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Summer at St. Mark's...BUSY Together!

"For a person to argue, I do not go to church; I pray alone...is no wiser that the person who says... I have no use for symphonies, I believe only in solo music."
— George A. Buttrick

Dear Friends and Families of St. Mark's,

I hope that you are well and in the midst of a lovely summer. At the Cathedral and the School we are ***busy***. We are in the midst of camps for the children and youth. We are in the midst of maintenance projects and property improvements that can only be addressed in the summer. We are in the midst of program and event planning for the fall – which is just around the corner.

Rev. Alston B. Johnson
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I am so pleased to share the news that Caroline Reeks has rejoined the Cathedral staff in a part-time capacity as an adjunct for Children and Youth, as well as spearheading gatherings and fellowship among our young singles and couples. You will notice that she has resurrected St. Mark's "Ale and the Almighty," a social/theological club that meets occasionally to visit about life, faith, ale, and the Almighty. Caroline will be working with Amy Garsee to broaden and deepen our Cathedral parish-life offerings. Please say hello if any of this sounds interesting to you.

I am also pleased to share the news that basketball friend and coach, Willie Jackson, is joining our staff following his retirement from the school. Coach Jackson is known to many in the Cathedral through his years of coaching, as well as the person who handles our Cathedral operations on Sundays. Our office handles a number of projects related to the care and maintenance of our parish life, as well as our building and grounds. Coach Jackson (Willie) is already helping us streamline the space we share with the school, security concerns that come with such a highly used space, as well as beginning the significant project of giving care and attention to our stained glass. Coach Jackson will also be attending community meetings and giving attention to a handful of our outreach partners in ministry throughout the Shreveport-Bossier area on my behalf. I hope that you will take the opportunity to introduce yourself and welcome Coach Jackson to the Cathedral staff.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP
8:00 am, 10:30 am, & 6:00 pm
Sunday Holy Eucharist

JULY 5, 2026
Independence Day (observed)
The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 10:17-21 — Hebrews 11:8-16
Psalm 145:1-9 — Matthew 5:43-48

JULY 12, 2026
The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

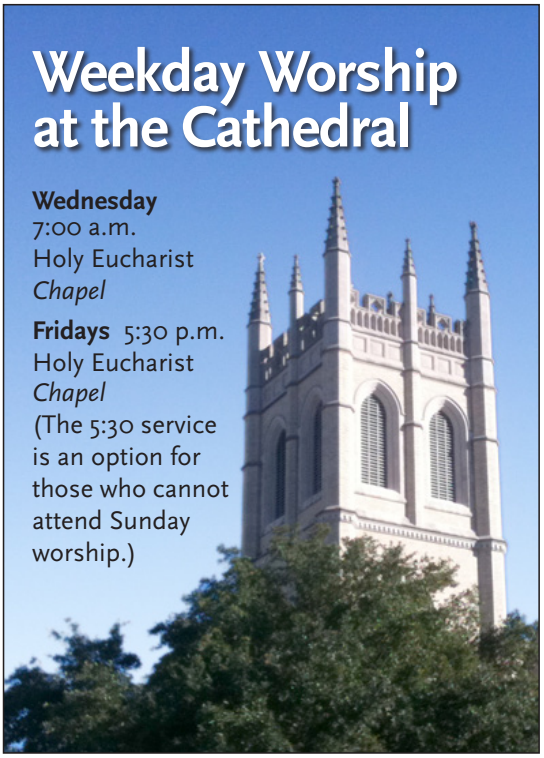
Isaiah 55:10-13 — Romans 8:12-25
Psalm 65:9-14 — Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

JULY 19, 2026
The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 44:6-8 — Romans 6:1b-11
Psalm 86:11-17 — Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

JULY 26, 2026
The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
10:30 am Holy Eucharist & Baptism

1 Kings 3:5-12 — Romans 8:26-39
Psalm 119:129-136 — Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52



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In the months ahead with the help of Amy Garsee, Mark Deverts, Daniel Bingham and Coach Jackson, I plan to address a short list of operational and maintenance items that need attention. Although we are not currently faced with a crisis in these areas, should we "kick the can down the road," they may present the future congregation and leadership with the need for rapid response.

