offer a book study for adults. For the book group, please contact Carmela McIntire at carmela0067@att.net.

A Note about Cell Phones: We ask that you turn off your cell phone; if you are on call, please turn it to vibrate when you enter the church.

Rest Rooms are located on the main level of the Parish House under the exit sign at the top of the Foyer ramp. Additional rest rooms are located on the second level of the Parish House as well.

Parking on Sundays: Limited parking is available in the Parish Lot. Please, consider the free metered parking on Pearl, Ionia, Lyon, Fountain and other streets near the church, the upper and lower levels of the GRCC building on Fountain Street and the Ellis Parking Lot at 210 Ionia just west of Lyon Street. For the Ellis Lot: Please, pick up an exit ticket from an Usher, a Greeter or on the little table where the bulletins are in the north transept. Parking is free on Sunday only. A white ticket is required to accompany the parking ticket and to exit the lot.

St. Mark's Full- and Part-time Staff

The Rev. Dr. Christian Brocato, Rector (FT)
The Rev. Susan York, Priest Associate
The Rev. Jan Gockerman, Deacon
Pam Stevenson, Finance Manager (FT)
Dr. Gregory Crowell, Director of Music
Alexis VanZalen, Organ Scholar
Evan Knill, Director of Children's Ministry
Jeff Brown, Director of Youth Ministry
Ronnie Bowen, Sexton
Craig Mosley, Sexton Associate
Doris Molina, Weekend Sexton

The Gathering of the People

Our prayer begins with the offering of music to help us prepare for the words and actions to follow in the Service.

Prelude — Prelude in B Minor

Felix Mendelssohn

Welcome — *Lector I*

Standing as able, we continue our prayer as clergy and ministers are called forth from the congregation to assist us as leaders in worship.

Gathering Hymn — Blue Hymnal No. 527: **Singing Songs of Expectation**

Ton-y-Botel

Welcome and Greeting

Presider I: †Blessed be God, most holy, glorious and undivided Trinity.

People: **And blessed be God's reign, now and forever. Amen.**

Presider I: Eternal loving God, through your Son you filled the world with the brightness of your one true light.

People: **May the light of Christ illumine our paths and shine in our hearts for ever. 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 (*Spoken at the 8 a.m. Service and sung at the 10:30 a.m. Service*)

John Rutter

1. Glo-ry to you, Lord God of our fa - thers; you are wor - thy of
praise; glo - ry to you. 2. Glo - ry to you for the ra - di - ance of your
ho - ly Name; we will praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.
3. Glo - ry to you in the splen - dor of your tem - ple; on the throne of your
ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to you. 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed be - tween the Cher - u -
bim; we will praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.
5. Glo - ry to you, be - hold - ing the depths; in the high vault of hea - ven,
glo - ry to you. 6. Glo - ry to you, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit;
We will praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

The Confession

Presider I: Let us confess our sins to God and to one another.

All: **Have mercy upon us, most merciful God; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Absolution

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

The Collect of the Day

Presider II: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider II: Let us pray.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Old Testament

The Liturgy of the Word

At this point, we are seated to listen and hear the Word of God from the Sacred Scriptures of both the Jewish and Christian traditions.

The Hebrew Scripture *(Seated)*

Isaiah 9:1-4

Lector I: A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Lector I: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 27:1, 5-13

Dominus illuminatio

(8:00 a.m. Psalm prayed by all; 10:30 a.m. Antiphon intoned by the choir and repeated by all)

Antiphon



**1 The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear? *
the LORD is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?**

**5 One thing have I asked of the LORD;
one thing I seek; *
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;**

**6 To behold the fair beauty of the LORD *
and to seek him in his temple.**

Antiphon

**7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; *
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling
and set me high upon a rock.**

**8 Even now he lifts up my head *
above my enemies round about me.**

**9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation
with sounds of great gladness; *
I will sing and make music to the LORD.**

Antiphon

**10 Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; *
have mercy on me and answer me.**

**11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." *
Your face, LORD, will I seek.**

Antiphon

**12 Hide not your face from me, *
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.**

**13 You have been my helper;
cast me not away; *
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.**

Antiphon

The Christian Scripture

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Lector II: A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Lector II: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel

Matthew 4:12-23

Gospeler: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

People: **Glory to you, O Christ.**

Now, when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.”

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Gospeler: The Gospel of Christ.

People: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Homily

Laura Kozminski

Silence is observed for reflection.

The Nicene Creed *(Please note the language for the Spirit.)*

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 a 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, the Spirit is worshiped and glorified. The Spirit 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.

