

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

July 9, 2026

Upcoming Events

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7/23-7/24, Thursday & Friday



Reflections from the Rector



Jesus is widely recognized as a master teacher. What made his ministry so incredibly effective was his ability to tell parables—stories embedded with deep, shifting layers of meaning. Look no further than the familiar Parable of the Sower.

On the surface, it's a simple story about farming. But if you look at it closely, this Sower seems incredibly reckless. What kind of logic supports throwing precious seed all over the place just to see what happens? Some seeds land on the walking

Blood Drive

7/26, Sunday

path. Why waste them there? The soil is hard-packed, and nothing can grow. Other seeds fall on rocky soil. It makes no sense to waste seed where shallow roots have nothing to work with. Then, the Sower moves right along without a care in the world, tossing seeds directly into the briars, where thorns inevitably choke out the good plants.

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Sunday Worship Service

Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

Visit our website

Inquirer's Class



Inquirer's Class

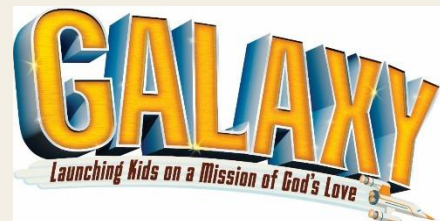
Sunday, 7/12

After the Service in the Library

Fr. Doug is offering an Inquirer's Class on July 12th for those who would like to know more about our St. Mark's family, our history, and what we believe. Please sign up on the back of your Connection Card on Sunday, or call the office at (361) 994-0285, or email Judy at judy@stmarksgcc.org, if you'd like to attend.

Vacation Bible School Meeting

**Countdown to
Vacation Bible School!
Calling all Volunteers!**



Meeting, Sunday, 7/12

Please do a quick Vacation Bible School volunteer check-in this Sunday, either before or after church. Molly will be in the fellowship hall from 9:30 a.m. to 9:50 a.m. and again after church. Stop by and let's figure out what needs to be done before we welcome children on July 23!

Station leaders, if you need help gathering supplies, this is your opportunity to ask.

If you won't be here on Sunday, please check in with Molly or Sally this week.

If you have not signed up to volunteer but would like to participate, come by and see where you can help!

Access Plus Ramp Build



Access Plus Ramp Build

Saturday, 7/18

2353 Lindsey St., Robstown

The ramp build for July is for a man named Jesus. He has been waiting quite some time for his ramp to be built. He and his family are looking forward to better access to his home.

If you're interested in being a part of this ministry, please come to the ramp build on Saturday. Doug Wayland and his team will be happy to train you. You don't need any construction experience, just a willing heart.

Cimarron Senior Apartments Ministry

Ministry to the Residents at

**Cimarron Senior
Apartments**

2802 Cimarron Blvd.



Food Distribution

Monday, 7/20, 11:30 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 residents. If you have an hour or so to give, please consider helping with the monthly food distribution.

Time of Contemplation & Healing Prayer



Time of Contemplation and Healing Prayer

Wednesday, 7/22, 5:45 p.m.

If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, this service is for you. The first part of the service includes hearing scripture, listening to worship music, being quiet before the Holy Spirit, and praying for people as a group. The second part is a time for individual prayer with prayer ministers.

The services are scheduled for the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. Please consider joining us for prayers for yourself or someone you know, or to offer your prayers for others.

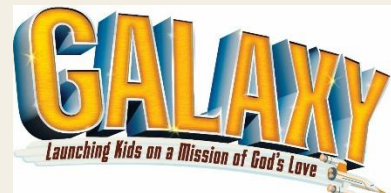
Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School

July 23 & 24

Thursday, 7/23 and Friday, 7/24

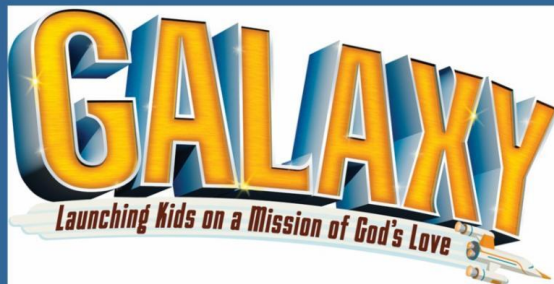
9:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.



GALAXY is a two-day VBS designed to Launch Kids on a Mission of God's Love. You can be involved in two ways: by contributing needed supplies and/or by volunteering to help with the program. Also, let's all pray for the children God will bring to us!

Follow this link to our [gift registry](#). Whether you give a little or a lot, it's an important way to be part of our mission! Thank you for sharing God's love with children! And many thanks to those of you who have already given!

To register yourself as a volunteer or register your children/grandchildren for VBS, please [use this link](#). Children ages 3 - 5th grade are invited; older children may volunteer.