We all owe a debt of gratitude to our wardens, Lisa Love and Dan Koruna, who have been working with our financial leadership to arrange both the funding and the contracting of the current work being done at the Cathedral. The buildings and grounds that we share require daily attention – and St. Mark's is fortunate to have a dedicated laity and staff who shoulder this burden on our behalf with tremendous foresight and care. Please take an opportunity to thank them.

Blessings and Godspeed,
Alston Johnson – Dean, St. Mark's

Expectant Moms of St. Mark's

If you are or know anyone who is expecting a child our committee is up and running and is looking for mommies to be. Please contact us at **bess@stmarkscathedral.net** or sign up on our website under family ministries. We hope to welcome mothers into our community. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Lost Anything at Church?

Or maybe you're just missing some item and have no idea where it might have gone. Drop by or call the church office and check into our lost and found! We have everything from sunglasses to scarves to cell phones to jewelry (including some very nice pieces.) Check and see what you're missing!

Birthday Card Ministry

This year, we launched a birthday card ministry to celebrate all of our parishioners. If you find yourself wanting to serve but needing to do it on your own time, please consider this meaningful ministry. Materials are provided. For more information, please contact **Lauren Ewing** at **550-1743** or **lauren.ewing@me.com**.

A full-color version of *The Evangelist* is on our website! Go to **https://stmarkscathedral.net/the-evangelist/**

Bishop Confirms and Baptizes 2026 Class

Bishop Jake Owensby was at St. Mark's on Pentecost Sunday to welcome our newest Confirmation class. Confirmands spent the Saturday before at a retreat with their sponsors and enjoyed a dinner Saturday night.

Confirmed
Ryan Catherine Campbell
Thirza Jimena Cerda
Jacqueline Elizabeth Demech
Christopher Mark Eldredge
John Hollis Ewing
Scott Hawkins Fritze
Jazlyn Michelle Gonzalez
Donai Gonzalez, Jr.
Elinor Renee Holtsclaw
Jeremy Christian Knicely
Dorothy Anderson Lea
Preston Lowder
Henry Stafford May
Linus Rhodes
Caroline Schoonover
Catherine Schoonover
Matthew Schoonover
Kerry Smith
Lynne Smith
Margaret Elizabeth Thompson
Cittaly Valle-Reyes
Lauren Ford Wallace
Matthew John Wallace
Caroline McCarty Werner
Mary Helen White
Joshua Stuart Willard
Brinsley Wiggins

Received
Kathryn Ana Gayle

Reaffirmed
Sarah Canfield Lowder

Rummage Sale!

Over the summer we are rummaging through some of our items that have outlived their usefulness at St. Mark's. Coach Willie Jackson is handling the sorting on behalf of the Cathedral, and we hope that some of our friends and families might find these items useful.

Although this is not an auction, we would rejoice to receive financial contributions that will be dedicated to the ongoing care of our grounds and maintenance. Please be in touch with Coach Jackson if you would like to contribute to this effort.

"First come – First served" via emails to this address:

Willie@stmarkscathedral.net

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

July 5

The flowers on the High Altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of St Mark's Cathedral Ministry and Staff.

The flowers on the Chapel Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Paula Minor Coleman.

July 12

The flowers on the High Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jordan Rose McGimsey.

The flowers on the Chapel Altar are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the birthday of Mary Martha Yancey and in loving memory of Marion Ramsel.

July 19

The flowers on the High Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Lorena Roediger Kennedy, E. Craig Kennedy, Jacqueline Hooke Storer, and H.E. "Bud" Storer.

The flowers on the Chapel Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dan & Laura Donald and Bob & Ada D'Aquin.

July 26

The flowers on the High Altar are given to the glory of God and In celebration of the marriage of Maia Berg and Brenden Fuggles on July 26, 2026.

The flowers on the Chapel Altar are given to the glory of God and in Celebration of the birthdays of Nola, Holly and Ruby Hargrove.

BAPTISMS

Barro Cross Thompson, son of **Sarah & Todd Thompson**, on June 7, 2026.

Kent Edward Taeoh Wilkes, son of **Jeanne & John Wilkes**, on June 7, 2026.

