May 2016

1 Communion Celebration meeting with parents and children (10:15, noon)
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   ESL classes begin
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   Confirmation Recognition Sunday
28 Men's Group
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Rose Sale
Mother's Day Roses and Flowers will be available Saturday morning, May 7, and during services on Sunday, May 8, at St. Mark's! We will have roses by the dozen for $20 and single roses for $3.00. Advanced orders can be placed. Contact Evelyn Cabrera at Evelyn.Cabrera34@gmail.com. You may also donate online to the Mexico Mission Trip. Go to www.stmarksatglenellyn.org and scroll down under "Give" at the top. Click on "Contribute Online" and then write in your amount under "S.E. Mexico Mission." Help support our companion parish, San Marcos in Nigromante, Mexico, and the 14 St. Mark's parishioners going on the 2016 Mexico Mission Trip.

Crop Walk May 1
Spring is almost here! This year's CROP Walk will start at St. Matthew's United Church of Christ at 1420 S. Gables Blvd. in Wheaton at 2:00 pm on May 1, and registration at 1:00 pm. This year, instead of walking the usual 6.2 mile course in Glen Ellyn and Wheaton, we will walk an approximate 3 mile course in Wheaton, going southwest from St. Matthew's Church on the Prairie Path about 1.5 miles to Hope Church at the intersection of Wiesbrook Rd. and Durfee Rd., returning up Wiesbrook to Orchard Rd. and the Prairie Path back to the church.

We hope this shorter walk will enable more walkers to participate. There will be refreshments and activities at the end of the walk including packing groceries for our food pantries. Benefits from the walk will again support the worldwide hunger relief work of Church World Service as well as four local hunger relief agencies, including Glen Ellyn Food Pantry and Peoples Resource Center. Last year, 32 St. Mark's walkers joined 147 other walkers from 12 area churches to raise $24,331; St. Mark's contributed $3,319.

You can donate by going online to our team website or by walking or sponsoring one of our parishioners. Our online address is: http://tinyurl.com/StMarksCrop To sponsor one of our walkers, look for information in the narthex or contact Jim Grotelueschen at 630-469-3855 or jgsqed51@gmail.com or Don Sutherland at 630-469-8384 or at dsmbps@sbcglobal.net. Overseas hunger is in unsurpassed crisis. Increased support is desperately needed. Every contribution is appreciated. Thank you.
Here in the western suburbs, we may feel far removed from the daily shootings in Chicago. We can shake our heads and say our prayers, but for the most part, go on living as if these horrors are not our problem. But Jesus won’t let us get away with this. We are part of the shootings and murders. In my Easter homily, I talked about a very particular Aramaic word that we know Jesus used, a word that has been treasured by generations of Christians. “Ephphatha” (pronounced ef-fath-a) means “be opened.” Easter is "epphatha" - a word that opens our eyes and hearts to the suffering around us, from the violence in the big city to the bullying in the local school. What follows is a list of ten things we all can do for racial justice. It comes from a resource created by the YWCA. None of the ten steps are easy. Number 1 – is not laughing at racist, sexist, homophobic and other stereotypical jokes. Imagine if jokes like these stopped. It would be like draining the gasoline out of racism’s engine. It takes courage to say, “I don't appreciate jokes like that.” But if you say to yourself, "epphathah!" you will remember that we live in the reality of Easter and the promise of a new creation.

10 Things You Can Do For Racial Justice

1. Don't laugh at racist, sexist, ageist, homophobic and other stereotypical jokes or assumptions. By laughing, you're acknowledging the joke is appropriate and encouraging more inappropriate comments. You can interrupt without being rude. Don't let your silence speak for you. Simply say, "I don't find that funny," or "I don't appreciate jokes like that." Make an effort to get to know people different than you. Look for things in common with other people and celebrate the differences. We can learn from and appreciate something about everyone.

2. Learn about other people and their culture. By learning about other people, your life will be greatly enriched and your appreciation for your own culture will deepen.

