

Dear Friends and Families of St. Mark's,

I hope that you are blessed and hopeful in the midst of the New Year. In the Cathedral Offices we have been busy trying to “climb out of the fox hole” of the COVID situation we share. We are both beginning new projects with new people, as well as returning to many of the “old verities” of parish life. As we continue to rebuild and explore we need your support; specifically, we need the pledge of your financial support. If you have not pledged financial support to the work of our staff, the maintenance of our Cathedral, and the ongoing outreach to our community, please take time to think and pray about such a commitment. I believe that you will find a sense of satisfaction in supporting the work of Christ, as well as the peace that comes when we set our priorities with an eye turned heavenward.

Speaking of the Kingdom of God and the Body of Christ, it has been almost two years since I put together a Sunday School class on CS Lewis: ***Discussing Mere Christianity: Exploring the History, Meaning, and Relevance of CS Lewis's Greatest Book.***

“Host Eric Metaxas and a variety of Christian leaders (e.g. N.T. Wright, Tim Keller, Lauren Winner, Devin Brown, Paul McCusker, Douglas Gresham) explore the positive ideas that C.S. Lewis has so eloquently written about in ***Mere Christianity*** for those who already call themselves a Christian and explain in a non-threatening way the basic tenants of the Christian faith as illustrated by C.S. Lewis to those who do not claim to be a Christian.”

I know that many who attended our sessions with Dr. Louis

Markos found themselves wanting to read and reflect more about the works of CS Lewis. I hope that this series of Sunday morning sessions will give us both fresh insight as well as renewed affection for the work of Lewis. I believe that you will find them very compelling, both the speakers and the videography of Cambridge and Oxford.



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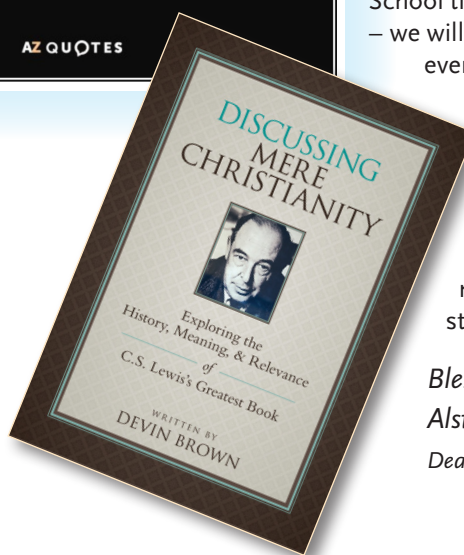
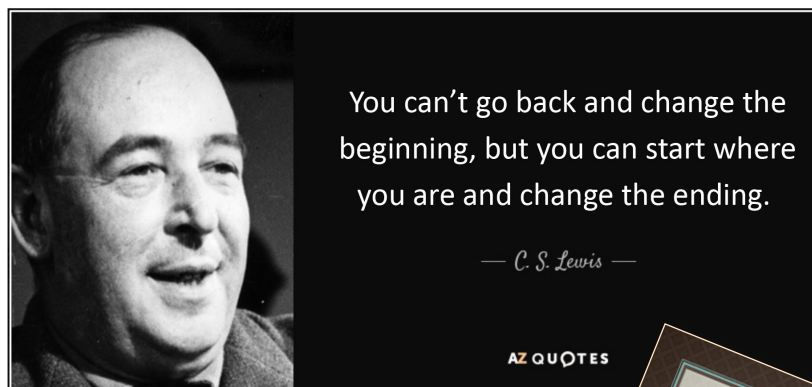
Please join us. Bring a friend. Bring a young person in your life. But please give yourself the gift of making time to be with God and fellow-believers.

Beginning February 13, 2022 in Room 101 of the Ministry Center, 9.30am, we will reconvene this class. Given that our Sunday School time is short – 45 minutes – we will cover one Chapter every two weeks. This

study will carry us through Lent and the Easter season.

If you would like to be added to the email list – please send a note here – abjohnson@stmarkscathedral.net.

Blessings and Godspeed,
Alston Johnson,
Dean – St Mark's



SUNDAY WORSHIP

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

FEBRUARY 6, 2022

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Isaiah 6:1-13 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Psalm 138 Luke 5:1-11

FEBRUARY 13, 2022

The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

Jeremiah 17:5-10 1 Corinthians 15:12-20
Psalm 1 Luke 6:17-26

FEBRUARY 20, 2022

The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

Genesis 45:3-11, 15 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50
Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42 Luke 6:27-38

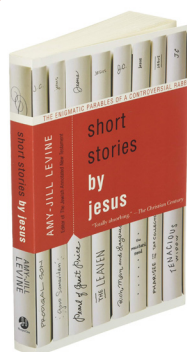
FEBRUARY 27, 2022

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

Exodus 34:29-35 1 Corinthians 3:12-4:2
Psalm 99 Luke 9:28-43a

February Collection

Woody's Veteran Home, founded in 2003, is a local charity that operates two homes for veterans suffering from mental health issues. They are accredited with the local VA hospital. Items that are in daily need include: paper towels, toilet paper, napkins, and plastic utensils. To donate monetarily contact Jennifer Beruvides at jennifer@stmarkscathedral.net. Also visit their website to learn more: www.wh4v.com.



