

# St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

May 30, 2024

## Upcoming Events

### YEF Scholarship Application

#### Deadline

5/31, Friday

### Sun Fest Community Event

6/8, Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

### Blood Drive

6/9, Sunday 9:15 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

### Vacation Bible School

7/8-7/11, Monday - Thursday

9:00-11:45 a.m.

## From Our Rector Fr. Doug



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## Sunday Worship Service

Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

I recently had a passionate and honest conversation with a family member about an unfortunate event. As I listened, I stated that perhaps that person could have handled a confrontation differently. As the conversation continued, I picked up on the personal frustration with the individual's inability to address injustices in the world. As it was put to me, there comes a point when a person is left with two choices: either resign oneself to despair or become bitter, and neither choice shows much promise. I agreed. I then thought to myself and said out loud that there must be a third choice, but at the time I could not immediately think of what an appropriate response would be when confronting bullying behaviors and attitudes. Jesus was confronted with hostile forces, and yet he found a way to stay focused on doing the proper thing and did not treat others with the same antipathy. He found a way to forgive and express mercy, even at a great cost, and that approach changed the hearts and minds of people in the long run. This is the third choice I want to spend more of my time and energy pursuing in life.

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

## Youth Endowment Scholarship Applications



### Youth Endowment Fund Scholarship Applications Due TOMORROW, May 31st

Our Youth Endowment Fund was established to provide scholarships for college and trade school students to help with tuition. The fund must grow three percent each year. The surplus is what becomes available for scholarship disbursements. You may support our college students by donating to the fund at any time.

The fund had a surplus that is available to disburse this year for the fall semester. College students, incoming college freshmen, and trade or vocational school students are encouraged to apply. Here is a link to the [guidelines and application](#), which are available on our website. The website states that the deadline is June 30th, but that was recently changed to May 31st in order to make sure the scholarship checks arrive at the schools in a timely manner. The Youth Endowment Committee will meet in June to make decisions about scholarship disbursements, and checks will be sent to the respective schools in July.

## Sun Fest Community Event

### Sun Fest Event June 8th, 9 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



Another free community event has been planned with two goals in mind:

- provide our neighbors with a Saturday morning filled with fun
- raise more funds for our new sign

We will have live music, a D.J., a bounce house, an obstacle course, hot dogs, and family yard games. We will also have Kona Ice and Travelin' Tom's coffee available for purchase.

There will be a silent auction to raise money for the new sign on Airline Road. If you have an item you would like to donate for the silent auction, please reach out to Chrystal Wilkey at (361) 549-8917. If you would like to help as a volunteer, please let her know that too. You may also sign up on the back of the Connection Card in your worship bulletin this Sunday or contact the church office at (361) 994-0285.

[Click here for the flyer](#) to access more information and to use as an invitation for family, friends, and neighbors.

## Blood Drive



**Coastal Bend Blood Center**

*Giving so that others may live*

**Blood Drive  
Sunday, 6/9,  
9:15 a.m.-1:30**

**p.m.**

The Coastal Bend Blood Center will set up a mobile donation center in the church parking on June 9th to receive blood donations. Hannah, the Blood Center representative, said that donations go down in the summer, which leads to shortages. Please consider giving the gift of life for those who need it.

The representatives from the blood center would like to be able to get donations of at least 12 units of blood. If you are able to give a unit, you will receive a Rock N Roll t-shirt and a coupon for Blue Bell Ice Cream.

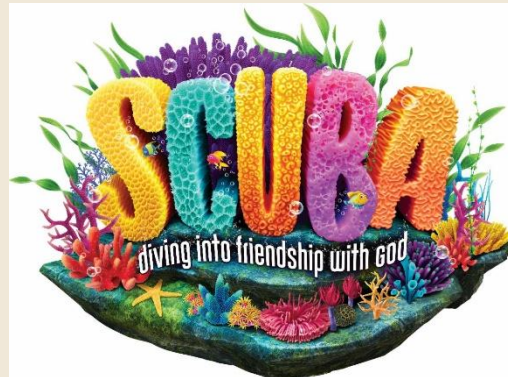
Please be aware that the blood mobile will be parked in the first 6-7 spaces on the left as you drive into the parking lot that Sunday.

## Vacation Bible School

**Scuba Vacation Bible School  
Monday-Thursday, July 8-11,  
9:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.**

The theme for this year's Vacation Bible School program is "Scuba, Diving into Friendship with God" and promises to be another grand adventure learning about God.

We would like to ask you to consider volunteering to help with Vacation Bible School and purchasing supplies needed for the children who attend. Here's a [link to register as a volunteer and to register children](#) to attend. Please share with others who may want to help or have children who would like to participate. Here's a [link to the supply registry](#) list if you'd like to help with the supplies.



