

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

October 30, 2025

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From the Rector Fr. Doug Wasinger



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I was in my late twenties when I first heard an Episcopal bishop share his vision for the church. He spoke candidly about the economic challenges facing the congregations he was called to lead. These churches were struggling to support clergy and their families, not because of any failure on their part, but because the surrounding society had changed in ways they hadn't anticipated, and they hadn't yet found a way to respond. If churches receive enough pledges, supporting a clergy package—including medical insurance and a pension—is something most congregations are willing to do. But the painful truth is that smaller churches often don't have enough "pledge units" to cover those costs. It is through no fault of their own but still a reality they can't easily change.

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Sunday Worship Service

Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

[Visit our website](#)

Fall Back



**Daylight
Savings Time
Ends Saturday,
11/1**

Don't forget to set your clocks back an hour before you go to bed Saturday evening.

Fall Festival Update

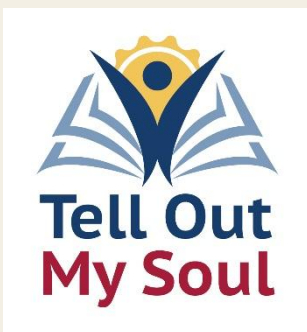
Fall Festival Update

This year's Fall Festival was another great success. We had over 730 people come.



The silent auction, raffle, bake sale, and hot dog sale raised over \$3,000 to go toward building a covered area in the King's Forest for all to enjoy, including our community, especially the residents of the Corpus Christi Nursing and Rehab Center next door to us.

Stewardship Campaign



Tell Out My Soul Campaign for 2026

Our stewardship campaign is titled "Tell Out My Soul," which is based on Luke 1:46-47 *And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior..."* We are in week four of the campaign and have heard from three speakers.

Thank you to those who have participated in our questions over the last four weeks. The feedback you have provided will help with future planning.

Important Dates to Remember:

Ministry Fair

THIS SUNDAY--November 2nd

Everyone is invited and encouraged to participate in the Ministry Fair to learn about the ministries here at St. Mark's and to sign up for those that interest you. A representative for each ministry will be available to answer any questions you may have.

Giving in Gratitude Potluck Lunch and Ingathering of our 2026 Estimate of Giving Cards November 9th

The culmination of our Tell Out My Soul stewardship campaign is on Sunday, November 9th. We'll present our 2026 Estimate of Giving cards to God by placing them on the altar to be blessed by Fr. Doug during the service. We'll follow that up with our annual Giving in Gratitude Potluck Lunch to celebrate. Please sign up this Sunday on the back of your Connection Card to bring a dish for the potluck. This year, the theme is Thanksgiving Dinner.

Youth Ministry

SEEK Youth Group Meets Sundays after the Service

Thank you to all of y'all who volunteered at Fall Fest! It was a great success thanks to all our volunteers. We love our youth!

Sunday, 11/2 — Ministry Fair after church.

Wednesday, 11/5 — Game Night! Bring your favorite game or borrow one from the youth room.

Sunday, 11/9 — Potluck lunch after church.

Seek the LORD and His strength; seek His face continually. (1 Chronicles 16:11)



Cimarron Senior Apartments Ministry



**Ministry to the Residents at
Cimarron Senior Apartments
2802 Cimarron Blvd.**

**Conversations with God Bible Study
Monday, 11/3, at 11:00 a.m.**

Conversations with God Bible Study on the First Monday of Every Month at 11:00 a.m.

Once a month, John deMontel, Fr. Doug Wasinger, and others provide snacks and a Bible study they call "Conversations with God" for the residents. It generally lasts an hour. If you'd like to help with this ministry, please contact John at (361) 815-9498.

Food Delivery to Residents on the Third Monday of Every Month at 11:30 a.m.

The Coastal Bend Food Bank delivers food to the Cimarron Senior Apartments once a month. A team of dedicated St. Mark's volunteers helps distribute the food to the residents after it has arrived. If you have an hour or so to give, please consider helping with the monthly food distribution.

Game Night

**Game Night
Wednesday,
November 5,
6:00 p.m.**

A Game Night has been planned for Wednesday, November 5th, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Our Game Nights have always been a time of fun and fellowship. A light meal will be provided. Mark your calendars to come join the fun and invite your friends to come too!



**Game Night
Fun**



Fishpond Living Thanksgiving Meal



the list of food items.

**Food Collection for the
Thanksgiving Meal Delivery
Deadline,
Wednesday, 11/19**

We will begin collecting food items to provide a Thanksgiving meal for the residents of Fishpond Living at Corpus Christi Apartments. [Here's a link](#) to

H.E.B. has gifted St. Mark's with \$1,000 in gift cards to help with the cost of the turkeys, rolls, pies, etc. We're asking for your help with the nonperishable items. There will be boxes where you may place your donations in the sanctuary and the fellowship hall.

**Thank you for your help to supply these residents
with a Thanksgiving meal!**

Blood Drive

Coastal Bend Blood Center Blood Drive Sunday, November 16th



Coastal Bend Blood Center
Giving so that others may live

We have another opportunity to help our community by participating in the next blood drive on November 16th. Blood and blood products are always in demand, and we can help increase the supply by donating blood.

You can [schedule an appointment](#) on the 16th by clicking on the link or scanning the QR code on the flyer below. Or, you may simply walk in on the 16th if you prefer.

