

# St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

June 1, 2023

## Upcoming Events

### Lay Reader & Lay Eucharistic Minister Training

6/4 Sunday, 11:30 a.m.

### Newcomer Ministry Meeting

6/11 Sunday, 11:30 a.m.

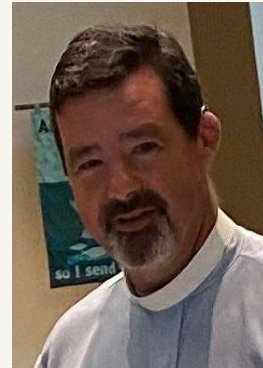
### Father's Day

6/18 Sunday

### Stellar Vacation Bible School

7/10-14

## From the Rector Fr. Doug Wasinger



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### Sunday Worship Service:

10:00 a.m.--Morning Prayer-Sanctuary

This past weekend was Memorial Day. It is the weekend to remember those who have given their lives in the line of duty to protect our nation and the principles that we strive to uphold. The United States has been referred to as "The Great Experiment" for it was a novel or new idea that a government would function differently, in that leadership was no longer considered to be inherited and instead would be transferred peacefully through an orderly process. Yes, those very ideas have been challenged; however, being a man of faith, I trust that the principles will hold and "The Great Experiment" will prove to be successful. I believe this because I have grown up around people who committed their very bodies, minds, and souls toward upholding these promises. They are also people of quiet faith in God who found God's love to be the healing presence in their lives when faced with the ugliness and evil nature of combat.

Click here for the rest of [the article](#).

Visit our website

## Lay Reader & Lay Eucharistic Minister Training

### Training for Lay Readers and Lay Eucharistic Ministers THIS Sunday, June 4th



Are you interested in reading scripture on Sunday mornings during the service or reading the prayers of the people and being a chalice bearer? If this ministry is of interest to you, please stay after church Sunday for a training with Doug Wayland.

## Strategic Planning Help



### Your Input Needed with Weekly Strategic Planning Questions

We asked for your help in answering four questions that will help guide the strategic planning process. We have answered two questions and now have two left. If you weren't here to participate for the first two, you may still submit your responses to the questions below by emailing Judy at [judy@stmarkscc.org](mailto:judy@stmarkscc.org), or by writing your response and either "Question 1" or "Question 2" on the post-it to indicate which question you are answering.

**Question 1: What do you want to see at St. Mark's in the next 3-5 years?**

**Question 2: What do you feel might block us from accomplishing our vision/goals for St. Mark's?**

Here is a [link to the responses](#) to the above questions for reflection for Question 3.

This week we'll answer **Question 3: What special talents do you have that you would like to share with St. Mark's and the communities we seek to serve?**

Fr. Doug will give us a few minutes before the end of the service Sunday to write our responses on post-its that will be in the bulletins. Since this week's question pertains to your specific talents, please include your name with your response on the post-it. You may place it on one of the large white post-it sheets that are on the walls on each side of the baptismal font as you leave the service. Ushers will have extra post-its if you need one.

**We are so pleased with your participation and responses to the first two questions.  
Thank you for your help with this project!**

## Free Stuff

### Children's Items and a Futon

The Guerra family is offering several kid's items for free, which include puzzles, games, and other educational resources. A table will be set up in the fellowship hall and the items will be available first come, first served. So, come and browse, and feel free to take whatever you can use.

The Rysavy family is offering a futon (photo to the right) to anyone who could use it. It is also free. Please contact Jim at (361) 945-5232 to arrange pickup.



## College & Young Adults Ministry



### Organizational Meeting for College & Young Adults Tuesday, 6/13, at 5:00 p.m.

Tami Woods from the diocesan office will be here June 13th to begin a conversation with those interested in ministry to young adults. The Episcopal Churches in our area have been invited to participate in the conversation so that we might join forces and resources to create a ministry for our young adults and college students.

## Children & SEEK Youth Group

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#### Stellar Vacation Bible School July 10-14

Mark your calendars for our upcoming Vacation Bible School where kids will have a blast shining Jesus's light to the world. Plans are being made, so stay alert for updates!



Registration for the children and volunteers will begin soon. You will want to be part of this out-of-this-world adventure!

## The Court of Iconic Masterpieces



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Her Royal Highness  
Princess of the Court  
Representing Art Nouveau Artisan Louis Comfort Tiffany  
Katherine Adele  
of the House of Wandel  
Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Philip Wandel, Jr.

