



## Deaths

**Nellygrace "Chris" Stoll**, mother of **Pat Hennessy** and **Sherry Anderson**, on December 23, 2023.

## Happy Birthday

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| <b>December 31</b> | <b>4</b>         | <b>6</b>            |
| Robert Pou         | Nickolas Gore    | Marti Westmoreland  |
| Sharla Inman       | Andrea Giacalone | Julie Popwell Ameen |
|                    | Mary O'Brien     |                     |
| <b>January 1</b>   | Sean Stott       |                     |
| Carson Jones       | Tripp Fritze     |                     |
| <b>2</b>           | <b>5</b>         |                     |
| Michele Hardtner   | Sunni Burgess    |                     |
|                    | Charlotte Walter |                     |
| <b>3</b>           | Mike Ameen       |                     |
| Anne Mitchell      | Curt McClure     |                     |
| Helen Herzog       | Erin Dicharry    |                     |
| John Godwin        | Jennifer Jones   |                     |
| Faye Aaron         | Meredith Waltman |                     |
| Mae Smitherman     |                  |                     |
| John Paul Grigsby  |                  |                     |

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# THE MESSENGER

## Community

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

**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.

**Join us for our Epiphany service and festivities on Saturday, January 6.** Service is In the Cathedral at 5:00 pm followed by food and fun and the burning of the Christmas greens in the courtyard at 6:00 pm. Don't forget to bring your trees when you take them down and leave them in the courtyard.

**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](http://www.stmarkscathedral.net) and click on Youth Confirmation Signup to register. Contact Amy in the Church office if you need more information.

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

**Even as we celebrate the twelve days of Christmas, Lent is fast approaching.** Ash Wednesday is Valentine's Day! Forty-seven contributors will be needed to produce Lenten Meditations 2024. "Be doers of the word, and not hearers only (James 1:22)." Contribute a meditation for this year's Lenten booklet. **For information contact Laura McLemore at [laura.mclemore@lsus.edu](mailto:laura.mclemore@lsus.edu) or 318-655-4990.**

**St. Mark's Cathedral Annual Meeting is January 28, 2024.** We meet immediately after the 10:30 am service in the Parish Hall. Annual reports will be given, Vestry elections will be held and lunch will be served. Everybody come!!

**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](mailto: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](mailto:jennifer@stmarkscathedral.net)

**St Mark's Work Out.** Come join a group that rises early to exercise in the mornings with short runs, barbell workouts, and calisthenics. 5:30 am - 6:15 am - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday  
Above 45 degrees - Workout outside.  
Below 45 degrees - Workout in the gym.  
Necessary equipment onsite.  
Call Dean Johnson in the office for more information.

*Sunday Readings*  
The First Sunday after Christmas Day  
Isaiah 61:10-62:3 \* Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7  
John 1:1-18

### Thoughts from the Dean and the Stewardship Team

Stewardship is how we manage what God has given us in this life. Stewardship is not a choice that we make. As recipients of God's gifts, we become stewards. The choice we have is to choose to be "good stewards" or "poor stewards." What is your choice?

### Upcoming Events

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| January 6  | Epiphany service and celebration<br>5:00 pm |
| January 15 | MLK Day<br>Office Closed                    |