

August 31, 2022



Births

Journee Casey, on August 29, 2022. Parents are **Malia & Jeffrey Casey**. Grandparents are **Kristen & William Weaver**.

Happy Birthday

September 4 Nick Noble	6 Carol Crooms Cara Smith	9 Ella Poole
5 Marilyn Davis Priscilla McLean Vernon Hastings Robert Rembert	7 James Storer Laura-Ashley Overdyke Kelli Cook Annabelle Jones	10 Lola Herndon Jason LeBleu Richard Turnage Lila Knicely Jamie Hardtner Catherine Evans
	8 Bobby Nichols Hannah Clarke Eydie Comeaux	

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THE MESSENGER

Community

The Church and office will be closed on Monday September 5 for Labor Day.

All Children's Sunday school will resume on Sunday, September 11.

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 – 6th grade)

Second floor of Parish building in the old nursery location

9:30– 10:30 am Sunday school (7th-9th grade)

Ministry Center Youth Lounge

9:30 -10:30 am Sunday school (10th-12th grade)

Ministry Center Youth Room

The Dean will begin a class on N.T Wright's biography of Paul on September 11 in the Ministry Center Garden Room.

EYC Returns on a new night!! EYC will be meeting on Wednesdays this fall to encourage families to attend dinner together in the Parish Hall. Meet us at 5:30 pm on **September 7** for our first EYC of the semester! We will all eat together and break out into small groups 6-7 pm. Please contact Sarah (smceyc318@gmail.com) with questions.

To love and serve Christ.

To love and serve each other in Christ.

To love and serve the world for Christ.

The Wednesday Ladies' Bible Study will resume on September 14 at 10:30 in Room 101 of the Ministry Center. Initially we will study the Lectionary Gospel reading for the following Sunday. On the 14 the assigned text will be Luke 16:1-13. The text will be read aloud in the group, followed by comments, including the context and discussion of its meaning in our lives today. Participants are encouraged to read and reflect on the text beforehand. This informal group is open to everyone! Please join us! For the first few sessions, the leaders will be our clergy. Then various women will be encouraged to sign up to lead the discussion; several have already expressed an interest in doing so!

A new Spiritual Direction group is starting! Come join us in the church library beginning **Wednesday September 14** at 11:45am after the Ladies' Bible Study. This group is especially designed for those who have little time and are interested in a new Rule of Life that focuses on the daily gospel reading and a way to prayerfully listen to our God who wants to be known to us! We will enter and leave in silence.

The Shreveport Shriner's Hospital is asking for donations for their 100th anniversary fundraising gala! Donations can be gift cards or items like grills, computer/ipad, etc. Donations forms are available for tax purposes. The gala is September 17; **donations are preferred on/before Monday, September 12.** Please contact either Jennifer Beruvides at jennifer@stmarkscathedral.net or Jennifer Martin at jmmartin@shrinenet.org to donate.

The Wednesday Night Book Study group is on sabbatical for the summer but we will resume meeting in the Parish Library on Wednesday, September 7 at 6:00 p.m. The group will be reading and discussing *The Cost of Discipleship* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Bonhoeffer was a German Lutheran pastor, theologian and anti-Nazi dissident who helped found the Confessing Church. The book compels the reader to face himself and God in any situation and asks "What can the call to discipleship, the adherence to the word of Jesus, mean today to the businessman, the soldier, the laborer, or the government worker? What did Jesus mean to say to us? What is his will for us today?" Dietrich's practice of his faith lead to his execution on April 9, 1945 in Flossenburg concentration camp by the Nazis. **For more information, please contact William Weaver at william.weaver@uhsinc.com or by calling (302) 276-3750.**

Cooking Crew has resumed for the fall! We are looking for more volunteers to join us! Volunteers help ONE morning a month from 8am-noon! Come and enjoy the fellowship while feeding our community! No cooking experience necessary! Contact Jennifer Beruvides for more information jennifer@stmarkscathedral.net.

Sunday Readings

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Deuteronomy 30:15-20* Philemon 1-21
Luke 14:25-33

Thoughts from the Dean and the Stewardship Team

There once was an old farmer who was constantly bragging about how generous he would be if he were only rich. One night God sent an angel to test him. The angel asked, "If you had \$1 million dollars, would you share some with God?" "Of course I would," answered the man without hesitation. "If you lived in a mansion, would you let God have a room?" the angel asked. Again the man quickly answered, "Absolutely." Finally, the angel asked, "Would you let God use your old horse out back?" The man thought for a long time and finally answered, "No." "Why not?" asked the angel. The man answered, "Because that horse is the only one I have and I need him." You see ... it is more difficult for many people to be generous with things that we actually have than it is with riches they hope to have someday!

Upcoming Events

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| September 4 | Church & Office closed |
| September 7 | Wednesday night dinner
5:30 pm |
| September 11 | All Sunday school classes
Resume |