

# THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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"All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." - Mt 28:18b-19

# Parish Contact Info

Our mission is to be a God-centered Catholic community of Faith which teaches, evangelizes, and ministers to the needs of God's people.

940-387-6223 Parish Office 940-464-7808 Fax

If a patient or the family wishes a pastoral visit, please call Fr. George on his cell phone 940-268-6760 or the parish office 940-387-6223.

Parish Office Hours:

Monday -Thursday 8:30 am-4:30 pm; Friday 8:30 am-12:30 pm.

Weekend Parish Office Receptionist Hours:

Saturday 4:30 pm-6:30 pm; Sunday 8:30 am - 1:30 pm.

Religious Education Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday **9:00 am - 4:00 pm**; Friday **9 am - 12:30 pm**.

<u>Immaculate Conception Catholic School:</u>

2301 N. Bonnie Brae Street, 940-381-1155 or 940-381-1539

**Baptism:** Preparation Class & Baptism registration forms are required, prior to scheduling a Baptism. Prep Class is held on the **2nd Thursday** of every month. Go to <a href="www.stmarkdenton.org">www.stmarkdenton.org</a> or contact Elsa Vasquez at 940-387-6223 or <a href="evasquez@stmarkdenton.org">evasquez@stmarkdenton.org</a>. If the child is seven years or older, please contact the Religious Education office.

**Weddings:** A nine-month marriage preparation is required. Please contact Deacon Joe Standridge, 940-220-7160 <u>jstandridge@stmarkdenton.org</u> for information.

**Annulments:** For questions, or to request an annulment, please contact Deacon Vic Norton at 817-823-9768, <a href="mailto:vnorton@stmarkdenton.org">vnorton@stmarkdenton.org</a>.

**Facilities:** If you wish to schedule a meeting/activity at St. Mark, please email request (date/time and type of equipment if needed) to Elsa Vasquez at <a href="mailto:evasquez@stmarkdenton.org">evasquez@stmarkdenton.org</a>. Reservations need to be emailed two weeks in advance.

**Bulletin Deadline:** Wednesday at noon, ten (10) days prior to bulletin release date. Please submit announcements with image or logo (if available) to <a href="mailto:pub.admin@stmarkdenton.org">pub.admin@stmarkdenton.org</a>. Announcements may be edited.

#### **Adult Safe Environment Awareness Sessions Requirements**

Safe Environment Certification for Adult Volunteers is required prior to serving in Ministry and must be renewed every two years. Initial or Renewal Safe Environment Certification currently requires attendance at a live and in person ("face-to-face") Safe Environment Awareness Session ("Protecting God's Children For Adults") and requires a Virtus profile. See available awareness sessions:

https://fwdioc.org/training-sessions. Please contact Dan Heredia with any questions at 940-222-8072 or at <a href="mailto:dheredia@stmarkdenton.org">dheredia@stmarkdenton.org</a>. Youth Safe Environment (Teen Leader Training) requires in person training. Please contact the youth ministers. Called to Protect session is a prerequisite to apply for Teen Leader Training.

# Parish Staff

Pastor

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Deacons

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Music

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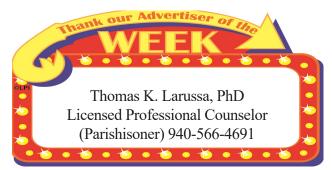
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Weekend Receptionist - Kathleen Glasgow

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Data Entry - Skip Rawley

Custodial Care/Maintenance - Enrique Zamora



<u>Attention all Ministry Leaders:</u> All Volunteers must complete Safe Environment Program. All Leaders must check with Safe Environment Coordinator, Dan Heredia before activating volunteers.