Scuba has seven areas where people may volunteer. We need both leaders and helpers. Here are the seven areas and a description of each:

- **Deep Bible Adventures Leader:** this organized storyteller brings the Bible to life through interactive experiences, then helps kids apply the word of God to their own lives.
- **Games leader:** this energetic person leads kids in fun physical activities and discussions.
- **Imagination Station leader:** this fun-loving leader encourages creativity and brings the Bible point to life!

- **Snack leader:** this organized person prepares snacks and guides kids in relating the snack to the Bible point each day.
- **Sticky Scripture leader:** this master of discussion shares videos and leads kids in discussion on how to apply the daily Bible point to their lives.
- **Opening and Closing leader:** this creative, energetic person leads opening and closing each day with dancing, singing, acting, and teaching.
- **Crew leaders:** these youth or adults travel to stations with the kids, having fun, forming relationships, and helping as needed.

Please contact Sally Buck at (361) 813-5732 if you would like to volunteer or have any questions.

## Summer Kickoff Event Photos



### Summer Fun at the Wandel Home

A great time was had by all who attended the Summer Kickoff party at John and Molly Wandel's home. Thank you, John and Molly, for hosting such a fun event!

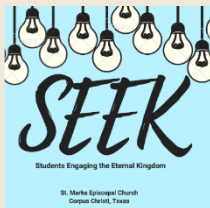








## Youth Group & Children's Ministry



### SEEK Youth Group Will Not Meet this Sunday

**Youth Group:** We will take a break during the summer months.

**Vacation Bible School:** Stop by the Scuba Vacation Bible Adventure table this Sunday during coffee hour and see where you can help this year! Vacation Bible School will be July 8th through July 11th.

**College and trade school students:** Applications are being accepted for scholarships from the Youth Endowment Fund. **The deadline is TOMORROW, May 31st.** You will find the guidelines and application link in the article above and on St. Mark's website.

## Adult Bible Study

### Adult Bible Study Group is Taking a Break for the Summer and Will Resume in the Fall



The Sunday Adult Bible study group will take a break during the summer. Below are the links to the first ten chapters of the Gospel of Mark if you would like study on your own during the summer. The group will resume meeting in the fall.

Here are links for the Gospel of Mark:

[the introduction](#) to the class

[map of the Sea of Galilee](#)

[chapter one](#) study notes

[chapter two](#) study notes

[chapter three](#) study notes

[chapter four](#) study notes

[chapter five](#) study notes

[chapter six](#) study notes

[chapter seven](#) study notes

[chapter eight](#) study notes

[chapter nine](#) study notes

[chapter ten](#) study notes

## 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:

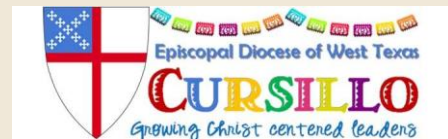
- Donating men's shirts, jeans, or athletic shoes
- Donating travel size deodorant, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, bars of bath soap, body wash
- Donating toothbrushes
- Donating items for to-go food bags: tuna and cracker packs, granola bars, chips, bottled water, etc.
- Sorting clothing on Wednesdays from 8:10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

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.**

## Cursillo & Women's Reunion Groups

### Cursillo Community Information



New **reunion groups** for women who have completed a Cursillo weekend are being formed. (Both daytime and evening times are possible.) Please contact Pam Cater at (361) 446-4498 or at [pamela.j.cater@gmail.com](mailto:pamela.j.cater@gmail.com), if you are interested in participating in a group or just being kept informed of upcoming Cursillo events and activities.

Looking ahead, two Cursillos are scheduled for the fall: October 3-6 at Mustang Island Retreat Center and November 7-10 at Camp Capers.

## Diocesan Events



### Diocesan News

**Cursillo Information**--Please use the link below to the diocesan page containing information on upcoming [Cursillo weekends](#).

**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 [June schedule](#) for our ministries, which is an ongoing work in progress. Please check each week to see if there are any changes. Here's a link to the [June calendar](#).

### **June 2 - Sunday**

10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist--Sanctuary  
11:30 a.m. - Coffee Hour--Fellowship Hall

### **June 3- Monday**

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

### **June 4- Tuesday**

7:30 a.m. - Women's Reunion Group--Corner Bakery, 4938 S. Staples St.  
12:00 p.m. - Bible Study at Cimarron Senior Estates Apartments, 2802 Cimarron Blvd.

### **June 5 - Wednesday**

8:10 a.m. - Clothing Sorting--Timon's Ministries, 10501 S. Padre Island Dr.  
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 8 - Saturday**

9:00 a.m. - Sun Fest Event--Entire Property

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

[St. Mark's Episcopal Church](#)

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[St. Mark's Church Facebook Page](#)

[Diocese of West Texas](#)

[Diocesan Newsletter and Reflection Magazine](#)

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