Prayers of the People

(Adapted: The Anglican Church of Canada 2013)

The following prayers are offered to God on behalf of all people, of all ages gathered here in-person or praying with us online, and those around the world.

- Lector I:* God of light and life, our prayers rise before you this day in hope and faith. Hear our prayers as we pray: “O God, hear us.”
- Lector II:* We pray for your Church throughout the world, for our Diocese, bishops, clergy and all people. Flame of abundant love, be our joy in proclaiming your Good News to the world.
We pray: **O God, hear us.**
- Lector I:* We pray for all who are coming to faith, all who wonder about faith, and all who are struggling with faith. Light of all creation, guide us to lead, teach and nurture your disciples of all ages. We pray: **O God, hear us.**
- Lector II:* We pray for those in need of food, shelter, clothing and of God's healing touch, and those for whom our prayers are especially desired. Comforter of the suffering, warm our hands to loving service. We pray: **O God, hear us.**
- Lector I:* We pray for the world, being mindful of where there is trouble and suffering, far away or nearby. Ember of steadfast care, fuel our passion to challenge injustice, racism and violence and to pursue peace and reconciliation. We pray: **O God, hear us.**
- Lector II:* We pray for the land on which we stand, the Land of the Three Fires, the peoples, creatures, plant life and waters around us. Star of glory, lead us to care for this fragile earth, our island home, and to heal the circle of creation and the things which divide us. We pray: **O God, hear us.**
- Lector I:* We pray for the sick, all those on our Parish Prayer List found in the bulletin and all those for whom we have promised to pray. We pray for those suffering in Ukraine and other parts of the world impacted by violence, war or natural disaster. *(Pause to add personal intentions silently or aloud.)* We pray: **O God, hear us.**
- Lector II:* We pray for those who will die this day and those who have died. May they rest in peace and may light perpetual shine upon them. *(Pause to add personal intentions silently or aloud.)* We pray: **O God, hear us.**
- Presider II:* God of radiant light, your love illumines our hopes before we know them and our needs before we ask. Kindle your flame within us, that in our prayers and service, we may know your transforming presence at work in us and in the world around us. We ask all these things through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider I: May the peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Announcements

The Liturgy of the Table

While special music is offered, our monetary gifts are received for the benefit of the mission of St. Mark's. The Table is prepared, and the collected gifts are presented to be blessed by God. The Liturgy of the Table asks God to receive our gifts of bread and wine and ourselves as we are blessed by God in the Holy Eucharist.

The Preparation of the Gifts and Offertory

Offertory — How Lovely Are the Messengers

Mendelssohn

Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, O heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

BCP, Church of England, Eucharistic Prayer E

Bread and wine have been received, and we now call upon God, the Father, through the Son, to consecrate them through the power of the Holy Spirit.

(Spoken at 8 a.m. and sung or spoken at 10:30 a.m.)

The musical notation is arranged in four staves. The first two staves are for the Celebrant and the People. The third and fourth staves are for the Celebrant and the People respectively. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And al-so with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give him thanks and praise."

Presider: All honor and praise be yours always and everywhere, mighty Creator, ever-living God, through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord: for at this time, we celebrate your glory made present in our midst. In the coming of the Magi, the King of all the world was revealed to the nations. In the waters of baptism, Jesus was revealed as the Christ, the Savior sent to redeem us. In the water made wine; the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast, poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy. Therefore, with all the angels of heaven, we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Holy, Holy, Holy *(Spoken at 8 a.m.; sung or spoken at 10:30 a.m.)*

William Mathias

The musical notation is arranged in three staves. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est."

(The people may stand or kneel as the Presider continues.)

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died, Jesus had supper with his friends, and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended, he took the cup of wine. Again, he praised you, 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. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did; in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. We bring before you the bread of life and cup of salvation.

(Spoken at 8 a.m.; spoken or sung at 10:30 a.m.)

Celebrant
There - fore we pro - claim the mys - ter - y of faith:

Celebrant and People
Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

God of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. †Look with favor on your people. Gather us in your loving arms and bring us with St. Mark and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.

Celebrant *People*
A-men.

The Lord's Prayer

As an expression of the inclusivity of the Eucharist and the importance of The Lord's Prayer, below are three options for praying this beautiful and meaningful prayer. Additional languages are also welcome.

Presider: Please, pray the Lord's Prayer in whichever language or version you prefer.

(Traditional) **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 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.**

(Contemporary) **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

(Spanish) **Padre nuestro, que estas 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 pan de cada día, perdona nuestras ofensas, como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden, No nos deyes caer en la tentación y libranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder, y la gloria por los siglos de los siglos. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread and Reception of the Sacrament

David Hurd



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God.

