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Baptisms

Warren Edward Williams, son of Allie & Matthew Williams, on December 31, 2023.

Happy Birthday

January 7 Eron Brainard Caroline Turnage Joanitah Nakiggwe	9 Holly Marshall Jack Carlisle Maddie Crawford Dawn Baxter Beth Cantrell Brady Howard	12 Sherry Martin Camille Lofton Reilly Weber Mobley Carnie Gus Lea Pierce Drummond
8 Conrad Langston Robert Johnson Alice Jones	10 Yulonda Mayo Ben Hodges Mary Katherine Clark Teddy McMurry Emile Jackson	13 Jennifer Varnadore
	11 Alden Woods	

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THE MESSENGER

Community

Join us for our Epiphany service and festivities this 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 and greenery when you take them down and leave them in the courtyard.**

We are also looking for "lumberjacks" with chain saws to come and help cut up the trees before the bonfires. Please be in touch with Dean Johnson for the particulars.

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.

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.

To love and serve Christ.

To love and serve each other in Christ.

To love and serve the world for Christ.

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!!

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:
Michael Ameen
Erin Dicharry
Catherine Evans
Kathryn Gaiennie
Stephen Kneip

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 or 318-655-4990.**

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**

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 the Epiphany:
 The Baptism of Our Lord
 Genesis 1:1-5 * Acts 19:1-7
 Mark 1:4-11

Thoughts from the Dean and the Stewardship Team

Every person receives from God some special ability or quality that can be used to build the church, so it may become more effective in its mission to reach and transform the world. If you have committed yourself to Jesus Christ, then God has committed to your care some special gift or gifts: an ability, a talent or a quality of personality that God expects you to use in service of the kingdom.

Upcoming Events

January 6	Epiphany service and celebration 5:00 pm
January 15	MLK Day Office Closed
January 28	Annual Meeting 11:45 am Parish Hall