ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST /CHRIST THE KING/ CONSECRATION SUNDAY YEAR A
NOVEMBER 22, 2026 10:00 AM

Welcome

Welcome to St. Mark's Episcopal Church! Whether this is your first time or thousandth time in worship with us, we are so glad you are here. St. Mark's is an inclusive community of faith, committed to celebrating God's creative love in all people. Together, we strive to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God. You are welcome here—in worship, at the communion table, and in our walk together.

As we prepare our hearts and minds for worship each week, you are invited to find a comfortable space to sit quietly and listen to the prelude. The prelude is the first part of worship, setting the tone for what is to come and helping God's people to unplug from the rhythms of daily life and prepare for a time of worship. We hope this musical offering will resonate in your soul and invite you into our worship practice.

Prelude:
"My Soul, Now Bless Thy Maker" **Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707)**

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn 435 "At the Name of Jesus" *Blue 1982 Hymnal*

Opening Acclamation
Presider Blessed be the God of all Creation
People ***Whose Spirit renews the face of the earth.***

The Collect for Purity
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen***.

Presider Let us glorify the Holy One as we sing.

Gloria S280 ***(Blue 1982 Hymnal)*** ***Powell***

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father;
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.
People ***And also with you.***
Presider Together, let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Lesson: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the

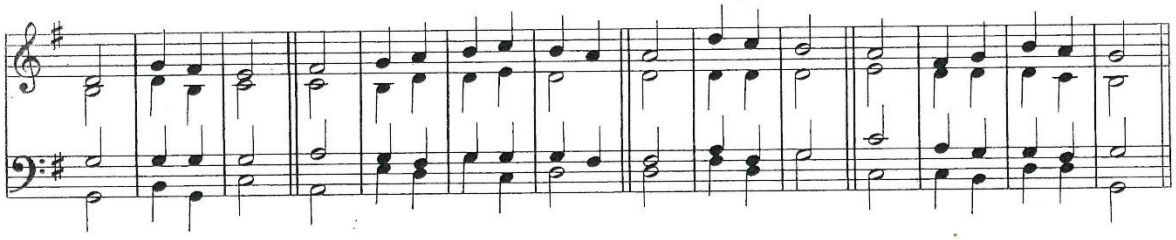
Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.
Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.
People ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 95:1-7a ***Venite, exultemus*** see next page

The Lesson: Ephesians 1:15-23
I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.
Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches
People ***Thanks be to God.***

Sequence Hymn "Lord, whose love through humble service" *see page 14*

Psalm 95:1-7a *Venite, exultemus*



1 Come, let us | sing to • the | LORD; *
let us shout for joy to the | Rock of | our sal-| vation.

2 Let us come before his | presence • with thanks- |giving *
and raise a loud | shout to | him with | psalms.

3 For the LORD is a | **great** | God, *
and a great | King a- | bove all | gods.

4 In his hand are the | caverns • of the | earth, *
and the heights of the | hills are | **his** | also.

5 The sea is | his, • for he | made it, *
and his hands have | molded • the | **dry** | land.

6 Come, let us bow down, and | bend the | knee, *
and | kneel be- • fore the | LORD our | Maker.

7 For he | is our | God, *
and we are the people of his pasture and the | sheep of | **his** | hand. *

Deacon/Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ according to Matthew
People ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

The Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Deacon/Presider The Gospel of the Lord
People ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

The Homily **The Rev. Michael Dunnington**

Profession of Faith: Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Leader As we celebrate the feast of the Reign of Christ on this last Sunday of the liturgical year, let us pray for the world and for ourselves, praying, may your reign come, Lord, ***"Hear our prayer."***

We pray for the church throughout the world, that we may discern the meaning of Jesus's reign over our hearts and extend your welcome to people of every race and background;

We pray for Sean, our Presiding Bishop, for Deon our Bishop, for Delaney and Jerre our clergy, for Chad our Intern Candidate for Holy Orders, and for all the holy People of God;

In the Diocesan Cycle, we pray for the people and ministry of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church & the Vine in Ferguson;

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for Sarah the Archbishop of Canterbury and The Church of England;

In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for Seminario Diocesano San Pedro y San Pablo;

We pray for our Jubilee Ministry partner, Isaiah 58 Ministries and our outreach partner Doorways Interfaith Housing.
We give thanks on their birthdays with Laura Borowiak and Amy Borowiak,
We pray, may your reign come, Lord,
Hear our prayer.