3. Think before you speak. Words can hurt, whether you mean them to or not. When describing a person, think if mentioning their race is important to the story. Do you refer to everyone from South or Central America as Mexican? If you don't know someone’s country of origin, don’t assume. Some people prefer Black, while others like African-American. Some prefer Latino/a, others like Hispanic. If you're unsure which to use, ask. It's important to use the correct language.

4. Be a role model. Be vocal in opposing discriminatory views and practices, especially with friends and family who respect your opinion. Don't criticize, but help educate others about issues and about your own experiences.

5. Don't make assumptions. Stereotypes hurt everyone. Examine what your prejudices are and make adjustments to look at everyone as an individual.

6. Explore the unfamiliar. Attend an organization meeting, religious service or travel to a new region where you are in the minority. For example, if you are Christian attend a Jewish service at a synagogue. If you attend an all white suburban school visit an inner-city multi-cultural school. This first-hand experience can be enlightening and give you perspective.

7. Work on projects with members of groups different from your own. Working as an equal alongside others from different groups on a common project is one of the best ways to undo prejudice and increase familiarity with others.

8. Be a proactive parent. Expose your children to diversity at a young age. Read stories that explain the point of view of other groups. Discuss TV shows, movies or books that present stereotypes. Children can benefit from knowing other children from different groups at very early ages, before prejudices and biases are formed.

9. Be a role model. Be vocal in opposing discriminatory views and practices, especially with friends and family who respect your opinion. Don't criticize, but help educate others about issues and about your own experiences.

10. Support anti-prejudice and anti-racist organizations. Whether your efforts are in volunteering, financial donation or being an advocate, working with other groups working toward the same goal can be beneficial to you and the community. You'll meet great people and find real support for your efforts. By getting involved, your voice can make a big difference at the local level.

Source: YWCA Anti-racism Tool Kit

Bishop Todd and Rev. Patsy McGregor

Patsy McGregor will be at St. Mark's on May 8. The McGregor family began as a pioneer missionary family, beginning their work in the city of Antananarivo, Madagascar in 1991. Todd was consecrated the first bishop of Toliara at St. Laurent’s Anglican Church in Antananarivo, Madagascar on December 10th, 2006. Patsy was ordained as a Deacon on November 27th, 2005 and ordained priest on September 3rd 2006 by Archbishop Benjamin Nzimbi, Anglican Church of Kenya.
A friend or neighbor suffers a loss, any loss. These may include a number of things: a death in the family, the loss of a job, the diagnosis of an illness, even the first or last child leaving home for college.

**Some helpful questions/statements:**
How can I be helpful right now?
How may I pray for you?
I’ve been thinking about/praying for you.
How about if I bring dinner (on Thursday)? How about taking a walk on Tuesday? Is that something that would be helpful? Be creative. There is no one way to pay attention to someone who is hurting.

**Some not so helpful statements:**
Call me if there’s anything I can do. (too open-ended)
I know just what you are experiencing. (everyone’s experience is different)
I have no idea what I would do if that happened to me. (or any statement which brings the focus back to the questioner)

Everyone experiences loss differently, and over different spans of time. The well-known stages of grief are not a “pat” system. It is important to pay attention to those experiencing loss, however we do it.

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**Welcome to our New Communications Coordinator, Samantha Campen!**

Samantha and her family have been members of St. Mark’s for eight years. She graduated with a B.A. in English from Northern Illinois University, and has a background in marketing and branding with an emphasis in social media. She has previously worked with Nintendo for the launch of their 3DS and Wii game systems, and coordinated regional word-of-mouth campaigns. In her spare time she can be found running after her eight year old son and three year old daughter, or aimlessly wandering the aisles at Target. She is very excited to come on board as the Communications Coordinator here at St. Mark’s and can’t wait to connect with everyone.

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**An Invitation to All BFFs – Do you have a project that needs doing?**
Want company for motivation or advice? Seeking to learn something or solve a conundrum? Why not join other BFFs to start, continue, or finish that project? Busy, Friendly Folks meet weekly on Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. in the library. Bring a friend; all are welcome. Contact Cheryl Olsen for info at 630-790-3741 or bobchero@gmail.com.