Vacation Bible School

Thursday, 7/23 & Friday, 7/24

9:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

For ages 3 through 5th grade

Come join Gizmo and have fun as we learn more about God's love for us and how we show His love to others.



Scan the QR code to register.

Blood Drive



Coastal Bend Blood Center

Giving so that others may live

**Coastal Bend Blood Center
Blood Drive
Sunday, 7/26
9:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

The Coastal Bend Blood Center's mobile blood unit will be in our parking lot on Sunday, July 26th, for another blood drive. The incentive for donating is a T-shirt and a pair of Corpus Christi Hooks Baseball tickets. Our goal for this drive is the same as in the past: 12 units of blood. Those twelve units of blood can help 36 people. We have met or surpassed that goal at every blood drive we've hosted. If you'd like to [schedule an appointment](#), here's a link to do so.

The gift of blood is a gift of life!

★ **STRIKE OUT THE BLOOD SHORTAGE** ★

**ST MARK'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
BLOOD DRIVE**

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
SUNDAY, JULY 26	9:15 AM - 12:30 PM	2727 AIRLINE RD

★ **DONORS RECEIVE** ★

- ✓ BASEBALL T-SHIRT
- ✓ A PAIR OF HOOKS BASEBALL TICKETS

**SCAN TO
SCHEDULE YOUR
APPOINTMENT**

Coastal Bend Blood Center
Giving so that others may live

Appointments are recommended, walk-ins welcome. Donors will receive a T-Shirt & a pair of Hooks Baseball tickets. While supplies last.

Volunteer Hours App

MyTimeTithe App to Track Volunteer Hours

The time we serve in ministry at St. Mark's, in the community, or in any other capacity matters and has economic value. Wouldn't it be interesting to know how much time we serve? Jeremy Wilkey developed an app for us to use to log those hours. You can [click on this link](#) or scan the QR code to get started.

Enter your name in the space provided. If it's your first time, click "Don't see your name? Add yourself" to enter your name. Then fill in the page that opens up. You will select the date, the number of hours you served, which ministry the hours were for, and you may add a note about your service if you'd like.

MyTimeTithe

Track Your Volunteer Hours. Celebrate Your Service.

A simple app for St. Mark's volunteers to log hours and stay connected with your church community.

Scan the QR Code to Sign Up!

MyTimeTithe.org/stmarkscc

Created by Jeremy Wilkey

Christian Formation Summer Break



**Adult Bible Study Class,
SEEK Youth Group, and
Children's Chapel**

Taking a Break for the Summer

The Adult Bible Study class, SEEK Youth Group, and Children's Chapel are taking a break for the summer. They will resume in the fall. We'll let you know when we have dates for that.

Timon's Ministry

Ministry in Partnership with Timon's Ministries



The volunteer work at Timon's Clothing Closet has been temporarily suspended due to changes in its hours of operation. We are hoping the volunteers can return soon to the ministry they have come to enjoy.

We will not be collecting items for the time being. Thank you!

Spiritual Growth Resources



Tools for Spiritual Disciplines

Here are some online resources to use for spiritual growth. Each one also has an app that you can download on your phone. Just search your app store to find them. Most of them are free; two have subscription fees, which are noted below.

YouVersion Holy Bible--Here's a [link to it online](#). You'll have access to the Bible in several different versions. There are Bible reading plans available. You can also search for a specific subject, such as prayer, and receive reading plans that span several weeks.

Forward Movement Day by Day Devotionals--Here's a [link to it online](#). Once you're on the site, you'll see many resources that you might enjoy.

The Daily Office--Here's a [link to it online](#). If you enjoy the Daily Office, this app makes it easy to access each day.

Centering Prayer--Here's a [link to it online](#). If you enjoy centering prayer, this app offers various ways to participate, including chimes and other sounds, that help you get to a place of inner peace and quiet.

Abide--Here's a [link to it online](#). This site includes meditations set to music, which are especially helpful to use before bed. There is a subscription fee for this one.

She Reads Truth--Here's a [link to it online](#). This one is specifically for women. There is a subscription fee for this one too.

Diocesan Events

Diocesan News



Summer Camps at Camp Capers-- Registration for Summer Camps is open for campers. [Here is a link 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 [July ministry schedule](#). Click here for the [July church calendar](#).

July 12 - Sunday

10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist--Sanctuary

11:30 a.m. - Coffee & Conversation--Fellowship Hall

11:30 a.m. - Inquirer's Class--Fellowship Hall Library

July 13 - Monday

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

July 14 - Tuesday

8:00 a.m. - Women's Reunion Group--Corner Bakery Restaurant, 4928 S. Staples St.

July 15 - Wednesday

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

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

July 18 - Saturday

8:00 a.m. - Access Plus Ramp Build--2353 Lindsey St., Robstown

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](#)

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