

# St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

February 16, 2023

## Upcoming Events

### Diocesan Council

2/16-18 Thursday through Saturday

### Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

2/21 Tuesday, 6:00 p.m.

### Ash Wednesday Services

2/22 Wednesday,  
7:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

### Lenten Soup & Study

3/1 Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

**Please Pray  
for Diocesan  
Council,  
especially the  
Bishop  
Coadjutor  
Election  
Saturday.**

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### Sunday Worship Service:

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

**Ash  
Wednesday  
Services  
February 22,  
7:00 a.m. and  
7:00 p.m.**

Visit our website

## All Things Council



### Diocesan Council February 16-18

Bishop Reed's final **Holy Eucharist Service** during Council will be Friday evening, February 17th, at 5:30 p.m. in the Henry Garrett Ballroom at the American Bank Center. It's open to everyone. You don't have to register for Council to attend the service. So, we want to encourage everyone to come. It will be a great celebration of Bishop Reed's ministry and service to our diocese.

**Prayers for Council**--Diocesan Council is here. Thank you for your prayers. Please continue to pray for:

- those who are working at Council
- those who are traveling to and from Council
- the Bishop Coadjutor election
- Council business

**Bishop Coadjutor Candidates**--Our diocese offered a forum to give people a chance to get to know the candidates for Bishop Coadjutor on Saturday, January 28th at Church of the Good Shepherd and two other locations in our diocese. The questions addressed were different at each of the three meetings.

**Council in Action**--The host churches for each Council decide on an outreach project that the entire diocese can participate in. This year, the decision was made to support Agape Ranch through CarePortal. Agape Ranch provides care and guidance for foster children and families in South Texas. They are in need of some specific items:

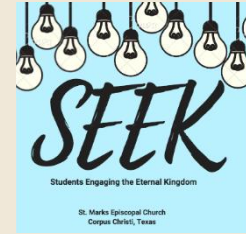
- Twin bedding sets, including sheets and comforters
- Johnson's Bath Discovery Baby Gift sets (available on Amazon)
- Hygiene kits for older children and teens (toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, shower gel, combs and hairbrushes in a container)
- Waterproof twin mattress protectors
- Pack and plays
- Monetary donations by check or online to help fund the next bed build and other needs for foster care.

Please visit [agaperanch.org](http://agaperanch.org) to learn more about this ministry.

**Council Livestream**--If you'd like to view the livestream of Council, click on this link and scroll down until you see the area for the livestream connection. You may want to join in on Saturday during the election of our Bishop Coadjutor.

## SEEK Youth Group

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#### Coming up in February:

- **Sunday, 2/19 11:30 a.m.** Youth group after church
- **Tuesday, 2/21 6:00 p.m.** Pancake Supper: opportunity to help cook pancakes, serve, cleanup if you'd like, or just come and eat pancakes!
- **Wednesday, 2/22 7:00 p.m.** Ash Wednesday
- **Sunday, 2/26 11:30 a.m.** We will watch season 1, episode 1 of *The Chosen* together. All are welcome to stay and watch with us!
- **Wednesday, 3/1 6:00 p.m.** We begin the Lenten Soup and Study.

#### Summer Camp Opportunities at Camp Capers

Registration is now open for:

##### Summer Camp:

Senior High (10th-12th grade)

Junior High (8th-9th grade)

Intermediate (6th-7th grade)

Primary (3rd-5th grade)

Here's a link to the [diocesan website](#) for registration and additional information.

## Shrove Tuesday



### Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper February 21, at 6:00 p.m.

As has been our tradition, the men of the church will cook for us for the pancake supper. We will also have some fun activities for all to partake in, some involving pancakes. Of course, the fellowship will be awesome, so make plans to come join in the festivities.

## The Season of Lent

### Ash Wednesday Services February 22 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.



Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. We will have two services, one at 7:00 a.m. and the second at 7:00 p.m. We will have Holy Eucharist at the 7:00 p.m. service only.



### Lenten Soup and Study of *The Chosen* Series Wednesdays beginning March 1st

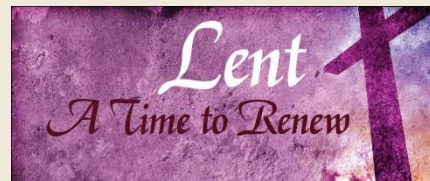
Ash Wednesday is February 22nd, which marks the beginning of the season of Lent. This year our Lenten event will consist of a soup supper with bread and dessert, followed by a discussion of the episodes of *The Chosen* series. Each week an episode will be assigned for you to view. A link will be sent out in the weekly ENews, so you'll have several days to watch it before coming on Wednesday to discuss it. If you can't view the episodes at home, you may stay after Coffee Hour on Sundays to watch them in the fellowship hall.

If you would like to attend, you may sign up on the back of your Connection Card this Sunday. Please indicate how many members of your family will attend, so we can plan for the meals.

**Invite your friends and family to come too.**

## The Season of Lent

We will be bringing back the Rite I liturgy during the season of Lent. Rite I is a more formal liturgy, which uses traditional language. You may recall that we used Rite I during Advent. This change can help lead to more reflection and introspection, which is appropriate for the season of Lent.



## Access Plus Ramp Build



### Access Plus Ramp Build Saturday, 2/25, at 8:00 a.m. 4933 Moravian St.

The ramp build for February was moved to the fourth Saturday of this month because of Diocesan Council. The ramp is for a young boy named Jose. His grandmother cares for him and has a difficult time getting him in and out of their home. This ramp will be a tremendous blessing for them.

If you enjoy working with your hands or power tools, join them Saturday morning. Doug Wayland and his team would be happy to train you. You may contact Doug by phone at (361) 813-1781 for more information.

## Camp Sunday

### Camp Sunday February 26

Each year our diocese designates a Sunday to take a loose offering to support the diocesan camping programs, which include Camp Capers, Mustang Island Conference Center, and Duncan Park in Colorado. The diocese offers scholarships for our kids and families to attend camp, and this offering will go to support that effort. Please consider offering a gift.



## Diocesan Events



## Diocesan News

**Bishop's Update on Uvalde**--Click here for a [letter from Bishop Reed](#) with an update on what's been happening in Uvalde.

**Diocesan Council**--Click on [the link](#) for more information on Council and the link for the livestream.

**Relief Fund for Turkey and Syria**--Click on [this link](#) if you'd like to donate to support relief efforts for the victims of the earthquakes.

**Youth/Children's Camp at Camp Capers**--For [information and registration](#), click here.

**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.

## 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 worshipping 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 [February schedule](#) for our ministries, which is still a work in progress. Please check each week to see if there are any changes.

**February 16-18 - Thursday-Saturday**  
**Diocesan Council**

**February 19 - Sunday**

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

11:15 a.m. - Coffee Hour--Fellowship Hall

**February 21 - Tuesday**

10:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting--Fellowship Hall Library

6:00 p.m. - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper--Fellowship Hall

**February 22 - Wednesday--Ash Wednesday**

7:00 a.m. - Ash Wednesday Service--Sanctuary

12:00 pm. - Prayer Group--Fellowship Hall Library

7:00 p.m. - Ash Wednesday Service--Sanctuary

**February 25 - Saturday**

8:00 a.m. - Access Plus Ramp Build--4933 Moravian 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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