

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

August 11, 2022

Upcoming Events

Cursillo #286 Mustang Island Conference Center
10/6-9 Thursday-Sunday

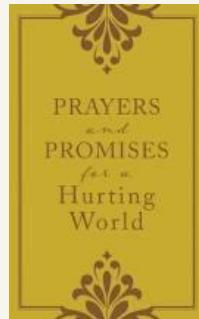
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Sunday Worship Service:
10:00 a.m.--Holy Eucharist--Sanctuary

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God's Promises



**Excerpt from
*Prayers and Promises for
a Hurting World*
by Laura Freudig**

Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God."
John 6:68-69

Lord, we are surrounded by the most incredible uncertainties. The world teeters with instability; even the words we use can change their meanings daily, it seems, and the meaning we intend to convey may not be what others hear. Language hovers on the edge of incomprehensibility. Still, You know our hearts, and this is a comfort when we're misunderstood. Help us to rest in that.

But beyond that, Lord, we ask You to go before us and our words, to work in the hearts of our hearers, so that, above all, truth is conveyed. Open our ears to what others are saying also. A message always lies beyond their words, which often holds a deeper meaning, a deeper pain, a deeper questioning. Everyone is searching, whether or not they know it. There is, as Pascal said, a God-shaped hole in all of us. Help us to be hole fillers in the truest, deepest sense, pointing others to the God of all joy who will

meet their deepest needs. You are the way, the truth, and the life. You are the beginning and the end. You are the Alpha and the Omega. You were in the beginning. Really, that truth is all we have to offer others, and it's more than enough. Amen.

Seek Him and His Word!

Exciting Announcement



St. Mark's Welcomes Fr. Doug Wasinger

Fr. Doug Wasinger has accepted the call to become St. Mark's next rector. We are very excited about how God will move in this new chapter in the life of our church family and our community.

Fr. Doug is the Rector of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Buffalo, Wyoming and serves as a visiting priest across the Diocese of Wyoming.

Fr. Doug and his wife Kellie have three daughters; the two older girls have left home and the youngest one will begin this school year as a junior in high school.

Here is the [introduction video](#) from Fr. Doug that we displayed last Sunday during the worship service.

Staying Safe

New Security Protocols

We are in the process of creating security protocols to ensure the safety of our parishioners. You may have noticed the addition of "Security Officer" on the monthly schedule. The person in that new position will be responsible for being observant, overseeing the property, and helping protect our children coming and going from the fellowship hall for Children's Chapel. We are working to put together a team of volunteers. Doug Wayland has agreed to be responsible for most Sundays.



Here are some new protocols that may affect you:

- All of the fellowship hall doors will be locked at 10:10 a.m., ten minutes after the service begins.
- The back door to the fellowship hall by the nursery will remain locked at all times.
- If parents need to go to the nursery during the service, they should get the security officer or vestry person of the day to unlock a door to the fellowship hall.
- The exit door by the choir in the sanctuary will be locked on the outside. You may leave through that door in an emergency but will not be able to enter the sanctuary through that door.

- The security officer will escort the children to Children's Chapel in the fellowship hall and open the building for them. When it's time for them to return for communion, the security officer will escort them back to the sanctuary.
- At the end of communion, the security officer will open the fellowship hall for the coffee hour host.
- At the end of the service the red doors to the fellowship hall will be unlocked for those who want to come to coffee hour.

These protocols are already being utilized and have been followed for the past several Sundays. This may cause a minor inconvenience for some, but the safety of everyone is of utmost importance.

Kids in Christ Ministry



A Note from Molly

Hi friends,

I wanted to let you know that, after lots and lots of prayer, I've decided to step back some with children's ministry. I'm planning to continue leading Children's Chapel along with several of you and will keep those bulletins printed and ready in the children's worship area. However, I will not be leading Kids in Christ (KIC) this fall.

Parents and others who work with our children can decide what you'd like to do at this point. Do you want to continue KIC after church with other teachers? Would you like a Sunday School class before church? Or something totally different? It really is up to y'all, with approval from "the office" of course.

