



Saint Marker

St. Mark's strives to be a community of healing, fellowship and inspiration, sharing love with joy in Jesus Christ and challenging all to life anew.

February 2004

Catechumenate: Preparation for Confirmation

Confirmation is the rite where we express our faith and commitment to Christ, and through prayer and the laying on of hands by the Bishop, receive strength from the Holy Spirit to continue a life of faith and commitment. Confirmation preparation consists of a period of study and the reaffirmation of baptismal vows.

Joint Catechumenal Process

Eight years ago a joint catechumenal process was successfully initiated here in the Louisville area. Centered at Christ Church Cathedral, the program has enabled individuals from local parishes to engage and support each other as they have traveled their spiritual paths leading to baptism, confirmation, reception, and reaffirmation. The program has also provided time with Bishop Gulick and has allowed the catechumens the opportunity to study and pray with clergy and lay leaders from participating parishes.

The kick-off dinner for this year's process will be Sunday evening, February 1, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. This dinner is for catechumens and their guest, clergy and facilitators from the participating parishes.

This year the joint catechumenal process will be held on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:30 p.m. These Tuesday evening sessions will begin on February 10. The process culminates with the rites of baptism, confirmation, reception and reaffirmation of baptismal vows at the Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 10, at 8:30 p.m.

Please contact the Marti Taber as soon as possible if you are interested in attending these sessions.

Worship Schedule

Saturdays

Holy Eucharist 5:30 pm

Sundays

Holy Eucharist
8:00 am and 10:00 am

Weekdays

Morning Prayer
Tuesday-Friday 9:00 am

Healing Service
Tuesday 10:00 am

**Reconciliation
and other Sacraments**
by Appointment with the Clergy

Highlights

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Church School at St. Mark's

Because the Annual Meeting had to be rescheduled to February 1, the dates for the series of classes listed in Special Edition Number 2 of the Saint Marker on issues revolving around the controversy over the election, ratification, and consecration of the Rev. Gene Robinson have also had to be rescheduled. The new schedule is as follows:

February 8: "Polity of the Episcopal Church: How Decisions are Made."

February 15: "The Position of the Episcopal Church: Homosexuality, Ordination, & the Blessing of Same Gender Unions."

February 29: "Clergy and Sex."

March 7, 14, & 21: "What I believe: Homosexuality and the Christian Faith." A three part class.

Outreach

Outreach in February starts out with a bang. On Wednesday, February 4, St. Markers are serving dinner at Wayside Christian Mission. On Saturday, February 7, we have a work day at Habitat for Humanity; and on Wednesday, February 11, St. Mark's is hosting a Valentine's party at Brooklawn for fourteen boys between the ages of six and ten. As if that wasn't enough, the ECW is serving lunch at the University of Louisville Ecumenical Center on Monday, February 9. So, as you can tell, St. Markers are busy.

Volunteer Opportunities

When deciding to volunteer, there may be some questions you can ask yourself. One of them is, "How can I decide which volunteer opportunity is best for me?" The answer may be to choose an area you are interested in and just jump in. At St. Mark's, there are many volunteer opportunities for 2004: the "Everyone Reads" program through the Jefferson County Public Schools; ECHO (Exploited Children's Help Organization); the Salvation Army; and many, many more.

For more information on volunteering, please contact Ellen Eirk in the church office at 895-2429 or by e-mail at eeirk@yahoo.com.

Shrove Tuesday

Shrove Tuesday is the day immediately before Ash Wednesday, named for the "shriving," or confessions and absolutions, performed traditionally on that day. It is also known as Mardi Gras, or "Fat Tuesday," for those who prepare for Lent by making sure they have sins of which to repent.

Make plans now to attend St. Mark's Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 24, at 6:00 p.m. Your Vestry and the Fellowship Committee will be doing the cooking. The menu includes bacon, sausage and pancakes. Cost is \$3.50 per adult and \$1.50 per child 10 years and under. Please sign up in the Information Center if you plan to attend.

