



ST. MARK'S
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

THE FOUNDATION

FEBRUARY 2024

Youth and Children's Ministry Newsletter

FROM THE YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S DESK...

Wow! Time definitely flies when you are having a good time. January was full of activities from our Epiphany celebration, to the Lock-in, to youth preparing the meal for the Annual Meeting. We have loved every minute of it.

Kids Club is in full swing on Wednesday nights for Kindergarten -5th grade. We hope to soon be able to divide into a Club K-2 group and a Club 345 group. The curriculum we are using is called Journey Together and every week we get our passport stamped when we learn something new. We also love adding to our prayer journals every week.

Speaking of passports, the Honduras team is working hard to prepare for our mission trip in March. We are in need of monetary donations and prayer partners to support our trip. If you would like to help in either way, please contact Amy in the church office.

The date has changed for Communion Celebration. Registration links will be sent out soon.

SAVE THE DATES

****Communion Celebration Workshop****

(1st& up) March 2 9am-noon

****Communion Celebration**

(1st& up) March 3 10:30 service

Youth Sunday/Senior Recognition

May 12 10:30 service

Confirmation

May 19 10:30 Service

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Please pray for our Honduras Mission Team as they prepare.

1. Amy Garsee
2. Ely Bulnes
3. Patrick Caraway
4. Emma Caraway
5. France Jenkins
6. Dixon Wright
7. Taylor Garsee
8. Gordon Caraway
9. Maddie Dicharry
10. ?

There are still spots available on our team.

Contact Amy if interested.

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 4

- Youth Confirmation Class 4-5pm Room 103
- EYC 5-7pm in the Youth Rooms

February 7

- St. Mark's Kids Club 6-7pm in Ministry Center
- Youth Bible Study 6-7pm in Ministry Center

February 9

- Parents Night Out 5:30-8:30 Ministry Center

February 11

- Youth Confirmation Class 4-5pm Room 103
- NO EYC

February 13

- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

February 14

- Ash Wednesday - No Wednesday Night Activities

February 18

- EYC 5-7pm in the Youth Rooms

February 21

- St. Mark's Kids Club 6-7pm in Ministry Center
- Youth Bible Study 6-7pm in Ministry Center

February 25

- Youth Confirmation Class 4-5pm Room 103
- EYC 5-7pm at St. Paul's

February 28

- St. Mark's Kids Club 6-7pm in Ministry Center
- Youth Bible Study 6-7pm in Ministry Center

March 2

- Communion Celebration Workshop 9-noon

March 3

- Communion Celebration 10:30 service
- Youth Confirmation Class 4-5pm Room 103

March 9 - March 15

- Mission Trip to Honduras

March 10

- NO EYC

March 13

- No Wednesday Night Activities

March 17

- Youth Confirmation Class 4-5pm Room 103
- EYC 5-7pm in the Youth Rooms

March 24

- EYC 5-7pm in the Youth Rooms

March 27

- St. Mark's Kids Club 6-7pm in Ministry Center
- Youth Bible Study 6-7pm in Ministry Center

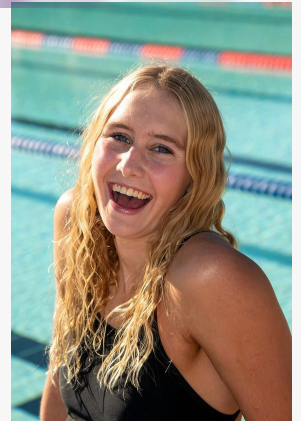
March 31

- NO EYC HAPpy Easter

Cooking for
Annual Meeting 

EYC spotlight

3 Questions with Taylor Garsee



School: CE Byrd

Grade: 12th

Birthday: March 30

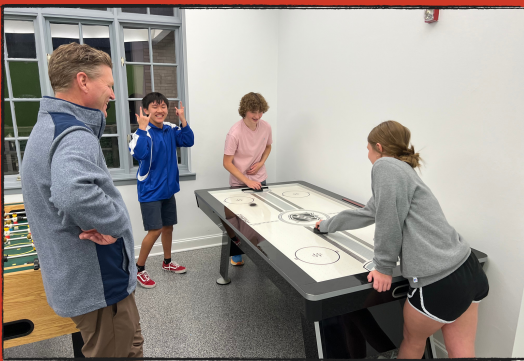
My favorite part of EYC is getting to worship God with a great community of people who are all around my age.

