# St. Mark's Episcopal Church

**weekly news & updates**

**October 29, 2026**

## Upcoming Events

**Missionary Erin Cottos Visit**
11/8, Sunday

**Giving in Gratitude Potluck**
11/8, Sunday

**Ingathering of the Estimate of Giving Cards**
11/8, Sunday

**Blood Drive**
11/22, Sunday

**Fishpond Living Apartment Thanksgiving Food Distribution**
11/24, Tuesday

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## Reflections from the Rector



This year, All Saints' Day, November 1st, falls right on a Sunday. All Saints', one of the seven Principal Feasts of the Episcopal Church, is our moment to celebrate the heroes of the faith. In this Sunday's reading from Revelation, John describes a breathtaking vision:

"I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands." (Revelation 7:9)

How can there be so many saints? Because they are not only the names in stained glass. Saints are the numerous people who shape our lives for the good.

Click here for the rest of the article.

## Sunday Worship Service

Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

Visit our website

# Fall Festival Update

## Fall Festival Update!

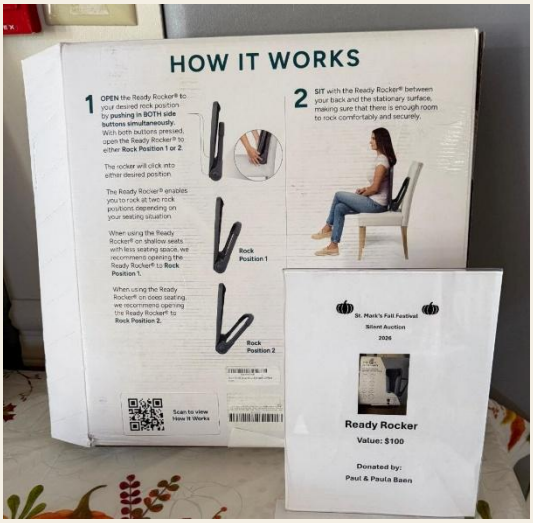



Chrystal and her team want to send out a heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make our Fall Festival such a successful event. The feedback from those who attended was very positive. The staff from Corpus Christi Nursing & Rehabilitation Center brought over several of their residents, and they had a great time.

We had over 650 people come to the event, and we raised about $2,000 through the silent auction and bake sale.

Four items didn't receive any bids in the silent auction and are still available. There is no minimum bid; any offer will be accepted. The value of each item is listed, and a picture of each one is below

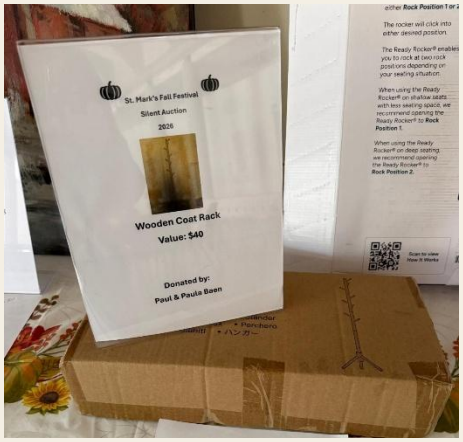
- Ready Rocker valued at $100
- Three Hearts Artwork valued at $45
- Painting of White Farmhouse valued at $80
- Coat Rack valued at $40












## Plenty Good Room Stewardship Campaign

### Plenty Good Room Stewardship Campaign

Our 2027 stewardship campaign is underway. We will hear from John deMontel this Sunday as he shares his personal stewardship experiences to inspire us as we consider our own stewardship practice for 2027.

The campaign will culminate on Sunday, November 8th, with the ingathering of our Estimate of Giving cards for 2027 and our annual Giving in Gratitude potluck. A sign-up form to bring a

dish for the potluck will be in your bulletins this Sunday. The vestry is providing the brisket, and Kirk Buchi will cook it. So, we're asking everyone to help with the sides: salads, vegetables, rolls, and desserts. It will be a wonderful celebration!

As a bonus, Erin Cottos, our missionary, will be with us on the 8th to share what God has been doing through her ministry this past year. The loose offering that Sunday will go to support Erin's missionary work.

## Thanksgiving Food Collection

### Thanksgiving Meal Food Collection for the Residents of Fishpond Living Apartments



We are beginning to collect nonperishable food items for the residents of the Fishpond Living Apartments so they can prepare their Thanksgiving dinners. Here is the list of specific items we need:

- **Stuffing--6 oz. box**
- **Turkey gravy-- 1 oz. packet**
- **Sweet Potatoes/Yams--individual cans, 15 oz. (no large cans, please)**
- **Cranberry Sauce--14 oz. can**
- **Green Beans--14 oz. can**
- **Corn--14 oz. can**

Here is a PDF of the list that you can print to take with you when you're shopping. There will also be a list in your bulletins this Sunday.

We don't know how many residents have signed up for the meal delivery yet. There will be weekly updates on how many more of each item we need.

The food items will be delivered to the residents on Tuesday, November 24th.

