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"Christian discipleship is a decision to walk in his ways, steadily and firmly, and then finding that the way integrates all our interests, passions, and gifts, our human needs and eternal aspirations. It is the way of life we were created for."

— Eugene H. Peterson

# Dear Friends and Families of St. Mark's,

Recently I was visiting with the father of one of the children in our Cathedral School. We were swapping "notes from the road"; those little updates and tidbits that parents often share standing in circles, coffee cups in hand, visiting in-between drop-offs and pick-ups from ballfields, dance studios, class



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rooms, and in our case dojo's. We were reviewing the highs and the lows, the ups and the downs, the good-bad-ugly of "riding herd" over our little family circus.

And then out of the blue this dad said, "You know, [name] really knocked me over the other day." With raised eyebrows and big eyes, he said, "That little rascal said to me – 'You know Daddy, I came from God... that's where I came from!"

We held a knowing pause between us. I nodded my head. Then he said, "I know that we bring them to school and to church hoping that these things will somehow soak into their little heads; but it is something altogether different when they begin to believe it." Quietly I nodded my head; I could not have said it better myself.

"It is altogether different when they begin to believe it."

How true that is for me, for each of us, and not just for children. The difference that the gift of faith makes; when we begin to see, understand, and know that the words written in the Bible and the Prayer Book are *real*. These words are real to the degree that we may begin to see, as did this child, that our beginning and our end are meant for another place. Once we find this root and orientation in our lives, the question

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# Vacation Bible School is coming to St. Mark's Monday-Friday, July 11-15 from 9 am-Noon

Calling all children, youth, and adults for Vacation Bible School! We will enjoy music, storytelling and crafts, God in the natural world, and caring for our temples – our bodies. Space will be limited to the number of volunteers.

## JOIN US FOR 5 DAYS OF FUN!

9 am-Noon arrive between 8:30-8:55; pick up between 11:45-Noon please.

VBS Registration includes a morning snack and water available throughout.

Registration is open now and will remain open until we reach capacity, which will be determined by the number of adult volunteers who sign up during registration to be with us on-site during VBS.

Vacation Bible School is open to rising four-year-olds through rising fifth grade, based on the child's 2022 - 2023 age and school grade. (A child must be 4 years of age or older by 8/31/2022.) There are no fees collected for VBS but an offering plate will be out for your consideration.

### ADULT VOLUNTEERS

We need adult volunteers who can be with us to assist

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#### **SUNDAY WORSHIP**

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

#### JUNE 5, 2022 The Day of Pentecost

Acts 2 :1-21 Psalm 104 :25-35, 37 Romans 8 :14-17 John 14 :8-17, 25-27

## JUNE 12, 2022 Trinity Sunday

Proverbs 8 :1-4, 22-31 Psalm 8 Romans 5:1-5 John 16:12-15

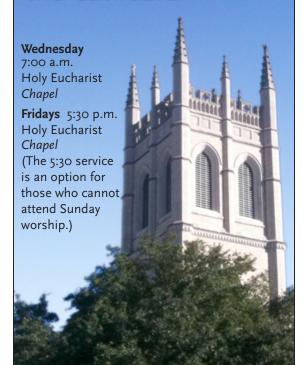
## JUNE 19, 2022 The Second Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 am Holy Eucharist & Baptism

Isaiah 65 :1-9 Psalm 22 :18-27 Galatians 3 :23-29 Luke 8 :26-39

## JUNE 26, 2022 The Third Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21 Psalm 16 Galatians 5:1, 13-25 Luke 9:51-62

# Weekday Worship at the Cathedral



## St. Mark's Says Farewell to Mother Beth

St. Mark's Parishioners said goodbye to Mother Beth Hendrix in May as she transitions back to her home Diocese in South Carolina.

A reception was held in the Parlor following Confirmation Sunday. Godspeed Mother Beth!





## **Music & Worship** Saint Mark's 2022 Music Camp Grades 2-12 Monday-Friday, July 11-15 A Musical about Daniel, Nebuchadnezzar, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego 8:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Sunday, July 17 9:30 a.m. - Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. - Performance Campers will receive a music camp t-shirt and catered lunch. Registration by QR code or visiting www.stmarkscathedral.net For more information, please contact Derrick Meador at **Camp Instructors:** 908 Rutherford Street · Shreveport

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becomes, "What do we do in the meantime? How do we live once God finds a nest in our hearts and minds?"

Each one of us will find our own answers to this conundrum, how to live on the other side of discovering that God is near to us, and that we are dear in God's sight. For some it will mean becoming a servant to those who are less fortunate. Living with that mindfulness of other's suffering and helping to alleviate their hurt. For some it will mean diving deep into the fellowship of believers, finding that our nearness to God correlates to our "nearness" with other believers. For some it will mean undertaking that spiritual spelunking, cave diving, when we travel more deeply into our own hearts and minds in the hopes encountering the "peace which passeth all understanding" as we uncover inner-chambers of prayer and meditation where the Holy Spirit has left a torch-lit path by which to encounter new treasures of insight and illumination.

