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New Beginnings

What an incredible summer we have shared at St. Mark's!

Over the past several weeks, our campus has been filled with music, laughter, service, and the joyful energy of children and youth growing in their faith. From our Music Camp's wonderful production of ***It's Cool in the Furnace***, to the adventures of Tropical Trek Vacation Bible School, to the meaningful work accomplished during WeServe, God has been at work in amazing ways. As one season comes to a close, I'm excited to see how God will continue that work as we begin a new ministry year together.

Summer ministries like these don't happen on their own. They happen because people of all ages in our parish continue to say "yes" to sharing their time, talents, and faith with the next generation. To every adult volunteer, youth volunteer, choir leader, teacher, crew leader, kitchen helper, behind-the-scenes organizer, donor, and prayer warrior—thank you. Your time, gifts, and love made this summer one our children and youth will remember for years to come. Thank you for helping us create spaces where young people can grow in faith, build

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

AUGUST 2, 2026
The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 55:1-5 | Romans 9:1-5
Psalm 145:8-9, 15-22 | Matthew 5:43-48

AUGUST 9, 2026
The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 19:9-18 | Romans 10:5-15
Psalm 85:5-15 | Matthew 14:22-33

AUGUST 16, 2026
The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 | Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Psalm 67 | Matthew 15:10-28

AUGUST 23, 2026
The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 51:1-6 | Romans 12:1-8
Psalm 138 | Matthew 16:13-20

AUGUST 30, 2026
The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 15:15-21 | Romans 12:9-21
Psalm 26:1-8 | Matthew 16:21-28

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friendships, and experience the love of Christ.

As much as I love summer ministry, there is something special about August. The beginning of a new school year always feels like a fresh start. New classrooms, new routines, new opportunities, and new beginnings remind us that God is always inviting us to continue growing. As our schedules settle back into place, I hope you'll consider how you and your family can become more involved in the life of our parish this year.

Our ministry year officially begins with **Kickoff Sunday on August 16**. Join us for our Sunday School and Children's Ministry Open House that morning, then stay after the 10:30 service for our church-wide kickoff lunch. It's a wonderful opportunity to reconnect after the summer, meet new friends, and learn about the many ministries available at St. Mark's. Be sure to RSVP for lunch at **www.stmarkscathedral.net** so we can prepare for everyone.

The fun continues on **Wednesday, August 19**, with **Pizza and Bingo for all ages!** It's the perfect opportunity to reconnect after the summer and enjoy an evening together before our regular Wednesday night programming resumes the following week.

Whether you're looking to deepen your faith, make new friends, serve others, or simply find your place, there are opportunities for everyone at St. Mark's. Children can join us for **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd/Sunday School**, Children's Choir, and Kids Club. Middle and high school students are invited to Sunday School and EYC, with Middle School Hangout on Wednesday evenings and High School Bible Study on Monday nights. Adults will also find countless opportunities to worship, learn, serve, and build relationships. No matter your age or stage of life, there's a place for you at St. Mark's.

I can't wait to see what God has in store for this new ministry year, and I hope you'll be a part of it. Here's to new beginnings, renewed friendships, and another wonderful year of growing together in faith.

See you on Kickoff Sunday!

Amy Garsee
Director of Youth and Parish Ministries

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**.

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!

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

Choir Camp 2026

It's Cool in the Furnace

Stephen Ministry Commissions New Leaders

St. Mark's Stephen Ministry has three new leaders. They were commissioned last month by Dean Alston Johnson after undergoing several months of intensive training.

Carol Ann Caraway, Joy Ratcliff and Cherie Sealy will now assist in the running and operations of the group, along with Anne Lasseigne and Rosemary Lafargue. Fr. Thomas Nsubuga is the group's Spiritual Advisor.

Come join a group that rises early to exercise in the mornings with short runs, barbell workouts, and calisthenics.

ST. MARK'S WORK OUT

5:30 - 6:15 am Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

Necessary equipment onsite.

Call Dean Johnson in the office for more info.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

August 2

The flowers on the High Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of J. Harman Chandler, Mr. & Mrs. Walter B. Chandler, Mr. & Mrs. Tom Havard, Mr. & Mrs. Steve White, and Mr. & Mrs. Cade C. Havard.

The flowers on the Chapel Altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of the grandsons of Lennis & Richard Elston: Curtis, Ellis, Jonas, Miller, Ross, Archer and great grandson John Curtis.

August 9

The flowers on the High Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Stuart Allen Briscoe, III, and Don & Virgie Wallace.

The flowers on the Chapel Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Willis O. Pickering, Sr. & Myrtle B. Pickering, Margaret Simpson Higginbotham, and Russell Higginbotham.

August 16

The flowers on the Chapel Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Ruben White, Laurie Viser Moffett, Terri White Crosby, and Mr. & Mrs. Murray Werner.

August 23

The flowers on the High Altar and Chapel Altar given to the honor and glory of God Almighty.

August 30

The flowers on the High Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Aage & Adele Qvistgaard=Petersen, Morton (Jack) & Ruby Qvistgaard=Petersen, Elizabeth Hansard Qvistgaard=Petersen, Bridget Anne Campbell, Truman A. (Jack) & Patricia Armstrong, and Eleanor Thomas Armstrong.

