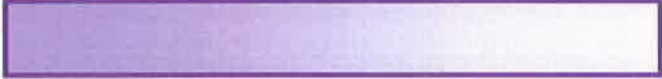


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EYC will meet Wednesday, May 11 from 5:30-7:00 pm instead of Sunday to allow for Mother's Day celebrations! Grades 6-12 welcome! Contact Sarah (smceyc318@gmail.com) for questions and follow us on Instagram (@smceyc) for updates!

After a break for COVID-19, the Dinners for Eight program be getting underway again this summer. The purpose is simply to have fun and to get to know others on an informal basis in our homes. Groups of eight people - singles and couples of various ages - are randomly formed for a period of one year. Groups share four dinners throughout the year, each hosted by a different person/persons. The host provides the entrée and asks members of the group to bring other items. **Contact Priscilla@stmarkscathedral.net if you would like to participate in one of these groups.**

Wednesday nights during Easter (through May 25) the Wednesday Night Book Group will read and study “The Grace of Les Miserables” by Matt Rawle. In the six-week study The Grace of Les Misérables, author and pastor Matt Rawle dives into six ideals found in the story—grace, justice, poverty, revolution, love, and hope—each represented by a character in Hugo’s story. **For more information, contact William Weaver at wcw1bama@comcast.net**

This summer is going to be a HOT one! Let's help our friends at Caddo Council on Aging stay cool! During the month of May, you can donate a box fan to help beat the heat! Fans should be left in the church office. **For questions, contact Jennifer Beruvides at jennifer@stmarkscathedral.net**

The Women's Bible Study meets on Wednesdays at 10:30 am through May 25. We meet 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).

In keeping with the tradition of honoring our United States Veterans, we are working to create a memorial honoring all St. Mark's Cathedral Veterans that have served in United States Armed Services during a designated time of war or conflict since WWII. Eligibility will be based on the criteria of the National Defense Service Medal, which is currently awarded to anyone who has served on active duty, or as an active reservist, in the United States Armed Forces during the Korean War (June 27, 1950 – July 27, 1954), Vietnam War (January 1, 1961 – August 14, 1974), Gulf Wars (August 2, 1990 – November 30, 1995) or the Global War on Terrorism (September 11, 2001 – Present). Please forward the names of all eligible Veterans of whom you are aware and any additional information (including rank, branch of service, years of service, the military conflict in which they served and whether they died in service), who are or were members of our Parish, before, during or after serving in the US Armed Services to **Lisa Love** at lisalove6203@gmail.com.

A regional assembly of North Louisiana congregations and citizen organizations, called North Louisiana Interfaith, will be held on May 10 at 6:30 pm at Brown Chapel at Centenary College. The group plans to come together as a way for ordinary citizens to take action to solve common problems. **You can register as an individual or delegation by going to www.nlinterfaith.org. For questions, contact Dean Alston at abjohnson@stmarkscathedral.net.**

Episcopal Relief and Development is mobilizing with Anglican agencies and other partners in order to provide humanitarian assistance to people fleeing the violence in Ukraine. Working with the Action by Churches Together Alliance (ACT Alliance), Episcopal Relief and Development will provide cash, blankets, hygiene supplies and other needed assistance. **You can donate at episcopalrelief.org.**

Everyone is welcome to try Pickleball! There are games every Thursday from 6:00 to 8:00 in the gym. Tobin Grigsby and Robert and Debbie Grand have organized this enjoyable and healthy sport.

STMPT (St. Mark's Physical Training) meets at 5:30 a.m. every weekday morning in the field across from the parking lot.

Sunday Readings

The Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 9:36-43* Revelation 7:9-17
John 10:22-30

Thoughts from the Dean and the Stewardship Team

God has given us many gifts and calls us to use those gifts to build up his kingdom. Our faith identifies us as stewards and gives us a relationship with God. Many of these gifts are given for our needs; others are given for the needs of others. Stewardship is a ministry by which we nurture and share our gifts.

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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