We pray for the leaders of the world, for their enlightenment of justice and peace, that they may govern with wisdom and integrity; we pray for all those whose lives have been disrupted by war, especially the people of Ukraine, Sudan, Cuba, and the Middle East; and we pray that the leaders of this country will legislate for peace and justice, serving the needs of all people; we pray, may your reign come, Lord,
Hear our prayer.

For our nation and those who live in it, for the victims of injustice, violence, and oppression; and for those who live in fear of injustice or separation from their homes and families; we pray, may your reign come, Lord,
Hear our prayer.

We pray that you grant your healing to all who live in the grip of illness and addiction; we pray for the hungry, the homeless, and for all those in distress;
We pray for those on our Parish Prayer list, and those whom we name, either silently or aloud [pause];
For those serving in the armed forces; we pray, may your reign come, Lord,
Hear our prayer.

For ourselves, our families, and companions, and all those we love; we pray, may your reign come, Lord,
Hear our prayer.

For those who have died, that they may find eternal life in your loving presence, and for those who grieve; we pray, may your reign come, Lord,
Hear our prayer.

The Presider offers this concluding collect.
Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us

the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

Confession & Absolution
Deacon/Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Presider and People
Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. ***Amen.***

The Peace *We are a community of reconciliation and peace; therefore, we greet each other with a sign of our desire for peace.*
Presider: The peace of Christ be always with you.
People ***And also with you.***

The Congregation greets one another with the peace of Christ.
Announcements, Birthday and Anniversary Prayers

Gratitude Moment-Margaret Hvatum

Children's Time-Evan Meyer

Presider: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem
"King of Glory, King of Peace" **arr. Robert Brewer (b. 1952)**
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Presider The Lord be with you
People ***And also with you***
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People ***We lift them up to the Lord.***
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People ***It is right to give God thanks and praise.***

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth; Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

Presider and People
Holy, Holy, Holy S129 *Powell* *Blue 1982 Hymnal*
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Presider Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus.

Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life. On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."
Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name forever.

By him and with him and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

The Lord's Prayer
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
People and Presider
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread
Fraction Anthem S154 *Hurd* *Blue 1982 Hymnal*
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Ministration of Communion
Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All who hunger and thirst for God are welcome to receive the Holy Communion at this altar. Gluten free hosts are available. Please let the minister know that you require gluten free.

Communion Hymn 705 "As those of old their first fruits brought"
Blue 1982 Hymnal

Prayer after Communion
Presider Together, let us pray.
God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen

The Blessing of Pledges for the Mission and Ministry of the Church

Presider All things come from you, O God;
People ***And of your own have we given you.***

Pledges or pledge cards may be brought forward and placed upon the altar or another place of offering.

Presider Let us pray in thanksgiving for all that has been offered and all that will be.
Silence may be kept for a time.

Presider O Giver of every good gift, in your creation we behold the grace of generosity, and in your people, the blessing of gratitude.
People ***For all that we are, and all that we have, we give you thanks and praise.***

Presider You call us to share what we have received—not in measure, but in love; not from duty, but from delight.
People ***Make us joyful stewards of your abundance, that our giving may mirror your boundless grace.***

Presider Bless these pledges, O Holy One, signs of our hope and faithfulness. Bless those who have offered them, and all who labor in your vineyard, seen and unseen.
People ***Bless us and make us faithful partners in the work of your healing and renewal.***

Presider Grant us courage, wisdom, and compassion, that these gifts may strengthen the ministry of this parish/community, feed the hungry, comfort the sorrowful, and proclaim the reconciling love of Christ.
People ***In giving, may we receive your joy; in serving, may we know your peace.***

Presider All this we pray in the name of the Holy and Undivided Trinity, one God, now and forever.
People ***Amen.***

The Blessing
Presider Holy eternal Majesty, Holy incarnate Word, Holy abiding Spirit, Bless you for evermore. ***Amen.***

Closing Hymn 397 "Now thank we all our God" *Blue 1982 Hymnal*

Dismissal
Deacon/Presider Our worship is ended. Our service in the world begins. Go into the world to love what God loves. Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord.
People ***Thanks be to God.***