BAPTISMS

Charles Scott McAlpine, son of **Ashley & Scott McAlpine**, on July 26, 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.

Frank H. Thaxton, III, on June 26, 2026.

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

Fr. Paul Martin Celebrates Fifty Years of Ministry

St. Mark's celebrated the ministry of Fr. Paul Martin on the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood with a reception following the 10:30 am service on July 12.

Fr. Paul was ordained in 1976 at Coventry Cathedral in Coventry, England.

An overflow crowd, including both St. Mark's and St. Paul's parishioners, gathered in the Parlor for cake and cookies to honor Fr. Paul and Christine.

Adult Christian Formation

9:30 a.m.

Adult Christian Formation (Begins August 23)

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

9:30 a.m. **Experiencing Scripture as a Disciple of Jesus: Reading the Bible like Dallas Willard** https://a.co/d/01FxPdGG
Father Thomas Nsubuga */ Library*

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**.

Children's Christian Formation

Children's Christian Formation (begins August 23)

9:30 – 12:30 pm Nursery (newborn to K3 - 3 years old by September 30)
First floor of Parish building next to Catechesis Atriums
9:30 am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
First floor of Parish Building- Rooms 105 & 106
Level I Atrium (K-3 – Kindergarten)
Level II Atrium (1st-3rd grade)
9:30– 10:30 am Sunday school (4th – 5th grade)
Second floor of Parish building / old nursery location
9:30– 10:30 am Sunday school (6th-8th grade)
Ministry Center Youth Lounge
9:30 -10:30 am Sunday school (9th-12th grade)
Ministry Center Youth Room

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

AUGUST 1
Brad Lepore
Helen Ameen

2
Emily Nelson
Tad Dicharry
Hannah FitzGerald

3
Anna Kate Childs
Ben Davis
Sindee Finch

4
Susan Cage

5
Hines Vaughan
Kathy Hassell
Jennifer Beruvides
Marie Gardner-McIntyre
Georgia Johnson
Emma Burgess
Max Llanito

6
Ron Boutte
Mark Faries
Drake Lee
Catherine Green
Liam Alley
Laura Charlotte Poljak
Gray Knicely

7
Nanette Beach
Jonathan Sealy
Dale Anderson
Vicki Kilcline
Susan Reeks
Maura Pugh
Charlotte Holtsclaw
Jud Flores
Claire Bowers
Emma Jones

8
Julia Scruggs
Mark Sealy
Alston Johnson
Eliza Hargrove
Mary Beth Beene

9
Lettie Burwell
Betsy Kirby
Harold Quinn
Parrish Brightwell
CeCe Wilbanks

10
Robert Cady
Pat Hilliard
Ross Nelson
Michael Q=Petersen

11
Will Horne
Rebecca Miller
Scott Wysong

12
David Duncan
Warren West
Susanna Van Norman
Jason Waltman
Trigg Erwin
Payne Hennigan
Allie Burford

13
Clare Nelson
Carolyn Gray
Annaclaire Taylor
Caroline Ourso
Caroline Cottingham
Sarah Milner
Grayson Ameen
Madelyn McGimsey

14
Matt Moss
Pearce O'Neal
Onyx Zhang

15
Sanders Hearne
Emma Tamplin
Zoe Caldwell
Chris Zepeda
August Knicely
Trey Davis

16
Bob Lafargue
Chris FitzGerald
Cindy Mack
Mikey Carlisle
Gerry Damlouji
Scott Douget
Emily Smith
Joe Jayroe

17
Amanda Fortiz
Quinn Kennedy
Michael Burford

18
Ena Henry
Eddie Jenkins
Susan Evans
Steve Horn
Karol Fontaine
William Allen
Piper Brightwell
Blair Irion
Kimberly McGlothlin
Michel Fritze

19
Emma Caraway
Chandler Aaron
Camille Renda
Anne Marie Schoonover
Allie Gillen
Holly Hargrove
Donne Bryan

20
Hani Dehan
Chris Carter
Brody Peterson
Houston Brown

21
Pete Blanchard
Esther Thompson
Barro Thompson

22
Cherry Grosz
Elizabeth Tamplin
Kat Hyatt
Michaelann Nichols
Alexander Childs
Liz Davis

23
Scott Stroud
Lee Berry
Whit Davis
Nelle Lloyd
Chuck Tubbs
Natalie Nuckolls

24
Ron Roberts
Donnette Martin
Morgan Emmons

25
Janis Thompson
Cody Brooks
Kayla Marinoni

26
Julia Horne
John Herzog
Lillian Randall
John Patrick Bartle

27
Gene Hilliard
John Bowen
Isabel Carter
John Allen Thomas
Todd Thompson

28
Patsy Reeks
Elizabeth Prince
Jenny Weber
John Ourso

29
Elizabeth Anderson
Bill Kalmbach
Anna Hardtner
Kristen Renda
Gary Tubbs
Journee Casey

30
Larry Shea
Timothy Brown
Emaree Wallace
Gary Joiner

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Linda Allen
Hanna Gamble

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