

December 6, 2023

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Deaths

William Thomas Murphy, III, father of **Tom Murphy** on December 2, 2023.

Baptisms

William Wainwright Merckle, son of **Emily & Chris Merckle**, on December 3, 2023.

Happy Birthday

December 10

Carroll Joffrion
Katie Giordon
White

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Al Childs
Gertrude Lynes
Patty Stott
Ben Gates
George Ewing
Toni Winham
Sean Henagan

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Ellen Davis
Tara Jones

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Buz Wheless
Marybeth McVie
John Bowen

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Duane Brown
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ST. MARK'S
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Community

The Nominating Committee will meet to formulate a Vestry slate to present to the parish at the Annual Meeting in January. If you wish to nominate someone for their consideration, nominations have to be to the Senior Warden **by December 8**. To be eligible for the Vestry, a person must be a confirmed communicant in good standing. This means confirmed, regularly attending worship and pledging. Nominations can be e-mailed to **Senior Warden Bill Kalmbach** at bill.kalmbach@cookyancey.com

Adult Confirmation classes begin Wednesday, January 3. We will meet in the Ministry Center Garden Room at 6:15 pm.

Youth confirmation classes will begin January 7. Please go to www.stmarkscathedral.net and click on Youth Confirmation Signup to register. Contact Amy in the Church office if you need more information.

Christmas Parents Night Out fundraiser for the Honduras Mission Trip is **December 15**, 5:30-8:30 pm in the Ministry Center. \$20 per child Contact Amy to register.

St. Mark's Kids Club will kick off January 10. Calling all children in Kindergarten -5th grade! Join us for Club K-2 and Club 345 on Wednesday nights from 6-7 pm in the ministry center.

The Altar Guild will hold their Christmas cleanup of the Cathedral on Saturday, December 9 at 9:00 am. All willing helpers are welcome!

Our 2023 Advent Meditation booklets are available! We have printed versions in the back of the church and there is a link on our website to the online version. This annual labor of love comes from our fellow parishioners.

It is the custom at St. Mark's to invite the parish family at Christmas to make a contribution to the glory of God and in memory or honor of loved ones. 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 memorial, please send your donation, along with the name or names of those to be honored, to the attention of Lisa Bingham, no later than Friday, December 15.

If you want to mail your 2023 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 29 when the office closes for the holiday.

Come sing with us! The St. Mark's Cathedral Choirs rehearse on Wednesdays (Boys and Girls Choir at 4:15 pm and the Cathedral Choir at 6:15 pm) and all are invited to the family dinner at 5:30 pm. For more information, contact Choirmaster Derrick Meador, 226-4038 or derrick@stmarkscathedral.net.

Who doesn't like a celebration? Highland Community Renewal is looking for volunteers to celebrate a monthly birthday party and/or quarterly good grade parties. Small celebrations at their community center to acknowledge how special these kids are!! For more information or to volunteer contact Jennifer Beruvides at jennifer@stmarkscathedral.net

The Cathedral office will close at noon on Friday, December 22. We will reopen on Wednesday, December 27. We will close at noon on Friday, December 29. We will reopen on Tuesday, January 2.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services

Sunday, December 24
The Fourth Sunday of Advent
 Holy Eucharist 10:30 am

Christmas Eucharist with Bishop Owensby - 5:30pm – Cathedral

Midnight Christmas Eucharist - 10.30pm - Cathedral

December 25
Christmas Day
 Eucharist - 10.00am - Cathedral

Sunday Readings

The Second Sunday of Advent
 Isaiah 40:1-11 * 2 Peter 3:8-15a
 Mark 1:1-8

Thoughts from the Dean and the Stewardship Team

A talent is a talent until it is used to serve God. At that point it becomes a gift of ultimate value, multiplying every time we use it. In man's eyes it may seem insignificant, in God's eyes, you are a superstar.

Upcoming Events

December 17	Christmas Pageant 10:30 am Lessons and Carols 4:00 pm
December 24	Holy Eucharist 5:30 pm Preludial Music 10:30 pm Holy Eucharist 11:00 am
December 25	Holy Eucharist 10:00 am