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## Deaths

**William R. (Randy) Fair**, on February 25, 2023.

## Happy Birthday

<b>March 5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>
Ted Hardtner	Susan Young	Bob McVie
Scott Grayson	Trisha Q=Petersen	Joshua Knicely
Matt Snyder		Matt Coady
Mimi Hedgcock	<b>8</b>	
Rowena White	Austin Rhodes	<b>11</b>
		Ben Walker
<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	
Nicholas Pavlick	Jason Nelson	
Mary Brown	Mark Florsheim	
Bay Moss	Marissa Hill	
Michael Melerine	Maisie Gillen	

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## Community

**The Community of the Cross of Nails** will have a luncheon meeting **this Sunday** after the 10:30 am service in the Parish Hall.

**March 17-19, St. Mark's will host Drs. Crystal and David Downing who are the current directors of the Marion E. Wade Center of Wheaton College.** The Downings are authorities in the literature of C.S. Lewis and Dorothy Sayers, with Crystal's specialty being in the work of Sayers, and David's in the work of Lewis. On **Friday, March 17 at 7:00 pm** the Downings will present *"The Feisty Faith and Friendship of CS Lewis and Dorothy Sayers"* **Saturday, March 18 at 10:30 am** David will present *"Lewis's Interest in Mysticism: Into the Region of Awe"* and at **1:30 pm** Crystal will present *"Changing Signs of Truth"*. Crystal will be preaching at the 10:30 am service on **March 19**.

**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!

**St. Mark's will be helping with a diaper drive for 5 Loaves and 2 Fish for the month of MARCH.** Please bring any size/quantity diapers to the church office. Volunteers are also needed a few times a month to pack food boxes and distribute food. You can visit their website [5loaves-2fish.life](http://5loaves-2fish.life) for more information. If you would like to contribute monetarily contact Jennifer Beruvides at [jennifer@stmarkscathedral.net](mailto:jennifer@stmarkscathedral.net).

To love and serve Christ.

To love and serve each other in Christ.

To love and serve the world for Christ.

**Our 2023 Lenten series continues!** This Lenten Season we are pleased to share with you some of our various ministries by bringing you some of the people behind them. Please join us **every Wednesday at 5:30 pm** in the Parish Hall for the Evening Prayer and supper to hear and celebrate our ministries.

- March 8** Choir / Youth (Derrick Meador / Sarah Wilkes)
- March 15** Altar Guild / Acolyte (Rebecca Bryant / Jacques Lasseigne)
- March 22** Stephen Ministry / Spiritual Direction (Rowena)
- March 29** Community Ministries / Cooking Crew (Candace Higginbotham / Jennifer Beruvides)

**It's a well-known tradition for Christians to give up something as part of a Lenten discipline.** At St. Mark's, a Lenten tradition for almost 20 years has been The Fasting Fund. As part of our Lenten observance, parishioners are asked to forego one or two meals a week and put the average cost of the missed meals in one of the wicker baskets placed beside the steps leading to the Chancel and altar rail or on the small table in the back of the chapel. This year, the Fasting Fund will go to Jewell House, a transitional living facility for homeless girls ages 13 – 21. Jewell House was the first shelter in north Louisiana designed specifically to serve homeless girls and remains the only one to provide shelter beyond 21 days. From its inception, Youth Outreach Services has had a consistent record of success.

**It is the custom at St. Mark's at Easter to invite our parish family to make a contribution to the Glory of God and in memory or honor of a loved one.** This is not only an appropriate way to honor those who have gone before us, but these gifts make it possible to decorate the Cathedral in a festive manner. If you wish to make a donation please send your check along with the name or names you wish to commemorate to **Becky Deverts** in the Cathedral office **no later than Friday, March 31.**

**Were you married at St. Mark's?** If so, would you like to be part of St. Mark's pictorial wedding history? St. Mark's Cathedral maintains a beautiful Wedding Album of all the couples who were married in the Cathedral since the 50's. If you would like to be a part of this fun tradition, please provide us a picture (color or black and white) of your choice no bigger than an 8" x 10".

1. Submit a digital photo (color or black and white, preferably a jpeg or pdf) which can be printed, by emailing [gdamlouji@gmail.com](mailto:gdamlouji@gmail.com).
2. Drop your wedding photo off at the church's office to the attention of Mary Alice Rountree or Gerry Damlouji. Please be sure to include the bride and groom's full name and date married with your picture. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Alice Rountree at 318-464-8004 or Gerry Damlouji at 318-820-9012.

**Sunday Readings**  
 The Second Sunday in Lent  
 Genesis 12:1-4a \* Romans 4:1-5, 13-17  
 John 3:1-17

## Thoughts from the Dean and the Stewardship Team

We all have some talent to give. Our own growth and the growth of our church depends on the willingness of us all to invest that talent for others. As a member of your church, you are called to share in all aspects of its life. Membership is responsibility ... the response to the call to ministry and service. To be a church member is to answer that call with time and talent

## Upcoming Events

- March 5** Recital – Aaron Wilson 4:30 pm  
Choral Evensong 5:00 pm  
Cathedral
- March 11** Cathedral Clean-up Day 9:00 am
- March 17- 19** Crystal & David Downing
- March 26** Parish Breakfast 9:00 am  
Parish Hall