

Dear Friends and Families of St. Mark's,



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It's November and the next three weeks mark the end of the green season. The ordinary time of green grass and trees is whisked away in the brisk fall breeze. The change in time is marked by the leaves turning orange, gold, and red, and butterflies lingering near woodpiles for their winter hibernating rest. Nov. 7 provides several marks of change: time itself falls back one hour, marking the shortening of daylight; it is All Saints' Sunday when we will baptize William Dodge McCraw,

son of Gray Hayes McCraw and Emma Hargrove McCraw, at our 10:30 am service. We will remember that day the blessed departed at all of our services to include a 3 pm service at All Saints' Chapel in Stonewall.

Christ the King Sunday, Nov. 21, points to the end of time when the kingdom of Christ will be established fully on earth. It marks a reminder that God, "whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords," will "Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule" (BCP, p. 236 Collect Proper 29). This is the last Sunday in 2021 ordinary time.

We will gather on Nov. 25 at 10 am for our Thanksgiving Day Holy Eucharist. The turkey is in the oven (hopefully), and all families and guests are welcome to offer praise and thanksgiving for the mercy and love of Almighty God. Please be mindful of those alone this year who may be encouraged by a note or phone call.

Finally, Nov. 28, the First Sunday in Advent, marks the new year for the Church. Blue is the color for Advent, and it reminds us to prepare for the celebration of the birth of Jesus of Nazareth. As disciples of the risen Christ, this is also a time of preparation for the return of our Lord. Our personal preparation can take many forms remembering that "all may, some should, none must." This means we each discern in November our Advent spiritual practices that will serve as our preparation for the return of Jesus Christ. Our personal prayers and confessions, listening and responding to God's invitation, draw us closer to God through our intimate relationships with Jesus Christ. Members of the St. Mark's community will offer meditations for the daily readings in an Advent booklet (thank you, Laura McLemore, for coordinating). The colored candles of Advent wreaths mark words of devotion for the week, and trees may begin to appear in homes in anticipation of decorating for Christmas.

Yes, a lot is going on in November, and for that and more, we are thankful. May our prayers of thanksgiving and praise for Almighty God mark our hearts with compassion and mercy for one another, for those whom we pray, and for those we do not know.

*Your sister in Christ,
Mother Beth*



SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:00 am, 10:30 am, & 6:00 pm
Sunday Holy Eucharist

NOVEMBER 7, 2021

All Saints' Sunday

Wisdom 3 :1-9 Revelation 21 :1-6a
Psalm 24 John 11 :32-44

NOVEMBER 14, 2021

The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Daniel 12 :1-3 Hebrews 10 :11-25
Psalm 16 Mark 10 :17-31

NOVEMBER 21, 2021

***The Last Sunday after Pentecost:
Christ the King***

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 Revelation 1 :4b-8
Psalm 93 John 18:33-37

NOVEMBER 28, 2021

The First Sunday of Advent

Jeremiah 33:14-16 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
Psalm 25:1-9 Luke 21:25-36

Christmas Memorials

It is the custom at St. Mark's to invite the parish family at Christmas to make a contribution to the glory of God and in memory or honor of loved ones. This is not only an appropriate way to honor those who have gone before us, but these gifts make it possible to decorate the Cathedral in a festive manner. If you wish to make a memorial, please send your donation, along with the name or names of those to be honored, to the attention of Becky Deverts, no later than Friday, December 10.



Five principles of godly stewardship:

- God owns everything. Everything means everything. The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world and all who live in it (Ps. 24:1). The Genesis creation record makes it clear that God is the sovereign Creator who owns and reigns over the earth. It is also clear that God appointed man to manage this creation (Gen. 2:15).
- The people of God are God's management company. If you are a Christian, remember that being part of God's household gives you responsibilities to work for the house of God. You enter into a contract with God that requires you to be a steward of your part of His creation. It is a further obligation that although you are free to make your own choices, the choices you make must give God glory.
- Stewardship is responsibility with accountability. God did not create a people to be servants but to be relatives, sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth (Is. 43:6). He receives little glory from having slaves; He receives tremendous glory from people who willingly serve Him as a manifestation of their relationship to Him. God wants to know if you truly love Him, and He intends to test that love by seeing how you respond to the temptation of money.
- Stewardship demands a commitment to others. It is a response to God's goodness to you. Stewardship is not doing something for God with your money, but doing something for others with His money. You act on God's behalf and in His name. The apostle Paul described himself as a slave to everyone (1 Cor. 9:19) and always seeking the good of them. (1 Cor. 10:24, 33). Further he told us to look not only to your own interest, but also the interests of others (Phil. 2:4). Your attitude, Paul wrote, should be the same as that of Christ Jesus, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness (Phil. 2:5-7). Stewardship is both an expression of your love for God and the realization of that love in your relationships to others.
- Stewardship has eternal consequences. Underlying most of Jesus' instruction is the assumption that your life on earth will prepare you for your future in heaven. Paul explained to the Philippian believers, I am [not] looking for a gift, but I am looking for what may be credited to your [future, heavenly] account (Phil. 4:17). Stewardship builds heavenly treasure by transferring wealth from your bank account to your heavenly account. Because God is eternal, He operates in an eternal time frame. Likewise, the actions of God's stewards will have eternal consequences.

