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## Deaths

Frank Riley, brother of Carroll Joffrion, on October 26, 2022.

## Happy Birthday

<b>November 13</b> Janet Barlow Brenda Pettitt Gretchen Reeks Barron O'Neal	<b>15</b> Joy Rabalais Theiler Van Norman	<b>18</b> Georgia Cook Lisa Miller
<b>14</b> Bart Wagner Jessica Lee Brenda Midyett Jim David	<b>16</b> Janis Teague Molly Bryan William Bennett Joey Ourso	<b>19</b> Charlotte Ivey Donna Howell Ulysses Coleman Sarah King Tom Ostendorff
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MESSENGER

## Community

**St. Mark's is hosting a blood drive for Beth McMurry who is battling Acute Myeloid Leukemia.** The drive will be **this Saturday, November 12** in the Ministry Center beginning at 9:00 am.

**The magnificent St. Mark's Aeolian-Skinner organ will be one of the featured instruments for this year's East Texas Pipe Organ Festival.** Please join us for three concerts at the Cathedral on **Thursday, November 10!**

10:00 a.m. – Clive Driskill-Smith

2:00 p.m. – Thomas Sheehan

4:00 p.m. – Bradley Hunter Welch

All the concerts are free and open to the public.

**EYC invites all St. Mark's families to attend our outdoor family movie night this Sunday, November 13 at 5:30 pm!** Bring your blankets and chairs and join us on the St. Mark's lawn for a fun evening under the stars! (If the weather does not cooperate, we will move into the gym). Email Sarah (smceyc318@gmail.com) for updates!

**Come join us for dinner and a fun family evening making Advent Wreaths for our homes on Wednesday, November 16.** Dinner will be served in the Parish Hall at 5:30 pm, followed by the wreath making. We will provide all the materials you need. Everybody come!

**The Cathedral is working on creating a "living document" of a digital directory for our parish.**

What we need is for you and your family to upload photos that might be used in a Church directory. We also need you to update any defunct contact information. Priscilla McLean can help you with the navigation of the Realm site. Please email her - Priscilla@stmarkscathedral.net if you need some assistance.

**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.**

**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**

**The Wednesday Night Book group will be studying Adam Hamilton's Advent Book: Prepare the Way of the Lord from November 30-December 21** from 6:00-7:00 pm in the Library. The author invites the readers to look at the life and ministry of John the Baptist as well as how he calls all followers of Jesus to prepare our hearts for His coming. Anyone interested in more information or needing a copy of the book should contact William Weaver at 302/276-3750 or william.weaver@uhsinc.com. **We will NOT meet on November 23, the day before Thanksgiving.**

**Come sing with us!** The Boys and Girls Choir at St. Mark's Cathedral provides free professional music education! It's open to ages 7-14, and no religious affiliation is required. Rehearsals are Wednesdays, 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. A Family Dinner is provided. Want to know more? Contact Derrick Meador [derrick@stmarkscathedral.net](mailto:derrick@stmarkscathedral.net)

**If you are or know anyone who is expecting a child** our committee is up and running and is looking for moms to be. Please contact us at [bess@stmarkscathedral.net](mailto:bess@stmarkscathedral.net) or sign up on our website under family ministries. We hope to welcome mothers into our community. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

## Sunday Readings

The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost  
Malachi 4:1-2a \* Thessalonians 3:6-13  
Luke 21:5-19

## Thoughts from the Dean and the Stewardship Team

The stewardship of all life will lead some to enter full-time Christian service. To all, it will mean an on-the-job witnessing, no matter what our abilities, our bank accounts, or our jobs. Christian stewardship means the glad contribution of time and abilities to the work of the local church and church-related causes around the world.

## Upcoming Events

November 12	Blood Drive	9:00 am
	Ministry Center	
November 16	Dinner & Advent Wreath Making	5:30 pm
	Parish Hall	
November 24	Thanksgiving	
December 15	Baroque Artists	7:00pm
	Cathedral	
December 18	Lessons & Carols	4:00 pm
	Cathedral	