Emma Elaine Burgess, daughter of **Erin & Rhys Burgess**, on June 21m 2026.

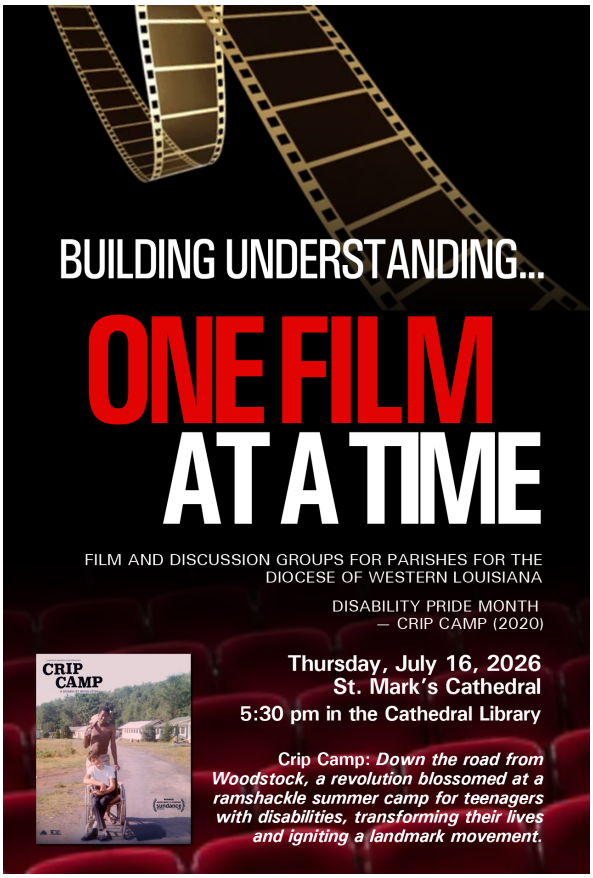
You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. Amen.

DEATHS

Rest Eternal grant to him, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon him.

Bloomfield Wilson Baber, grandfather of **Field Baber**, on June 3, 2026.

May his soul, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

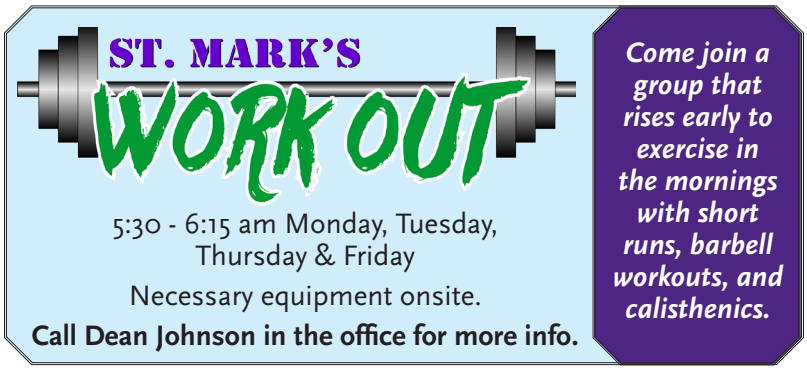


Racial Reconciliation series spotlights Disability Pride Month

Each month, we focus on a different community or cultural group — Join us on **July 16**, and the 3rd Thursday of every month, at 5:30 pm in the Cathedral Library.

CRIP CAMP: A DISABILITY REVOLUTION

In the early 1970s, teenagers with disabilities faced a future shaped by isolation, discrimination and institutionalization. Camp Jened, a ramshackle camp "for the handicapped" in the Catskills, exploded those confines. Jened was their freewheeling Utopia, a place where campers felt fulfilled as human beings. Their bonds endured as they migrated West to Berkeley, California – a promised land for a growing and diverse disability community – where friends from Camp Jened realized that disruption and unity might secure life-changing accessibility for millions.



Adult Christian Formation

9:30 a.m.

9:30 a.m. **The New Testament – N.T. Wright**
Dean Alston Johnson / *Ministry Center Garden Room*

Summer Fun Is Here!

Our Music Camp will take place **July 13–17**, ending with a performance of "It's Cool in the Furnace" on **Sunday, July 19**!

Vacation Bible School will be held from **July 20–24**... a Tropical Trek!