Friends of Faith

The Friends of Faith group is meeting again! All ladies are welcome to join us every third Wednesday of the month. We meet from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. in the Parlor. This year, we are reading *Short Stories by Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi* by Amy-Jill Levine. Even if you don't get a chance to read, come join us for fellowship, discussion, and prayer. If you have questions, e-mail Jorie O'Brien (jorieobrien@gmail.com) or Lauren Thibodeaux (thiblauren@gmail.com).

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.

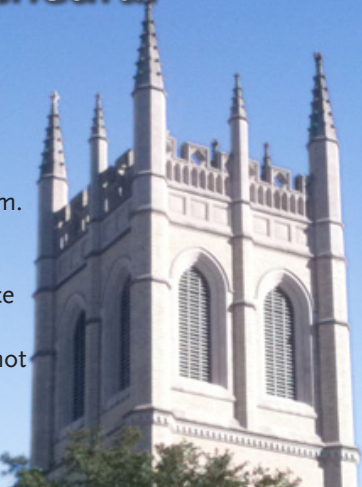
Weekday Worship at the Cathedral

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.)



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.

Birthday Card Ministry

This year, we launched a birthday card ministry to celebrate all of our parishioners. If you find yourself wanting to serve but needing to do it on your own time, please consider this meaningful ministry. Materials are provided. For more information, please contact **Lauren Ewing** at 550-1743 or lauren.ewing@me.com.



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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One of the many blessings we have at St. Mark's Cathedral School is the Cathedral building itself. Those of us who are here every day and accustomed to daily worship in our beautiful church can sometimes forget that blessing. I have had several occasions in the last month, however, to give thanks again for the blessing of working and worshipping in this space.

A few weeks ago in Kindergarten Chapel, we were hearing the story of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple. As part of our Chapel story, we went on a "Field Trip" from the little Chapel into the nave to look at the depiction of the Presentation in the Incarnation Window of the north transept. The children could look up into the stained glass to see Mary and Joseph presenting baby Jesus to the aged Simeon and Anna and hear them proclaim Jesus as Messiah and Light to the world. The looks on their faces as they were listening to the story and staring at the window made clear they will remember this story and that our windows are wonderful tools for instruction. Later in January, I took one half of the sixth grade on a tour of



the art, architecture, and history of the Cathedral. Every year, I do this when the 6th graders take their required art history enrichment class. I will have the other half of the grade in the final quarter of the year. We discuss the history of the parish and the current building, the essential features of gothic architecture, religious iconography, and the sacraments and church history depicted in our windows. It is always exciting to me to see how interested our 6th graders are to learn about the history and meaning of the building in which most of them have spent years worshipping several times per week. The students last week were full of good questions and interested in everything they learned about

Finally, I have given several admissions tours recently, and I always try to make the Cathedral a stop on our tours in order to talk about the importance of Chapel and Episcopal identity to our school culture. On each tour I have given, parents have expressed appreciation for the beauty and dignity of the space and for the opportunity for children to worship there regularly. Regardless of their own religious background or place of worship, they recognize the power of the Cathedral to positively shape their children's religious formation.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

February 6

The flowers on the High Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Paula Minor Coleman, Rowena Cowan Minor, Genevieve Davis Younker, Edwin Carroll Minor and Joseph Francis Loftus.

The flowers on the Chapel Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of the Very Rev. William Patrick Douthitt and J. Michael Douthitt.

February 13

The flowers on the High Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ada D'Aquin.

The flowers on the Chapel Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Edwin Earl Jones and Claude Eldred Drumm, Jr., and in celebration of the birthday of Reid Allen Jones.

February 20

The flowers on the High Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Henry Brevard Clay, Mr. & Mrs. John Dunbrack Ewing and Nell Fish.

The flowers on the Chapel Altar are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the Wedding Anniversary of Scott & Susie Crichton.

February 27

The flowers on the High Altar are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the Rite of Holy Matrimony of Kendall Nelson and Bryan Gibbs.

The flowers on the Chapel Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of O. Delton Harrison, Jr.

BIRTHS

Thomas Charles Harrison, on January 17, 2022. Parents are **Annelies & Seth Harrison**.

BAPTISMS

Timothy Houston Brown, III, son of **Jennifer & Timothy Brown**, on January 16, 2022.

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

DEATHS

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

Andrew Fenton, grandson of **Carol & Bill Reyenga**, on December 29, 2021.

Martine Lattier, wife of **Phil Lattier**, mother of **Corbin Lattier**, on January 1, 2022.