I am reminded of what is written on the McCallie School Chapel wall that I walked past most every day for four years -Man's Chief End Is To Glorify God and To Enjoy Him Forever.

It seems to me the important thing is to recognize that our time in this life is given to us so that we might draw nearer the source of all love and life – God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Sometimes we grow distracted, we forget, and "life just gets in the way"; even that life of the "good, the bad, and the ugly" of raising children and caring for a family amid all the changes and chances of this life can become an end in and of itself.

The question, "How do we glory in our enjoyment of God?" Sometimes we need a sign.

And then there is the moment, perhaps the moment when we least expect it, in the place that we least expect it – the parking lot, the pick-up line, the drive-through, the ballfield – when the divine and winsome voice from heaven alights in wind-blown branches of our busy lives, saying, "Daddy, I came from God... that's where I came from!"

What blessed moments; how good The Good Shepherd is to us; offering us reminders, encouragement, that we can actually hear.

I laughed, rejoiced really, with this friend and said, "I guess I will be seeing you on Sunday?" He smiled and nodded his head, "I guess so."

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

Charlotte Ourso  Barro Massad  William Comegys  Beth Patterson  Greg Rembert  Wade Shemwell  Jan Cook  Leslie Caraway  Edie Williams  Andrew Atkins  John Perkins  John Perkins  Anne Jenkins  Hugh Herzog  Whitmer Campbell  Charlie Burwell  Alyssa Coggins  Ellen Alley  Jimmy Campbell  Barro Massad  William Comegys  Beth Patterson  26  Greg Rembert  Wade Shemwell  Wathew Smitherman  Lauren Lepore  Patton Fritze  27  Marshall Jones  Karon Waguespac  Laura McFerrin  Waldo Cecil  Max Fortiz  Coleman McFerrin  Trisha Hogan	HAPPY BIRTHDAY						
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## **Cathedral School News**

## by Dr. Chris Carter, Headmaster ccarter@smc.school

On May 26, the twenty-three members

of the St. Mark's Cathedral School Class of 2022 graduated during a service of Evening Prayer with Graduation. Four members of the class were confirmed by Bishop Owensby earlier in the month.

Six graduates had spent 12 years at St.

Mark's, having begun in the Young 3's class. Thirteen came during preschool or in Kindergarten and had spent at least nine years on campus, five came during lower school, and five came during middle. Fifteen graduates will continue their studies at Loyola College Prep next year, and eight will be attending C.E. Byrd.

Addison DeFatta received the Dean's Award for consistently embodying the values of the school through commitment to the highest standards of personal integrity, consistent academic effort, and concern for others. Mollie Hodges received the HOS Award for having the highest academic



average over three years of middle school. Presley Walker received the Olivia Bradley Award, given to a student who has demonstrated significant personal growth throughout his or her middle school years, either academically, socially, or spiritually, and who has demonstrated a significant commitment to St. Mark's, perhaps in ways which do not always get noticed. Hart Snyder and Lauren Huguet represented their class as Graduation Speakers.

All of us in the school are proud of these graduates and hope all our parishioners are as well. They have been formed by their time in Chapel in our Cathedral and in their Christian Education classes. They leave us prepared for high school and a wider world. In the words of the Baptismal Prayer, we pray that God will continue to give them inquiring and discerning hearts, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and love God, and the gift of joy and wonder in all His works!

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the children during our time together at VBS. Adult leaders shepherd the children to different activities, from crafts to games to music and more, and assist in those activities as needed. A wonderful week of fun for the children is planned and we can't wait to be together with you!

## Registering as a volunteer is easy!

When you register your child, be sure to indicate how you will be a part of VBS, too! All parents are expected to help in some capacity. Childcare is available to younger children (six weeks through 3-year-olds) if a parent is on-site volunteering.

If you have no children old enough to participate or if you have retired and are looking for a great week of activity, please join us for the fun anyway! Click on the "Individual Adult Volunteer Registration" below to be part of VBS 2022.

TEEN HELPERS are also needed! Teens (13-19) will assist with the small groups, crafts, music, games and more. Teen Helpers must be available for the entire week and have their own transportation (from 8 am-1 pm).



# Altar Guild Changing of the Guard

The Altar Guild of St. Margaret honored outgoing Directress Carol Peterson with a reception at the church last month.

Pictured are incoming Assistant Directress Lindsay Atkins, Carol Peterson, and incoming Directress Rebecca Bryant.



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

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

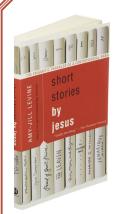


## Dinners for Eight is Back!

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.