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**Vestry meetings are open. The next meetings are May 17 and June 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the Library.**
Fechas importantes en su Calendario

Durante el mes de abril, Pastor Robin Currie, continuará con sus sesiones especiales de la preparación para la primera comunión. El tema que se tocará es la Biblia.

**Fechas importantes para las Primeras Comuniones y Confirmaciones** – Las primeras comuniones serán el día domingo, 15 de mayo durante las eucaristías de las 10:30 AM y 1:00 PM. Por favor asegúrese de no perder clases.

**Confesiones para candidatos/as para la Primera Comunión** – Serán el día sábado, 7 de mayo de 8:30 a.m. a 1:00 p.m. para niñas/os de Tercer a Quinto Grado.

**Clases de primera comunión y confirmación en el verano** – Comenzando el domingo 5 de junio comenzaremos con unas clases para jóvenes y adultos que deseen recibir el sacramento de bautismo, comunión y/o confirmación. Estos sacramentos se celebrarán el día 24 de octubre en la catedral de Chicago. Por favor inscribirse durante el mes de mayo si estás interesado/a en participar.

Todos/as son bienvenidos/as a nuestro Picnic Anual de la Parroquia. Será el domingo, 12 de junio en East Shelter in the Herrick Lake Forest Preserve in Wheaton. Las festividades comenzarán a las 11:00 AM con un servicio de oración corto en español e inglés. Hamburguesas y perros calientes están a la disposición de todos/as. Los padres que se apunten para traer un platillo, postre o bebidas no alcohólicas. Se pueden apuntar en la lista que está en el corredor entre la iglesia y la biblioteca. Para ayudar al día, por favor entre en contacto con Kathy Kelly at 630-7909357 odankath@sbcglobal.net. En caso de lluvia nos reuniremos en el salón parroquial.

**Entrenamiento de Profesoras de Catequesis** – Durante el mes de junio estaremos invitando, durante la eucaristía, a las personas que estén interesadas en ayudar con las clases de catequesis dominical que comenzaran el septiembre. Queremos organizar equipos de dos profesoras por salón y con un buen grupo de voluntarios para ayudarles durante el calendario escolar. Si estás interesado/a responde al llamado que haremos muchas gracias.

**San Marcos de Misión a San Marcos en México** – Este año nuevamente estaremos visitando a nuestra parroquia hermana de San Marcos, Nigromante en México. Del 12 al 18 de junio. Así que tengámoslas/os muy presentes en nuestras oraciones. Muchas gracias a todas personas que han ayudado a que esto sea nuevamente una realidad para nosotras/os en San Marcos.

**Proyecto de Servicio en Appalachian** – del 16-23 de julio otros jóvenes junto con dos adultos de nuestra parroquia se irán a ayudar a remodelar una casa en este proyecto de servicio. Los/as tendremos muy presentes en nuestras oraciones. Muchas gracias también a todas las personas que ayudaron a que esto sea nuevamente una realidad en medio nuestro.

Oportunidades para Candidatos para la Primera Comunión:

7 de Mayo  9 am – 1 pm  Confesiones para los niños preparándose para la Primera Comunión.
15 de Mayo  1 pm  Misa y Celebración de las Primeras Comuniones.

San Marcos tiene muchas oportunidades para niños/as:

- Doctrina 10:15 am y 12:30 pm.
- Niños Coristas: Ensayos los miércoles: K-1er grado de 4: 00-4: 40 pm y 2-5º grado de 4: 45-5: 30 pm.
- Participar en la misa como ujieres, lectores, acólitos y/o músicos.
- Asistir a la misa todos los domingos.
- VBS: Escuela Biblica, Campamento de Verano, 4-5 grado de julio 18-22 de 9 am al mediodía.
- Dramatización, Campamento de Verano, 1-5 grado, Junio 13-17, de 9 am al mediodía.
- Camp Chicago, Campamento de Verano, para 7-15 años: (niños/as pasan la noche en el campamento): Sesión 1: 26 de Junio-1 de Julio; Sesión 2: Julio 3-8 y Sesión 3: Julio 10-15.