### Miss Katherine Adele Wandel The Royal Highness Princess of the Court

John and Molly Wandel are the proud parents of Kate Wandel, who was crowned The Royal Highness Princess of the Court for The Court of Iconic Masterpieces during the Buccaneer Days celebration.

**Congratulations Kate!**

## Purple Martin Birds



Purple Martin birds flying around and roosting on their birdhouse.



The Purple Martin House is located in the Kings' Forest near the parking lot between St. Mark's and the nursing home.



## Diocesan Events



Diocesan News

**A Letter to the Diocese Regarding the Bishop Transition**--Click on [this link](#) for an update for the transitions from Bishop David M. Reed to Bishop Coadjutor-Elect David G. Read.

**Connecting with College Missions**--Click on [this link](#) if you'd like to get connected with the diocesan college ministry.

**Diocesan ENews**--Sign up for the [Diocese of West Texas ENews](#) by clicking the link. Scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on a white button that has "Let's Connect" written in it.

**The Consecration and Ordination of Bishop David G. Read**--Please see the invitation below. Here's a link to [diocesan website](#) for additional information.



GOD WILLING AND THE  
PEOPLE CONSENTING,

**The Reverend Doctor David G. Read**

will be ordained and consecrated a Bishop in the  
one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and  
Bishop Coadjutor of the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas

Saturday, July 8, 2023  
at eleven o'clock in the morning

The Right Reverend David M. Reed, D.D.  
and the Standing Committee request  
the honor of your presence at

ALL SAINTS CHAPEL, TMI EPISCOPAL  
20955 W. Tejas Trail; San Antonio, Texas

Chief Consecrator:  
The Most Reverend Michael B. Curry  
Presiding Bishop and Primate of The Episcopal Church

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

Clergy and Attending Bishops  
are invited to vest with red stoles.

# Ways to Support God's Kingdom through St. Mark's

## THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SUPPORT ST. MARK'S CHURCH!

### Thank-you for Your Generosity

Is the Lord blessing you? Are you grateful for what He has done in your life? Remember His Church. Though we have experienced limitations for worshiping together, we still have ministries to support and salaries and bills to pay. Give out of faith, thanksgiving, and generosity, and never out of guilt. If you are blessed to be able to give, here are several ways to do that:



- Online through our website. There is a blue "Giving" button at the bottom of each page. Just click on that and it will take you to our online EGiving page. You will need to set up a user profile, and then you can set up a one-time gift or recurring gifts. You can also give through the ["Donate to St. Mark's"](#) link.
- Through your cell phone using the app, **Vanco Mobile**. To get the app, go to the app store and search for "Vanco Mobile". The icon background is dark purple with a white circle and a purple letter "V" in the center. Download the app and follow the prompts. You can use it to set up a one-time gift or recurring gifts.
- Mail in your check to: St. Mark's Church, 2727 Airline Rd, CC, TX 78414. We have a drop-in mailbox that is locked at all times. We check the mail every day, so your check will be secure.
- Drop your check off at the church. Just put it in the locked mailbox to the left of the red doors at the fellowship hall.
- Bequest giving is another way to give to St. Mark's with a gift through your estate. Simply list St. Mark's in your will.

**THANK YOU for helping spread the Kingdom  
through your continuing support  
of St. Mark's Church.**

## Weekly Calendar

### Calendar & Ministry Schedule

Here is the link to the [June schedule](#) for our ministries, which is an ongoing work in progress. Please check each week to see if there are any changes.

#### **June 4- Sunday**

10:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer--Sanctuary

11:30 a.m. - Coffee Hour--Fellowship Hall

11:30 a.m. - Lay Reader & Lay Eucharist Minister Training--Sanctuary

#### **June 5 - Monday**

9:30 a.m. - Staff Meeting--Fellowship Hall Library

#### **June 7 - Wednesday**

11:30 a.m. - Lunch with the Old Guys--Nolan's Restaurant, 4117 S. Staples St.

12:00 p.m. - Noonday Prayer Group--Fellowship Hall Library

6:30 p.m. - Men's Reunion Group--Nolan's Restaurant, 7426 S. Staples St.

## Helpful Links

**Below you will find several links to websites or Facebook Pages that you might find helpful.**

[St. Mark's Episcopal Church](#)

[Donate to St. Mark's Church](#)

[St. Mark's Church Facebook Page](#)

[Diocese of West Texas](#)

[Diocesan Newsletter and Reflection Magazine](#)

[Denison Forum--News Discerned Differently](#)

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