# PARISH MINISTRIES

Please check the website for updates to Ministry Meetings. www.stmarkdenton.org

ACTS Paul Desjardins, 940-220-6310
Adoration Elsa Vasquez, 940-387-6223
Altar Flowers Helen Fairchild, 940-367-5207
Altar Servers Joy Medley, 502-671-9035

Angel Tree Pat & Renee Claytor, 940-453-8960
Apple Tree Mia Price, 940-566-6756

Bread of Life Greg Studer, 214-435-5355
Building Committee Leo Wehkamp, 817-859-1030

Catholic Daughters Shirley Royster 940-206-7682
Cause of Joy for Moms/Kids Sydney Curran, 940-395-8502
Charismatic Prayer Group Denton Mary Trevino, 214-868-5559
Finance Council Kim Bonfield, 940-241-1386

Funeral Meals Elsa Vasquez, 940-387-6223
Grief Share Terry Hitch, 817-296-6283

Hospital Ministry Deacon Jim Galbraith, 940-262-0600

Knights of Columbus Tim Schoendorf, 940-391-1397

Landscaping Steve Felderhoff, 214-952-8069

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Life Teen Music Brad Horn, bhorn@stmarkdenton.org

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Outreach Kim Harbert, 940-222-6702

Pastoral Council Joe Davis, 972-880-7137

Peru Mission Oscar Salas, 940-453-5484

Prayer Shawl Ministry Shirley Royster, 940-206-7682

Pregnancy/Infant Loss Support Sharon Kohl, 337-962-2925

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Spanish Ministry

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Stewardship Committee

St. Helena's Circle

Marie Wright, 940-514-1696

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Suicide Support Group
Larry Walker, 940-367-1170
Carol Walker, 940-367-1313
Ushers
Joe Davis, 972-880-7137

Vocation Cross Joy Medley, 502-671-9035

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World Wide Marriage Enc. Dave & Monica Fowler 904-864-7201

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# MASS SCHEDULE

The number of people who are to be in attendance at Mass will be limited to a number that can be safely present within the guidelines set by the Governor and the CDC recommendations of social distancing of a MINIMUM OF SIX FEET between people (St. Mark's maximum number of attendees for Mass is 160). For the rest of the guidelines please read Bishop Olson's letter on our website.

**SATURDAY 5/23/2020** Easter Weekday (Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3,8-10/Jn 16:23b-28)

7:30 am - Mass - Livestreamed 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm - Reconciliation

5:00 pm - Mass - (For the Parish) - Livestreamed

7:00 pm - Spanish Mass

#### SUNDAY 5/24/2020 THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

(Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3,6-9/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20)

7:00 am - Mass - Livestreamed

9:00 am - Mass - (Robert, Rose and Paul Hunt †) - Livestreamed

11:30 am - Mass - (Kyle O'Brien †) Livestreamed

2:00 pm - Mass exclusively for people over the age of 60 -

Livestreamed

4:00 pm - Mass - Livestreamed

MONDAY 5/25/2020 Saint Bede the Venerable, Priest, Doctor of the Church; Saint Gregory VII, Pope; Saint Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, Virgin

(Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-5acd, 6-7b/Jn 16:29-33)

7:30 am - Mass - Livestreamed

**TUESDAY 5/26/2020** Saint Philip Neri, Priest (Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11,20-21/Jn 17:1-11a) **7:30 am** - Mass - (Mark Schmitz †) - Livestreamed

**WEDNESDAY 5/27/2020** *Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop* (Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30,33-36a,35bc-36b/Jn 17:11b-19)

7:30 am - Mass - Livestreamed

## THURSDAY 5/28/2020 Easter Weekday

(Acts 22:30;23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a,5,7-11/Jn 17:20-26) **7:30 am** - Mass - (Paul and Mary Patricia Forsyth S.I.)
Livestreamed

FRIDAY 5/29/2020 Saint Paul VI, Pope

(Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2,11-12,19-20b/Jn 21:15-19)

7:30 am - Mass - Livestreamed

#### SATURDAY 5/30/2020 Easter Weekday

(Acts Acts 28:16-20,30-31/Ps 11:4-5,7/Jn 21:20-25)

7:30 am - Mass - Livestreamed 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm - Reconciliation

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# Parish news

We are delighted Helcome that you have joined us for worship, and we hope that you will return to

pray with us often. If you have moved into the area, we invite you to become a member. Please call the parish office at 940-387-6223 or visit our website at stmarkdenton.org. May His Spirit grow in you! Come as a guest, leave as a friend!

Please consider supporting our E Bread of Life Ministry by Feeding the Hungry providing personal care items,

infant items, cleaning products, and non-perishable food items for Denton County's Friends of the Family. ADDITIONALLY, our friends at The Freedom Pantry, an important distribution point for Bread of Life, providing approximately 1300 meals monthly, are in need of resealable food baggies, primarily quart and gallon size. Please consider picking up an extra box or two the next time you go shopping. Place your donations in the Bread of Life drop box in the Narthex. Thank you for your help and continued support of our friends in need. Together we can help "Feed the Hungry"!