Para más información contacte: Lucía Conrado (312) 493-5246 o Alejandra Rubio (630) 400-7548.

Ecumenical Reception and Worship Service

St. Mark’s Episcopal Church
May 22, 2016

4PM Opening Reception with conversation and refreshments in Mahon Hall
5PM Worship Service in the Sanctuary

“Called to Proclaim the Mighty Acts of the Lord”
Come, Let Us Worship Together!

On Sunday afternoon, May 22nd, St. Mark’s will host a Reception and an Ecumenical Prayer Service for Christian Unity, sponsored by Ecumenism Metro Chicago (EMC). EMC was formed in 1998 on the brink of the third Christian millennium by the regional leaders of 17 Christian churches and agencies, including the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago. The purpose of EMC is to bring together the leadership and laity of Christian churches and agencies in the Chicago area to pray for, witness to and promote Christian Unity.

This ecumenical service is the 16th annual service. Each year, during the reception that takes place before the service, we celebrate the unity our churches experience each January during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU). Our worship service will focus on the theme for the WPCU 2016, “Called to Proclaim the Mighty Acts of the Lord” (cf. 1 Peter 2:9).

Our preacher this year is the Rev. Dr. Larry L. Greenfield. Dr. Greenfield is the executive minister of the American Baptist Churches of Metro Chicago, the theologian-in-residence for the Community Renewal Society and the new executive director of the Parliament of the World’s Religions. Bishop Jeffrey Lee and leaders from among the 20 churches that now make up EMC will be part of the worship leadership as well.

We are called by Christ himself “to be one so that the world may believe” (John 17:20-21). In obedience, reverence and joy, let us come together in fellowship and worship.

It helps our planning if you would please confirm your attendance on this website: http://www.archchicago.org/departments/ecumenical/prayerserviceregistration. Questions? Contact Grayson Van Camp at 630-471-4643 or James Van Camp at 630-805-1068.
VBS: Register Now

Join the fun at Vacation Bible School July 18-22! Children 4 years-5th grade are invited to learn more about God at this week-long camp held from 9:00 a.m.-noon. Last year we filled capacity, so do not delay!

Registration fee is $30/child ($60 family maximum). Scholarships available. Please make checks payable to St. Mark’s Church with “VBS” in the memo space. Registration deadline is June 30, 2016.

Parent/Guardian Name:

E-mail Address:Home Address: City/Town:

Home Phone: Cell Number: Work Number:

Emergency Contact Name/Number:

People to whom my child can be released:

I am available to assist during the week = Days available: M T W Th F

Area of interest (Circle all that apply): Crafts/science Snack Recreation Storytelling

PDO Childcare for 2 & 3 year olds during VBS week

Registration is $25/day/child. You may register for as many days as you like, by signing up at the PDO check-in table or the church office. Please make checks payable to “PDO”. Payment is due at time of registration. Deadline: June 30.

Child’s Full Name Birth date Age Allergies/Conditions (food, ADHD, noise sensitivities)

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**Children’s Ministry**

Kristin Margaglione
childrensministry@stmarksglenellyn.org  630-779-6866

**Thanks to our Teachers!**

**Sunday School Teacher Appreciation May 22!**

Our last day of Sunday School is May 22. Join your teachers and fellow students at coffee hour at 11:45 and the Convivio at 2:15 to thank them for all their hard work. If you can write a note to your teacher to thank them, that would be appreciated very much. There

**Pastor Robin writes a weekly blog on Christian Grand Parenting.**

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**Choristers Sing**

The Chorister Year will wrap up in May...and there is still time for newcomers to join a choir! K-1 Choristers rehearse 4:00 - 4:40 and 2nd-5th Choristers rehearse 4:45 - 5:30 every Wednesday. The K-1st Choristers are scheduled to sing in 9:15 worship on May 22. The 2nd-5th Choristers will sing May 1 and May 22. We welcome all children (and non-St. Mark's friends) to join us!

Marsha Webster musicassociate@stmarksglenellyn.org.

