

March 15, 2023

Deaths

Frances Wilson, on February 5, 2023.

André Boutté, brother of Ron Boutté, on March 8, 2023.

Happy Birthday

March 19	22	24
Roxanne Williams	Patrick Bicknell	Dewey Corley
	Sherry Paschall	Mike Harter
20	Jason Thomas	Jim Himes
Stacie Henagan	Christie Schimpf	Jack Brown
Lisa Herrington	Annelies Harrison	Katherine Baker
	Cathy Tran	
21		25
Grayson Clarke		Pete Treat
Sadie Aaron	John Baxter Atkins	Olivia Butterman
	Chris Stoll	
	Anna Watt	
	McCord Coleman	
	Ashton Hamm	

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THE MESSENGER

Community

This weekend, 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.**

Shriners children's hospital is in need of waiting room snacks and activities. Ideas for items needed include snack size: crackers, goldfish, cookies, baby snacks, fruit snacks, juice boxes, small water bottles, and small/short books. Please leave your donations in the church office. For questions or donations contact Jennifer Beruvides at jennifer@stmarkscathedral.net.

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 for more information. If you would like to contribute monetarily contact Jennifer Beruvides at 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 22 Stephen Ministry / Spiritual Direction (Rowena)

March 29 Community Ministries / Cooking Crew (Candace Higginbotham / Jennifer Beruvides)

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.**

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

Our Youth Confirmation classes will begin on March 26 at 9:30 am in the youth room of the Ministry Center. The classes will be led by Patrick Caraway, Bob Ewing, Bob McVie and Gary Love and are for 8th through 12th graders who have not yet been confirmed. Youth must attend at least four of the six sessions to be confirmed. Bishop Owensby will be here on **May 7** for Confirmation.

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!

Were you married at St. Mark's? 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.
 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 Fourth Sunday in Lent
 1 Samuel 16:1-13 * Ephesians 5:8-14
 John 9:1-41

Thoughts from the Dean and the Stewardship Team

It's incredible to think that while most people are complaining about losing time, the Christian steward is constantly finding time for God's work.

Upcoming Events

March 17- 19	Crystal & David Downing
March 26	Parish Breakfast 9:00 am Parish Hall
April 1	Make Palm Crosses 9:00 am Parish Hall
April 9	Easter Sunday