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Deaths

Robert Rutherford Milner, uncle of
Alston Johnson, on July 13, 2024.

David Deverts, husband of **Becky Deverts**,
father of **Mark Deverts**, on July 15, 2024.

Community

A Statement from Bishop Owensby

Dear Friends,

Like you, my heart is deeply troubled by the shooting at former President Donald Trump's rally. We pray for the former president, for the spectators who were killed and injured, for the perpetrator who died, and for his family.

Life is fragile and precious. Such violence reminds us of the profound need for peace and reconciliation in our world. Jesus teaches us to love our neighbor and to minister to the suffering. As our Presiding Bishop Michael Curry has said, the way of Jesus is the way of love. Never the way of violence.

In response to this shocking act of violence, let us redouble our commitment to loving our neighbor as ourselves and to seeing each person we meet as the beloved child of God.

In Christ's peace,

+Jake

The Rt. Rev. Jacob W. Owensby, PhD, DD
4th Bishop of The Episcopal Diocese of Western Louisiana

Happy Birthday

July 21	24	26
Rob Gilchrist	Debbie Smith	Barbara Dossett
Laura McLemore	Rosalyn Fisher	Warren Graves
Randolph Smith	Stephanie Young	Elizabeth Peterson
Marissa McGinty	Margaret Badgley	
Ruby Hargrove	Teresa LeBleu	
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22	25	Bob FitzGerald
Beverly Reeves	Lisa Hargrove	Susan Falbaum
Gayle Labor	Michelle	Kathy Lowe
Micah Strong	Q=Petersen	Don Weir
	Jane Shea	Dicksey Sanders
23	Marguerite Allen	Clay Stroud
Ellis Prince	Claire Thibodeaux	
Bennett Herndon		
Parker Byles		
Susan Snyder		

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Address Service Requested

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.

Back to school! Shriners Hospital is needing school supplies!

Here are the top nine needs:

- 1 and 2 inch binders
- Loose leaf paper
- Pink erasers
- 1, 3, and 5 subject spiral notebooks
- Pocket folders with brads
- #2 pencils
- Red, blue and black pens
- Composition notebooks
- Small pencil sharpeners

Please drop off at the church office by July 31. If you would like to donate money, contact Jennifer Beruvides at beruvidesr@bellsouth.net.

Education for Ministry (EfM) is open for registration. If you are interested in joining the program for the 2024-25 year, please be in touch with Fr. Thomas (thomas@stmarkscathedral.net) as soon as possible.

The St. Mark's Altar Guild is putting together a cookbook! The title will be "*St. Mark's Altar Guild Sets the Table.*" It will also include a brief history of St. Mark's, pictures, as well as pictures of our silver and the new Sacristy. There is an email address for members of the congregation to begin sending in recipes. Send them to altarguildcookbook@gmail.com
Deadline for entry is October 31.

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.

Sunday Readings

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Jeremiah 23:1-6 * Ephesians 2:11-22
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Thoughts from the Dean and the Stewardship Team

Naturally, that which we give to the church and to others should reflect our gratitude to God for letting us enjoy the earth and its fullness. In considering how much we give, two questions are helpful: (1) Is this a responsible use of that which God has given me to care for and to use? (2) Am I in any way acting as though all I have is mine, and no one, not even God, has any claim on it? Stewardship means responsible use of that which we hold in trust from God, that which he has loaned for our blessing and enrichment while on this earth

Upcoming Events

July 29-August 2	We Serve Camp
August 8	First Day of School
August 25	Rally Day Luncheon
September 2	Labor Day