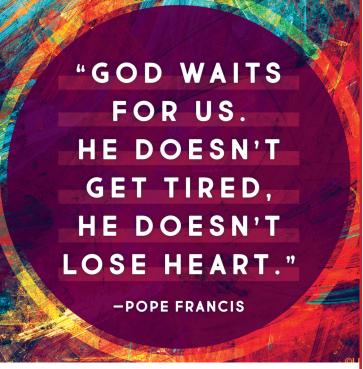


Please continue to check our website www.stmarkdenton.org for the latest information on RE classes, ministries and last minute changes to Mass schedules. We will post/share information as soon as we receive it.

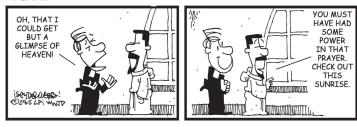
All Ministry in person meetings/activities are closed here at St. Mark, until further notice. Please contact the Ministry leader to find out if they are meeting online.

#### **Act of Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen



#### ASCENSION



# CONTRIBUTIONS

**April 2020 Contribution Update OFFERTORY** (Stewardship)

Week #1	\$	19,884
Week #2	\$	10,815
Week #3	\$	29,492
Week #4	\$	29,899
Faith Direct	<u>\$</u>	72,245
Total	\$	162,295

### Fiscal Year to Date (07/01/2019-06/30/2020)

Total Contributed - Stewardship	\$ 1	,638,593
Budget - Projected Parish Need	<u>\$ 1</u>	,547,000
Over/(Under) Budget	\$	91,593

Registered Families - as of May 4, 2020 2,643 **Building Collection (Cumulative from 1/1/2020)**\$ 47,454

Thank you for your generosity!

# **FAITH FORMATION**

# WHY THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD MATTERS by Bishop Robert Barron May 27, 2011

The feast of the Ascension of the

Lord, which the church celebrates at the end of the Easter season, is, I admit, hard to explain to a lot of contemporary people. Jesus passed, in bodily form, from this world to heaven? Wouldn't his body still be in some identifiable place within the solar system or the galaxy? I'm sure that the traditional formulation of the doctrine strikes many today as hopelessly pre-scientific and mythological. And even if we were to admit the possibility of such a transition happening in regard to Jesus, how would this in any way affect us spiritually?

The key to understanding both the meaning and significance of this feast is a recovery of the Jewish sense of heaven and earth. In regard to "heaven" and "earth," most of us are, whether we know it or not, Greek in our thought patterns. By this I meant that we tend to set up—in the manner of the ancient Greek philosophers—a rather sharp dichotomy between the material and the spiritual, between the realm of appearance and the realm of true reality, between the fleeting earth and the permanent heaven. And if we're spiritually minded, we tend to think of salvation as an escape from this world—this vale of tears—to a disembodied state called "heaven." The problem is that these convictions have far more to do with Plato than with the Bible.

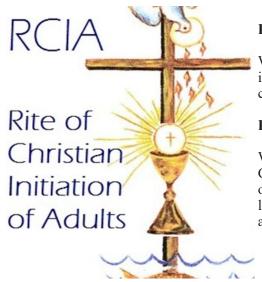


Biblical cosmology is not fundamentally dualistic. It speaks indeed of "heaven" and "earth," but it sees these two realms as interacting and interpenetrating fields of force. Heaven, the arena of God and the angels, touches upon and calls out to earth, the arena of humans, animals, plants, and planets. On the Biblical reading, salvation, therefore, is a matter of the meeting of heaven and earth, so that God might reign as thoroughly here below as he does on high. Jesus' great prayer, which is constantly on the lips of Christians, is distinctively Jewish in inspiration: "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." Notice please that this is decidely not a prayer that we might escape from the earth, but rather that earth and heaven might come together. The Lord's prayer recapitulates and raises to a new level precisely what the prophet Isaiah anticipated: "the knowledge of the Lord will fill the earth, as the water covers the sea."

