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THE MESSENGER

The Dean of Britain's Coventry Cathedral, the Very Rev. John Witcombe, will be with us on Sunday March 10 to dedicate a new chapter of the Community of the Cross of Nails at St. Mark's. Dean Witcombe will be with us for a special adult Sunday school at 9:30 am and then will preach and celebrate at the 10:30 am service. He will also be delivering St. Mark's own Cross of Nails that will be located within the Cathedral. Everyone is invited!

Community

Join us for Choral Evensong this Sunday at 5:15 pm in the Cathedral. Eucharist will follow at 6:00 pm.

There will be a retirement dinner for the Rev. Rowena White on Thursday, March 7 at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall. We are collecting a purse and cards to celebrate Rowena's ministry with us. You can mail checks and cards or drop them by the church.

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.)

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.

Happy Birthday

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| March 3 | 5 | 8 |
| Wade Culbertson | Ted Hardtner | Austin Rhodes |
| Christopher Marsalis | Scott Grayson | |
| Ava Burch | Matt Snyder | 9 |
| Emily Merckle | Mimi Hedgcock | Jason Nelson |
| Mae Horn | Rowena White | Marissa Hill |
| Leah Nansubuga | | Maisie Gillen |
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| Cherie Sealy | Nicholas Pavlick | |
| Judy Werner | Mary Brown | |
| Phil Lattier | Bay Moss | |
| Jane Thomas | Michael Melerine | |
| Robert Russell | 7 | |
| Cook Douthitt | Susan Young | |
| | Trisha Q=Petersen | |

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Shriners Children's Hospital needs coloring books!
No crayons or markers, please. Just coloring books. Drop them off in the church office by the end of the month.

Spread the good word of Easter! Host an Easter Party! The Providence House is looking for someone/group to host an Easter celebration for the children. Suggested dates are March 23 or 24 and would only last 1-2 hours. Very flexible! Contact Jennifer Beruvides, beruvidesr@bellsouth.net to volunteer or need more information.

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?**

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.**

The Altar Guild has two opening for Altar flowers on April 21 and 28. If you would like to memorialize or honor a loved one, please contact Sherri Skrivanos at stskrivanos@gmail.com.

Want to get the latest info and reminders about children's programming at the cathedral?

Join our Remind group to receive updates!
Send a text to 81010. Text this message @smckidsmin

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.

Sunday Readings

The Third Sunday in Lent
Exodus 20:1-17, 15-16 * 1 Corinthians 1:18-25
John 2:13-22

Thoughts from the Dean and the Stewardship Team

"From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked."
Luke 12: 48

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 10	Dean of Coventry Cathedral Visit
March 31	Easter Sunday
April 7	Spring Fling & Easter Egg Hunt 11:45 am Courtyard