The donor incentives this time are a long-sleeve donor T-shirt and a pair of tickets to an Ice Rays game.

Coastal Bend Blood Center
Giving so that others may live

**ST MARK'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

BLOOD DRIVE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH
9:15 AM - 12:30 PM
LOCATION: 2727 AIRLINE RD

**FREE LONG SLEEVE SHIRT +
A PAIR OF ICERAYS TICKETS**

Scan here to make
your appointment

Scan the QR Code or call the Blood Center at 361-855-4943 to make your
lifesaving appointment. Donors will receive a Hunting for Donors Long Sleeve
T-shirt & a pair of Ice Rays Tickets. While supplies last. Picture I.D. Required.

Adult Bible Study

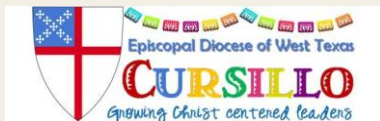
Adult Bible Study Class Sundays at 11:30 a.m.

The Adult Bible Study group meets on Sundays after the service. Tom Curry is leading the study entitled **"Understanding the Old Testament in Jesus's Time."** Bring your own Bible, or use one of the several that will be available. Pick up some refreshments, and join the class in the fellowship hall library.

The Bible study group will not meet this Sunday, November 2nd, due to the Ministry Fair, or the following Sunday, November 9th, because we'll be celebrating the culmination of the Tell Out My Soul Campaign with the Giving in Gratitude Potluck Lunch. The group will resume on Sunday, November 16th.



November Cursillo



Cursillo at Camp Capers November 6-9

If you've ever felt stuck in your faith, you are not alone. If you want to change that feeling, I want to encourage you to attend an upcoming Cursillo. By definition, Cursillo is a Spiritual Retreat and a short course on faith.

The purpose of Cursillo is to present you with a method of living as a Christian in the world today. It is a way to strengthen and renew your faith, make new friends from our diocese, and provide you with focus for your vision of prayer, study, and action in your life and God's Church. There is good food, music, and it is just fun!

If you are interested, feel free to contact me at (361) 903-5060 with any questions to help you register. Though there is a cost for the weekend, scholarships are available!

The next Cursillo will be November 6th-9th at Camp Capers.

Lori Jones

Timon's Ministry

Ministry in Partnership with Timon's Ministries

Over the course of many years, St. Mark's has partnered with Timon's Ministries in various ways. Timon's goal "is to provide a hand up, empowering individuals to regain their strength, dignity, and ultimately, their place in the workforce." Our women's reunion group has discovered several ways to serve this community.



Members of the group have been volunteering their time at Timon's Ministries, working in the Clothing Closet, organizing items, and visiting with people. The group has asked for help with their efforts in any of the following ways:

- Donating band aids, bandages, gauze, etc.
- Donating clothing, especially men's shirts, jeans, shorts, athletic shoes, flip-flops, socks, and belts, and women's jeans, shorts, undergarments, socks, and purses
- Donating sleeping bags, backpacks, tote bags, suitcases, and recyclable plastic bags
- Donating travel-size deodorant, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, bars of bath soap, body wash, bath towels
- Donating toothbrushes and new or used shoelaces
- Donating laundry supplies
- Donating items for to-go food bags: tuna and cracker packs, granola bars, chips, bottled water, etc.
- Sorting clothing and helping clients on Mondays from 8:45 to noon

You may leave your donations in designated boxes located in the entryway to the sanctuary and in the fellowship hall. Contact Pam Cater at (361) 446-4498 for more information.

**Thank you for your help with this important
ministry opportunity.**

Diocesan Events



Diocesan News

Cursillo Weekends--A Cursillo is a three-day spiritual retreat weekend for adults. **The next Cursillo will be at Camp Capers, 11/6-9.** [Click this link](#) to obtain more information and to register.

Discovery Weekend at Camp Capers--This weekend, scheduled for **November 14-15**, is designed to help both lay and ordained persons discern a deeper call to ministry. [Click here for more information.](#)

Diocesan ENews--To stay informed on what is happening in our Diocese, you may 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 on it.

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. We 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.
- You may also use the QR code below.
- 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 our [November ministry schedule](#). Click here for the [November church calendar](#).

November 2 - Sunday

10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist--Sanctuary
11:30 a.m. - Coffee and Conversation--Fellowship Hall
11:30 a.m. - Ministry Fair--Fellowship Hall

November 3 - Monday

8:45 a.m. - Clothing Shop--Timon's Ministry, 10501 S. Padre Island Dr.
9:30 a.m. - Staff Meeting--Fellowship Hall Library
11:00 a.m. - Conversations with God Bible Study--Cimarron Senior Apartments, 2802 Cimarron Blvd.

November 4 - Tuesday

7:30 a.m. - Women's Reunion Group--Corner Bakery Cafe, 4928 S. Staples St.

November 5 - Wednesday

11:30 a.m. - Lunch with the Old Guys--Brewster Street Ice House, 5550 Holly Rd.
12:00 p.m. - Prayer Group--Fellowship Hall Library
6:00 p.m. - Game Night--Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. - Men's Reunion Group--Nolan's Restaurant--7426 S. Staples St.

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

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[Diocese of West Texas](#)

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