

# St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

May 23, 2024

## Upcoming Events

### Summer Kickoff Event

5/26, Sunday 3:00 p.m.

### YEF Scholarship Application Deadline

5/31, Friday

### Sun Fest Community Event

6/8, Saturday

### Blood Drive

6/9, Sunday 11:30 a.m.

## From Our Rector Fr. Doug



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The month of May hosts some life-changing transitions. When I scroll my Facebook page, I see pictures of graduations. There are people excited about their children finishing kindergarten or parents smiling with relief as their children, now young adults, finish high school and receive their diplomas. What strikes me also is the knowledge that many young people today are experiencing more mental and emotional pressures than those of past generations. Young adults are entering a world that seems to have a skeptical mindset about the future. Fortunately, I also see examples from some young adults themselves that the prevailing mood of society has not tainted their sense of optimism. I am glad to see that there is still a rebellious streak in our society that says that with hope there is the likelihood of a better outcome.

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

## Sunday Worship Service

Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

[Visit our website](#)

## Summer Kick-off

**St. Mark's Summer  
Kick-off Party  
Sunday, May 26th  
3:00 - 6:00 p.m.  
Wandel Home, 44 Hewit Pl**

Come to swim or just to hang out. All are invited.  
Bring a snack to share and a towel if you plan to  
swim.



**It will be more fun with you!!!**

## Youth Endowment Scholarship Applications



### Youth Endowment Fund Scholarship Applications Due 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

### Save the Date for our Sun Fest Event on June 8th

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. 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.

## Blood Drive



**Coastal Bend Blood Center**

*Giving so that others may live*

**Blood Drive  
Sunday, 6/9,  
at 11:30 a.m.**

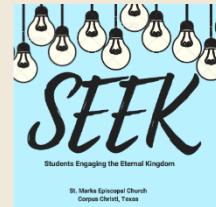
The Coastal Bend Blood Center will set up a mobile donation center in the church parking after the service on June 9th to receive blood donations. Hannah, the Blood Center representative, said that donations go down in the summer, which leads to shortages. Please consider giving the gift of life for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

## Youth Group & Children's Ministry

### SEEK Youth Group Will Not Meet this Sunday at 11:30 a.m



**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.

**Summer Kickoff Event:** Come to the Wandels' house from 3:00 -6:00 p.m. for the summer kickoff party. Bring a snack to share, and remember to bring a towel if you plan to swim or get in the hot tub!

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

## Adult Bible Study



### Adult Bible Study of the Gospel of Mark Last Meeting is this Sunday until the Fall

All are welcome to join the Bible study which meets at 12 p.m. this Sunday. The class will meet in the fellowship hall at noon and end around 1:00 p.m. Grab a cup of coffee and some snacks, then head over to the designated tables to sit down and dig into the Word.

Here are links for past study dates and the upcoming Sunday:

[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 you help with this important ministry opportunity.**

## Collecting Gardening Tools



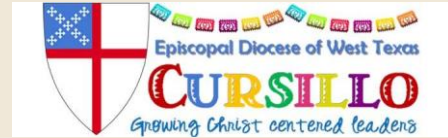
### Gardening Tools for Corpus Christi Nursing & Rehabilitation Center

The activities director at Corpus Christi Nursing and Rehab Center next door has asked us to collect gardening tools, gloves, and other gardening equipment that their residents could use in a new garden area

that the staff is building for them. Please bring any items you wish to donate to the church office.

## 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.

## Job Opportunity

### Seafarers' Center Job Opening



The Seafarers' Center is looking for people to minister to seafarers whose ships dock at the Port of Corpus Christi. The deadline for applications is 6/1. [Click for the flyer with details.](#)

## 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 [May 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 [May calendar](#).

### May 26 - Sunday

10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist--Sanctuary  
11:30 a.m. - Coffee Hour--Fellowship Hall  
12:00 p.m. - Adult Bible Study--Fellowship Hall  
3:00 p.m. - Summer Kickoff Event--Wandel Home, 44 Hewit Pl.

### May 26- Monday

**OFFICE CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY**

### May 27 - Tuesday

7:30 a.m. - Women's Reunion Group--Corner Bakery, 4938 S. Staples St.  
9:30 a.m. - Staff Meeting--Fellowship Hall Library

### May 29 - Wednesday

8:10 a.m. - Clothing Sorting--Timon's Ministries, 10501 S. Padre Island Dr.  
11:30 a.m. - Lunch with the Old Guys--Cafe Italia, 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.

**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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