**JAM is All Year Long**

This year-round Sunday School class is for children 4-8 years old. JAM stands for "Jesus and Me" and it is held at 9:15 in room 123. This 35 minute class uses "Godly Play" which uses wooden figures and props to tell the stories of the Bible. Children join their parents for the remainder of the service.

**St. Mark’s Superstar’s Drama Camp**

for children and youth 6 years and up

June 13-17 at St. Mark’s
9:00 a.m. – 12 noon

Registration deadline June 1, 2016.

Mail this registration form with payment to:
St. Mark’s Episcopal Church,
393 N. Main Street, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137.
The cost is $50 per student for the week and sibling discounts are available. Please make checks payable to: St. Mark’s Church with "Drama Camp" in the memo space.

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E-mail Address:

Home Address: City/Town:

Home Phone: Cell Number: Work Number:

Emergency Contact Name/Number:
The St. Mark's book group will meet May 22 at 3 pm at the home of Tanya Carey. We will discuss *The Letters from the Dust Bowl* by Carolyn Henderson. All are welcome! Please contact May Anstee at m-anstee@comcast.net if you plan to attend.

**ASP Thank You**
Thank you to everyone who supported The Appalachia Service Project mission trip by contributing to “The house that St. Mark’s built” and by purchasing flowers from an ASP volunteer. Your generosity will enable nine youth and adults to travel to Kentucky in July to make homes warmer, safer and drier for those in need. This will be the 4th summer that St. Mark’s has sent a group to work with ASP. Thank You!

**Women In Touch/WIT**
All women of St. Mark’s are warmly invited to our last morning meeting of WIT of this (school) year on Thursday, May 12 from 9:30-11 am in the St. Mark’s Library. Sandy Koropp, owner of Prairie Path Books in Wheaton, will give us a sneak peek of “must reads” for summer. Sandy is a delightful speaker and is incredibly well-read. She will talk about her favorite new titles and bring a few books for us to peruse. Come for a light breakfast, good conversation, and community (…and books!) All are welcome, bring a friend, and childcare is available. Learn more about Prairie Path Books at prairiepathbooks.co. Please also note: Our June “Come on Over” has been postponed to later in the summer. Susan Shorney will host in July or early August — more information to follow. Do you have questions about—or suggestions for—WIT? Would you like to be involved or serve on the steering committee for the 2016-17 year? Jennifer Grant at jen@jennifergrant.com or at 630-510-8019.

**Your Parish Prayer Providers**
We meet on Wednesday, May 4 at 11:00 a.m. in the Library. You are welcome to meet with us if you are interested in joining this group. For more information please contact May Anstee 630 889-0933 (m-anstee@comcast.ne). If you or someone you care about is in need of intercessory prayer, please contact Rebecca Sandrok at rebeccasandrok@yahoo.com, or you may contact any member of the clergy.

**Summer Music Camps by Anima**
Glen Ellyn Children’s Chorus
All camps held at St. Mark’s.
(20% discount for St. Mark’s families)

- **Summer Music Academy**
  (students entering grades 5-9)
  June 13-17 9:30am - 3:30pm

- **Treble Summer Music Camp**
  (students entering grades 2-4)
  June 20-24 9:30 - 11:30am
  A fun introduction to Anima’s award winning music education program.

- **KidSingers Summer Music Camp**
  (students entering grades K-1)
  June 20-24 9:40-10:30 am

To register call 630-858-2471 or go to http://www.animasingers.org.

**As seen in a recent sermon…**
Pastor Robin has written books of Bible stories for the youngest children. For the full list see http://www.amazon.com/Robin-Currie.
Who are The Daughters of the King?

Have you seen this lovely silver cross worn by a number of women at St. Mark’s? Women wearing this cross are members of The Order of the Daughters of the King, a prayer and service order open to women and girls, both lay and ordained, who are communicants of either the Episcopal Church, or a number of other liturgical churches including Lutheran (ELCA).

What is an order?