People: **Let us take them in remembrance that Christ died for us and feed on him in our hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.**

Presider: Please, follow the ushers to receive the Eucharist at the communion rail. The Eucharist contains both consecrated bread and wine and an intinction cup of consecrated wine is also available. Gluten free consecrated bread is available which does not contain wine. Those who prefer to receive a blessing, please cross your hands over your chest. As is our tradition, all are welcome at the 'Table of the Lord'.

Communion Music — Red Hymnal No. 151: One Bread, One Body

John B. Foley

Post-Communion Prayer (*Standing as able*)

Presider II: Let us pray.

People: **Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people forgiven, healed, renewed, that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen**

The Blessing

Presider I: Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor everyone; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; and the blessing of God almighty, the †Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among us and remain with us always.
Amen. 1 Thessalonians 5:13-22

Hymn of Sending Forth — Blue Hymnal No. 530: Spread, O spread, thou mighty word

Gott sei Dank

Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth in Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People: **Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Postlude – Prelude in C Minor

Mendelssohn

You are invited to participate in the tradition at St. Mark's to remain seated until the postlude has ended, a fitting way to conclude our worship together, and join us in the Parish Hall for further fellowship. Thank you.

A reminder that when the Rector preaches, his homily is available on the Resource Table of the North Transept. All 10:30 a.m. Services are live-streamed on Facebook and can be found at www.stmarksgr.org and on YouTube at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Grand Rapids, MI.

Offertory and Ways to Give to St. Mark's Episcopal Church

- 1) Place check or cash in the offering plate
- 2) Electronic giving (email)
- 3) Vanco Mobile App from any mobile device
- 4) Pay by text – text 616-205-9714 from your phone to send a payment
- 5) Mobile App Square Cash – Cashtag: \$stmarksgr Web address: [cash.me/\\$stmarksgr](https://cash.me/$stmarksgr)
- 6) Mail a check to the church
- 7) Online at our website at www.stmarksgr.org through PayPal
- 8) Remember St. Mark's in your Estate Planning
- 9) Gifts or Transfer of Stock



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| Total Budget for 2023 | \$735,791 |
| Pledged Amount for 2023 | \$525,434 |
| Received Year-to-date (Pledges, Gifts and Income) | \$ 54,483 |

The 2022 shortfall of \$14,110 (pledged amounts not received in 2022) would be greatly appreciated.

2023 Pledge Offering Envelopes: Offering envelopes are available on the Resource Table of the Sanctuary's North Transept. Thanks again to all who have made their 2023 pledge. Please know that additional pledges be received at any time.

Thanks to all who financially support the Ministry of St. Mark's. Any questions whatsoever, please feel free to contact our Finance Manager, Pam Stevenson or our Treasurer, Marc Vander Velde.

The St. Mark's Prayer List

The Sick

The Ash Family
 The Bedford Family
 Angela Brocato Hood
 Judy Coby
 Anthony DeMello
 Colene Hayes
 Jennifer Julius
 Tom Klein
 Anais Laurent
 George Linde
 Jean McCormick
 Carmela McIntire
 John Oatley
 Marie Pearthree
 Rev. David Pike
 Kat Rogg
 Mary Rollins
 Craig Timm
 Dale VanKley
 Wendy Wenner
 Jeanne Zylstra

Inbound Parishioners

Sue Allen
 Susan Anderson
 Charles Brown
 Nita and Chuck DeGraaf
 John Gracki
 Irene Haizman
 John and Jennifer Oatley
 Kat Rogg
 Mary Rollins
 Irene Savara
 Roma Warmington
 Jean Zylstra

Those in Military Service

Col. Timothy Brower, Sr. USA
 HC. Yamar Chivis, USN
 Henry Dykema, USNG
 Cpt. Nathan Gaggin, USAF
 Col. Gabriel Monsalvo, USMC
 Lt. Col. Todd Murray, USAF
 1st Sgt. Diedre Piechocki, USA

Officers of the Vestry

Nancy Dodge, Sr Warden
 Dawn Buller, Jr Warden
 Brian Topolewski, Clerk
 Marc VanderVelde, Treasurer

Members of the Vestry

Kate Dykema
 Judy Freeman
 Joshua Gonzales
 Chuck Hoyt
 Gloria Lara
 Jon Richardson
 Amy Richards-Duncan
 Mike Armour

Discernment for Ordained Ministry

Rachel Ravellette
 Cathy Stevens

Parish Notes

eNews: Please visit our website at www.stmarksgo.org and click on the scroll that says “Newsletter” for our weekly announcements, opportunities and news. You may also subscribe to St Mark’s weekly eNews by filling out one of our Welcome Cards and placing it on the Reception Desk located next to the front entry doors.