The first Christians saw the resurrection of Jesus from the dead as the commencement of the process by which earth and heaven were being reconciled. They appreciated the risen Christ as the heavenly ruler of the nations, the one who would bring the justice of heaven to this world. And this is precisely why people like Peter, Paul, Thomas, Andrew, and John went to the ends of the earth to proclaim just this new state of affairs: "Jesus is Lord!" What began in the Lord's resurrection is now ready to burst forth and flood the world through the work of the disciples. Accordingly, just before ascending to heaven, Jesus said, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." It is fascinating to note how the Ascension and Pentecost are linked: in the Ascension, something of earth moves into the heavenly sphere, and at Pentecost, something of heaven—the Holy Spirit—invades the earth. The two events constitute, in short, a foretaste of the great reconciliation for which the entire Jewish religion had for centuries yearned.

The Church, guided by the Holy Spirit down through the ages, is meant to be the privileged place where this coming-together happens. In good preaching, in great Christian art, in the architecture of our churches and cathedrals, in the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, in the lives of the saints, and perhaps especially in the liturgy, earth and heaven meet. Think of the moment at Mass, just before the singing of the Sanctus, when the priest invokes the angels (the realm of heaven) and encourages us: "may our voices be one with theirs in their triumphant hymn of praise." What he is suggesting is that earth might, with Christ, ascend to heaven and that heaven, in the person of the Holy Spirit, might descend to earth—and that the two dimensions might sing together in harmony.

What I hope has become clear in the course of this discussion is that the Ascension of Jesus has nothing to do with a literal journey into the stratosphere, for that would involve simply a transfer to another position within "the world." The Ascension is Jesus' journey, not to another place, but to another dimension. But this dimension to which he has gone is not alien to us. It is instead a source of inspiration, power, and direction. And this is why the angels (denizens of heaven) who appear to the disciples just after Jesus' departure say, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky?" What they are hinting at, none too subtly, is this: under the influence of Jesus' spirit, get to work! Do all that you can to foster the marriage of heaven and earth! Get on with the mission of the church!



#### I AM A RETURNING CATHOLIC

Welcome home! Becoming active in the practice of your faith may be quite simple: it may only involve making a good confession. Regardless of where you are please, contact Deacon Joe Standridge at 940-220-7160 or at <a href="mailto:jstandridge@stmarkdenton.org">jstandridge@stmarkdenton.org</a>

#### I AM NOT CATHOLIC

Wherever you are on your journey and whatever your comfort level is with the Catholic Church, you can inquire at any time. Our door here at St. Mark is always open and we want to embrace you in Christ's love. When you are ready, we would like to meet with you personally and hear your story. Contact Deacon Joe Standridge at 940-220-7160 or at <a href="mailto:jstandridge@stmarkdenton.org">jstandridge@stmarkdenton.org</a> to take your first step.

# **Elementary**

#### Elementary Formation Classes End

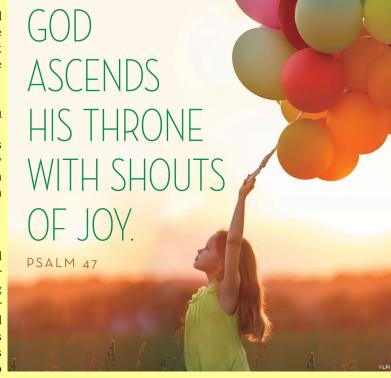
Our 2019-2020 faith formation classes have ended. If you signed up to finish the year with online courses, you can still work online to do that through the summer. If you are accessing the textbook and activity books through our website, those will be accessible until July.

# A BIG THANK YOU to all of our Elementary Faith Formation Volunteers!

We want to thank all the MANY volunteers who served in this ministry this year. Over 70 volunteers serve in our Elementary Faith Formation program. Your "yes" to God's invitation to touch the lives of the little children at St. Mark is appreciated by all in our parish family. Thank you so very much!.

