

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

June 6, 2024

Upcoming Events

Silent Auction Early Bidding

6/7, Friday 4:00-7:00 p.m.

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.

Access Plus Ramp Build

6/15, Saturday 8:00 a.m.

Cimarron Senior Apartments Food Distribution

6/20, Thursday 12:00 pm.

Cimarron Senior Apartments Health Fair

6/20, Thursday 1:00 p.m.

Vacation Bible School

7/8-7/11, Monday - Thursday
9:00-11:45 a.m.

From Our Rector Fr. Doug



Samuel of the Old Testament was growing old. He had done a good job leading the people of Israel and keeping them focused on following God. Yet, when he appointed his sons to continue in his work of leading the nation, his sons were not up to the task. They failed because they used their position of authority for personal gain at the cost of justice for others. This created a vacuum of effective spiritual leadership. When this occurred, the people approached Samuel and requested that he appoint a king to rule over their nation. This request upset Samuel because he knew it implied that the people wanted a new god that they could see or even control. They no longer sought to be different; they wanted to be like every other nation. Samuel's sons took bribes and perverted justice, just like the leaders of other nations. Samuel was upset because he knew God had selected Israel to be

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different with a specific purpose: to bless the nations around it. Now the people of Israel were giving away their blessing. They lost their courage and trust in God due to human failings.

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

Sun Fest Community Event

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

The logo for Sun Fest, featuring the words "Sun Fest" in a stylized, yellow, serif font with a slight shadow effect, set against a dark blue rectangular background.

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.

[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
THIS 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 at the right side of the parking lot, near the sidewalk leading to the fellowship Hall. It will be using the first 6-7 parking spaces.

Vacation Bible School

**Access Plus Ramp Build
Saturday, June 15th, 8:00 a.m.
509 Fairview Dr.**

The June ramp build is for Erma, who has been waiting a while for her ramp. This will give her easier access to her home, which will bless her, her caregivers, and her family members.

You don't need any building experience to be a part of a ramp build. Doug Wayland and the team members would be happy to train you. Just come with an open heart and willing hands.



Cimarron Senior Apartments Food Distribution



Cimarron Senior Apartments Food Distribution & Health Fair Thursday, 6/20, 12:00 p.m.

The next **food distribution** at Cimarron Senior Apartments is Thursday, June 20th, beginning at noon. Please consider lending a helping hand to get the boxes of food delivered to some of the residents' homes.

The Activities Director, Julia Livas, is also hosting a "**health fair**" that afternoon from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. We would like to have a couple people stay after the food distribution to hand out bags that will have fresh fruit and information about St. Mark's. If anyone is able to do that, please contact the church office at (361) 994-0285, or visit with Fr. Doug.

Vacation Bible School

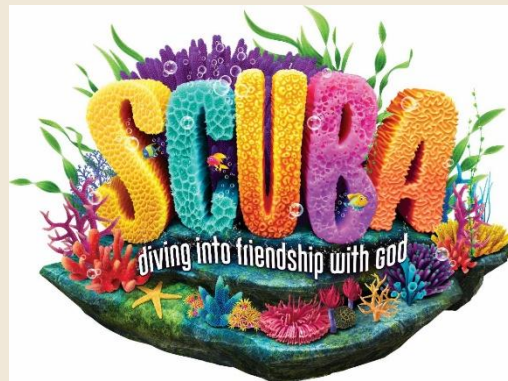
Scuba Vacation Bible School Monday-Thursday, July 8-11, 9:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

The theme for this year's Vacation Bible School program is "Scuba, Diving into Friendship with God." It 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:

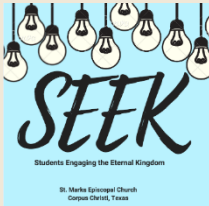
- **Deep Bible Adventures Leader:** this organized storyteller brings the Bible to life through interactive experiences, then helps kids apply the word of God to their own lives.



- **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.

Youth Group & Children's Ministry



SEEK Youth Group Will Take a Break During the Summer

Youth Group: We will not meet regularly 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.

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
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[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:

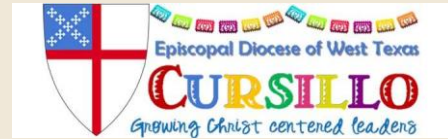
- Donating men's shirts, jeans, or athletic shoes
- Donating travel size deodorant, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, bars of bath soap, body wash
- Donating toothbrushes
- Donating items for to-go food bags: tuna and cracker packs, granola bars, chips, bottled water, etc.
- Sorting clothing on Wednesdays 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, 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 9 - Sunday

9:15 a.m. - Coastal Bend Blood Center Blood Drive--Parking Lot
10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist--Sanctuary
11:30 a.m. - Coffee Hour--Fellowship Hall

June 10- Monday

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

June 11- Tuesday

7:30 a.m. - Women's Reunion Group--Corner Bakery, 4938 S. Staples St.

June 12 - Wednesday

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

June 13 - Thursday

12:00 p.m. - Clericus Meeting--Fellowship Hall Library

June 15 - Saturday

8:00 a.m. - Access Plus Ramp Build--509 Fairview Dr.

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

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