

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

May 14, 2026

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It feels like we are getting close to graduation. Most high schools and colleges will host their ceremonies in the next couple of weeks. In many ways, the same rhythm is unfolding in the Church. We are drawing near the end of the Easter season, and the Sunday readings reflect this transition. We are being prepared to step into the next chapter of the year—moving from the stories of the resurrection to a deeper understanding of what that event means for our daily lives. Get the caps and gowns ready.

Prayer is an essential practice for any follower of Jesus. It sounds simple, but once we engage in this spiritual habit, we quickly discover that it is not as easy as it first appears. Those new to prayer often begin by asking God to tend to the details of their personal lives. Over time, it is natural for prayer to expand beyond the

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Sunday Worship Service

Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

individual to include the needs of the local community. As maturity grows, our prayers begin to embrace the well-being of the wider world.

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

Visit our website

Access Plus Ramp Build

Access Plus Ramp Build Saturday, May 16th, 8:00 a.m. 4035 W. Vanderbilt

The ramp build for May is for Pedro and Lydia. They have been waiting for quite some time for their ramp and are excited about the accessibility it will provide to their home.

If this ministry interests you, please come to build and learn from the best ramp builders in Corpus Christi. You don't need any experience, just be willing to serve; they are happy to train. If you would like more information, please contact Doug Wayland at (361) 813-1781.



Pool Party



Pool Party Sunday, May 17th 12:00-3:00 p.m. 44 Hewit Place

Enjoy a fun afternoon with your church family at the Wandel house on Sunday, May 17. We will have hot dogs and burgers on the grill, plus the fixings. Bring a side dish or dessert to share if you'd like, or just bring yourself - or a friend! We'll have plenty!

ALL ARE INVITED!!!

Non-swimmers, come take a seat and visit! Swimmers, please bring a towel.

Cimarron Senior Apartments Ministry

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



**Food Distribution
Monday, 5/18, 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 after it arrives. If you have an hour or so to give, please consider helping with the monthly food distribution.

Pentecost Sunday



**Pentecost Sunday
May 24th**

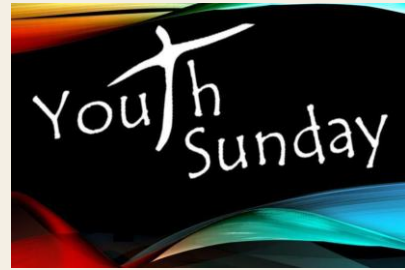
It has been our tradition to celebrate Pentecost Sunday by wearing red and enjoying strawberry shortcake. The shortcake will be supplied, but we need your help with the strawberries. Please bring one pint of washed, cut strawberries on Sunday, May 24th, to use as a cake topping. Of course, we'll have whipped cream too!

Youth Sunday YEF Fund

Funds Raised for YEF Scholarships

A total of \$508 was raised for our Youth Endowment Fund Scholarship Program.

Thank you to everyone who contributed!



Youth Endowment Scholarship Applications



Youth Endowment Scholarship Applications Now Being Accepted Deadline 5/31

The Youth Endowment Scholarship Committee is currently accepting scholarship applications from students planning to attend college or trade school in the fall. You may access the [application form and the guidelines](#) here. Print out the form and guidelines, complete the form by providing the requested information, and turn in your paperwork to the church office by **Sunday, May 31st**. The committee will meet in June to determine recipients, and the checks will be issued once those decisions are made.

Meals for the Farris Family

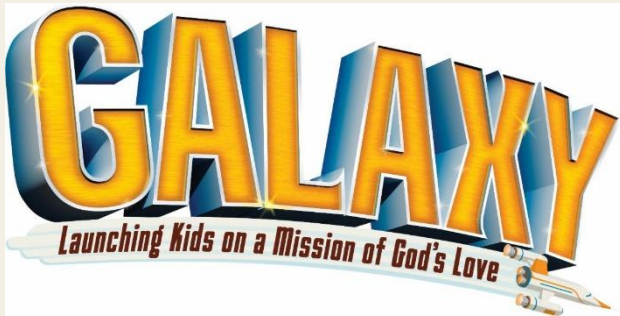
Meal Train Created for Sahara & Noah Farris

Sahara, Noah, and Everette recently welcomed little Ember into their family. A [meal train](#) was organized to furnish meals for them these first several weeks now that they are home. The link to sign up is above in blue text. You may sign up to cook them a meal, donate funds, or send them a gift card via DoorDash.

