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Weddings

Kaitlyn Leigh Blohm & Michael Carey Schimpf, on October 23, 2021.

Happy Birthday

October 31	3	6
Tiddle Florsheim	Cody Mayo	Sally Byrd
Eleanor	Selby Moss	Bud Westmoreland
McGlothlin	Ryan Campbell	Olivia Bradley
		Craig Storer
November 1	4	Ellen Blanchard
Louise Williams	Lauren Barnett	Ashley Coleman
Harrison Smith		Casey Risher
Jennifer Cooper	5	
Lex Childs	Sherry Pendley	
	Chris Stage	
2	Lauren Dulaney	
Shelton Floyd	Frances Smitherman	
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THE MESSENGER

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. We are continuing to intinct rather than use the common cup.

This weekend is our C.S. Lewis seminar with Louis Markos, Ph.D. Professor in English & Scholar in Residence Robert H. Ray Chair in Humanities - Houston Baptist University. Dr. Markos will be using Lewis' *Mere Christianity* as his primary source for the lectures. The first session will be **this Friday, October 29** at 6:00 pm and there will be two sessions **on Saturday, October 30**, at 4:00 and 6:00 pm. **All sessions are in the Cathedral.** Dr. Markos will be our guest preacher on **Sunday, October 31** at the 10:30 am service and then will present a special program on the *Chronicles of Narnia* following a parish lunch. All events are free and open to the public.

Please Join Us for A FREE Grief Seminar, *Surviving the Holidays*, Tuesday, November 9, 6:00 to 8:00 pm In the Garden Room at St. Mark's. Call 318-226-4025 to Register and reserve a workbook, or Email: Rowena@stmarkscathedral.net
MASKS REQUIRED

There will be NO EYC this Sunday! We are encouraging everyone to attend the C.S. Lewis Seminar. Next Sunday, **November 7** we will be catapulting pumpkins! Please contact Sarah (smceyc318@gmail.com) to be added to our email list!

The Women's Bible Study will reconvene on Wednesdays at 10:30 am starting November 3. We will gather in room 101 of the Ministry Center for coffee and conversation around the upcoming Sunday's lectionary readings. Please contact Mother Beth if you are interested or if you have questions (beth@stmarkscathedral.net).

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.**

Have you heard about our "Pew Project?" St. Mark's is in the process of refurbishing all of the pews in the church, including the kneelers and the book racks. And you can be a part of it. Parishioners can "sponsor" a pew to have redone. Your gift will be acknowledged with a brass plaque on the pew. **If you are interested, or for more information, contact John Scheel at 226-4023.**

We are collecting dog and cat food for the rest of October in honor of St. Francis. Bagged or canned is fine. Drop it by the church office.

All Ushers and Acolytes! Dean Johnson is adding the Usher schedule to the Ministry Planning software that we use to schedule our services. This will include adding your email to the reminder list that is sent out on Wednesdays and Thursdays prior to Sunday services. Ushers – if you receive an email reminder about your slot, please be in touch with your team leader about your monthly schedule. Acolytes – if we do not have an email address for you, we will be sending it to your parents.

St. Mark's Holiday Shop - A Fundraiser for the SMCS Parents' Club. Get ready for the holiday season and fill your home with Christmas spirit! Great gifts for friends, family, and clients. We have Poinsettias • Greenery • Gift Wrap • St. Mark's Ornaments & Plaque.

Order Deadlines:

Poinsettias/Greenery: Friday, Nov. 5

Ornaments: Wednesday, Dec. 1 (to be guaranteed by Christmas)

Order forms are available at the school or the church office. You can also order online at <https://www.stmarksschool.com/beyond-the-classroom/holiday-shop>

Sunday Readings

The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost:
Deuteronomy 6:1-9 * Hebrews 9:11-14
Mark 12:28-34

Thoughts from the Dean and the Stewardship Team

Jesus was aware that our allegiance was swayed in many different directions and that many of these directions were away from and not toward him. He preferred to meet the leading issues of life (money being one) in a direct, forthright manner. To do otherwise, would have been to leave us in a non-growth condition. Are we willing to face the money issue? What is the connection between Jesus and money in your life? How do you determine your outlook about money and Jesus?

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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