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**SAVE THE DATE - OCTOBER 29-31. CS
LEWIS SEMINAR**

Louis Markos, Ph.D. Professor in English & Scholar in Residence Robert H. Ray Chair in Humanities - Houston Baptist University will be at St. Mark's Friday through Sunday. The event is free and open to the public. More details will be announced soon!

Happy Birthday

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Hailey Young
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Annabelle Wood | 22
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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.

EYC continues this Sunday 5:30-7:15 PM in the youth room! All kids Grades 6-12 are welcome. We've got a beach day planned at Cypress Black Bayou Park **September 26** so mark your calendars! Parents please make sure to complete the Medical Form and COVID guideline forms and return to Sarah. Also, make sure we have your email information to stay up to date on our upcoming events!

We are in need of parents to volunteer to provide meals for the youth on Sunday nights. Please contact Sarah Kaye Wilkes at swilkes10@gmail.com with questions or to sign up!

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is underway again. 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/>.

To love and serve Christ.

To love and serve each other in Christ.

To love and serve the world for Christ.

There will be a dinner honoring Father Wayne Carter on Thursday, September 23 at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall. We will thank Fr. Carter for his service to St. Mark's as he leaves for his new position at St. John's in Minden, **Please RSVP to 221-3360 or bess@stmarkscathedral.net**

EYC Broken Bow Retreat October 9th-11th!! We've got a great fall trip planned with activities including hiking, games, and devotions. **Limited spots are available so please contact Sarah Wilkes ASAP (smceyc318@gmail.com) to reserve your spot** or if you have any questions regarding the trip! Trip cost: \$150 (+spending money) will include transportation, lodging, and meals!

Advent is a time for reflection and self-examination in preparation for the commemoration of Jesus' birth and the return of Christ. As part of your Advent contemplation this year, please share in our collective preparation by writing your own reflection on a lectionary reading for St. Mark's Daily Advent Meditations. **Contact laura.mclemore@lsus.edu for information.**

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**

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.

St. Mark's Wednesday Night Book Study resumes meeting this week 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.

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.**

Sunday Readings

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Jeremiah 11:18-20 * James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a
Mark 9:30-37

Thoughts from the Dean and the Stewardship Team

To be a good steward is to be conscious that all things we have on earth are generous gifts from God. Stewardship is to care, to have concern, and to give thanks by giving of what has been given to 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/>

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