Thank you for helping this precious family!



Vacation Bible School



Vacation Bible School June 19-21

GALAXY is a weekend VBS designed to Launch Kids on a Mission of God's Love. You will hear more about ways you can be involved soon, but one is by contributing needed supplies. 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!

Friday, 6/19--5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Saturday, 6/20--9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Sunday, 6/21--10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

To register yourself as a volunteer or register your children/grandchildren for VBS, please use the QR code below. Children ages 3 - 5th grade are invited; older children may volunteer.

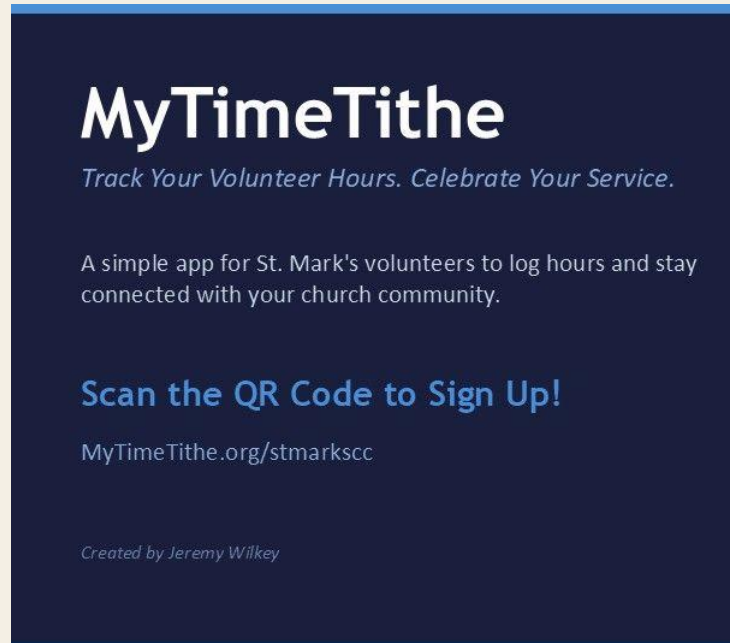


Volunteer Hours App

MyTimeTithe App to Track Volunteer Hours

The time we serve in ministry at St. Mark's, or 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 the hours we serve. 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



Adult Bible Study



Adult Bible Study Class Meets on Sundays after the Service

The Adult Bible study class meets in the fellowship hall library. The new topic is "Post-Resurrection Narratives in the New Testament."

If you'd like to join the study, head to the fellowship hall after the service for some refreshments and then find a seat around the table in the library. Bibles will be available if you need one.

The Bible study will take a break during the summer, beginning May24th.

Youth Ministry

SEEK Youth Group

Summer Camp--Registration for [Summer Camp at Camp Capers](#) is open. Click the link to the diocesan page for more information and to register.



Pool Party-Enjoy a fun afternoon with your church family at the Wandel house (44 Hewit Pl.) on Sunday, May 17. We will have hot dogs and burgers on the grill, plus the fixings. Bring a side dish or dessert to share if you'd like, or just bring yourself - or a friend! We'll have plenty! Don't forget your towel!

Summer Break--Youth Group will take a break for the summer beginning 5/24 and will resume in the fall.

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

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!

Diocesan Events

Diocesan News



Summer Camps at Camp Capers--

Registration for Summer Camps has opened up 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 [May ministry schedule](#). Click here for the [May church calendar](#).

May 16 - Saturday

8:00 a.m. - Access Plus Ramp Build--4035 W. Vanderbilt

May 17 - Sunday

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

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

11:30 a.m. - Adult Bible Study--Fellowship Hall Library

12:00 p.m. - Pool Party--Wandel Home--44 Hewitt Pl.

May 18 - Monday

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

11:30 a.m. - Food Distribution--Cimarron Senior Apartments, 2802 Cimarron Blvd.

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

May 19 - Tuesday

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

May 20 - 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.

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

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[Diocese of West Texas](#)

[Diocesan Newsletter and Reflection Magazine](#)

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