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is the day on the liturgical calendar forty-six days, or forty days other than Sundays, before Easter and marks the beginning of Lent. Ash Wednesday follows Mardi Gras, "Fat Tuesday," or Shrove Tuesday. The name Ash Wednesday derives from the traditional rite of that day in which the celebrant makes the sign of the cross on the foreheads of worshipers, using ashes made from palm leaves left over from the preceding Palm Sunday celebration.

This year we will conduct Ash Wednesday services at 12:00 noon and 6:30 pm on February 25.

Diocesan Convention

The 176th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Kentucky will meet at Trinity Church, Owensboro, on March 5 and 6. The lay delegates from St. Mark's are Ms. Gwen O'Dea, Ms. Katherine Kingren, Dr. Bernie Sams, and Ms. Jan Ward. Our youth representative will be Ms. Ginnie Taber.

Winter Gathering at All Saints'

All youth are invited to a weekend gathering of music, fellowship, and spiritual renewal. Youth from other denominations or with no church affiliation are welcome. Participants should bring casual clothes, sleeping bags or bedding, towel, toiletries, and a musical instrument, if you play one. Registration begins at 7:00 CDT on Friday. The conference will end at 1:00 pm on Sunday. Lunch will be provided.

The Winter Gathering for Middle School youth is February 20-22. The topic for this year's gathering will be Heaven and Hell, Death and Judgment. The registration deadline for the Middle School Gathering is Friday, February 13.

The High School Winter Gathering will take place March 12-14. The topic for this winter gathering will be How Episcopalians Read the Bible. The registration deadline for the High School Gathering is Friday, March 5.

The cost for each gathering is \$66.00 per participant; scholarships are available. Registration forms are available in the office. Please contact Marti Taber if you have any questions.

Health Fair

Read the Sunday bulletins for information regarding a Health Fair to be held at St. Mark's on Sunday, February 22.

Thank You

St. Mark's staff would like to thank all who remembered them at Christmas. Your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated by all.

Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to the family of Penny and David Pearson on the death of her father.

Looking Ahead

Lenten suppers and programs will be held at St. Mark's on Wednesday evenings, March 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31. Supper will be served in Langley Hall at 6:00 p.m. The program will follow at 6:45 p.m., ending at 7:30 p.m.

A blood drive has been tentatively schedule to be held at St. Mark's on Sunday, March 28.

Watch the Sunday announcements and the March St. Marker for more details on these events.

Annual Meeting Recap

At the Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 1, Andy Blieden, Lynn Boone, LaForrest Campbell and Lyle Spalding were elected to serve three-year terms on St. Mark's vestry. On Sunday, February 8, the vestry will meet and elect officers for the year 2004.

Deepest thanks were expressed to the outgoing members of the vestry: David Pearson, Paul Gill, Debbie Glenn and Phil Scherer. Each was presented with a St. Mark mug.

Shirley Elmore was honored as St. Mark's "unsung hero" for her many years of dedication and service to St. Mark's.

Parish Life

Birthdays

Jordan Stewart	February 1
David Boone	February 2
Sara Marvin	February 2
Brooks Hower	February 4
Jackson Ousley	February 4
Walter Wood	February 5
Tim O'Dea, Jr.	February 6
Mary Jane Gossmann	February 7
Herb Miller	February 8
Jacob Blieden	February 9
Barbara Kramer	February 11
Parker Walthall	February 12
Mary Rondi	February 14
Marjorie Vogt	February 14
Alice Taveime	February 14
Mary Eitel	February 15
Richard Murphy	February 15
Piper Schad	February 15
Jim Speed	February 16
Dorothy Durning	February 16
Bob Shoher	February 18
Cheri Boden	February 25
Cyrus Radford	February 17
Molly Schad	February 28

Anniversaries

Jim & Alice Taveime	February 6
C.J. & Caroline Cronan III	February 23

Prayers for Healing

Prayers are offered for a portion of the following list at each service on Sunday and the entire list at the Healing Eucharist on Tuesdays.

