



ST. MARK'S THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 23 - Saturday, November 29, 2025



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES

Last week for our fall Christian Formation classes! Parenting with a Purpose is canceled. Please attend the Advent Fair!

- Christianity Today** – Grace House: Insightful fellowship & engaging discussion
- Lay-Led Bible Series** – Leatherbury Hall: Parishioner-led reflection & discussion
- The ABCs** - Library: For Newcomers to cradle Episcopalians: basics of Anglican faith
- Infants & Toddlers** – McCarty Early Learning Center: Loving worship & Bible stories
- Little Lions** – McCarty Early Learning Center: Bible lessons, music, crafts
- Kindergarten-1st Grade** – Faith House: Interactive Bible storytelling
- 2nd-3rd Grade** – Hope House: Hearts Alive Lower Elementary Curriculum
- 4th-5th Grade** - Hope House: Hearts Alive Upper Elementary Curriculum
- Middle School Formation** – Youth Center Side Room: Community & Bible learning
- High School Formation** – Youth Center: Connection & deeper Bible study

ADVENT FAIR

The St. Mark's Advent Fair will take place **TODAY** at the **Red Lion Gift Shop and outdoor deck, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**, and we can't wait for you to stop by. Join us to make an advent wreath or pick up a kit to make one at home. Questions? Contact **Sandi White** at swhite@smjax.org.

ANGEL TREE: Be an Angel this Christmas! Please stop by the **narthex of the church** to get an angel (or two) from the Angel tree. **There will also be an Angel Tree at the Red Lion today for Advent Fair!** Our mission and service team is helping provide gifts to needy families on the westside of town through St. Peter's, Ortega Elementary, and WSCO. Gifts need to be back to the church by **Sunday, December 14.**

CHRISTMAS TREE LOT OPENS TODAY!

All proceeds support the mission work done by our EYC community throughout the year. We are grateful for you and can't wait to help you pick out the perfect tree!

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

Join us for our Thanksgiving Eve Service on **Wednesday, November 26 at 6:00 p.m. in the church.** Come give thanks to God for His many blessings during a special Eucharist with music from the adult choir. Nursery care will be available. Please email knott@smjax.org to RSVP. Children are encouraged to worship with their families, with coloring pages provided for busy hands in the pews.

Stewardship season is here!



Thank you to the over 170 families who have pledged this year during our stewardship campaign. So far, \$1,584,217 has been pledged towards our goal of \$2,425,000.00. THANK YOU! There are over 422 households who give to St. Mark's, so please get your pledges in before the Vestry approves the final budget for 2026. You can pledge by returning the card in your packet, scanning the QR code, emailing gdonahoo@smjax.org, or calling the church office. Join us as we go All In on a Spirit-filled Church!

HELP OTHERS HAVE A WONDERFUL THANKSGIVING: Please continue our tradition of helping Westside Christian Outreach (WSCO) provide families with part of their holiday meal by donating a LARGE canned ham along with an aluminum baking pan for home preparation. WSCO has been supported by St. Mark's mission and outreach efforts since its inception in 1988, and helps local families and individuals in crisis. **Please deliver hams and baking pans to the church narthex at regular services or the church office by today, November 23.** Thank you!



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS TABLEAU: Children in PreK–6th grade are invited to participate in St. Mark's beloved Christmas Tableau at the 2:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service. Rehearsals will be held on Sundays, December 7, 14, and 21 at 10:00 a.m. in the Dempsey Chapel and on December 23 at 1:00 p.m. in the church. **Scan QR code to sign up.** Questions? Contact **Kaitlyn Nott** at knott@smjax.org.



MESSIAH - UNF CHAMBER SINGERS: Join us on **Monday, December 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the church** as we welcome Dr. Tasher and the talented University of North Florida Chamber Singers, along with the Lawson Ensemble, who will present Handel's beloved Messiah. Wine and cheese reception to follow. Questions? Contact **James Holyer** at jholyer@smjax.org.



FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS & PARISH CHRISTMAS DINNER: Are you coming to the Parish Christmas dinner? We hope so! Please email engage@smjax.org to let us know you are coming and whether you can bring a dessert! We look forward to celebrating the season with you in **Leatherbury Hall**, after the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, which is **Wednesday, December 17, at 6:00 p.m. in the church.**



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BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS (WEEK OF NOV. 23 – 29)

William Berg, Harper Bryan, Bruce Chappell, Elizabeth Ross Colledge, Bill D'Antignac, Anne Ellis, Sally Foerster, Sheldon Fordham, Scott Heller, Andy Hofheimer, Frances Hutto, Diana Kerner, Ed McCarthy, Amy Perkins, Marian Poitevent, Jesse Shimp, Beverly Sleeth, David Smith, Bebe Stephens, Katie Terry, Maggie Terry