## 2027 Flower Chart



### 2027 Flower Chart Available in the Entryway to the Sanctuary

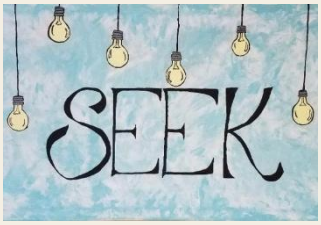
Sponsoring the altar flowers on a Sunday is a wonderful way to honor a loved one or a special event in your life while adding beauty to our altar. You can sign up for a Sunday on the flower chart in the entryway. Please note that we don't have altar flowers during Lent because it's a somber, penitential season.

Each flower arrangement costs $60. You will receive an email prior to your selected Sunday with information on how to take care of the cost, and you will be asked for your flower dedication, which will be printed on the back of the Sunday bulletin.

**Thank you for helping to make our altar beautiful!**

## Youth Group

### Youth Group




Youth group will meet this Sunday after the service. Grab some refreshments and head to the youth room.

## Adult Bible Study



### Adult Bible Study Class Sundays after the Service

The Adult Bible Study class meets after the service on Sundays. The group has begun a study of the book of Romans. All are welcome to join!

## Healing Prayer

### Time of Contemplation and Healing Prayer Wednesday, 11/11, 5:45 p.m.




If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, this service is for you. The first part of the service includes hearing scripture, listening to worship music, being quiet before the Holy Spirit, and praying for people as a group. The second part is a time for individual prayer with prayer ministers.

The services are scheduled for the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. Please consider joining us for prayers for yourself or for others you know.



## Personal Prayer Sessions

If you would ever like personal prayer, just let Judy know; prayer ministers can be available to pray with you individually. They usually pray in pairs. Just call the office at (361) 994-0285 to schedule a time. If you can't set up a time, just come into the office where Judy and Fr. Doug would be happy to pray with you.

## Cimarron Senior Apartments Ministry

### Ministry to the Residents at Cimarron Senior Apartments
### 2802 Cimarron Blvd.



### Conversations with God Bible Study
### Monday, 11/2, 11:00 a.m.

**Conversations with God Bible Study on the First Monday of Every Month at 11:00 a.m.**
Once a month, John deMontel, Fr. Doug Wasinger, and others provide snacks and a Bible study they call "Conversations with God" for the residents. It generally lasts an hour. If you'd like to help with this ministry, please contact John at (361) 815-9498.

**Food Delivery to Residents on the Third Monday of Every Month at 11:15 a.m.**
The Coastal Bend Food Bank delivers food to the Cimarron Senior Apartments once a month. A team of dedicated St. Mark's volunteers helps distribute the food to residents. If you have an hour or so to give, please consider helping with the monthly food distribution.

## Coastal Bend Blood Center Blood Drive

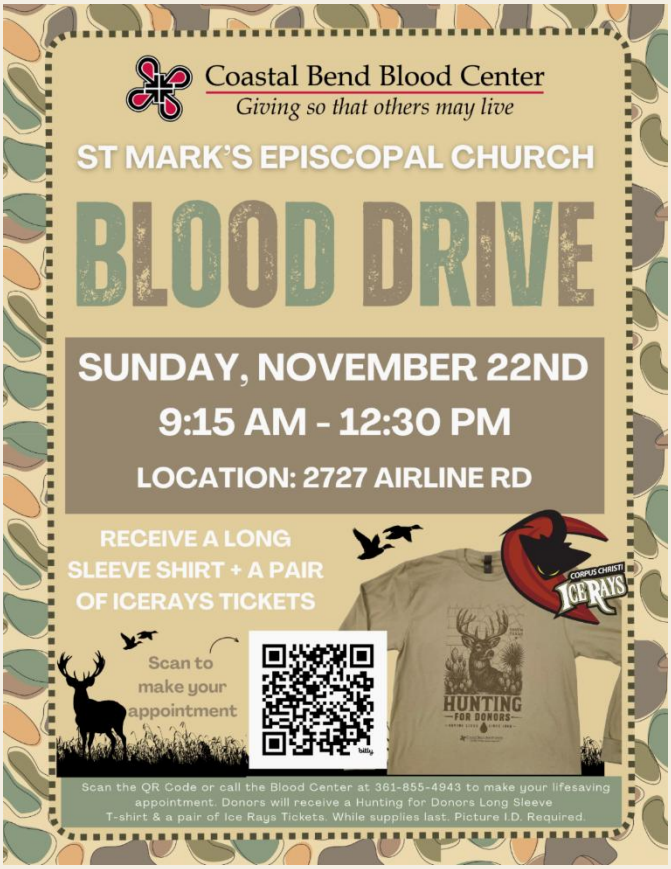
Coastal Bend Blood Center
*Giving so that others may live*

### Coastal Bend Blood Center Blood Drive
### Sunday, 11/22

The Coastal Bend Blood Center has asked us to sponsor another blood drive. This time, they set a goal of 15 units of blood, which is a little higher than our previous goal of 12.

