

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

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Upcoming Events

Hooks Game

8/11, Friday

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From the Rector Fr. Doug Wasinger



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Sunday Worship Service:

10:00 a.m.--Morning Prayer--Sanctuary

Visit our website

I was fortunate to participate in a program called Senior Seminar, based on experience driven learning, during the second semester of my high school senior year. One aspect of the program was public service. I enjoyed being around horses and wanted to learn more about riding, so I signed up for Horse Therapy.

One requirement of those who are riding horses is to grip the mane of the horse. One afternoon when a group arrived for a session, we three volunteers were assigned a young boy who avoided the world by holding his hands close to his face to shield himself from external information. We made it clear that he had to hang on or he would fall off, but he would let go when he got tired of dealing with the instructions and default to holding his hands in front of his face. So, while ensuring the boy's safety, the volunteer team instructed the riders to make a sharp turn which made him fall off. Feeling the impact of hitting the ground helped motivate him to hang on, stretching his mind to engage in his immediate environment. The therapy session worked. By the end of the session, the boy was looking around and consistently hanging on to the horse. He was participating in the healthy behavior of acknowledging the world around him and had dropped his unhealthy self-protective shield of avoidance.

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

Hooks Game Tickets

Hooks Game Tickets Available

Four (4) **free** tickets to the Hooks baseball game tomorrow night 8/11 have become available. Please contact Judy at (361) 425-8249 if you would like the tickets.



Meals for Beth



Meals for Beth Offutt through Take them a Meal.com

We need your help to provide meals for Beth Offutt. We are using an online tool called TakeThemaMeal.com, which allows people to see who has signed up to take a meal and what they are providing. It's very helpful when a lot of people are a part of the team.

Dietary needs are listed on the website, as well as contact info and other instructions. Click here for the link to [Beth's schedule](#). If the link gives you trouble, you may go to takethemameal.com, click on the "Find a Meal Schedule", and enter Offutt in the name area and 1238 for the password. It will take you directly to Beth's page. Select a date and type in what you want to bring.

Please be aware that Beth doesn't need full meals; providing a serving or two will be great.

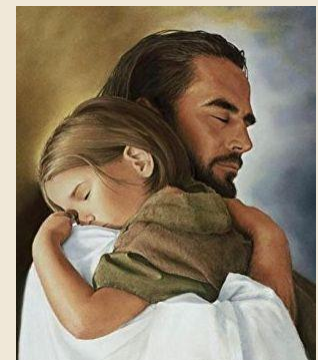
Prayer Buddies

Prayer Buddies for our Children and Youth

Prayer is such an important part of the life of St. Mark's. As a result, we have chosen to be more deliberate about praying for our children.

This Sunday you will have the opportunity to choose a prayer buddy from the bulletin board in the fellowship hall during coffee hour. Take an envelope, and inside you'll find the name and picture of a St. Mark's child or youth. All you have to do is commit to praying faithfully for that child. That's it! Other suggestions for how to support your prayer buddy are included in the envelope.

Our young adults will also be included in the program; once all our children and youth have prayer buddies, you will have the chance to choose an envelope for one of our young adults. They need prayer too!



Thank you for participating in the life of St. Mark's!

St. Mark's Day at the Beach



Beach Day in Port Aransas Saturday, August 19

The Wandels have rented a large white tent to provide shade for us while we enjoy a Saturday at the beach with our church family. It will be located near Beach Access Road 1 (not 1A) on Port Aransas Beach. We will not have the exact location until Friday, so it will be posted on the St. Mark's Facebook page, or you may

text Molly at (214) 762-8792 if you need help locating the group. The tent will be in place Friday night, so early birds can come any time Saturday.

Tables and ice chests filled with ice will be provided. You'll need to bring your own food, drinks, towels, sunscreen, chairs, sand toys, boogie boards, and anything else you would take for a trip to beach.

Access Plus

NO Ramp Build for August

Due to the severe nature of the recent temperatures and heat indexes, there will not be a ramp build in August. The group will resume in September. So, mark calendars for the third Saturday, September 16th!



Parish Meeting & Potluck Lunch



Picnic Themed Potluck and Parish Meeting Sunday, 8/27

Make plans to be here Sunday, August 27th, for a picnic themed potluck lunch and a parish meeting after the worship service. We'll share great food and hear about the plans moving forward from the strategic planning retreat that took place last Friday and Saturday. Sign up on the back of your Connection Card this Sunday to bring a

dish, or call the church office at (361) 994-0285.

Diocesan College Missions Council

College Missions Council to Connect Students

The College Missions Council of our diocese is requesting contact information for our college students to use to get them connected with college ministry opportunities and Episcopal churches in the community where they are going to school. Here is a link to the [diocese website](#) to find out more and submit contact information.



Remind Texting System



Remind Church Texting Service

We plan to use REMIND text messaging service as a communication tool. REMIND will give us the ability to send text messages directly to your phone, and it will allow you to respond with a message if necessary.

We are using the free version and are limited on the number of groups we may create. Below is a list of nine groups that have been created for our ministries, some of which have been combined. If this works well for us, we may expand our plan to include more ministry groups.

We are aware that some of you have had issues trying to connect with the group you need to be part of. We recently learned that we can send a text to you inviting you to join a specific group. You will need to download the REMIND app. We will work on sending out messages to those who have not yet signed up for a ministry group that they should be a part of in the coming weeks, so be on the look out for that text.

You may also sign up for your specific ministry group using the information below. We're asking everyone to sign up for the "**General Announcements**" group because it will be used for event reminders and emergency related information. That group will be one-way texting only. If you are asked whether you are a teacher, parent, or student, please choose parent.

To sign up for important updates from your ministry group, please text **@(the code for the ministry you are signing up for)** to **81010**.

- **General Announcements @stmarkgen**
- **Youth and Children's Ministry @739d77**
- **Ushers and Greeters @6hed62**
- **Sunday Worship Services** (This includes Presentation Managers / Livestream / LEMs / Lectors / Security Officers / Newcomer Ministers) **@a8c8d8**
- **Outreach Team / Access Plus @82fghdh**
- **Hospitality /Coffee Hour @7c8g6k**

- College/Young Adult Ministries @69f48hh
- Altar Guild @6g9b847
- Acolytes @gkf737

We are excited about having another tool to help with our communications.

Diocesan Events

Diocesan News



New: Youth, Children, and Family Ministry Summit--Click on [this link](#) for information on this one-day event August 19th. The cost is \$75 per person.

Connecting with College Missions--Click on [this link](#) if you'd like to get connected with the diocesan college ministry.

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.

- 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 [August schedule](#) for our ministries, which is an ongoing work in progress. Please check each week to see if there are any changes.

August 11 - Friday

7:05 p.m. - Hooks Game--Whataburger Field

August 13- Sunday

10:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer--Sanctuary

11:30 a.m. - Coffee Hour--Fellowship Hall

August 16 - Wednesday

11:30 a.m. - Lunch with the Old Guys--Silverado Smokehouse, 4522 Weber Rd.

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

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

August 19 - Saturday

No Access Plus Ramp Build

Any Time--St. Mark's Day at the Beach

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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