

Deaths

Barbara Schoonover, mother of **Brett Schoonover**, grandmother of **Alex, Caroline, Matthew & Catherine Schoonover**, on October 6, 2022.

Weddings

Erin Shockley & Marshall Johnston on October 15, 2022.

Baptisms

Vivian Frances Pettiette, daughter of **Lauren & David Pettiette**, on October 16, 2022.

Happy Birthday

October 23 Emily Vigen	27 Virginia Chastain Betsy Rosenfield Billy Sample Abigail Hood Barbara Swafford	29 Robert Batchelor Mary Jane Young Jerry Malone Sarah Elisabeth Tamplin Henry Hilario Mickaela Clark
25 Robert Shemwell Julie Atkinson Meredith Nelson Curtis Prince	28 Emerson Horne Edwin Byrd Kyleen Kilcline Hailey Jackson	
26 Caleb Thigpen Amelia Kennedy Sage Fargerson		

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Community

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS **Is Your Heart Heavy With Grief?**

Please Join Us for A FREE Seminar
Monday, November 7, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Garden Room at St. Mark's Cathedral
Call 318-226-4025 to register and reserve a free book.
Or Email: Rowena@stmarkscathedral.net

Our annual All Saints' service at the historic All Saints' Chapel in Stonewall is coming up! We will gather at 3:00 pm on Sunday afternoon, **November 6**. Please join us!

EYC Sunday Night!! Join us for EYC this Sunday, 5:30-7:00 pm in the Youth Room. Grades 6-12 welcome. Please contact Sarah (smceyc318@gmail.com) to be added to our email list!

For anyone who is interested who has not signed up for the Acolyte Program this school year, there is still time! Please contact Jacques Lasseigne, either by phone/text (455 – 3154) or by email (jllassjog@aol.com).

In early Christianity, Advent was a season of preparation for the baptism of new Christians at the January feast of Epiphany, the celebration of God's incarnation. Later, Roman Christians tied Advent to Jesus' second coming in the clouds as judge of the world. In the Middle Ages, Advent was linked to Christ's first coming at Christmas. Throughout the ages, Advent has been a time of preparation, remembrance, and anticipation. Today, the first two Sundays in Advent look forward to Christ's second coming, and the last two Sundays look backward to remember Christ's first coming. Reflecting on the daily readings during seasons of preparation and penitence is a gift to others and to ourselves. **Please help us put together an Advent Daily Meditation booklet for St. Mark's this season.** Laura McLeMore will send contributors instructions and a set of readings from the Episcopal Daily Office for one day during Advent. **To participate, contact laura.mclemore@lsus.edu.**

The Wednesday Ladies' Bible Study has resumed each week at 10:30 in Room 101 of the Ministry Center. Initially we will study the Lectionary Gospel reading for the following Sunday. 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.

St. Mark's Cathedral School is holding an Open House on Tuesday, October 25 from 9:00 am till 1:00 pm and from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. Each year, we invite prospective parents interested in Preschool 2 through 8th grade to tour our campus during our Open House events. Anyone who is interested is invited.

The Second Annual Conference on Alzheimer's & Dementia is scheduled for November 4 at First United Methodist Church. The conference runs from 8:00 am till 3:45 pm and is for anyone who is affected by dementia, professional and laypeople. The conference is presented by the Bridge Alzheimer's and Dementia Resource Center. Cost is \$25. Doors open at 7:30 am.

We are again looking for volunteers to staff the front desk! We are looking for someone to work Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Fridays from 11:00 am till 2:00 pm. You can work every week or once a month, whatever your schedule can fit. **Contact Priscilla McLean, priscilla@stmarkscathedral.net**

Have you heard about our "Pew Project?" St. Mark's is in the process of refurbishing all of the pews in the church, including the kneelers and the book racks. And you can be a part of it. Parishioners can "sponsor" a pew to have redone. Your gift will be acknowledged with a brass plaque on the pew. **If you are interested, or for more information, contact John Scheel at 347-4982.**

Sunday Readings

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22* 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:9-14

Thoughts from the Dean and the Stewardship Team

The true setting of Christian stewardship is the gospel of God's redeeming grace, which offers new life in Christ as an unmerited gift and evokes the response of faith that works through grateful love.

Upcoming Events

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| October 21 | Rhythms of Grace | 4:00 pm |
| | MC Garden Room | |
| October 22 | All Saints Chapel clean up | 9 :00 am |
| October 29 | SMCS Paw Paw Sprint | |
| November 6 | All Saints' service | 3:00 pm |
| | All Saint's Chapel Stonewall Organ Recital | 4:30 pm |
| | Cathedral | |
| November 10 | East Texas Pipe Organ Festival | |