

# St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

October 23, 2025

## Upcoming Events

### Fall Festival

10/25, Saturday

### Ministry Fair

11/2, Sunday

### Conversations with God Bible Study

11/3, Monday

### Game Night

11/5, Wednesday

### Giving in Gratitude Potluck Lunch Ingathering of Estimate of Giving Cards

11/9, Sunday

### Blood Drive

11/16, Sunday



## From the Rector Fr. Doug Wasinger



One of my favorite hobbies is fishing. I was introduced to this pastime by my granddad, who taught me the basics in a creative way. He filled his bathtub with water and showed me how to pull the lure through the water. Later, when we arrived at a creek in the wilderness of Colorado, I learned how to cast a line for real.

In college, I was reintroduced to fishing during a summer session. After morning lectures, my friends and I would head to a local lake or find an obscure creek where we would spend a couple of hours fishing. I got pretty good at it—so good that my friends would bet on how many casts I'd make before landing a fish. It was in Wyoming that I took my game to another level. There, I learned how to read the water and look for clues about what the fish would bite.

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## Sunday Worship Service

Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

[Visit our website](#)

## Fall Festival

**Fall Festival**  
**THIS Saturday,**  
**October 25th**  
**9:00 a.m. to 12:00**  
**p.m.**

Our annual Fall Festival is this Saturday. Here's [a flyer](#) you can download and print to invite others.

### **We need your help in two areas:**

**Candy donations:** You may bring your donations on Friday, 10/24, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. or drop them off before 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning.

**Event set up:** Please consider coming to help with the setup on Friday from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

If you're interested in buying raffle tickets or submitting bids for the silent auction, stop by on Friday to do that as well.

**We really need more Trunk or Treat vehicles for the event. Please let Chrystal know if you can help by calling her at (361) 549-8917.**

**This is such a fun community event!**  
**We're looking forward to another successful year!**

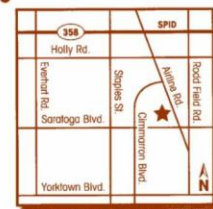
**Free Family Event**  
**FALL FESTIVAL**  
**Saturday, October 25, 2025**  
**9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.**

**Activities:** Bounce House, Crafts, Face Painting, Petting Zoo, Trunk or Treat, Live Music, Games, Hayrides, Raffle, and Silent Auction Items

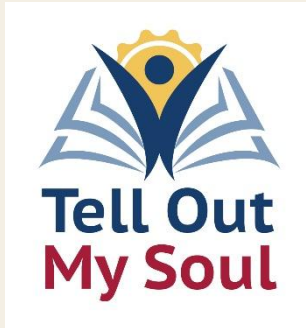
**Food:** Travelin' Tom's Coffee Truck and Kona Ice, Hot Dogs, and Water (available for purchase)

**Wear your costume— please, not too scary and bring a bag for goodies.**

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# Stewardship Campaign



## Tell Out My Soul Campaign for 2026

Our stewardship campaign is titled "Tell Out My Soul," which is based on Luke 1:46-47 *And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior..."* We are in week four of the campaign and have heard from three speakers.

We also asked everyone to participate in the campaign by answering questions. There has been a different question each week. The results from each survey question will be reported on the following Sunday. This week's question is **"What help do**

**you need to continue your spiritual growth: another Bible study, more prayer opportunities, etc.?"** You may use [this link](#) or the QR code below to make your response. Or if you prefer, we'll also have Post-it notes in each Sunday bulletin for you to use to write your response. You will then place it on a large Post-it, which will be on a wall near the baptismal font as you leave the service on Sunday. We really want to hear from you. Thank you to those who have participated in the last three weeks!

### Important Dates to Remember:

#### Ministry Fair November 2nd

Everyone is invited and encouraged to participate in a Ministry Fair to learn about the ministries here at St. Mark's and to sign up for those that interest you. A representative for each ministry will be available to answer any questions you may have.

#### Giving in Gratitude Potluck Lunch and Ingathering of our 2026 Estimate of Giving Cards November 9th

The culmination of our Tell Out My Soul stewardship campaign is on Sunday, November 9th. We'll present our 2026 Estimate of Giving cards to God by placing them on the altar during the service, where Fr. Doug will bless those offerings. We'll follow that up with our annual Giving in Gratitude Potluck Lunch to celebrate. Please sign up this Sunday on the back of the Connection Card to bring a dish for the potluck. This year, the theme is Thanksgiving Dinner.



## October Ramp Build Photos

Another



**Successful Access Plus Ramp Build Was Completed October 18th.  
Thank you to everyone who came out to help!**

## Cimarron Senior Apartments Ministry



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

**Conversations with God Bible Study  
Monday, 11/3, at 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 the residents after it has arrived. If you have an hour or so to give, please consider helping with the monthly food distribution.



## Game Night

**Game Night  
Wednesday,  
November 5,  
6:00 p.m.**

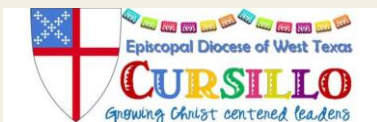
A Game Night has been planned for Wednesday, November 5th, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Our Game Nights have always been a time of fun and fellowship. Mark your calendars to come join in and invite your friends to come too!



