

August 25, 2021



Baptisms

Alice Drumm Jones, daughter of Tara & Reid Jones, on August 22, 2021.

Mary-Hallie Anne Merckle, daughter of Emily & Chris Merckle, on August 22, 2021.

Happy Birthday

August 29	September 1	3
Bill Kalmbach	Casey Payne	Rebecca Brown
Kristen Renda	Katy Wagner	Kelsi Lofton
Gary Tubbs	Lyla Hall	
Anna Hardtner		4
	2	Nick Noble
30	Scott D'Anna	
Emaree Wallace	Knighton Clarke	
Larry Shea	Charlotte Baldrige	
Timothy Brown	Charlotte Brown	
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Linda Allen		
Hanna Gamble		

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Community

Don't forget that we are still under COVID-19 protocols for worship. Masks are required and six-foot social distancing will be enforced. To make this easier, we will be roping off every other pew and marking six feet of space. Hand sanitizer is available as you go up for communion. Please remember to wave or elbow bump at the Peace.

Rally Day is this Sunday! Please feel free to dress casually! Lunch will be served and display tables will be set up in the gym. Please come and take a look at what St. Mark's will be offering this fall and sign up for activities that interest you.

Come stop by the EYC table at Rally Day! Get to know your youth leaders and pick up a calendar and brochure detailing the upcoming events we've got planned this year. With movie nights, game nights, community work, out of town trips - there is something for everyone so you don't want to miss it! Follow us on Instagram: @smceyc for updates!

CALLING ALL ARTISANS! We will have an Artisan Table set up at Rally Day this year. Items will be for sale, and all proceeds will go to the Gingerbread House, which provides services for abused children. We would love for any artisan to participate if you would like, and we hope that you will be sure to stop by our table. Contact Emma Caraway at emma.caraway2008@icloud.com for questions.

To love and serve Christ.

To love and serve each other in Christ.

To love and serve the world for Christ.

Our Sunday Eucharistic Lectionary Bible class

meets each Sunday at 9:30 am. We hope that you will grab a cup of coffee and join us in The Garden Room for this gathering and scriptural study.

The Looking for God in Messy Places Summer

Sunday School Class is open to everyone. We're reading Bishop Jake Owensby's new book, *Looking for God in Messy Places*, about hope. We're reading it aloud in class, so all you have to do is show up (and don't worry if you miss some weeks).

E-mail Lauren Thibodeaux at thiblauren@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Hello St. Mark's Families! Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is beginning again **Sunday, September 12**. Level 1 Atrium is for children in K3 (who are potty-trained) - Kindergarten. Level 2 Atrium is for 1st graders - 3rd graders. Look out for registration forms available at the church office and by the nursery door. Please stop by our table to talk to Catechists at Rally Day in August **Learn more about Catechesis at <https://www.cgsusa.org/>.**

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.

Community Renewal Highland House needs volunteers to help elementary age children after school.

Days and time vary. Contact Jennifer Beruvides for more information.
Jennifer@stmarkscathedral.net

St. Mark's Wednesday Night Book Study resumes meeting on September 15 at 6:00 pm in the church library and is open to anyone interested.

This fall we will complete a six week study of the book *Simon Peter: Flawed but Faithful* by Adam Hamilton. There are two ways of viewing Peter: 1. The ordinary fisherman that left everything to follow Jesus with a passion that changed the world; 2. As the poor, uneducated, quick tempered man full of doubts and fears. In studying the man that Jesus called the "rock", we will exam our own special gifts, talents and abilities that God can use to make a difference in our world.

Just a reminder! If you've had any changes in your address or phone number or family status, please give the church office a call. That helps us to keep our records up to date as well as making sure you get every issue of *The Evangelist* and *The Messenger*. Also if you have a child who's left for college, moved out, or married, please keep us updated on their change of status and address!

Sunday Readings

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 * James 1:17-27
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Thoughts from the Dean and the Stewardship Team

So often, when we begin to think that church leaders stress money matters too often, we do not consider the great ministries of the church. Ask any pastor or leading lay people in any church: How is their congregation helping to meet the needs of those who are suffering? The answer given will inevitably point to money given to provide food, clothing, counseling, housing, medical care, and so forth for the poor. Giving help to those in desperate need is a mandate Christ has given us. If we neglect the poor, the sick, the hungry, the ignorant, those in rags, those treated unjustly, we will have failed Christ.

Christian stewardship involves far more than worship; it involves service. It involves doing something positive to help those in desperate need. It calls for sharing all that God has given us!

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/>