St. Mark's "We Serve" service camp will take place from **July 27–31**.

Children's Christian Formation

Nursery (newborn to K3 - 3 years old by September 30th)
9:30 a.m. – 12:30 pm
First floor of Parish building next to Catechesis Atriums

Oblationers Needed

Our Hospitality Committee invites parishioners (families, adult singles, siblings, friends) to serve as oblationers (gift bearers) at the 10:30 a.m. Sunday service. This is a meaningful way to serve the faith community. For more information please contact **Kathy Williams at 469-9211**.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JULY 1
Tim Hart
Austin Reed
Jean Border

2
Brenda Giles
Amanda Clingan
Kevin Payne
Penn Brightwell
Emma Dailey

3
Katherine Eagles

4
Tom Needham
Chris Aymond
Tom Reed
Kennon Comegys
McKenzie Pugh

5
Ed Leatherman
Nola Hargrove
Kerry Smith

6
Bickham Dickson
Dana Miller
Robin Gore
Leah Horn

7
Beth Allen
Ashley Nader
Chris Cottingham
Sydney Smith
Brittney Thomas
Mignonne Hernandez
Alex Zimora
Michael Schimpf

8
Dodie Billingsley
Bob Williamson
Lloyd Comegys
Vivian Pettiette

9
Pam Comegys
Mary Martha Yancey
Estelle Thibodeaux

10
Carol Peterson
Kelly Deupree
Sherry Ward
Connie Emmons
Joanne Russell
Tina Strong
Elise Kowalewshi

11
Lauren Florsheim
Kellie Kilcline
Sam Powell
Mollie Kate Morton

12
Robin Jennings
Laura Grayson Ameen
Clyde Hargrove

13
Kate Davis
Natalie Cole
Chadwick Erie

14
Amy Lewis

15
Benny Popwell
Marie Toles
Susannah Poljak
Christian Hall
Collier McElroy

16
Lynn Massad
Walker Woodham
Remy Bryant

17
William Hardtner
Danielle Hilario
Katharine Knicely
Ellen Erwin
Stratton Erwin
Alex Hall
Margot Hernandez

18
Judy Storer
Roger Hammett
Thomas Poljak

19
Darrell Rebouche
John Atkins
Ira Green

20
Clay Simmons
Caitlyn Hinkie
Campbell Jones

21
Rob Gilchrist
Michael Cason
Laura McLemore
Randolph Smith
Marissa McGinty
Ruby Hargrove

22
Beverly Reeves
Gayle Labor
Micah Strong
Miller Vick

23
Ellis Prince
Bennett Herndon
Parker Byles
Susan Snyder
Malia Vasquez

24
Debbie Smith
Rosalyn Fisher
Stephanie Young
Margaret Badgley
Teresa LeBleu

25
Lisa Hargrove
Michele Q=Petersen
Jane Shea
Marguerite Allen
Clair Thibodeaux

26
Barbara Dossett
Warren Graves
Elizabeth Peterson

27
Bob FitzGerald
Susan Falbaum
Kathy Lowe
Don Weir
Dicksey Sanders
Clay Stroud

28
Pepper Lang
Jack Berg
Oliver Jenkins
Lauren Ewing

29
Chloe Thornton
Tom Thompson
Frank Harris
Diane Long
Wes Arnold
Tammy Arnold
Samuel Cooper
Ann Nuckolls
J.J. Fortiz
Chelsie Pugh

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Jan Glass
Thomas Siskron
Patrick Caraway
Laura Boyd
Jaden Allen
Matt Woodard
Robin Breithaupt

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Rick Newell

Members of the Vestry of St. Mark's Cathedral

Lisa Love, Senior Warden – Dan Koruna, Junior Warden – Patrick Caraway, Treasurer – John Reeks, Chancellor

2026	2027	2028	2029
David Drummond	Michael Ameen	Lloyd Brown	Megan Campbell
Paul Guidry	Erin Dicharry	Matt Coady	Ginny Murphy
Val Irion	Catherine Evans	Jonathan Davis	Clay Nelson
Reid Jones	Kathryn Gaiennie	Laura Ashley Overdyke	Dee Peterson
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