My favorite St. Mark's School memory is going on the fun field trips with my classmates.

When I grow up I want to be a sports reporter for ESPN



EYC Lock IN



team games with St. Paul's EYC



Youth
Confirmation
Students meet
their Mentors



SUNDAY School

collaborate

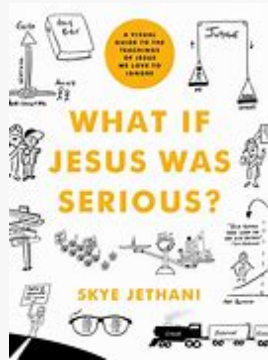
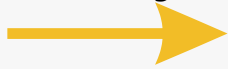
Bible Study



Middle School Study



High School Study



Join us for

COMMUNION CELEBRATION

Communion Celebration is a time for children to gain a better understanding of communion.

Children in 1st grade and up that have not previously participated are welcome

Workshop - March 2 from 9-12 followed by lunch for children and parents

Celebration March 3 during 10:30 service



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CELEBRATE the Savior

Jesus Gives Us Joy

SAVE THE DATE FOR VBS

JULY 15-19, 2024



WEDNESDAY NIGHTS at St. Mark's



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|---------|------------------------------|
| 4:15pm | Boys & Girls Choir |
| 5:30pm | Parish Dinner |
| 6:00pm* | Adult Choir |
| | St. Mark's Kids Club (K-5th) |
| | Youth Bible Study |
| | Women of Faith Bible Study |
| | Wednesday Night Book Club |
| 6:15pm* | Adult Confirmation Class |
| | *Nursery Provided |

Join us on Wednesday Nights for Fellowship, Food and Spiritual Formation



FINDING

Grace

IN THE TRENCHES

Hello everyone!

I cannot believe it is already February. The saying “the days are long but the years are short” is definitely true. I am really feeling it as we prepare for Taylor to graduate from high school and move on to the next step.

I have been thinking a lot about children and how they see worship and time with the savior. I know it is obviously my job in many ways but this is different. A few weeks ago there was a baptism and there seemed to be a lot of babies carrying on conversations in the Cathedral that morning. One would jabber and then another one would respond. They seemed to be communicating or at least commenting on the sermon. The beauty in their jabbering to me was that there were tiny little minds being shaped into a tradition of worship and being with the Lord.

Two of my favorite moments in the service on Sundays are when the children come in from Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and when the children go up to take communion with their families. When the children come into the Cathedral they are so full of excitement. They want to be a part of what the grown-ups are doing. They want to tell their parents about what works they have been doing and the stories they are learning (even if it is not the appropriate time) their faces are smiling and they are so happy to come in and share with us.

When it is time to go up and receive communion, some of them race up the aisle. They are dragging their parents behind them. There is no fear or apprehension. There is no sense of duty. They are excited to take part in in this gift from God. They may take communion, or they may just receive a blessing, but they know that something special is happening at that altar rail.

I often watch them and pray for them, but I also think “What would people think if I rushed to the altar rail like that?” Don’t worry, I’m not fixing to start running up the aisle. However, I can take that same joy in my heart as I participate in the service. I can work to make it not so much a duty, as it is a privilege to take part in the entire worship service. I can lift my voice to sing even when I am on the wrong page and I can read loudly when we read the prayers and responses together. I can also try not to quash the joy in my own children for all of those things. Full confession, I have been known to be a shushing , finger snapping, mean look giving, get your life together mom in the pew. This month I’m going to try to be more and encourage my girls to be more. But I’m still not going to let them roll around on the floor.

There is a book called Parenting in the Pew by Robbie Castleman that I would love to get a group together to read. I need a little accountability. If you would be interested in maybe a lunchtime group, let me know.

Blessings-
Amy

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