A Christian order is a community of men or women living under a religious rule. Because Daughters of the King accept a Rule of Life, we define ourselves as an order, not an organization. Our community is found primarily in our local chapters, and it extends around the world. Our chapter here at St. Mark’s is called St. Anne’s Chapter of The Order of the Daughters of the King.

Sometimes people are confused by the difference between The Daughters of the King and Altar Guild. While many members of our chapter of Daughters of the King serve St. Mark’s on Altar Guild, Altar Guild is open to all St. Markers, both men and women. So, in a nutshell, not everyone on Altar Guild is a member of the Daughters of the King. And, similarly, not every member of the Daughters of the King serves on Altar Guild.

As Daughters we are all at different stages of our Christian journey. Some have just begun and some have been on this path for a long time.

No special spiritual attributes are needed to become a Daughter of the King – only a sincere desire to draw nearer to God, and to help others do the same. The path to becoming a member includes participating in a three-month period of study and discernment through, and with, The Daughters of the King, making a decision to pursue membership, and taking lifetime vows to uphold the order’s Rule of Prayer and Rule of Service.

This year at St. Mark’s we celebrate St. Anne’s 85th anniversary as a DOK chapter. The DOK order itself was founded in 1885 by Margaret Franklin, at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, in New York City. Our DOK order grew quickly and held its first national convention in 1893. Today there are chapters across the United States and around the world. Our website: www.doknational.org.

If you’d like to know more about the Daughters of the King feel free to ask Karen Evans, our chapter’s president, or ask anyone you see who wears this cross. We will be happy to talk to you!

May the risen Lord Jesus watch over us and renew us as he renews the whole of creation. May our hearts and lives echo His love. ~Celebrating Common Prayer

Annual Salad Supper

Each spring we host our salad supper as an annual fellowship event. Interest in membership in the Daughters of the King is not required to attend our salad supper! Each spring a number of St. Mark’s women who are not members of Daughters of the King do attend. Whether you have or haven’t attended our Salad Supper before, please feel welcome to join us!

The Annual Salad Supper
Hosted by
The Order of the Daughters of the King

May 16, 2016
6:30 pm

At the home of May Anstee
219 West Maple Street
Lombard, IL 60148

Please RSVP to Karen Evans
(708) 642-2601, kkevans46@gmail.com
Karen is our president, St. Anne’s Chapter of the National Order of the Daughters of the King, here at St. Mark’s. Hope to see you there!

PADS Serves Homeless

The next time that the St. Mark’s PADS team serves at PADS is Sunday evening May 1 through Monday morning May 2. St. Mark’s volunteers serve on four shifts starting with the dinner shift Sunday evening and ending with breakfast shift on Monday morning. The food that we serve is donated by St. Mark’s parishioners. If you would like to volunteer or donate food please contact either David or Don.

David Dornblaser 630.474.9706 H
630.215.7999 C dornblaser@me.com

Donald Sutherland 630.469.8284 H 630.661.5792 H
drsmps@sbcglobal.net.

Joseph Malham’s display, The Twelve Great Feasts, will be on exhibit through June 12.
Will there be cake? Yes! 
Confirmation Recognition Sunday is Sunday, May 22, at the 10:30 and 1:00 services! It is also the last day of Sunday School! We will celebrate with a special coffee hour!

Congratulations to the Newly Confirmed on April 24!

Sofia Loren Aragones
Virginia Roos Curtis
Grace Ellison
Paul Gillespie
Mia Claire Grant-Funck
Delaney Ward Gross
Kathryn Anne Hardy
Ben Daniel Kelly
Spencer Clay Knotts
Mitchell Loomis Pfefferman
Kathleen Heuston Taback
Edgar Agustin
Uriel Martinez
Miriam Luna
Rosmary Valero
Jennifer DeCasas
Esmeralda Garcia
Henry Valero
Jovani Enriquez
Miriam Luna
Diana Agustin
Edgar Agustin
Jennifer DeCasas
Jovani Enriquez
Esmeralda Garcia

Congratulations to the Following Youth Celebrating Communion on April 24!

