

St. Mark's Can Help You "Love Your Neighbor"

Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. — Hebrews 13:2



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Dear Friends,

Our Cathedral on the corner of Fairfield and Kings Highway is a local landmark, and I am regularly told at lunch, in grocery stores, in hospitals, and local schools that many consider St. Mark's corner one of the loveliest spots in town. The social fabric and neighborhood that gave birth to our Cathedral and School has changed

over the decades, and our congregation has ebbed and flowed in response to such transition. Other congregations in the Highland area share the same history, and we all share an interest in creating a brighter future for the place that our children, families, and fellow Christians call our spiritual home.

Recently I was visiting with Oliver Jenkins about a project that he and Skip Simonton spearheaded, "Love Your Neighbor," that is improving property around Shreveport by removing deteriorating houses and buildings. Increasing "blight" within our city's neighborhoods was mentioned as one of Shreveport's greatest challenges in a report titled "Great Expectations: Shreveport, Caddo 2030 Master Plan." Seeking economic and social service improvements for the Highland neighborhood is a long-standing topic in Shreveport, and many of our members have both led and contributed to non-profit and congregational efforts to address these issues. We are fortunate that other congregations address issues which we all share in the Highland area, and I believe that St. Mark's is capable of lending a helping hand in these efforts.

Given that we have many members with expertise and experience throughout the private and non-profit sector, my hope is that our congregation might contribute to local efforts like "Love Your Neighbor" both professionally and financially. Oliver Jenkins has agreed to serve as a contact for those issues

where life at St. Mark's and the Highland neighborhood overlap. He will be calling a meeting in the near future as we continue to deepen our participation in those areas pertinent to this Highland Revitalization Project. Please contact me or Oliver if you would like assist in this Highland revitalization effort.

Blessings and Godspeed,
Alston Johnson — Dean, St. Mark's

St. Mark's Cathedral Annual Meeting January 28, 2024

Immediately after the 10:30 a.m. service
in the Parish Hall.

Annual reports will be given and Vestry elections
will be held. Lunch will be served.
Everybody come!

Vestry Slate Announced

Pursuant to the by-laws of St. Mark's Cathedral
the Nominating Committee has nominated
the following persons
to be elected at the Annual Meeting
to be held on Sunday, January 28, 2024
to serve four year terms on the
Vestry of St. Mark's Cathedral:

Erin Discharry
Kathryn Gaiennie

Catherine Evans
Stephen Kniep

Michael Ameen

SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:00 am, 10:30 am, & 6:00 pm
Sunday Holy Eucharist

JANUARY 7, 2024

*The First Sunday after the Epiphany:
The Baptism of Our Lord*

Genesis 1 :1-5 Acts 19 :1-7
Psalm 29 Mark 1 :4-11

JANUARY 14, 2024

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

1 Samuel 3 :1-11 1 Corinthians 6 :12-20
Psalm 139 :1-5, 12-17 John 1 :43-51

JANUARY 21, 2024

*The Third Sunday after the Epiphany
Holy Eucharist and Baptism 10:30 am*

Jonah 3 :1-5, 10 1 Corinthians 7 :29-31
Psalm 62 :6-14 Mark 1 :14-20

JANUARY 28, 2024

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Deuteronomy 18:15-20 1 Corinthians 8:1-13
Psalm 111 Mark 1:21-28

Many thanks to Jennifer Beruvides and our amazing Cooking Crew who worked tirelessly preparing meals for the less fortunate in our community for Thanksgiving and Christmas.



Lost Anything at Church?

Or maybe you're just missing some item and have no idea where it might have gone. Drop by or call the church office and check into our lost and found! We have everything from sunglasses to scarves to cell phones to jewelry (including some very nice pieces.) Check and see what you're missing!



Weekday Worship at the Cathedral

Wednesday 7:00 a.m.
Holy Eucharist
Chapel

Fridays 5:30 p.m.
Holy Eucharist
Chapel
(The 5:30 service is an option for those who cannot attend Sunday worship.)



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.



Oblationers Needed

Our Hospitality Committee invites parishioners (families, adult singles, siblings, friends) to serve as oblationers (gift bearers) at the 10:30 a.m. Sunday service. This is a meaningful way to serve the faith community. For more information please contact Kathy Williams at 469-9211.



Winter Camp
Grades 6-12

Camp Bethany

\$85
per person

2024
January 19-21






Scan to Register!

Children's Christian Formation

Nursery (newborn to K3 - 3 years old by September 30th)

9:30 a.m. – 12:30 pm

First floor of Parish building next to Catechesis Atriums

9:30 am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

First floor of Parish Building – Rooms 105 & 106



Level I Atrium (K-3 – Kindergarten)

Level II Atrium (1st – 3rd grade)

9:30 – 10:30 am Sunday school (4th – 5th grade) Second floor of Parish building in the old nursery location

9:30 – 10:30 am Sunday school (6th-8th grade) Ministry Center Youth Lounge

9:30 – 10:30 am Sunday school (9th-12th grade) Ministry Center Youth Room



Adult
Christian Formation

9:30 a.m.