Virginia Wynn, Sally Browning, Ann Stewart, Ted Stewart, Virginia Wynn, Katie Kiehffer, John Madeya, Ginner Cunningham, Rob Hester, Amber Gibson, Lucy Caudill, Ruby Osborne, Patty Irvin, Gloria Helm, Vickie Ferguson, Layne Michler, Anna Clarke Sawyer, Stacy Harvey, Anne Crockett, John Claypool, Fred Conrad, Pat Jackson, Betty Sherrill, Fred Livers, Bradley, Ally, Bill Gossmann, Virginia Peterson, Deroy Scott, Janie Kall, Thom Holmes, Sally Dupree, Lillian Yeager, Richard Dame, Julie Jordan, Nancy Carlisle, Henry Bickel, Dorothy Leason, Marian Calvert, Kennedy Helm, Marjorie Carter, Ed Shannon, Lettie Shawler, Richard Gibson, Dick Day, Steve Howard, Jim Speed, Margaret Dick, Betty Collins, Ann Lamberton, Gordon Caldwell, Perry Collins, Susan Fox, Judy Semonin, Jane Wilson, Mary Deetsa, Bob Scherer, Joan Bickel, Mason Bennett, The Babcock Family, Janice Wood, Nina Radford, Vera Wallace

Parish Register

Transfers Out

Bill and Ann Carrell
(to St. Francis in the Fields)

Transfers In

Herbert DeLeGal
(from Church of the Advent)

Marriage

Stephanie Miller and Charles Frank Ray
(December 20, 2003)

Parish Prayer List

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Anglican Cycle of Prayer

February 1 - Give thanks for The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand, and Polynesia
February 8 - Give thanks for The Anglican Church of Australia
February 15 - Give thanks for the Church of Bangladesh
February 22 - Give thanks for The Episcopal Anglican Church of Brazil
February 29 - Give thanks for The Episcopal Church of Burundi

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Trinity Church, Owensboro

Parish Partners

St. Frances of Rome, Our Covenant Parish
The congregations of Crescent Hill United Ministries, especially
St. Joseph Catholic Church

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Week of February 1

◆
Carlile Crutcher
Bruce Cunningham
Sharon Cunningham
Gary Davenport
Herbert DeLeGal

Week of February 8

◆
Bertha Davis
George Davis
Ann Davis
Elizabeth Davis
Madeleine Denley

Week of February 15

◆
John Dawson
Mary Jane Dawson
Dick Day
Evie Day
Fran Dick

Week of February 22

◆
Paul Dendy
Cissy Dendy
Geoffrey Dendy
James Dendy
Gayle Dorsey

Week of February 29

◆
Dan Dierking
Linda Dierking
Mandy Dierking
Kurt Dierking
Jane Dugan

Prayer for Mission

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth,
and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far
off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may
seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold;
pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming
of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

At Morning Prayer each weekday, we pray for the Church around the world including members of our parish. If you are unable to join us for Morning Prayer, please remember those listed above in your personal devotions this month.

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February Altar Flowers and Candles
are given to the
Honor and Glory of God...

Flowers

- February 1 by Mr. and Mrs. Tom Tate in loving memory of their parents, William and Maria Tate and Tapscott and Virginia Omohundro; and their aunts, Charlotte Olmstead and Frances Zaal.
- February 8 by Debra Rollins in loving memory of her mother, Barbara H. Rollins; her grandmother, Adeline E. Hibbitt; her aunt, Mabel Rollins; her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Rollins; and a dear friend, Bobby Sohm.
- February 15 by Alice Covell and Michael and Monica Mahoney in loving memory of William Ray Haynes.
- February 22 by Robert Shober in loving memory of his mother and father, Dorothy and William Shober.
- February 29 No flowers

Candles

Eucharist Candles for February by Mr. and Mrs. Tim O'Dea in loving memory of their parents, Jean Short Micou and Mary Catherine O'Dea and William C. O'Dea, Sr.

Five Branch Candles for February by Betty Sherrill in gratitude for her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.