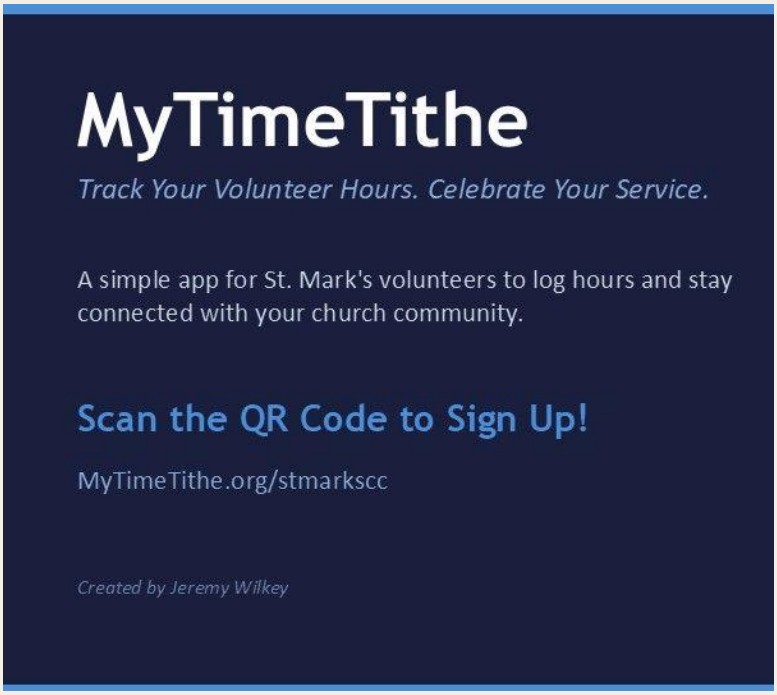
All donors will receive a donor long-sleeve T-shirt and a pair of Ice Rays tickets.

If you'd like, you can schedule an appointment between 9:15 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. by **clicking this link**, or you can simply walk in on that Sunday.



## Volunteer Hours App

### MyTimeTithe App to Track Volunteer Hours




The time we serve in ministry at St. Mark's, in the community, or in any other capacity matters and has economic value. Wouldn't it be interesting to know how much time we serve? Jeremy Wilkey developed an app for us to use to log those hours. You can **click on this link** to get started.

Enter your name in the space provided. If it's your first time, click "Don't see your name? Add yourself" to enter your name. Then fill in the page that opens up. You will select the date, the number of hours you served, which ministry the hours were for, and you may add a note about your service if you'd like.

## Spiritual Growth Resources




### Tools for Spiritual Disciplines

Here are some online resources to use for spiritual growth. Each one also has an app that you can download on your phone. Just search your app store to find them. Most of them are free; two have subscription fees, which are noted below.

**YouVersion Holy Bible**--Here's a **link to it online**. You'll have access to the Bible in several different versions. There are Bible reading plans available. You can also search for a specific subject, such as prayer, and receive reading plans that span several weeks.

**Forward Movement Day by Day Devotionals**--Here's a **link to it online.** Once you're on the site, you'll see many resources that you might enjoy.

**The Daily Office**--Here's a **link to it online.** If you enjoy the Daily Office, this app makes it easy to access each day.

**Centering Prayer**--Here's a **link to it online.** If you enjoy centering prayer, this app offers various ways to participate, including chimes and other sounds, that help you get to a place of inner peace and quiet.

**Abide**--Here's a **link to it online.** This site includes meditations set to music, which are especially helpful to use before bed. There is a subscription fee for this one.

**She Reads Truth**--Here's a **link to it online**. This one is specifically for women. There is a subscription fee for this one too.

## Diocesan Events

### Diocesan News

**Cursillo Weekends**-- There is a Spanish language Cursillo at Camp Capers, November 5-8. **Here is a link for more information.**

**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 on 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 so:

- Online through our website. There is a blue "Giving" button at the bottom of each page. Just click on it, 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.
- Using the QR code below.
- Mailing in your check to: St. Mark's Church, 2727 Airline Rd, CC, TX 78414. Our drop-in mailbox is locked at all times. We check the mail every day, so your check will be secure.
- Dropping your check off at the church. Just put it in the locked mailbox to the left of the red doors of the fellowship hall.
- Bequest giving 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 our November ministry schedule. Click here for the November church calendar.

**November 1 - Sunday**
10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist--Sanctuary
11:30 a.m. - Coffee & Conversation--Fellowship Hall
11:30 a.m. - Youth Group--Fellowship Hall Youth Room
11:45 a.m. - Adult Bible Study--Fellowship Hall Library

**November 2 - Monday**
9:30 a.m. - Staff Meeting
11:00 a.m. - Conversations with God--Cimarron Senior Apartments, 2802 Cimarron Blvd.

**November 3 - Tuesday**
8:00 a.m. - Women's Reunion Group--Corner Bakery Restaurant, 4928 S. Staples St.
6:00 p.m. - Finance Committee Meeting--Fellowship Hall Library

**November 4 - Wednesday**
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.

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[Diocese of West Texas]

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