In my time here, we have done children's ministry in different ways, KIC after church with one teacher being the most recent. We have also done Godly Play (Michelle Markert is our resident expert on this), various Sunday School classes, sometimes 9:15-9:45 or so (my favorite), classes divided by age or one big group, and had some semesters where we only had Chapel and special events.

My suggestion is to start with prayer. Our children are important to God, so I expect Him to guide us if we ask. And maybe we should select a Sunday in a few weeks when we could meet and share what we're hearing about how to proceed. Meanwhile, the children are being served in Chapel as they experience the gospel for that Sunday and pray with their friends.

Let me know how I can help you. You may reach out to me at (214)762-8792. Oh, and FYI, I think I'm going to be meeting with youth after church starting after Labor Day for those of you with kids 12 and older.

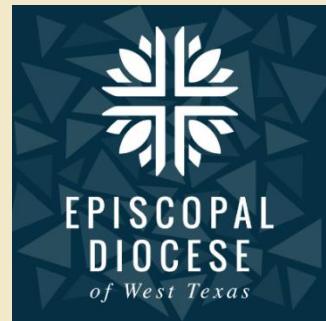
Love y'all, love your kids, and am excited to see where God will lead us,

Molly

Diocesan Council 2023

Diocesan Council February 16-18

We will need a lot of help from you to get the work done for Council. The sub-committees will begin looking at dates to hold their first planning meetings, which should begin happening mid-October. Please consider being a part of one of the five sub-committees that we're responsible for at Council. A signup sheet will be available in the near future. Please keep an eye out for it.



St. Mark's Co-Hosts--Dayna Chimelski and Judy Netek will serve as St. Mark's Co-hosts.

St. Mark's is responsible for the following sub-committees:

Hotels--Beth Offutt is our chair. Volunteers will provide onsite check-in assistance and welcome guests.

Transportation--Gay and John deMontel will be our chairs. Volunteers will provide assistance for people getting on and off the shuttle service for the luncheon hosted at the Omni Hotel Friday.

Hospitality--Marybeth Maxwell and Molly Wandel will be our chairs. We are responsible for recruiting people to bake cookies, 6,000 to be exact. We can start this task in the fall and freeze the cookies to be used in February. Research shows that the most consistent recommendation for storing cookies in the freezer is for up to six months. If we start in September, those cookies would be in the freezer for five months. Volunteers will work with American Bank Center staff to keep beverages well stocked, man serving tables, keep cookies trays full, and keep the area clean.

Nursery/Childcare--Chrystal Wilkey will be our chair. Volunteers must have a current Safeguarding God's Children certificate. They will help set up a space for 6-15 children, serve snacks and meals, provide age appropriate activities, and keep children safe.

Worship Service--Bishop Reed will plan and oversee the Holy Eucharist service. Volunteers from all area churches and surrounding area will participate. The Eucharist will be Friday evening.

If you have questions or would like more information about any of these sub-committees, please contact:

Dayna Chimelski at (361) 774-7799, or email her at schimelski@earthlink.net

Judy Netek at the church office at (361) 994-0285, or email her at judy@stmarkscc.org

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

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

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 the 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 August schedule for our ministries, which is still a work in progress. Please check each week to see if there are any changes.

August 14 - Sunday

10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist Service--Sanctuary
11:15 a.m. - Coffee Hour--Fellowship Hall

August 15 - Monday

6:30p.m. - Vestry Meeting--Fellowship Hall

August 16- Tuesday

10:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting--Library
6:00 p.m. - Women's Reunion Group--Jason's Deli, 1416 Airline Rd.
6:30 p.m. - Men's Reunion Group--Nolan's Restaurant, 7426 S. Staples St.

August 17 - Wednesday

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

Helpful Links

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

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

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

[Diocese of West Texas](#)

[Diocesan Newsletter and Reflection Magazine](#)

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