

# St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

September 29, 2022

## Upcoming Events

**Cursillo #286 Mustang Island  
Conference Center**  
10/6-9 Thursday-Sunday

**Fr. Doug Wasinger's First Sunday  
Texas Favorites Potluck**  
10/9 Sunday

**Access Plus Ramp Build**  
10/15 Saturday, 8:00 a.m.

**C.P.R. Course**  
10/19 Wednesday, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

**Fall Festival**  
10/29 Saturday 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

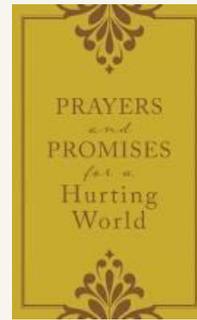
## In This Issue

God's Promises  
New Beginnings  
SEEK Youth Group  
Texas Favorites Potluck  
Who Are You?  
C.P.R. Course  
Fall Festival  
November Vote  
Diocesan Events  
New Life Refuge Follow-up  
Giving Information  
Weekly Calendar  
Helpful Links

### Sunday Worship Service:

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

## God's Promises



**Excerpt from**  
*Prayers and Promises for a  
Hurting World*  
**by Laura Freudig**

---

*"God is not human, that he should lie, not a  
human being, that he should change his  
mind. Does he speak and then not act?"*  
Numbers 23:19

Dear Father, promises made to us have been broken, and we have broken promises to others in return. We have grieved, and we have caused grief for others. Forgive us for our faithlessness, our inconstancy, our selfishness. But You, Lord, are faithful to every word You utter. You have never made an empty promise; if a promise You made has not already been fulfilled, it will be soon, as surely as the dawn is coming.

We praise You that Your Word is truth and that no promise will be left undone. We praise You for promising a hope and a future to childless Abraham--and then giving him Isaac. We praise You for promising a deliverer to your enslaved people--and then sending Moses. We praise You for promising Adam and Eve that one of their offspring would crush the

Visit our website

head of Satan--and then sending Jesus. And we praise You, Father, for promising to send Jesus again to make all things new. We wait and hope for that day, knowing that He who promises is faithful. Help us to stand on Your promises in these dark days, through fear, grief, and suffering. Give us a renewed faithfulness, both to You and to the people around us. Amen.

**Be Still, Believe, and Pray!**

## New Beginnings

### Fr. Doug Wasinger's First Sunday w October 9th

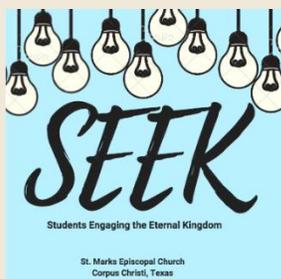
Fr. Doug's first Sunday with us is a little over a week away. Can you feel the excitement!?

Join us Sunday, October 9th, for Fr. Doug's first Sunday, as this marks the beginning of the next chapter in the life of our St. Mark's Church family.

**We're looking forward to a  
wonderful Sunday!**



## SEEK Youth Group



### SEEK Youth Group

Youth Group will meet this Sunday after the worship service beginning at 11:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Come join Ms. Molly!

## Texas Favorites Potluck

### What's Your Favorite Texas Dish?

We're going to welcome Fr. Doug Wasinger and his wife Kellie with a Texas Favorites Potluck Sunday, **October 9th**. Start thinking about what you want to bring. You can sign up on the back of your Connection Card this Sunday, or phone Judy in the office at (361) 994-0285, or email her at [judy@stmarkscc.org](mailto:judy@stmarkscc.org) to let her know.



Of course, if you can't bring a dish, that's okay! Please join us for the meal and to welcome the Wasingers to St. Mark's. We **ALWAYS** have enough food!!

### Who Are You?



### Fr. Doug Wants to Know

Wearing your name tag will be a tremendous help to Fr. Doug! So let's all get back into the habit of wearing ours. If you don't have one, let Judy know. She'll make one for you and put it on a name tag tree in the sanctuary entryway. You can reach her at the office at (361) 994-0285, or email her at [judy@stmarkscc.org](mailto:judy@stmarkscc.org).

### C.P.R. Course

**FREE C.P.R. Course**  
**October 19, 6:00-8:00 p.m.**



C.P.R. is a life saving skill we should all learn. We're hosting a free class Wednesday, October 19th. The class is limited to twenty people, so if you'd like to attend, please let Judy know by calling her at (361) 994-0285 or emailing her at [judy@stmarkscc.org](mailto:judy@stmarkscc.org). As of today, there are eight people confirmed to take the class, so let the office know soon if you'd like to attend.