Ellis Parking Lot on Ionia: Apologies for the expired vouchers for the Ellis Lot at 220 Ionia on January 1. Updated vouchers are now available. If you wish to be reimbursed for that date, please, contact the Parish Offices. Thank you.

Annual Meeting and Potluck Lunch Next Sunday, January 29 at Noon: Lunch will be served, and the meeting will commence as quickly as possible. Childcare will be provided. A sign-up sheet is available for the potluck. Reports from all ministries will be published, an official record of activities for 2022. The budget for 2023 will be presented along with the proposed candidates for Vestry and Diocesan Convention Delegates. If you wish to serve as a Convention Delegate, please contact Fr. Christian. Candidates for the Vestry will have been fully vetted and will be presented to the Parish for approval. Candidates for Diocesan Convention will also be presented for approval. Volunteers are needed to set-up and serve the lunch. Many thanks!

Together West Michigan Pizza Luncheon: Today at 12:30 p.m. Please join Together West Michigan after the social hour on January 22 for a pizza lunch and updates on the progress the various teams have made since the house meetings last spring. We will hear presentations from Housing, Mental Health, Childcare, Immigration, and Safety Teams, and discuss ways to get further involved.

Candidates for Vestry and Diocesan Convention Delegates, 2023: Laura Kozminski, Penny Larsen, and Dan McDonald are this year’s Vestry candidates. Each bio is posted on the main Foyer bulletin board. The candidates will be voted on by Parishioners at the Annual Meeting. Delegates to the Diocesan Convention will also be nominated and approved. Many thanks.

Climate Witness Project: February 5, 12:15 p.m. Bring your coffee and join parishioner Steve Mulder for a session on how St. Mark’s can better witness to climate changes in our buildings and our ministries. The session will take place at 12:15 in St. Mary’s Chapel. All are welcome!

Newcomers' Welcome and Social Hour: February 12, 12:00 p.m. If you are new to St. Mark's over the past year, the Parish is hosting a special welcome to you during Social Hour following the 10:30 a.m. Service. Please, join us if you can. If you are unable to join us, please know that you are most welcome at St. Mark's, and we look forward to seeing you at other times. All parishioners, new and not-so-new, are encouraged to wear their name tag each week to help newcomers get to know everyone more quickly and easily. ~ *Kathryn Marmion and Welcome Ministry*

Mid-Week Holy Eucharist at Noon: On Wednesdays at noon, please consider joining us for Holy Eucharist, a contemplative and contemporary liturgy in St. Mary’s Chapel. All are welcome.

All Things Episcopal — An Inquirer's Journey: began January 18, 6:30 p.m. The schedule for the sessions is posted on the bulletin board in the Foyer and copies are available in the bookcase of the Canterbury Room. Hard copies of the texts are available for those who signed up for the program. Please, know that anyone can attend any of the sessions as an adult formation opportunity. All are welcome. ~ *Christian+*

Man Cave: February 25, 2023. St. Mark's “Man Cave” is for our male neighbors in the homeless community. Guests will be invited to spend the day in the Parish Hall, where they may receive a haircut, attend the foot care clinic, select clothing items and enjoy a home-cooked meal. If you have gently used men's winter clothing items, please consider donating them for use at Man Cave. Jeans, sweatshirts and winter shirts are especially welcome. Donations may be left in the cloakroom. If you are interested in volunteering that day, please sign up at the Welcome desk or speak to Mother Sue or Sharon Bossemeyer.

Job Opportunity at St. Mark’s: Parish Administrative Associate. The Parish Administrative Associate presents St. Mark's "face" to the community, serving as building receptionist during published office hours. The person in this position reports to and assists the Rector in his/her role as leader of the parish, compiles and publishes bulletins and documents, keeps the church calendar up to date, and provides administrative support to the parish staff and ministry groups. Minimum requirements include at least two years’ previous office experience, competency in Word, Constant Contact, Gmail and calendaring, plus strong interpersonal, verbal and written communication skills. Must be able to pay special attention to accuracy and details and to multi-task in a busy environment with regular interruptions. Familiarity with Episcopal liturgy helpful. For more information or to obtain the full job description, please contact Marie McKendall, HR Ministry Chair, at mack752@att.net or phone (616) 570-3101.

Monthly Pantry Ingathering Items in preparation for February: Soup, cereal/oatmeal. Please *plan ahead* to include these in your shopping trips, then drop them off inside the Sanctuary doors on Sunday, February 5. Thank you.