

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

January 6, 2023

Upcoming Events

Bishop Reed's Visit--THIS Sunday

1/8 Sunday, 10:00 a.m.

Council Volunteer Registration

Deadline

1/12 Thursday

Annual Meeting

1/29 Sunday, 11:30 a.m.

Installation Service for Fr. Doug

2/10 Friday, 6:00 p.m.

From the Rector



Travel has been a common theme for the past couple of weeks. The challenges of travel became even more evident this Christmas season. My father-in-law, who is a retired airline pilot, has short sayings that articulate fundamental facts about flying. For example, he says, "There are old pilots and bold pilots, but there are no old bold pilots." This means it is often best to be cautious when it comes to flying and pay attention to all the details. Another saying he has is "Have time to spare, go by air." These pronouncements helped determine my travel plans for the Christmas season. My trip by car to Wyoming was relaxing and a time to listen to a great story about how a hero saved the world by traveling to a distant star and found a new friend along the way.

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

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Sunday Worship Service:

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

[Visit our website](#)

Bishop's Visit

Bishop Reed to Visit THIS Sunday January 8th

Our annual Bishop's visit, which is very early this year, will be this Sunday, January 8th. Bishop Reed will be our guest. The loose offering and any designated gifts will go to support the bishop's discretionary fund, which Bishop Reed uses to assist churches, their clergy and members. Please consider giving a gift to that fund.



All Things Council



Volunteer to Serve on a Subcommittee for the 2023 Diocesan Council Registration Deadline 1/12/23

Bishop Reed asked St. Andrew's, St. Peter's, and St. Mark's to be co-hosts for Council. We are now inviting you to serve on a sub-committee. Council begins at the American Bank Center on Thursday, February 16th, but the committees will set up Wednesday, February 15th. Some committees have specific days and times when volunteers will be needed, while others require volunteers for the entire time that Council is in session. There will be signup forms in the bulletins this Sunday. Please prayerfully consider how you may help.

Hotels—Chair: Beth Offutt. Two or three volunteers provide onsite check-in assistance and welcome guests.

Transportation—Chair: John deMontel. Several volunteers provide assistance for people getting on and off the shuttle service, which will be offered to those who have mobility issues, as well as those who will attend the luncheon at the Omni on Friday.

Hospitality—Chairs: Molly Wandel and Marybeth Maxwell. We need to have 584 dozen (6,000+) cookies available. Several volunteers will work to keep cookie trays full and the area clean, as well as work with the ABC staff to keep beverages well stocked.

Nursery/Childcare—Chair: Chrystal Wilkey. Four or five volunteers, who must have a current Safeguarding God's Children certificate, will set up space for 6-15 children, serve snacks and meals, provide age appropriate activities, and keep the children safe.

Worship Service—Music, Acolytes, and Ushers—Music Chair: Gay deMontel. Bishop Reed will plan and oversee the Holy Eucharist service Friday evening. Volunteers from all area churches and the surrounding area will participate. St. Mark's is responsible for the acolytes and the music. We will also need ushers/greeters to serve as ushers. We have all our acolytes but need a lot of singers for the choir and three or four ushers/greeters.

To help with a sub-committee or ask any questions, you may contact Judy in the church office at (361) 994-0285 or at judy@stmarkscc.org.

Calling all Cookie Bakers!

We need your help with the cookie project for Diocesan Council. We are supplying over 500 dozen cookies, but we're not responsible for baking all of them. Thank goodness!



We invited the eleven churches in our area to help. St. Bartholomew's said they would contribute cookies, and other churches may be helping without letting us know.

Several of you have asked how many more dozen we need. Since many could be baking at home and freezing them, we have no way to really know where we are in the count. So please, just keep on baking! If we have extra, we'll freeze them for Coffee Hour.

Here's a shout-out to our Men's Reunion Group; they have baked 169 dozen cookies to date and are planning to bake more next week. Way to go, guys!

Here are the instructions:

- All types of cookies are encouraged.
- Please package your cookies in quart-size freezer Ziplock bags.
- Write the type and quantity on the bag.
- Freeze them.
- Freezer storage space at the church is almost completely full, so please keep your cookies in your freezer. If you don't have enough space, call the office (361) 994-0285 to see what other options are available.

Annual Parish Meeting



Annual Meeting & Potluck Sunday, January 29

This year's Annual Meeting will be the last Sunday in January immediately after the service. We'll elect new vestry members, hear reports from various ministry leaders, learn about our financial condition, and view a photo roller that will capture the year 2022 in pictures.

We'll celebrate with a Southern Bar-B-Que potluck. You may sign up to bring your favorite bar-b-que dish on the back of your Connection Card that will be in the bulletins each Sunday.

Make plans to come for great food and fellowship, and learn about how 2022 ended and what is envisioned for 2023.

Installation Service

Installation Service for Fr. Doug Wasinger Friday, February 10th, at 6:00 p.m.

Fr. Doug will officially be installed as our rector in February. The service will be on a Friday evening with a reception to follow. There will be more information available later, but we wanted you to have the date now. Mark your calendars for this historic event in the life of St. Mark's.



Flowers



Flower Chart Available in the Sanctuary

You may sign up to sponsor the altar flowers on a special Sunday in 2023 by writing your name by the date on the flower chart which is now available in the entryway to the sanctuary. Several dates have already been selected. Here are the dates that are still available:

Jan 29-----May 14-----July 16-----Nov 19
April 16-----May 21-----Oct 29-----Dec 24
May 7-----July 2-----Nov 12-----Dec 31

The flowers cost \$55. An email requesting your dedication information will be sent at the beginning of the month you sign up for.

SEEK Youth Group

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Registration for **Camp Capers camping opportunities** are now open:

Mid-Winter Camp 1/13/23-1/15/23

Mid-Winter Camp 1/20/23-1/22/23

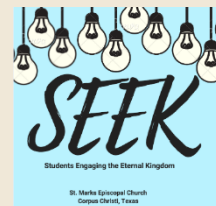
Summer Camp:

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.

Diocesan Events



Diocesan News

Nominees for Bishop Coadjutor Election Announced--Click on [the link](#) for more information.

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

January 8 - Sunday--Bishop Reed's Bishop's Visit

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

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

January 10 - Tuesday

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

6:00 p.m. - Women's Group--Fellowship Hall Library

January 11 - Wednesday

11:30 a.m. - Lunch with the Old Guys--Nolan's Restaurant, 4117 S. Staples St.

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

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