**Game Night  
Fun**



## November Cursillo



### **Cursillo at Camp Capers November 6-9**

If you've ever felt stuck in your faith, you are not alone. If you want to change that feeling, I want to encourage you to attend an upcoming Cursillo. By definition, Cursillo is a Spiritual Retreat and a short course on faith.

The purpose of Cursillo is to present you with a method of living as a Christian in the world today. It is a way to strengthen and renew your faith, make new friends from our diocese, and provide you with focus for your vision of prayer, study, and action in your life and God's Church. There is good food, music, and it is just fun!

If you are interested, feel free to contact me at (361) 903-5060 with any questions to help you register. Though there is a cost for the weekend, scholarships are available!

The next Cursillo will be November 6th-9th at Camp Capers.

*Lori Jones*

## Youth Ministry

### SEEK Youth Group Meets Sundays after the Service

Youth group will meet this week in the youth room for highs and lows and prayer. Grab some snacks and join the group in the youth room.



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

## Adult Bible Study

### Adult Bible Study Class Sundays at 11:30 a.m.

The Adult Bible Study group meets on Sundays after the service. Tom Curry is leading the study entitled **"Understanding the Old Testament in Jesus's Time."** Bring your own Bible, or use one of the several that will be available. Pick up some refreshments, and join the class in the fellowship hall library.



# Blood Drive

## Coastal Bend Blood Center Blood Drive Sunday, November 16th



Coastal Bend Blood Center  
*Giving so that others may live*

We have another opportunity to help our community by participating in the next blood drive on November 16th. Blood and blood products are always in demand, and we can help increase the supply by donating blood.

You can [schedule an appointment](#) on the 16th by clicking on the link or scanning the QR code on the flyer below. Or, you may simply walk in on the 16th if you prefer.

The donor incentives this time are a long-sleeve donor T-shirt and a pair of tickets to an Ice Rays game.

Coastal Bend Blood Center  
*Giving so that others may live*

**ST MARK'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

**BLOOD DRIVE**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH**  
**9:15 AM - 12:30 PM**  
**LOCATION: 2727 AIRLINE RD**

**FREE LONG SLEEVE SHIRT +  
A PAIR OF ICERAYS TICKETS**

Scan here to make  
your appointment

Scan the QR Code or call the Blood Center at 361-855-4943 to make your lifesaving appointment. Donors will receive a Hunting for Donors Long Sleeve T-shirt & a pair of Ice Rays Tickets. While supplies last. Picture I.D. Required.



## Timon's Ministry



### Ministry in Partnership with Timon's Ministries

Over the course of many years, St. Mark's has partnered with Timon's Ministries in various ways. Timon's goal "is to provide a hand up, empowering individuals to regain their strength, dignity, and ultimately, their place in the workforce." Our women's reunion group has discovered several ways to serve this community.

Members of the group have been volunteering their time at Timon's Ministries, working in the Clothing Closet, organizing items, and visiting with people. The group has asked for help with their efforts in any of the following ways:

- Donating band aids, bandages, gauze, etc.
- Donating clothing, especially men's shirts, jeans, shorts, athletic shoes, flip-flops, socks, and belts, and women's jeans, shorts, undergarments, socks, and purses
- Donating sleeping bags, backpacks, tote bags, suitcases, and recyclable plastic bags
- Donating travel-size deodorant, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, bars of bath soap, body wash, bath towels
- Donating toothbrushes and new or used shoelaces
- Donating laundry supplies
- Donating items for to-go food bags: tuna and cracker packs, granola bars, chips, bottled water, etc.
- Sorting clothing and helping clients on Mondays from 8:45 to noon

You may leave your donations in designated boxes located in the entryway to the sanctuary and in the fellowship hall. Contact Pam Cater at (361) 446-4498 for more information.

**Thank you for your help with this important  
ministry opportunity.**

## Diocesan Events

### Diocesan News



**Cursillo Weekends**--A Cursillo is a three-day spiritual retreat weekend for adults. **The next Cursillo will be at Camp Capers, 11/6-9.** [Click this link](#) to obtain more information and to register.

**Discovery Weekend at Camp Capers**--This weekend, scheduled for **November 14-15**, is designed to help both lay and ordained persons discern a deeper call to ministry. [Click here 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 [October ministry schedule](#). Click here for the [October church calendar](#).

### **October 25 - Saturday**

9:00 a.m. - Fall Festival--Fellowship Hall & Grounds

### **October 26 - Sunday**

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

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

11:30 a.m. - SEEK Youth Group--Fellowship Hall Youth Room

### **October 27 - Monday**

8:45 a.m. - Clothing Shop--Timon's Ministry, 10501 S. Padre Island Dr.

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

### **October 28 - Tuesday**

7:30 a.m. - Women's Reunion Group--Corner Bakery Cafe, 4928 S. Staples St.

### **October 29 - 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.

### **October 31 - Friday**

Halloween

**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](#)

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