Weekday Worship at the Cathedral

Wednesdays

7:00 a.m.
Holy Eucharist
Chapel

Fridays 5:30 p.m.
Holy Eucharist
Chapel

(The 5:30 service is an option for those who cannot attend Sunday worship.)



A full-color version of *The Evangelist* is on our website! Go to "Media," then "The Evangelist."

Cathedral School News

by Dr. Chris Carter, Headmaster
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Thanks to all the parishioners who offered positive feedback for our Episcopal School Celebration last month! School children and parents were as excited as parishioners, and we hope that as we continue to move even further past the pandemic, we can do even more next year! Particular thanks to Mother Beth and to Derrick Meador for their efforts for this special event!

This year marks my fourteenth year at St. Mark's, my twentieth as a head of school, and my thirty-third in independent and Episcopal schools. I have come to that place in life where I have former students whose careers I follow with interest and who are now in positions of significant leadership. Nearly anytime I look at social media I can see a post from the former student who is now a full professor at Syracuse, or the one who is active in state politics while working as a college admissions administrator, or the realtor who has made a career of assisting first-time homeowners. There is the former basketball standout who is now a professional artist and the former lacrosse player star who now works in public relations. I have former students who are nurses, teachers, homebuilders, computer programmers, attorneys, chefs, and nearly every other occupation you can think of. One former student was recently Interim Dean of a Cathedral and just accepted a call as Rector of a large parish with a school! I see my former students engaging in their careers and striving to



be good parents. It is occasionally surprising, sometimes amusing, but always rewarding to see someone you knew as a middle or high school student, then filled with all the flaws and facing all the challenges that mark adolescence, now responsible, professional, and actively contributing to the wider community.

Dean Johnson often reminds both our faculty and our school board that the work we do in the school might be compared to planning redwoods. The three year-olds learning their letters or the 7th graders learning about DNA may one day be Pulitzer Prize winning writers or the discoverers of life-saving medications. They may be community activists, pastors, or teachers. We who work with the children of our school don't know whom our students may someday become, but we know—and we tell them—that God has great plans for each of them and that each of them has unique and important gifts to contribute to our world. We know—and we tell them—that God loves them and wants them to share that love with others.

It is a joy for me to have come to the point to see some of the redwoods I have helped to plant in years past mature and start to become part of the forest that is God's kingdom. I think that's why our Episcopal Schools Celebration is so important to me; our Episcopal schools are places where we not only shape minds but form hearts and souls and help grow the kingdom. As we enter the season of Thanksgiving, I am thankful for the ministry of St. Mark's Cathedral School and my part in it. Thank you for your prayers and support in this work!

**The Boys and Girls Choir
at
St. Mark's Cathedral**



**Free professional music
education!**

Open to ages 7-14, no
religious affiliation required

**Rehearsals: Wednesdays,
4:00 - 5:30 p.m.**

Family Dinner Provided

Derrick Meador, Choirmaster
Leslye Gilchrist, Assistant Choirmaster
Theresa Johnson, Assistant Choirmaster

Want to know more?
Contact Derrick Meador
derrick@stmarkscathedral.net



**St. Mark's Physical Training
Monday-Friday 5:30 am at the Cathedral**

STMPT (St. Mark's Physical Training)

meets at 5:30 a.m. every weekday morning in the field across
from the parking lot.

Lost Anything at Church?

Or maybe you're just missing some item and have no idea where it might have gone. Drop by or call the church office and check into our lost and found! We have everything from sunglasses to scarves to cell phones to jewelry (including some very nice pieces.) Check and see what you're missing!





Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

9:30 – 12:30 pm Nursery (newborn to K3 - 3 years old by September 30)
First floor of Parish building next to Catechesis Atriums

9:30– 10:30 am Sunday school (4th – 5th grade)
Second floor of Parish building in the old nursery location
9:30 am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

First floor of Parish Building- Rooms 105 & 106

Level I Atrium (K-3 – Kindergarten)

Level II Atrium (1st-3rd grade)

10:30 am Children's Chapel (1st – 5th grade)

Second floor of Parish building in the old nursery location

Adult Christian Formation

9:30 a.m. Sunday Lectionary study

Ministry Center Garden Room

Women's Bible Study

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).

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 by email: Rowena@stmarkscathedral.net.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

November 1	Ashley Coleman	Peyton Hall	Donna Howell	Glenn Langley
Louise Williams	Casey Risher	13	Sarah King	Anna Marsalis
Harrison Smith	8	Janet Barlow	Ulysses Coleman, V	Landry Jones
Jennifer Cooper	David Billingsley	Brenda Pettit	20	25
Lex Childs	Peggy Newell	Gretchen Reeks	Angela Glover	Molly McInnis
2	Will Sibley	Barron O'Neal, Jr.	Shawn Holmes	26
Shelton Floyd	Sarah Wagner	14	Mary Lou Bylsma	Henry Hearne
Stella Walker	Ada Jackson	Brenda Midyett	21	Bill Hall
Greg Anderson	9	Bart Wagner	Alice Frazier	Riley Waddell
John Stewart Slack	Randy Smith	Jim David	Deane James	27
Jack Gilchrist	Joe Milner	Jessica Lee	Jerry Davis	Lacy Williams
Charles Hardtner	Beck Schwab	15	Seth Harrison	John Stroud
3	Richard Yancey	Joy Rabalais	Abigail Koruna	28
Cody Mayo	10	Theiler Van Norman	Kellum Humphrey	Allison Lockhart
Selby Moss	Joyce Murphy	16	Hector Negron	Ethan Courtman
Ryan Campbell	Shari Crowder	David Bieler	22	Mary White
4	Cheryl Hollingsworth	Molly Bryan	Susan Boutte	29
Lauren Barnett	11	Janis Teague	Jonathan Evans	Knox Goodman
5	JoAnn Wheless	Joey Ourso	Kristy Waltman	Pam Nichols
Sherry Pendley	Martine Lattier	William Bennett	Blake Jackson	Michele Cook
Chris Stage	Laurel Brightwell	17	Isabella Wise	Molly Duncan
Lauren Dulaney	Lori Cheramie	Susan Davis	23	30
Frances Smitherman	Jessica Montelepre	Caitlin Coley	Bess Maxwell	William Weaver
6	Arianne Graves	18	Susie Crichton	Carmen Mijalis
Sally Byrd	12	Georgia Cook	Susan Perkins	Lindsey Anderson
Bud Westmoreland	Hope Prince	Lisa Miller	Patrick White	John Peterson
Olivia Bradley	Gordon Clingan	19	Carson Cooper	
Craig Storer	John Scheel	Charlotte Ivey	24	
Ellen Blanchard	Elizabeth Holtsclaw		Liz Montelepre	

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

November 7

The flowers on the High Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Staunton Brevard Sample Helen Sample Rickenbacker, Guy Brevard Sample, Camille Chappell Sample, Philip Key Sample, and John Vance Huckins.

The flowers on the Chapel Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of J. Harman Chandler, Mr. & Mrs. Walter B. Chandler, Mr. & Mrs. S.J. Harman, Mr. & Mrs. Cade C. Havard, and Mr. & Mrs. Tom Havard.

November 14

The flowers on the High Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Joseph Peter Gaffney.

The flowers on the Chapel Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of John Ward Paylor, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. John Ward Paylor, Sr., and Dr. & Mrs. Henry Daniel Shehee.

November 21

The flowers on the High Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of John Frederick Patten, and Mr. & Mrs. David Christie Tyrrell.

The flowers on the Chapel Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of M. Carl Jones, James Marshall Jones, Joan Coughlin Jones, Delmar R. Thompson, and Frances Ball Jones.

November 28

The Greenery on the High Altar is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Robert Kenwood Cooper, Virginia Knighton Annan & Paul Gauss Annan.

The greenery on the Chapel Altar is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Stewart McConnell Wilson, and Mr. & Mrs. Ira Vernon Hastings, Sr.

BIRTHS

Mary Helen Marion Yancey, on September 27, 2021. Parents are **Mary Martha & Richard Yancey**. Grandparents are **Lynn & Steve Yancey**.

