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THE MESSENGER

Deaths

Bentley Ogoke, father of **William** and **Chelsea Ogoke**, on February 12, 2024

Happy Birthday

February 18

Twylla Seaman
Abby McCord
Chelsea Ogoke

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Carol Anne Caraway
Gaffney Nelson
Mario Villafuerte
Don Huguley
Thomas Nsubuga

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Pede Adams
Jay Crooms
Melissa Harris
Nicole Cotter
Frances Jenkins

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Mary Jo Kayser
Holli Hennessy
Layne LeBleu
Michael Ameen

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Deneé Locke
Carson Massad
Ella Bylsma
Karla Querbes
Ford Gillen
Benjamin Johnson

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Cass Gaiennie
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Community

The Cross of Nails community will have a training on Wednesday, March 6, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the Garden Room. All interested are welcome to attend. *Purchased, not for Sale* will be leading this training. This is the first of the ministries we will be involved in. Many of the ministries we already have ongoing fit nicely into the goals of the Community of the Cross of Nails. (Don't forget, we will be receiving our Cross on March 10.)

Our Daily Lenten Eucharists are back. We meet each Monday – Friday morning at 7:00 am in the Chapel.

Columbarium renderings are available for viewing in the Narthex of the Cathedral. This project is underway and includes 384 additional columbarium niches beautifully nestled in our courtyard behind the flagpoles. Please contact Cynthia Anderson at the Cathedral (Cynthia@stmarkscathedral.net) if you are interested in purchasing niches for you and your family. Each niche is priced at \$1,500.

We are working to update our email lists. If you are not receiving emails from the church (events, newsletters, etc.) please let Amy know in the church office. **Email her at amy@stmarkscathedral.net**

One of St. Mark's Lenten traditions is the Fasting Fund. The purpose is simple: We ask that you forgo one meal a week, and contribute a few dollars - what you would have spent on that meal - to the fasting fund. Baskets are placed at the back of the chapel for the 7:00 a.m. Eucharist services and the base of the steps to the chancel for Sunday services to collect these offerings. The recipient of this year's Lenten Fasting Fund is The Gingerbread House Children's Advocacy Center. Serving on average 76 new child abuse victims every month, children as young as 2 years old and as old as 17 receive private forensic interviews to disclose the details of their abuse in a professional, child-friendly atmosphere to help reduce trauma to the child and family. The Gingerbread House also provides a vast array of services including counseling, advocacy, and prevention education. All services are provided free of charge so that no child is ever turned away due to a family's inability to pay.

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 Lisa Bingham in the Cathedral office **no later than Friday, March 15.**

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!!

Communion Celebration is coming up!

Communion Celebration is a time for children to gain a better understanding of communion. This event is open to children 1st grade and up who have not already participated.

Communion Celebration Workshop will be **March 2, 2024**, from 9:00 am-noon followed by a lunch for parents and children.

Communion Celebration will be during the 10:30 am service on March 3, 2024.

Sunday Readings

The First Sunday in Lent
Genesis 9:8-17 * 1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:9-15

Thoughts from the Dean and the Stewardship Team

During this Lenten season and for the rest of the year we have a chance to give back a little of what has been given to us. There are a number of ways to show our love by giving our time, our money, or our talents. We must learn to give every day to add our little bit to that which Christ gave to us during that Easter season long ago.

Upcoming Events

March 3	Choral Evensong 5:15 pm
March 6	Comm. of Cross of Nails training 6:00 pm Garden Room
March 7	Dinner for Rowena White Parish Hall
March 9	Dean of Coventry Cathedral Visit 9:00 am