9:30 a.m. Diarmaid MacCulloch: **History of Christianity**

Justin Holcomb: **Know the Heretics**

Ministry Center Garden Room

9:30 a.m. Rowan Williams **Being Disciples**

Library






St. Mark's

KIDS CLUB

Kickoff Wednesday, January 10, 2024


Kindergarten – 5th grade

Every Wednesday from 6–7 pm in the Ministry Center

Join us for Family Dinner in the Parish Hall at 5:30pm

For more information contact Amy Garsee amy@stmarkscathedral.net or Laura Grayson Ameen laura@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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JANUARY 1

Carson Jones

2

Michele Hardtner

3

Anne Mitchell

Helen Herzog

John Godwin

Faye Aaron

Mae Smitherman

John Paul Grigsby

4

Nickolas Gore

Andrea Giacalone

Mary O'Brien

Sean Stott

Tripp Fritze

5

Sunni Burgess

Charlotte Walter

Mike Ameen

Curt McClure

Erin Dicharry

Jennifer Jones

Meredith Waltman

6

Marti Westmoreland

Julie Popwell Ameen

7

Eron Brainard

Caroline Turnage

Joanitah Nakiggwe

8

Conrad Langston

Robert Johnson

Alice Jones

9

Holly Marshall

Jack Carlisle

Maddie Crawford

Dawn Baxter

Beth Cantrell

Brady Howard

10

Yulonda Mayo

Ben Hodges

Mary Katherine Clark

Teddy McMurry

Emile Jackson

11

Alden Woods

12

Sherry Martin

Camille Lofton

Reilly Weber

Mobley Carnie

Gus Lea

Pierce Drummond

13

Jennifer Varnadore

14

Andy Hodges

John David Stewart

Tim Brown

Sloan Hall

Gardner McInnis

Maisey McInnis

Derek Holtsclaw

Derrick Meador

15

Henry McMurry

16

Drew Larremore

Nancy Mobley

Katie Mitchell

Corinne Peterson

Addie Garsee

Elizabeth Garsee

17

Pat Turnage

Chadd Bylsma

Brady Thompson

Thomas Harrison

18

Carol Gamble

Rick Fisher

Allie Marler

19

Katherine Van Hook

Gloria Haynes

20

Christy Porter

Mary Margaret Thomas

Julian Weaver

21

George Plaxco

Claire Rebouche

Donna McGaunn

Paris Marsalis

Mary Catherine Kneip

22

Emily Pressly

Theresa Johnson

John Godfrey

23

Nicole Vozzella Hubbard

24

Sara Herrington

Briggs Mobley

25

Jett Trudeau

Gary Love

Kelly Crawford

Lissa Grounsell

Phillip Douget

Evan LeBleu

26

Theresa Meldrum

Renee Deupree

Robin Quinn

27

Jackie Cooper

Dru Florsheim

Blain Coady

Kathryn Eldredge

28

Merritt Chastain

Henry Coutret

Foster Gavin

29

Youree Jean Anderson

Julian Weber

Kelly Larremore

Katherine Russo

30

Rachel Stari

Catherine Schoonover

Isabella Foster

Connor Peterson

31

Cindy Millen

Henry Byrd

Save the Date

JANUARY
6TH

SERVICE AT 5:00 PM

FOLLOWED BY

FOOD AND FUN IN

THE COURTYARD



EPIPHANY
EVENT

Join us Saturday, January 6th at 5:00 to celebrate Epiphany. We will start our celebration in the Cathedral at 5:00 pm with worship. After the service, we will continue to the courtyard for food, fun and the burning of the Christmas trees. (Don't forget to bring your trees to the Cathedral for this event). There will also be a visit from the Wise Men.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

January 7

The flowers on the High Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of J. Pat Beaird, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. J. Pat Beaird, Kathryn Mehaffy Dixon and Judge Pat Mehaffy.

The flowers on the Chapel Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. H. Murphy and Martha Yearwood, Ginny Barkley Hollingsworth, Brooks Yearwood and Bonnie Yearwood.

January 14

The flowers on the High Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of The Friend Family, The Woodard Family, Mr. & Mrs. C.S. Dean, Sr., and Mike Dean.

The flowers on the Chapel Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Greta E. Swenson.

January 21

The flowers on the High Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Carolyn Querbes Nelson, Nell and George Nelson, and Katherine and Justin Querbes.

January 28

The flowers on the High Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Frank John (Jack) Reeks, Sr.

The flowers on the Chapel Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Val A. Lyons.

DEATHS

Rest Eternal grant to him, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon him.

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

Mary Holtsclaw Martin, mother of **Debbie Grand**.

Henry Coutret, on December 16, 2023.

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

May his soul, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

BAPTISMS

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

You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. Amen.

Expectant Moms of St. Mark's



If you are or know anyone who is expecting a child our committee is up and running and is looking for mommies to be. Please contact us at bess@stmarkscathedral.net or sign up on our website under family ministries. We hope to welcome mothers into our community. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Please "Paws" and take a look at a note from our friends at CARE (Caddo Animal Rescue Emergency)

"Lily is an 18 month old Terrier mix. She is light-hearted and sweet and loves to cuddle. She gets along with other dogs but might not be as compatible with smaller dogs. She is house trained and crate trained. She also loves her chew toys as they allow for a fun and easy distraction. Please help dear Lily find her Furever home! She is available for adoption or fostering. For more information text or call Rhonda at 318-517-9933"



Members of the Vestry of St. Mark's Cathedral

Bill Kalmbach, Senior Warden – Lisa Love, Junior Warden – Patrick Caraway, Treasurer – John Reeks, Chancellor

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