BAPTISMS

Chandler Reese Aaron, daughter of **Casey & Kevin Payne**, on October 10, 2021.

You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. Amen.

WEDDINGS

Kaitlin Elizabeth Davis & Samuel Aaron Morton, on October 9, 2021.

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

DEATHS

Rest Eternal grant to them, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them.

Gretchen Bell, on September 28, 2021.

Dr. Warren David Long, on October 7, 2021.

Gale Kibling Gilchrist, mother of **Rob Gilchrist**, grandmother of **Jack & Aidan Gilchrist**, on October 12, 2021.

May their souls, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Thanksgiving Holiday Hours

The Church building and office will be closed on Thursday, November 25 and Friday, November 26 for Thanksgiving.

USHERS and ACOLYTES

Dean Johnson is adding the Usher schedule to the Ministry Planning software that St. Mark's uses to schedule our regularly scheduled services. This software is a convenient way for the clergy to have a "map" of what is happening at any given service. 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 your parents.

We will duplicate our "reminder" mailings for a few months as we streamline this method.

Also – Thank you very, very much for your service. It makes a difference to God and our parish that you share your time and attention with the Body of Christ, the Church.

Blessings and Godspeed, Dean Johnson



Sunday, November 7

Change Those Clocks!

Don't forget! Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 7. Make sure you set your clocks **BACK** one hour when you go to bed Saturday night.



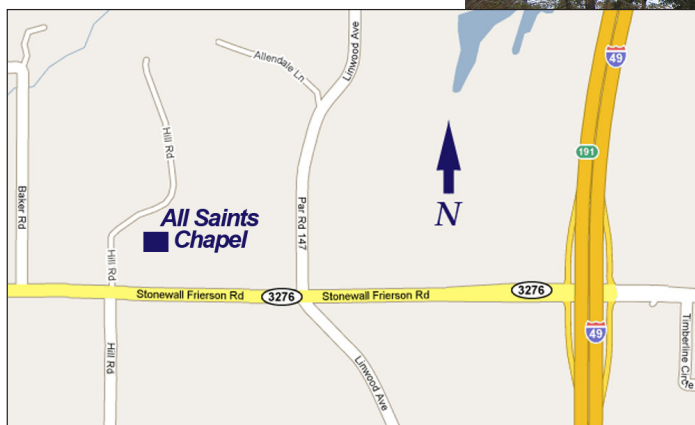
Blessing of the Animals 2021

"All things of creation are children of the Father and thus brothers of man. ... God wants us to help animals, if they need help. Every creature in distress has the same right to be protected."

— Francis of Assisi



Join us for our annual
All Saints' Day
 service at the beautiful and historic All
 Saints' Chapel at Stonewall on
Sunday, November 7 at 3:00 p.m.
 Dean Alston will lead us in Holy Eucharist.



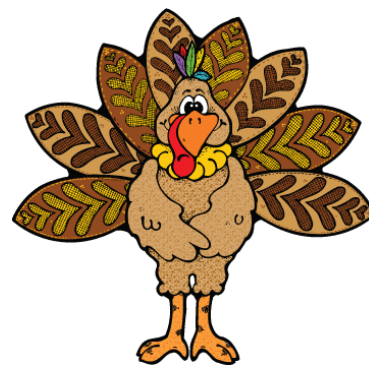
SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

Is Your Heart Heavy With Grief?

Please Join Us for A FREE Seminar
Tuesday, November 9, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Garden Room at St. Mark's Cathedral
 908 Rutherford St., Shreveport, LA 71104
Call 318-226-4025 to Register
 Or Email: Rowena@stmarkscathedral.net

Thanksgiving Day Service

Please join us at 10:00 a.m. on
 Thursday, November 25 for our
 Thanksgiving Day Eucharist.



Calling all Turkeys!

Amazingly, it's that time again! The
 Cooking Crew is in need of 35 turkeys to
 cook for Thanksgiving meals (and later
 another for Christmas). Please drop off
 your turkeys to the church kitchen by
 November 10. If you have any questions
 or would like to help cook for the
 holidays, **Jennifer Beruvides** at jennifer@stmarkscathedral.net.

Oblationers Needed

Our Hospitality Committee invites parishioners (families, adult singles, siblings, friends) to serve as oblationers (gift bearers) at the 10:30 a.m. Sunday service. This is a meaningful way to serve the faith community. For more information please contact **Kathy Williams** at 469-9211.



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