#### Developing Your Child's Faith Doesn't Take a Summer Break

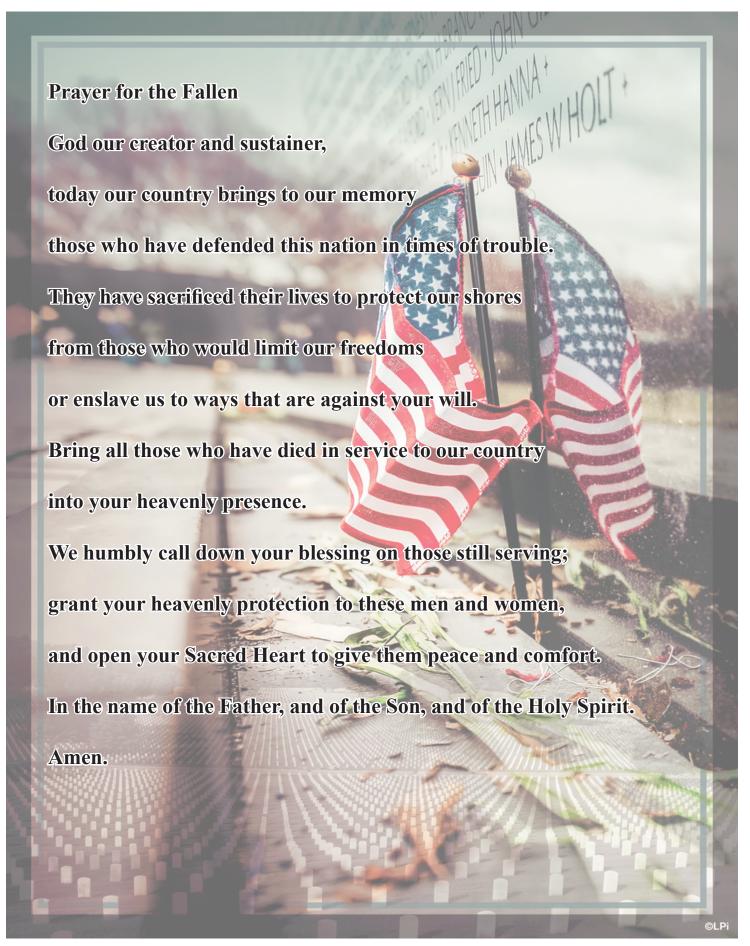
At this age, you form your child's faith through modeling and interaction, and you don't get a summer break! Modeling your own prayer life and praying with your child will develop a lifelong habit of communication with God. Reading Bible stories together (or watching Bible videos) and discussing them with your child builds their intimate knowledge of our God and how he loves His people. Attending Mass (anyway you can these days) provides the grace both you and your child need to grow in faith, and also



provides the sense of community needed to help your child stay strong in the faith. Have a fun and faith-filled summer!

#### **Facebook Community**

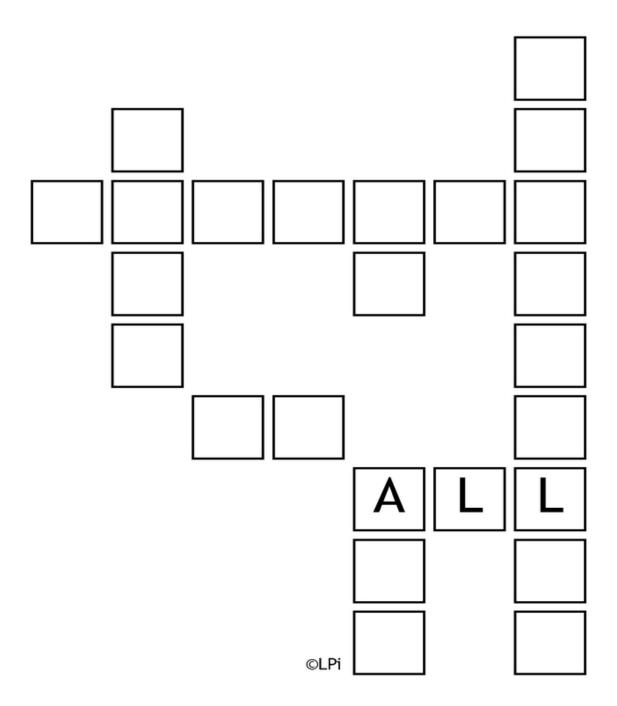
Join our St. Mark Elementary Private Facebook page for general information and for formation support in the family. Search for St. Mark Elementary Faith Formation! Keep in touch with other formation families!





Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

# Go and make disciples of all nations.



# S Puzzle

Circle the group in each row that has **more**. Then color in all the pictures.































