



Baptisms

Broderick Duane Knox, Jr. & Ariana Pearl Knox, son and daughter of **Celte & Broderick Knox**, on December 16, 2022.

Happy Birthday

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| December 25
Lindsay Atkins | 28
Jim Liner
Sue Scheel
Bonne Summers
Stephen White
Jane Davenport
Samuel Brainard
Henry Perkins | 30
Jeff Webb
Miriam Martin
Camille Tharpe |
| 26
Linc Coleman
Rosemary Lafargue
Margaret Elrod
Lea Green
Kay Butcher | 29
Kathryn Hayes
Ethan Varnadore
Lindsay Aaron
Barbara Messier-Villafuerte | 31
Robert Pou
Sharla Inman |

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Community

Join us on Christmas Eve for one (or both) of our services! Holy Eucharist is at 5:30 pm with Bishop Owensby, and again at 10:30 pm with a half hour of prelude music from the choir before the service. On Christmas Day, there will be one service only at 10:00 am.

The Cathedral office will close at noon on **Friday, December 23**. We will reopen on **Tuesday, December 27**. We will close at noon on **Friday, December 30**. We will reopen on **Monday, January 2**.

If you want to mail your 2022 pledges or any other contributions by the end of the year, they must be postmarked by December 31. If you wish to hand deliver them to the church office, they must be in **by December 30** when the office closes for the holiday.

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.

Did you ever wonder why you are good at some things and not so good at others? Did you ever wonder why it takes so much more effort to accomplish some tasks and ministries than others? Discovering Your God Given Gifts is a seminar designed to help us be successful in the ministries and good deeds God has prepared for us to do. This seminar will be offered to members of St. Mark's **January 13 and 14** in the Garden Room. Friday night beginning at 6:00 pm until 9:00 pm; then 9:00 am through 1:00 pm Saturday. Fr. Paul Martin has been through training and has led many of these seminars and will be leading us during this seminar. **IT IS IMPERATIVE that you sign up for this seminar** as we will need to have materials ordered. Friday night, sandwiches will be available and a continental breakfast on Saturday. Childcare will be made available if requested. Bring your "mark up" Bible and an open mind with you. Wouldn't be great to know what you are gifted by God to do AND what you are not gifted by God to do? This is your chance.

God is calling each of us. For Inquirers and Visitors with questions about membership, Confirmation, and parish life, please contact our own "M," {James Bond}, Cynthia Anderson in the Cathedral Offices – Cynthia@stmarkscathedral.net. Inquirers/Confirmation begins in January 2023.

Our EYC has prepared 100 care kits filled with winter necessities! Be sure to grab a care kit this Sunday after the service to keep in your car for when you come across someone who may need it in our community.

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**

Come sing with us! The Boys and Girls Choir at St. Mark's Cathedral offers free professional music education! Out program is open to ages 7-14, no religious affiliation required Rehearsals are Wednesdays, 4:00 - 5:30 pm and a family dinner is provided. Want to know more? Contact Derrick Meador derrick@stmarkscathedral.net

St. Mark's has a birthday card ministry to celebrate all of our parishioners. If you find yourself wanting to serve but needing to do it on your own time, please consider this meaningful ministry. Materials are provided. For more information, please contact **Lauren Ewing at 550-1743 or lauren.ewing@me.com**

Sunday Readings

Christmas Day
Isaiah 52:7-10 * Hebrews 1:1-4
John 1:1-14

Thoughts from the Dean and the Stewardship Team

We all should grasp the meaning of Christ's message about assuming responsibility on behalf of God's kingdom. After all, your church community needs the time and talents of its servants of God.

To be sure, we are not all expected to live in such dramatic fashion as the saints. Only a few of us, if any, will be called to make a large splash in history. But you may be sure each of us is called to serve where God plants us and it doesn't really matter whether or not we become well known. What matters is that we be faithful. What matters is that we do the special work that we feel God has led us to do, however menial it may seem to be. Brother Lawrence cleaned pots and pans and cooked for the glory of God and the service of his fellow man. A humble layman, Harry Denman thought of every human as his brother or sister, his son or daughter, and he treated each person with love and dignity. He always made sure in a loving way that they knew the Good News of Christ.

Upcoming Events

December 24	Holy Eucharist	5:30 pm
	Holy Eucharist	10:30 pm
December 25	Holy Eucharist	10:00 am
December 26	Office closed	