Diana Enriquez Aguayo
Pascual Enriquez Aguayo
Edgar Agustin
Jennifer DeCasas
Jovani Enriquez
Esmeralda Garcia
Miriam Luna
Uriel Martinez-Mata
Rocio Peralta
Gabriela Saenz
Alondra DeCasas

For Middle Schoolers:
Wednesday Night Youth Group for middle schoolers will meet May 18 and June 8 from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. All 6th, 7th, & 8th graders are invited and encouraged to bring a friend. Current 5th Graders are invited to come on June 8! Meet in the library with leaders Joce-lyn Briones and Teresa Norris!

SUMMER Middle School Mission Camp Friday, August 12
For those entering 6th, 7th, & 8th grades next school year!

Camp Chicago 2016

Register now, for youth 7 to 17! Camp Chicago serves young people, from all parts of the diocese and beyond! Located at Camp Stronghold in Oregon, IL, the camp offers Christian education, worship, fellowship, leadership development, outdoor adventure experience, arts and crafts, canoeing, swimming, ropes course, tent camping, archery, campfires, music, and more. Camp is not restricted to Episcopalians. All are welcome. Scholarships are available, too. For more information or to register, go to www.campchicago.org.

For High Schoolers:
Wednesday Night Youth Group (1st&3rdWed@StMarks) for high schoolers+. Come to the library and bring a friend.

Senior High Graduation Recognition Sunday is May 29!
We will be recognizing all of our graduating seniors at each of the services!

SUMMER MISSION TRIPS
(those going into 9th grade and older)

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE SUPPORTED OUR ST. MARK’S MISSION TRIPS WITH YOUR GENEROUS DONA-TIONS AND PRAYERS!

Appalachia Service Project Mission Trip (ASP) – July 2016. Contact Cindy Glavin cgglavin92@yahoo.com or 630-858-1946.

Mexico Mission Trip June 2016. Next meeting is Sunday, May 29, at 2:30 p.m. in the library.

Follow us on Facebook and Twitter! We have private Facebook pages for middle and high school youth. Send a request to Kim Reed to join. And you may follow us on Twitter at @stmarksyouth1.
For All Youth

Youth Bridge Group: First Sunday of the Month: May 1 and June 5 from 11:45 to 12:45 in the library. We'll make lunches for PADS and have pizza and fellowship. For all youth! **NOTE:** On MAY 1, we'll make PADS lunches, eat pizza, and then head over to participate in the CROP Walk. A bus will leave St. Mark’s at 12:45 and return at 4:00 p.m.
Important Sunday Events  
May 2016

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   Workshop on Immigration
   ESL classes begin
7-8  Mother's Day Rose Sales
    Patsy McGregor visit
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22  Last Day of Sunday School
    Confirmation Recognition Sunday
    Ecumenical Worship
29  High School Graduation Recognition

June 2016

5  Summer Worship Schedule:
   9:15, 10:30 a.m., 1 p.m.
   Organ Dedication Recital: Dufourcet
12  Church picnic
12-17  Mexico Mission Trip

Registration is now open for 
Youth Summer Programs!
See pages 7-10.

St. Mark's Organ Concert Series Concludes June 5

Our final performer in the concert series is Marie-Bernadette Dufourcet who is a Doctor from the Sorbonne, Professor at the University of Bordeaux Montaigne where she teaches History of Music and Musical Analysis and Director of the Music department. She is also a visiting professor at the Universidad Autónoma of Madrid Music Department. She studied organ with Susan Landale, Marie-Claire Alain and Jean Langlais, then at the Conservatoire National Supérieur de Musique of Paris. There, she won first prizes in organ, improvisation, harmony, and counterpoint. She is an honorary titulaire of the Cavaillé-Coll organ of Notre-Dame-des-Champs church in Paris, and as a musicologist, she writes articles and books particularly on organ and court music in France and Spain from the 16th to the 17th centuries. She has received the medal of “Chevalier des Palmes Académiques” in 2010 and the medal of “Chevalier de l’Ordre National du Mérite” in 2012. The concert is June 5 at 4:00pm and is free and open to the public.