

April 21, 2021

Deaths

Gilbert Shanley, husband of **Ann Shanley**, on April 15, 2021.

Lance Stansberry, brother of **Laurie Bijou**, on April 19, 2021.

Lloyd Overdyke, husband of **Laura-Ashley Overdyke**, father of **Lola & Piper Overdyke**, on April 20, 2021

Baptisms

Trinity Reign Faith, daughter of **Candice Faith & John Medlock**, on April 17, 2021.

Daniel Christopher Ott, son of **James Ott**, on April 17, 2021.

Births

Eve Fowler Tietjen-Skrivanos, on April 12, 2021. Parents are **Claire Skrivanos & Lib Tietjen**. Grandmother is **Sherri Skrivanos**.

Happy Birthday

April 25

Kerie Kay Palmer
Chris Watt
Mary Helen Skeadas
Travis Simmons
Thomas Risher

28

Diane Sino
Dianna Sentell

29

Mark Florsheim
Jean Cottingham
Margaret Brace
Kristen Godwin
J. Drummond

26

Andy Storer
Katherine Nelson
Caroline Brooks
Anderson Davis
Giovanni Giacalone

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Iris Jackson
Jim Kirkland
Chan Teague
Caroline Sibley
Steve Arnold
Anne Lasseigne
Liza Johnson

May 1

Amy Brainard
Tremper Williams

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Community

St. Mark's is adding back some services that have been on hiatus during the COVID -19 pandemic.

We are again having the Friday 5:30 pm Eucharist in the Chapel along with the 6:00 pm Sunday Eucharist. **We also have a nursery available on Sundays.** Please remember that all the current COVID protocols will remain in place. Everyone must be masked and socially distanced. We look forward to seeing you!

Meals On Wheels Opportunity! It's only a one hour volunteer opportunity every Monday delivering Meals on Wheels to eight seniors at Evangeline senior apartments (across street from Betty Virginia Park) St Marks would like to get a team together to do this once a week. The team can decide on their schedule for the each month. **Please email Jennifer for more information. Jennifer@ stmarkscathedral.net**

We have re-started our SPIRITUAL DIRECTION GROUP on Mondays at 10:00 am in the library. The group is open to all who are interested in spiritual growth and participation in a caring and accepting group. (Other times to meet may also become available on request). **For more information contact Rowena@stmarkscathedral.net.**

EYC will meet this Sunday for dinner, activity, and compline from 6:15 to 7:30 pm.

Community Renewal Fruit Signup List!

The Community Renewal after school programs teach and practice balanced nutrition at their meals. The Barksdale neighborhood would greatly appreciate 25 pieces/servings of fruit every Monday. Fruit may be fresh or canned and should be dropped off at the church office any time before the assigned Monday at 10:00 am. **The signup this year is**

online: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E044FAFAA2D6-fruit>.

Remember as a child how a stuffed animal eased

your fears? For the month of April, we will be collecting NEW stuffed animals for the CARA center. The CARA center is a partnership of Christus and LSUHSC to provide aftercare and medical care for the diagnosis, management and prevention of child abuse and neglect in our local area. For the month of April, drop off new stuffed animals at the church office. **For any questions contact Jennifer Beruvides at jennifer@stmarkscathedral.net**

If you are going through a difficult time, one of the Stephen Ministers from St. Mark's may be able to help. Stephen Ministers are laypersons who have received special training to listen, care, encourage and provide emotional and spiritual support for persons who are facing a crisis or going through tough times. After all, there are many difficulties and transitions in this life! Why not give yourself the gift of a Stephen Minister who can accompany you on part of your journey?! The care you receive is confidential, free and very helpful. For more information, contact **the Rev. Dr. Rowena White at rowena@stmarkscathedral.net**.

After a temporary hiatus that unfortunately has lasted for an entire year, we have returned to congregational singing of hymns and service music!

This announcement also includes a return to choral music during worship, as long as we maintain proper social distancing and other protocols including continued use of masks to help reduce the spread of COVID-19.

There is not a plan to return to regular Wednesday choir rehearsals and Choral Evensong until September. This will provide the necessary time for everyone to get vaccinated. However, in the meantime we will have a choir on Sunday mornings and for any special services that will take place between now and September.

The St. Mark's School Parents Club annual Fiesta fund raiser has been reconceived and combined with the school Field Day in order to provide a family friendly all-school event that can happen outside.

An online auction, reduced in scale and scope this year out of respect for the challenges local merchants have faced, will occur the same week as Field Day, which will now feature food trucks and family activities. Please accept our apologies for any inconveniences caused by Fiesta Field Day on **Friday, May 7!**

Sunday Readings

The Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 4:5-12 * 1 John 3:16-24
John 10:11-18

Thoughts from the Dean and the Stewardship Team

O lord, giver of life and the source of our freedom, we are reminded by the psalmist that yours is "the earth and its fullness; the world and those who dwell in it."

We know that it is in your hand that we have received all we have, and are, and will be. Gracious and loving God, we understand that you call us to be the stewards of your abundance, the caretakers of all you have entrusted to us.

Help us always to use your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously.

May our faithful stewardship bear witness to the love of Christ in our lives.

We pray with grateful hearts, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Additional Resources

Dean Alston Johnson's Blog:

<https://thecarpentersnail.blog/>

St. Mark's Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/St-Marks-Cathedral-Shreveport-181096028587074/>

Bishop Jake Owensby's Blog:

<https://jakeowensby.com/blog/>

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