



Deaths

Ralph Wayne Crank, Jr., husband of **Diane Long**, stepfather of **Emma Fargerson**, stepgrandfather of **Sage & Rhett Fargerson**, on May 25, 2024.

Baptisms

Lucy Elizabeth Burgess, daughter of **Erin & Rhys Burgess**, on May 26, 2024

Happy Birthday

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| June 2 | 5 | 7 |
| Paul Martin | Charlie Burwell | Richard Elston |
| Mike Cooper | Ellen Alley | Katie-Beth Morton |
| Charlotte Ourso | Jimmy Campbell | |
| Grayson Boucher | Michael McGlothlin | 8 |
| | | Karen FitzGerald |
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| Bill Gray | Lisa Childs | |
| Edie Williams | John Reeks | |
| Andrew Atkins | Murray Viser | |
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THE MESSENGER

Community

Get ready for a Parish Pool Party! All ages are welcome to join us on **Wednesday, June 19** from 5:30 til 7:30 pm at the Town South Swim Club, 9630 Smitherman Dr in Shreveport. Concessions will be available and there will be lifeguards on duty. Let's get this summer started!

If you're making your summer plans, make sure you save these dates! Our annual St. Mark's Music Camp, for grades 2-12, is **June 10-14**, 8:45 am til 1:00 pm. This year's production is *100 Percent Chance of Rain* by Walter S. Horsley. Campers will perform at the 10:30 am service on **June 16**. Vacation Bible School is set for **July 15-19**. This year's theme is *Celebrate the Savior*. Register on the church website.

The Community of the Cross of Nails gathers in the Chapel every Sunday morning at 10:20 am to pray the Litany of Reconciliation. All are welcome to join us.

Time to sign up for summer camp at Camp Hardtner! Visit www.camphardtner.org for more information.

We Serve Camp is July 29-Aug 2, 2024

We Serve is a weeklong day camp where students will be given to opportunity to serve our neighbors both within our parish and our community. We will work on service projects in the mornings and do fun activities in the afternoons. Camp is open to rising 4th graders and up. High School and middle school students will have the opportunity to earn service hours for their work during the week. Some of the places we will be serving will include the cooking crew, The Hub, Common Ground and more. All students will receive a We Serve t-shirt. Go to www.stmarkscathedral.net to register.

Bored this summer? Need volunteer hours?

Community Renewal Friendship houses need help in several areas:

1. Volunteers to tutor struggling children to keep up their school skills.
2. Luggage/duffle bags (new or used) for the youth to go to summer camp.
3. Host for a summer splash party.
4. Volunteers for summer lunches.
5. Donation of travel hygiene items (shampoo, conditioner, soap, lotion) for youth going to camp.

A receptacle will be in the church office for hygiene items. Bags/luggage can be left in the front office. For more information or wanting to donate money contact Jennifer Beruvides at beruvidesr@bellsouth.net.

Could you or someone you know benefit from a Stephen Minister?

Several who have received compassionate care from one of our Stephen Ministers have agreed to share their experience and gratitude. - One of our Care Receivers writes:

It was really great to have someone with whom I could share my thoughts, frustrations, cares, and good or bad times, especially knowing that whatever I shared, it would not go beyond the confines of our room. It was also helpful to know that if I did ask for my Stephen Minister's viewpoint or opinion, it would be shared in a non-critical manner. I always looked forward to our visits and always had a more serene outlook on life afterwards. It may be harder for us men to ask for any kind of help, especially when it comes to dealing with feelings; we tend to keep it all inside! However my experience was extremely positive, and if I'm in a difficult place again I will definitely reach out! I would recommend this wonderful resource of our church to anyone, as having someone with whom to share whatever is on your mind is such a gift.

For more information about Stephen Ministry, contact the Rev. Thomas Nsubuga.

Sunday Readings

The Second Sunday after Pentecost
Deuteronomy 5:12-158 * 2 Corinthians 4:5-12
Mark 2:23-3:6

Thoughts from the Dean and the Stewardship Team

God did not give us gifts and talents so that we would hide them or turn them to selfish ends. Every one of us has a role in the advancement of God's kingdom, using all the resources God has given us. Whether it is money, abilities or time, nothing is irrelevant. We can be assured that personal encounters with God's love, as well as our convictions based on scripture and the church's teaching, we will learn to integrate the two, drawing on both when we are tempted to doubt his love, or when we are called to love others.

Upcoming Events

June 3-7	Camp Tiger
June 10-14	Music Camp
June 19	Parish Pool Party 5:30 pm Town South Swim Club
July 8-12	Art Camp
July 15-19	Vacation Bible School
July 29-August 2	We Serve Camp