Brenda Payne, mother of **Kevin Payne**, on January 5, 2022.

Beverly Powers, on January 7, 2021.

Eleanor Thomas Armstrong, mother of **Michele Q=Petersen**, grandmother of **Preston Q=Petersen**, **Megan Campbell** and **Ryan Q=Petersen**, on January 20, 2022.

Sonya Attaway, wife of **D. Wesley Attaway**, mother of **Laurie Wisdom**, **Stephen Wisdom** and **Ginger Attaway**, on January 24, 2022.

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

FEBRUARY 1

Joy Ratcliff
Stan Hancock
Taylor Love
Jeffrey Brainard

2

Lennis Elston
Matt Locke
Brooke Shemwell

3

Bettie Hastings
Laurie Bijou

4

Marilyn Kirkland
Candace Higginbotham
Scotty Denhollem
Kyle McInnis

5

Dalton Bijou
Marsha Friedrich
Ashley Jackson

6

Sandy Dean
Ashley Kisla
Ashley McConnell
Tripp Day

7

Richard Liles

K. Michael Kilcline
Watterson Young
Nicholas Fontana
Kathryn Jackson

9

Scott Grounsell
Gwenn Coley
Jamie Eagles
Jake Stroud
Kate Blanchard

10

D. Wesley Attaway
Elizabeth Gore
Morgan Ersoff
Colin Carter
Gaines Harris

11

Kim Kayser
Madison Ersoff

12

Lory Tubbs
Lynn Poole
Mickey Brown
Caffery Brown
Caitlin FitzGerald
Austin Sullivan
Spencer Hardtner

13

Zach Carter
William Stroud
Mary Stari
Michael Ameen, III

14

John Butcher
Vicki Johnson
Lee Smith
John White
Reid Jones
Elizabeth Vanderberg
Caroline Schoonover

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Anita Berg
Dare Johnson
David Drummond
Kamarie Childs
Virginia Elbersen

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Kip Porter
Stella Porter
Alexander Schoonover

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Karen Kennedy
Carl Pendley
Catherine Humphrey

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Twylla Seamon
Abbie McCord

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Mary Jo Kayser
Holli Hennessy
Michael Ameen
Layne LeBleu

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Dan Herndon
Fran Hewitt

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Carol Anne Caraway
Mario Villafuerte
Don Huguley
Thomas Nsubuga
Jackie Fontana
Brittany Owens
Gaffney Nelson

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Denee Locke
Karla Querbes
Benjamin Johnson
Carson Massad
Ella Bylsma
Ford Gillen

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Pede Adams

Melissa Harris
Jay Crooms
Nicole Cotter
Frances Jenkins

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Cass Gaiennie
Deanna Kamphuis
Catherine Allen
Anna Sanderson
William Guthrie

25

Sara Hearne
Leigh Ann O'Brien
Suzanne Otto

26

Hugh Walmsley
Danielle Dean
Mary-Hallie Merckle

27

Jon Q=Petersen
Donna Touchstone
Samantha Powers
Thompson Berry

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Caroline Reeks
Rowan Guthikonda

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

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





The St. Mark's Choirs
will present
Choral Evensong on
Sunday, February 6, 2022

Please join us for this beautiful
and contemplative service. Choral
Evensong begins at 5:00 pm and
immediately precedes the 6:00 pm
Eucharist.

Time, Talent and Treasure

It is good for us to reflect upon the way we fulfill our role of steward, with regard to these three gifts from God: **Time, Talent and Treasure.**

Time. This is perhaps one of our most important resources. What do we do with the time that God gives us? Do we waste it? Do we use it to better the world in which we live? Do we spend it in such a way that most of our "time" is for our selfish ends? Do we have a healthy balance in our lives with regard to time? Time used to better our life and the life of those entrusted to us; time for personal relaxation and refreshment. How do you use your time?

Talent. We are perhaps one of the best resources we have in order to reach our destiny. Do I respect my own abilities and gifts? Do I develop them and use them for the kingdom of God? Do I use the gifts God has given me so that others may be happier? Do I see myself as unique, as important and gifted? In what way have I used my talents for myself, for my family, for my church and community? Jesus chastized the person who hid his talents under a bushel basket, or buried them in the ground. Have we done better with our talents than that servant?

Treasure. With the God-given gifts I am able to work, I am able to make money and acquire property and possessions. But God has only placed me in charge of this treasure, not only that I might benefit from it, but that others, who are not as fortunate as I may benefit as well! Am I generous and am I willing to share. Do I hoard or am I willing to let go? Remember, the only treasure we take with ourselves into eternity is the treasure we have given away.

Many calls come to us, for our time, talent and treasure. Do we respond to these calls on the personal level, family level, church level, community level? Do we balance our response to these calls?

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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!



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).

Members of the Vestry of St. Mark's Cathedral

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