## Fall Festival



**Fall Festival**  
**Saturday, October 29**  
**9 a.m.-12 p.m.**

Chrystal Wilkey is taking the lead on planning a Fall Festival hosted by St. Mark's in conjunction with KinderCare Learning Centers. We can help by donating candy and prizes for the games. There will be boxes set up in the entryway to the sanctuary and in the fellowship hall for donation drop-off. You can contact Chrystal at (361) 549-8917 for more details.

## November Vote

### Mid-Term Elections 11/8



Your vote carries more weight than you may realize and may be more important now than in years past. Often people think their vote doesn't count because someone else's just cancels out their vote. There is some truth to that, but if you and others think that way and choose not to vote, those uncast votes could determine the outcome of an election. So, in reality your uncast vote is actually a vote for whatever you don't agree with.

Here is some information to help you.

- This is a link for [election information](#), including **voter registration** for Nueces County. The deadline to register is October 11.
- **Early voting** will take place October 14 through November 4. Here's a link to [Early Voting Locations](#).
- This is a link to [ballot information](#), including the candidate name and party affiliation.

**Please prayerfully consider voting in the upcoming mid-term elections and pray for God's guidance concerning your vote.**

# New Life Refuge Follow-up



## Excerpt from Newsletter

As a follow-up to Tina Canary's presentation this past Sunday, below is an excerpt from New Life Refuge Ministries' newsletter. The article is written by Minta Moore, founder and executive director of New Life Refuge Ministries.

In the four years the Refuge Campus has served girls, I have learned so much. I've learned things professionally, like how to run a state-licensed child-care facility. For 17 years before starting New Life Refuge Ministries, I was the "plant lady," owning and operating an interior plant leasing and maintenance business. I had ZERO experience providing long-term residential care to kids. And it's a good thing that I didn't, because, as they say, "ignorance is bliss." There is undoubtedly a good reason that God does not show you your path too far in advance! But I am so honored and filled with joy for all God does through the efforts of all those involved in New Life Refuge Ministries. We may hear some hard stuff, but we get to see the beauty on the other side. And oh, what a joy and blessing it is. Thank you all for being a part of this important work.

This leads me to what I have learned personally, as a parent. We have had more calls in the last few months than ever before from parents seeking to place their own children in our program. The sad part is that there are so many that we have had to turn away because we don't have the capacity. With the closing of three other refuge homes in the state, it leaves only us and one other home serving these kids. So, today I want to ask you to be diligent in praying for an end to this crime. [Please educate your own children and grandchildren on how it happens.](#)

Recommend both of these actions to limit predators' access to your kids.

- Unplug your WiFi router each night.
- Have your kids dock their phones to charge in a place other than their bedroom, preferably your room or the living room - computers and game consoles, too.

Fighting child trafficking is a community effort. If you are reading Minta's Minute, you are part of that community. Thank you for making a change in these girls' lives and for protecting the children in your own lives. Together we are making a tangible difference.

God Bless.  
Minta

## Diocesan Events

### Diocesan News



Here is a [link for information](#) on the search process for our next Bishop, including the diocesan profile.

[Cursillo #268](#) 10/6-9 at the Mustang Island Conference Center. Registration of \$210. Click on the link for more information. There are scholarships available through the diocese if you'd like to go but need a little help.

## Ways to Support God's Kingdom through St. Mark's

### THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SUPPORT ST. MARK'S CHURCH!

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 worshiping 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.
- 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 October schedule for our ministries, which is still a work in progress. Please check each week to see if there are any changes.

#### **October 2 - Sunday**

10:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer Service--Sanctuary--Jon Reily  
11:15 a.m. - Coffee Hour--Fellowship Hall  
11:30 a.m. - SEEK Youth Group--Fellowship Hall

#### **October 4 - Tuesday**

10:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting--Fellowship Hall  
6:00 p.m. - Women's Group--Fellowship Hall Library  
6:30 p.m. - Men's Reunion Group--Nolan's Restaurant, 7426 S. Staples St.

#### **October 5 - Wednesday**

11:30 a.m. - Lunch with the Old Guys--Niko's Steakhouse, 5409 Saratoga Blvd.  
12:00 p.m. - Noonday Prayer Group--Fellowship Hall

#### **October 6 - Thursday**

5:30 p.m. - Finance Committee Meeting--Fellowship Hall  
Cursillo Retreat Weekend 10/6-10/9--Mustang Island Conference Center

## Helpful Links

**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](#)

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
2727 Airline Rd  
(361) 994-0285  
[www.stmarkscc.org](http://www.stmarkscc.org)



Subscribe to our Enews