Postlude "Trumpet Tune" **Georg Philipp Telemann (1681-1767)**

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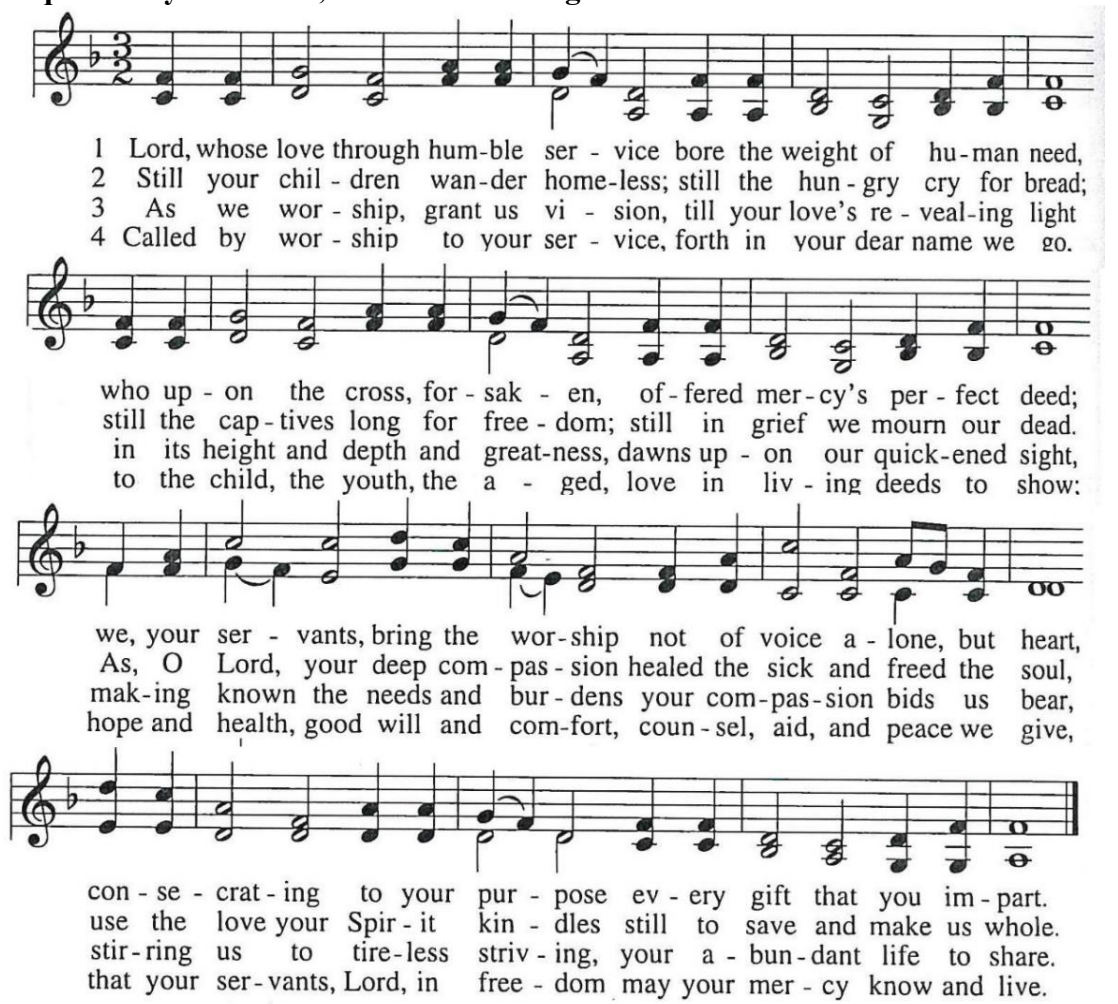
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ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP

Today we welcome Rev. Michael Dunnington as our Presider

Lector: Matthew Cashen
Greeter: Ellen Jeffery
Crucifer: Chad Templin
Chalice: Susan Goen/Chad Templin
Usher: Greg Diekemper
Altar Guild: Tom Bradley
Livestream: Scott Thompson
Coffee Hour: Vicki Stegmann

Please join us in the Parish Hall after worship today for a Pie Social in celebration of Consecration Sunday and the culmination of our season of giving.

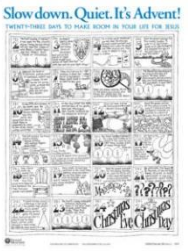
Sequence Hymn "Lord, whose love through humble service"



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The Season of Advent



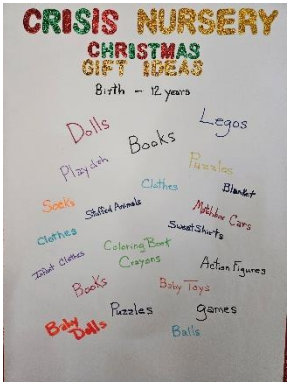
Next week begins the Season of Advent. After worship we will be creating a Make-and-Take Advent Wreath in the Parish Hall. Please sign-up if you would like to participate so that we can know how many to expect. Also, you can find the Advent Calendar "Slow down. Quiet. It's Advent." in the back of the church along with weekly prayers for your Advent Wreathes at home (on blue cards) on the back credenza.