Those who are ill: Paula Hicks, Mary Angus, Dawn Bourg, Judy Pierron, Mary Costigan, Pete Lane, Margaret Canizares, Darryl Clements, Amador Ortiz, Charlie Moore, June Hood, Tom Jones, Ken Kirby, Natalie Shutt, Joe Ivey, Paula Mabry, Gregg Shultz, Andy Trott, Margaret Wagner, Mary T. Beninato, Jim Jakusz, Maria Von Trotha, Leonor Cuenca, Marie Menezes, Margie Hill, Paul Geist, Ann Brown, Irma O'Neal, John and Donna Marsh, Christopher Hobin, Judy Hutchinson, Rose Marie Sagui, Lee Googging and family, Anthony J. Balanquit, Maria Rivas, Susan Turner, Kim Avila, Bailey Massen, Emily Monsod, Michael Lundstrom, Margaret Giles, Chris Guerrero, Viola Stillman, Bob Schultz, Amiracle Scaturro, Mike Humphries, Casey Clark, Norma Quinn, Ray Wells, Tyler Sagui, David Stull, Leo St. Martin, Mike Ripley, Dr. Daniel Redmond, Jonathan Allen, Louise and Cal Face, Alex Manning, Frank J. Santoro, Kathleen Easler, Dottie Meadows, Ginny Kirik, Travis Kettle, Dan Alford, Bernice Kirik, Jim Riddle, Irene Tribble, and Ben and Susan Story

PRAY FOR OUR ARMED FORCES SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN.

Our military, especially: USMC Maj. Colin J. Culkin (son of Jerry and Carol Culkin); USAF Colonel Andrew J. Emery (grandson of Doris J. Schneider); USAF Ariman 1st Class Nicholas Williams (son of MaryAnn Williams); US Army Sgt. Chase Rutherford (son of KD Rutherford); US Navy SA Blake Gibson (nephew of Scott and Jodie Gibson); US Army Private 1st Class Brad Sullivan (son of Peter and Tracie Sullivan); US Navy SN Easton Kirkbride, and US Army Cadet Blake Rhymes (grandsons of Richard and Anne Hill); US Navy PO Connor McClure (son of J. and Jennifer McClure); Army Chemical Core Captain Benjamin Warren Dye (son of Donald and Amelia Dye); US Navy Ens. Matthew I. Goodpaster (grandson of John and Mary Goodpaster, and son of John and Jennifer Goodpaster III); US Navy Lt. Patrisha Wilson (granddaughter of John and Mary Goodpaster, and niece of John and Jennifer Goodpaster III); US Army Staff Sgt. Fred Stauffer (nephew of Carol Cooney); US Army Sgt. Brandon Cruz, (grandson of Donalee Hallenbeck); US Navy MMN3 Sebastian Weber (son of Tom and Fawn Weber, and grandson of Judi and Rich Riley);

Hallenbeck); US Navy MMN3 Sebastian Weber (son of Tom and Fawn Weber, and grandson of Judi and Rich Riley); USAF 1st Lt. Keith Richards (son of Steve and Regina Richards); USAF Colonel Laurie Ann Dickson (daughter of George and Elaine Wittman); USAF 1st LT. Preston Green (grandson of George and Elaine Wittman); US Army LTC Kelly Pajak (niece of Dan and Eileen Pajak); US Army Pvt. Douglas H. Fuller (son of Douglas A. Fuller, and grandson of June and Henry Fuller); USMC Sergeant Austin Turner (son in law of Bobby and Diane Turner); US Army Pvt. John Thomas Sciara (son of Eric and Jackie Sciara), USAF Major Thomas W. Wagner, Jr (grandson of Margaret Wagner, and nephew of Jane Wagner); USAF Major Raymond Sagui (son of Xavier and Rosie Sagui); US Army PFC Garrett Teubner (son of Doug and Peggy Teubner); Master Sgt. Andrew Ahel (son of Walter and Fran Ahel); USAF Lt. Colonel Joel Elterman (son of Janet Elterman-Lee and Curtis Lee); US Army LTC Phillip Lamb (nephew of Jack and Tish Becker); USMC Lance Corporal Brock Geddes (son of Gil Geddes); USAF Staff Sgt. Eric Bergman (son of Jan T. Bergman).

To add someone to either prayer list or update information, please call the parish office or email pub.admin@stmarkdenton.org.

# Diocese/Community News

