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Deaths

Betsy Hart, wife of **Dr. Tim Hart,** on April 4, 2025.

Happy Birthday

April 13
Mary Godwin
William Ogoke

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Elizabeth White
Wiley Cotter
Lindsey O'Brien
EulaMae Moore
Kelly Rainwater
William Bartle
George Kneip

15
Tom Murphy
Bobby Pugh
Parker Stage
Holland Peterson
Alexandra Williams
Andrew Thibodeaux

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Jan Madison
John Giles
Scott Zimmer
Denis Poljak
Bo Boyd
Elizabeth Elberson
Shannon Herzog
James Howard

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Clay Hollingsworth
Tomeka Bowman
Sam Porter
Lola Overdyke

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Chris Hughes
Charlotte White
Alan Berry
George Jonathan Hardtner
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ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL
THE MESSENGER

Community

This Sunday is Palm Sunday. Don't forget, we will meet in the Ministry Center to begin the 10:30 am service and process into the Cathedral. Please be at the Ministry Center by 10:15 am.

Come help us make palm crosses this Saturday! The Altar Guild will be in the Parish Hall at 9:00 am.

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 this Friday, April 11.**

For those who are donating lilies for Easter, you can pick them up after 9:00 am on **Tuesday, April 22.**

We need eggs! We are collecting candy and fillable plastic eggs for our Spring Fling. Please, no chocolate! Drop them at the church office.

Sunday May 4 is Youth Sunday when we recognize all our seniors who are graduating this May. If you have a senior, make sure we have their name. Please contact Amy Garsee: **amy@stmarkscathedral.net.**

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. (Of course, you can forgo more than one meal a week if you wish.) 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. Please consider making the Fasting Fund a part of your Lenten observance. This year's fasting fund will go to the MLK Health Center and Pharmacy, which provides comprehensive primary care and pharmacy services to uninsured and underinsured patients.

Our new Lenten Meditation books are now available! You can view them on our website or by going to **https://online.fliphtml5.com/wdxuo/pnsm/** We also have a limited number of copies in the back of the church.

The annual Community Renewal Bob Griffin Croquet Classic is set for April 26. You can register online at **www.communityrenewal.us.** For more information contact Diane Loridans or Jimmy Graves at 425-3222.

Come sing with us! The Boys and Girls Choir at St. Mark's Cathedral offers free professional music education! The Choir is open to ages 7-14, and no religious affiliation is required.
Rehearsals: Wednesdays, 4:15 - 5:30 pm with a family dinner provided
Want to know more? Contact Derrick Meador **derrick@stmarkscathedral.net**

The 42nd annual Holocaust Remembrance Service of Northwest Louisiana will be on Sunday, April 27 at 3:00 pm at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Guest speaker is Kathy Kacer, a child of Holocaust survivors. For more information, visit **HolocaustRemembranceService.org.**

Our Cross of Nails group is continuing to work with "The Hub" in the "Purchased" ministry. A big thank you to all who have volunteered and donated. Many have asked what they can do to help and another opportunity has presented itself. On Monday and Tuesday afternoons from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm, help is needed to size, sort, and stock the articles received for each week's shopping. No need to stay the entire time, come and go as your schedule permits. No experience necessary. Any and all help will be greatly appreciated.

We have soup! Do you, or someone you know need a bowl of hot, healthy soup? There are "to go" containers of soup in the new freezer in the kitchen These are available to parishioners and others in need of a hot, healthy meal. The soup is turkey, chicken and vegetable and is gluten free. Please ask any church staffer for assistance.

Sunday Readings

Palm Sunday
Isaiah 50:4-9a1 * Philippians 2:5-11
Luke 23:1-49

Thoughts from the Dean and the Stewardship Team

God prizes generosity, especially joyful generosity. Perhaps we need to break the habit of giving so conservatively, so carefully. Maybe we even need to "scare" ourselves with acts of generosity ... going out on a limb, as it were, and genuinely trusting God to honor our financial faith.

Upcoming Events

April 13	**Palm Sunday**
April 20	**Easter Sunday**
April 25	**Consecration of the Garden Columbarium 5:30 pm**
April 27	**Spring Fling**