Parishioner Donation Statements

Updated Parishioner Donation Statements are now going in the mail and will be delivered to your home soon. These statements will include all donations through October 31st. Please be on the look-out in the mail for these. If you have any questions, contact Greg Diekemper, Treasurer.

Choir Call

The Advent and Christmas seasons, aren't far away. I'd like to invite anyone who enjoys singing but isn't able to sing with the choir on a regular basis to join us for the Advent and Christmas seasons. We rehearse on Thursday evenings from 7:30-9:00 p.m, and we'll sing for all the Sundays in Advent as well as for the 10:30 p.m. service on Christmas Eve. If you'd like to sing with us during Advent and/or for Christmas Eve, please be in touch with me (braedeke@aol.com). We would be delighted to have you join us!



Crisis Nursery Gifts

St Mark's would like to support Crisis Nursery this Christmas. We would be providing gifts for children ages birth to 12 years old. There is a gift suggestion board on the stage in the Parish Hall. Suggested items include Legos, stuffed animals, coloring books and crayons, books, dolls, toys, board games, toy cars, puzzles, clothes, socks, sweatshirts, balls infant clothes. Thank you so much.

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON INSERT

Online Giving at St. Mark's

Thank you so much for your desire to support the ministry here at St. Mark's! If you would like to give online, simply scan the QR code using the camera on your smart phone to visit our online giving platform. Your generosity is a blessing!

We pray for those who are ill, in trouble or distress of any kind, especially Yulia Borjte, Randy Borowiak, Canon Desiree Brattin, Maggie Brogan, Rusty Cates, Randy and Jenny Coffey, Volker Coleman, Alicia Crowe, Tom Gard, Sue Garrett, Mark Godfrey, Braden Hagberg & Family, Larry Hensel, Lynn Heritage, Yaz Hernández and their extended family, Denise Huber, Margaret and Tor Hvatum, Celeste Kocot, Jane Kozielec and Allen, Debbie Kramer, Becky Kruse, Stephanie Maass, Penny McCullough, Gary Medley, Beverly (Kocot) Meyers, Donna Musgrave, Neice Nelson, Betty Orlando, Nancy Raedeke, Joe Rodriguez and his mother Ellie, Brian Salci, Jennifer Salci and her parents, Cheryl Schulz, Joanne Schneider, Lois Schubert, Tom Schroeder, Logan Smith, Mitchell and Tracy Shelton, Michael Sophir, Gracie Stephens, Jeanette Swallow, Lou Swallow, Ralph Szevery, Tom Tetrault, Scott Thomas, Bill Trafka, Casey Tyler, David and Doris Westfall, The White Family, Susan Winfrey, Walter Zimmerman, Eric, Elizabeth, Gary, Ted, Karen, Larry, Doug, Fritz, Rebecca, Lynn, Catreta and Dennis.

We give thanks on their birthdays with Laura Borowiak and Amy Borowiak.

We pray for those serving in the armed forces, especially Jesse Foy, Robert McCarthy, Brandon George, Jon Moore, Paul Malabar, Logan Smith.

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The Rev. Jerre Birdsong	Deacon	Melissa Engle	Parish Administrator
		Frankie Danieley	Nursery Assistant

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Thanksgiving



Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, the Office will be closed next week Thursday and Friday, November 26th and 27th. The last day to contact Melissa in the office that week will be Wednesday, November 25th before 3:00pm. My sincerest wishes for all of you and your families have a Happy Thanksgiving.

St. Mark's Christmas Party



The Annual St. Mark's Christmas Party will take place on December 20th at 5PM. Carols, a buffet dinner, and load of good cheer will be on hand as we wait for a "special guest" to complete the festivities. $15 Adults, $8 Children over 5 years, $50 family max. Once again, we'll be asking folks to help with the dessert and snacks table. Please see the sign-up sheets in the parish hall to RSVP and to bring a dessert or appetizer. Or contact Melissa in the Parish Office.

St Mark's Christmas Light Walk down Candy Cane Lane



This year's festive walk will be held on Saturday, December 5th. We will meet at 5:00pm at the Parish Hall for some pizza, then dress up warmly and walk together down Angel Alley and Candy Cane Lane. We will meet back afterwards for hot chocolate and cookies. There is a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall. Please plan on bringing a small donation to cover the cost of the pizza and make sure to put which pizza you prefer on the sign-up sheet; Cheese, Veggie, Gluten-free, or Pepperoni along with the number of people in your group. This is a fun family event, so you are welcome to invite friends to join us. For more information, please contact Margaret Hvatum.