

February 7, 2024

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## Deaths

**Larry Lindsey**, brother of **Carol Crooms** and **Leigh Ann O'Brien**, on January 26, 2024.

## Baptisms

**Clair Allen Thibodeaux**, daughter of **Lanier & Andrew Thibodeaux**, on February 4, 2024.

**Andrew Nicholas Thibodeaux**, son of **Lauren & Seth Thibodeaux**, on February 4, 2024.

## Happy Birthday

### February 11

Kim Kayser  
Madison Ersoff

### 12

Lynn Poole  
Lory Tubbs  
Caffery Brown  
Austin Sullivan  
Caitlin FitzGerald

### 13

Mary Stari  
Zach Carter  
Michael Paul Ameen  
William Stroud

### 14

Lee Smith  
Caroline Schoonover  
John White  
Elizabeth Vanderberg  
Reid Jones  
Camille Hannigan

### 15

Reade Linam  
Dare Johnson  
Anita Berg  
Kamarie Childs  
David Drummond  
Virgina Elberson

### 16

Alexander Schoonover  
Kip Porter  
Stella Porter  
Robert Walter

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Carl Pendley  
Catherine Humphrey  
Karen Kennedy

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## Community

**Parents Night Out fundraiser for the Honduras Mission Trip. February 9, 2024. 5:30-8:30 pm** in the Ministry Center. Children must be potty trained to attend. \$20 per child Contact Amy to register. Amy@stmarkscathedral.net

**The Baroque Artists of Shreveport will present *Bach and Friends* this Sunday afternoon at 3:00 pm in the Cathedral.** The concert will feature violin guest soloist Eric Bates of the Cincinnati Symphony.

**Mark your calendars for our annual Shrove Tuesday burning of the Palms and Pancake Dinner on Tuesday, February 13.** Burning of the Palms is in the courtyard at 5:45 pm followed by dinner in the Parish Hall.

**Ash Wednesday services of Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist are February 14 at 7:00 am (Chapel) 8:00 am, noon and 5:30 pm**

**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?**

**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!!

### **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.

**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.

**The United Thank Offering, or UTO, as it is commonly called, is a ministry of The Episcopal Church.** The first collection was made in 1889, and focused on gratitude and the importance of making a thank offering to remember that all good things come from God. It is a ministry that provides a way for each person to give daily thanks to God. When I was a little girl, here at St. Mark's, the UTO collections were made primarily via 'Mite Boxes', in which we children would place coins from our weekly allowances at home. This was done as a Lenten exercise, and during a Sunday worship service, close to Easter, our boxes were collected. It was always exciting to see friends and share our noisy boxes with each other- noisy from all of the coins! One of the meanings of the word 'mite' is, 'a contribution that is small but is all that a person can afford.'

This year, St. Mark's is bringing back Mite Boxes for Lent. This is a lovely way to introduce our children to stewardship. The boxes foster conversation about giving, and what it means to remember that all that we have comes from God. The Bible tells us many, many times about giving to God. Please join our congregation and pick up a box for your children, and or family. It will be announced when they arrive.

God Bless,  
Kathryn Gaiennie

### *Sunday Readings*

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany  
2 Kings 2:1-12 \* 2 Corinthians 4:3-6  
Mark 9:2-9

## Thoughts from the Dean and the Stewardship Team

What could be more strange than the attitude of those who claim their right to "own," denying any substantial obligation to give. God is the true and unchallenged owner, yet giving is his life. We are but temporary holders of a title with rights limited by time and other factors

## Upcoming Events

February 11	Baroque Artists 3:00 pm Cathedral
February 13	Shrove Tuesday Dinner 5:45 pm
February 14	Ash Wednesday
March 3	Choral Evensong 5:15 pm
March 7	Dinner for Rowena White Parish Hall
March 9	Dean of Coventry Cathedral Visit 9:00 am