

# St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

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## Reflections from the Rector



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In 2012, the Buffalo Ministerial Association began asking an important question: Do we have an identity statement? It was a challenging conversation because each church held different doctrinal positions about the authority of Scripture, the structure of church leadership, and the way the Gospel is expressed.

For example, one church believed that Scripture came directly from God and therefore should be understood literally. The Episcopal Church holds a different understanding. We see Scripture as revelation: God speaks, but that message comes through human beings. Questions of church authority also differed. Some churches were organized with leadership kept primarily

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## Sunday Worship Service

Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

at the local level, while the Episcopal Church and other mainline traditions follow a more hierarchical structure.

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## Youth Endowment Scholarship Applications



SCHOLARSHIP FUND

### Youth Endowment Scholarship Applications 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.

## Missionary Sunday

### Missionary Sunday This Sunday, 5/31

The fifth Sunday of each month has been designated Missionary Sunday. This Sunday is the fifth Sunday in May. The loose plate offering and any designated gifts will go to support our missionary, Erin Cottos.

Erin is a long-time member of St. Mark's. She went into the mission field in 2010 to Haiti. But due to political unrest, she hasn't been able to return for several years. However, she found a home at Eternal Anchor, which is a facility and school for children on the Baja Peninsula. She spends half the year there and half the year at U.T.M.B. Galveston as a professor, educating physical therapy students in many areas, including constructing equipment to help children with physical disabilities where traditional equipment isn't available.



To learn more about Erin and her ministry with Eternal Anchor, please click this link to her latest [newsletter](#).

## Day of Deeper Understanding



## Day of Deeper Understanding Saturday, May 30th St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

The Cursillo "Day of Deeper Understanding" is a workshop designed to help Cursillistas strengthen their understanding of the Cursillo method—Group Reunions, Ultreyas, Spiritual Direction, and the Rule of Life. It provides a relaxed, post-weekend space to digest the "Fourth Day" message.

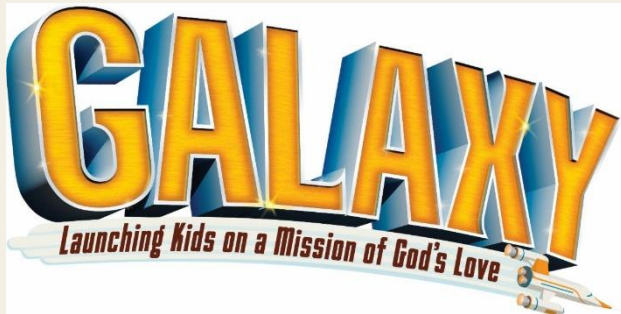
## 78418 Small Group

**78418 Small Group**  
**Wednesday, 6/3, at 7:00 p.m.**  
**3320 Bali Dr.**

The first meeting of the 78418 Small Group went well, and they set a date for their next meeting. If you live in the 78418 zip code area, you are invited to attend the group meeting. Steve and Pam Cater are hosting the gathering, which will include snacks and drinks.



## Vacation Bible School



## Vacation Bible School June 19-21

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.

GALAXY is a weekend 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.

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!

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.

## 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 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](http://MyTimeTithe.org/stmarkscc)

*Created by Jeremy Wilkey*

## 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!**

## Cimarron Senior Apartments Ministry

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

**Conversations with God  
Monday, 6/1, 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 residents after it arrives. If you have an hour or so to give, please consider helping with the monthly food distribution.

## 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 current 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 last meeting for the Bible study is Sunday, May 31st.  
The group will take a break during the summer and resume in the fall.**

## 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.



**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](#) and [June church calendar](#).

#### **May 31 - Trinity Sunday**

- 10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist--Sanctuary
- 11:30 a.m. - Coffee & Conversation--Fellowship Hall
- 11:45 a.m. - Adult Bible Study--Fellowship Hall Library

#### **June 1 - Monday**

- 9:30 a.m. - Staff Meeting--Fellowship Hall Library
- 11:00 a.m. - Conversations with God--Cimarron Senior Apartments, 2802 Cimarron Blvd.

#### **June 2 - Tuesday**

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

#### **June 3 - 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.

#### **June 4 - Thursday**

- 2:00 p.m. - Cliff & Stephanie Davis Memorial—Sanctuary

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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