## **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).

## Help Someone Stay Cool This Summer

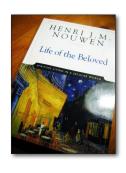
This summer is going to be a HOT one! Let's help our friends at **Caddo** 

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





## Want to enjoy some fellowship and a good book during the summer without any prep?

Join us in the parlor at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings in the Parlor to read *Life of* 

the Beloved: Spiritual Living in a Secular World by Henri Nouwen. We will read each chapter together, around the table, and discuss as we go. We will have donuts, muffins, or other pastries each week (along with the coffee in the kitchen). We will begin Sunday, June 12th. RSVP is not necessary, but we'd love to hear if you plan on coming. Please e-mail Lauren & Seth Thibodeaux at thiblauren@gmail.com. Feel free to join us at any point during the summer, whether you've been coming frequently or not.

## Welcome to our newest St. Mark's family members!

Bishop Jake Owensby confirmed, received and baptized at the Cathedral last month.

## **Baptised and Confirmed:**

Dansby Katherine Burford Brandon Collins

## Confirmed:

Emma Catherine Grayson
Collier Vincent Hannigan
Alexander Louis Jayroe
Jacob Wilson Jones
Lila Elaine Nelson
Matthew Thomas Owen McCall
Lola Holliday Overdyke
Frances Elizabeth Renda

James Hart Snyder Camille Claudia Tharpe Christine Bryson Tharpe

#### Received:

Catherine Chatelain Guidry Paul Taylor Guidry Todd Cross Thompson, II Sarah Kaye Wilkes



## St. Mark's Veterans War Memorial

St. Mark's Cathedral Veterans, and Families and Friends of our St. Mark's Veterans:

The St. Mark's WWI and WWII Veterans War Memorial has been refurbished and restored, and the restored Veterans Memorial will be located on an easel in the narthex of the Cathedral for viewing.

In keeping with the tradition of honoring our United States Veterans, we would like to create another memorial to honor all St. Mark's Cathedral Veterans who have served in United States Armed Services during a designated time of war or conflict since our previous memorial was created. 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). In this regard, we need your help in gathering the names of all eligible Veterans of whom you are aware, who are or were members of our Parish, before, during or after serving in the United States Armed Services. Please forward all names and any additional information of which you might be aware (including rank, branch of service, years of service, the military conflict in which they served and whether they died in service) to **Lisa Love** at **lisallove6203@gmail.com**.

## **Children's Christian Formation**

## 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 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)

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

9:30— 10:30 am Sunday school (6th — 8th grade) Ministry Center Youth Room



## Sunday Lectionary study Ministry Center

Ministry Center Garden Room



## Seamstress(es) Needed

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is in need of a seamstress who could help us with two banners. We need one for our Level 1 Atrium (ages 3-5) and another for our Level 2 Atrium (ages 6-9). If you are interested in assisting with this project, please contact Lisa Love at lisallove6203@gmail.com.

#### **MEMORIAL FLOWERS**

#### June 5

The flowers on the High Altar are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the 17th wedding anniversary of Morgan & Angus MacIntire.

The flowers on the Chapel Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Kenneth E. Williams, Sr., Jim V. Hamric, Jr., H.R. & Marguerite Cupples, and Bob & Faye Cupples.

#### June 12

The flowers on the High Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Burr D. Ilgenfritz, and Mr. & Mrs. Warren C. West.

The flowers on the Chapel Altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of Skip Simonton on her 92nd birthday.

#### June 19

The flowers on the High Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Robert D'Aquin, Mr. & Mrs. Dan Donald, Sr., and in honor of Father Seth Donald.

The flowers on the Chapel Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Thomas Adams Watts and Ann Connor Doak.

#### June 26

The flowers on the High Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. Ollie P. Williams, Carl Pons, Mary Skannal Pons, John Holland Williams, Hazel Miller Williams, and Judith Callahan Williams.

The flowers on the Chapel Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Gordon Ardis Marsalis, Sr., and Betty Barlow Marsalis and in thanksgiving for the marriage of Anna Elise Marsalis and Ashton Nicholas Hamm.

#### WEDDINGS

Those whom God has joined together, let no one put asunder.

Lee Evans Grigsby & Michelle Dawn Hansen, on May 14, 2022.

#### **DEATHS**

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

**David Horn**, father of **Steve Horn**, grandfather of **Gage**, **Frazier & Mae Horn**, on May 11, 2022.

John Kimberlin Butcher, husband of Kay Butcher, on May 24, 2022.

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

## **BAPTISMS**

Foster Frank Mijalis, son of Carmen & Andrew Mijalis, on May 22, 2022.

Molly Cannon Thibodeaux, daughter of Lanier & Andrew Thibodeaux on May 22, 2011.

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

## Members of the Vestry of St. Mark's Cathedral

Bill Kalmbach, Senior Warden - Lisa Love, Junior Warden - Murray Viser, Treasurer - John Reeks, Chancellor

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