

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

February 27, 2025

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From the Rector Fr. Doug Wasinger



When I was still single, living in Wyoming, and pondering what my role in the world and the church would be, I was encouraged to participate in a lay lead formation program called, Education for Ministry, or EFM. EFM was established in 1975 by the School of Theology at the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee. During my first year I was introduced to a biblical cycle that continues to inform my personal theology today. It was pointed out that there is a flow to the narrative of the Bible. This theme is clear in Genesis, Exodus, and Deuteronomy. The biblical cycle flows like this: first there is a promise or blessing, then over time this promise, or blessing leads to a bondage, then God acts and there is a moment of liberation. However, instead of going straight from bondage back to the promise and blessing, there is a period of

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Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

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wilderness. What is most often overlooked is the wilderness, or period of transition, because that is the time when people often experience chaos and emotional upheaval.

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

Buchi/Richers Wedding



Kayla Buchi & Jacob Richers Wedding THIS Saturday, 3/1, 4:30 p.m.

Kirk and Melanie Buchi would like to invite everyone at St. Mark's to the wedding ceremony of their daughter Kayla and her fiancé Jacob on **Saturday, March 1st, at 4:30 p.m.** here at St. Mark's.

Kayla and Jacob are registered at Target, Amazon, and Dillard's. Here are the links to their registries:

[Target](#)

[Amazon](#)

[Dillard's](#)

They would love for you to share in Kayla and Jacob's special day!

Camp Sunday

Camp Sunday Sunday, March 2nd

Each spring our diocese asks us to designate a Sunday dedicated to the diocesan camping program. This year it falls on March 2nd. We'll hear about a personal camp experience from one of our parishioners.

The loose offering and any designated gifts will go to support the camping program, which includes scholarships for campers who may need that assistance. St. Mark's also offers scholarships for kids who would like to go a summer session at Camp Capers. You may contact the church office for more information.



The Season of Lent



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper March 4, 6:00 p.m.

On Shrove Tuesday St. Mark's offers the opportunity for an evening of fun and fellowship, along with a pancake supper. The men of the church have traditionally prepared this feast for us, and they will do that again this year. Thank you, guys! There will be fun and games for all. Please consider coming to celebrate the beginning of Lent.

Ash Wednesday Events March 5

**Imposition of Ashes
7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer**

**Imposition of Ashes
7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist**



We will have two main services for the Imposition of Ashes on Ash Wednesday at 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

If you know of anyone who would like to receive ashes but who is unable to attend a service, we will have Ashes to Go in the church parking lot from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Please share this information with family and friends.



Lenten Soup & Study Wednesdays, beginning March 12, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Over the past two years, we have enjoyed discussing episodes from *The Chosen* series, focusing on Seasons One and Two. This year, we will continue with Season Three. A link to the episode we will view and discuss will be provided in the ENews the week before each gathering.

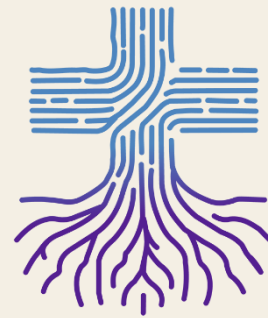
A soup supper will be provided by a different ministry each week. If your ministry would like to contribute a meal, please contact Judy in the church office at 361-994-0285 or via email at judy@stmarksc.org. Four of the five Wednesday dates are covered, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26, and 4/2, which leaves 4/9 yet to be sponsored.

If you plan to attend the study, please sign up on your Connection Card this Sunday and indicate whether you will need childcare so we can ensure it is available.

Online Lenten Devotional

The Episcopal Relief & Development Offers Online Lenten Devotional

Looking for a devotional for Lent? [Click this link](#) to check out the online devotional series offered by the Episcopal Relief and Development Department of the National Church.



Bring a Friend to Church



Bring a Friend to Church Sunday, 3/9

Mark your calendars for another Bring a Friend to Church on Sunday, March 9th. It's a great opportunity to share the love of Jesus through our St. Mark's family. Please consider inviting friends or family members to join you for worship. Better

yet, offer to also pick them up and bring them with you.

Nursery Refresh

Help with Nursery Supplies and Equipment

When you get a chance, take a peak in the nursery to see how wonderfully inviting it is now with all the new equipment and toys. This picture doesn't do it justice.

There are still a few items on the wishlist if you haven't had an opportunity to participate in the nursery refresh project. Here is a link to the [Amazon wish list](#). Below is a QR code to access the list as well. All items ordered will be delivered straight to the church. If you have other items you would like to donate, please feel free to reach out to Chrystal Wilkey at 361-549-8917.



Thank you to those who have purchased items from the Amazon wish list.
We're off to a great start!



SEEK Youth Group



SEEK Youth Group

Coming up:
March 4 Shrove Tuesday/ Pancake Supper
March 5 Ash Wednesday
March 7-9 Happening #159 (10-12th grades)

Adult Bible Study

Adult Bible Study Sundays after the Service

The Adult Bible Study Group meets in the Fellowship Hall library at 11:45 AM. You can bring your Bibles if you'd like; however, there will be some available if you need one. Grab some refreshments and join in the conversation.



The group will continue the study of the Epistle of 1st John. If you'd like to be a part of this study, please read the book of 1st John, which is short, by this Sunday.

Timon's Ministry



Ministry in Partnership with Timon's Ministry

Over the course of many years, St. Mark's has partnered with Timon's Ministry 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 Ministry working in the Clothing Closet organizing items and visiting with people. The group has asked for help with their efforts through any of the following ways:

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

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Cursillo Weekends--Cursillo weekends are spiritual retreats for adults. There are two Cursillos planned for the spring, one at **Camp Capers March 13-16** and one at **Mustang Island May 1-4**. For more information, please [click this link for March](#) and [click this link for May](#).

Happening Weekend--Happening is a renewal weekend for 10th through 12th grade youth. There is an event planned to begin **March 7 in Victoria**. Here is the [link for more information](#).

Consecration of Suffragan Bishop Cortinas--Our new Suffragan Bishop will be consecrated Saturday, March 15th, at St. John's Episcopal Church in McAllen. Here's the [link for more information](#).

Summer Camp at Camp Capers--The schedule for kids' summer sessions for Camp Capers is available. [Click here for more information](#). Just scroll down until you find the camp that you are interested in.

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 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. 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 the [March schedule](#) for our ministries. The schedule is an ongoing work in progress, so please check each week to see if there are any changes. Here is the [March calendar](#) for the church.

March 1 - Saturday

4:30 p.m. - Buchi/Richers Wedding

March 2 - Sunday--Camp Sunday

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

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

11:30 a.m. - SEEK Youth Group

11:45 a.m. - Adult Bible Study

March 3 - Monday

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

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

March 4 - Tuesday

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

11:00 a.m. - Conversations with God--Cimarron Senior Apartments, 2802 Cimarron Blvd.

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

March 5 - Wednesday

7:00 a.m. - Ash Wednesday Morning Prayer--Sanctuary

11:30 a.m. - Lunch with the Old Guys--Cattfish Charlie's, 5830 McArdle Rd.

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

5:00 p.m. - Ashes to Go--Church Parking Lot

7:00 p.m. - Ash Wednesday Holy Eucharist--Sanctuary

March 6 - Thursday

11:30 a.m. - Crossroads Ministry—TAMUCC

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