

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

April 18, 2024

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4/20, Saturday 8:00 a.m.

King's Forest Family Picnic

4/28, Sunday 11:30 a.m.

Crossroads Study Days

4/30, Tuesday & 5/1, Wednesday

Inquirer's Class

5/5, Sunday 11:30 a.m.

Gathering at Cimarron Senior Apartments

5/7, Tuesday 12:00 p.m.

Mother's Day/Youth Sunday

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YEF Scholarship Application Deadline

5/31, Friday

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6/8, Saturday

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From the Rector Fr. Doug Wasinger

During this year's Lenten season, St. Mark's continued to watch and discuss the well-known television series *The Chosen*, which explores possible backstories of the first disciples of Jesus. Last year, during the first episode of the first season, we had met Mary, known to her contemporaries as Lilly, who was struggling mightily to find peace in her world of chaos. She was contemplating taking her own life when she heard someone call her given name, Mary. The voice she heard was later revealed to be that of Jesus. When her name was spoken by the good shepherd, her life changed and the inner-voices of pain and destruction were silenced. It was an effective foreshadowing of Jesus calling Mary by her name when she approached Jesus's tomb on the first Easter.

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Sunday Worship Service

Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

[Visit our website](#)

Access Plus Ramp Build

Ramp Build
THIS Saturday, April 20th,
at 8:00 a.m.
1545 N. Lexington Blvd.

The ramp build for April is for a lady named Rosalinda. She is excited about the opportunity to get in and out of her home more easily.

Doug Wayland is leading the team that will build Rosalinda's ramp. Anyone interested in this ministry is welcome to come this Saturday, the 20th. Doug and his crew would be happy to train you. If you have questions, please contact Doug Wayland by calling him at (361) 813-1781.

King's Forest Family Picnic

Sunday, April 28th, at 11:30 a.m.

What is the King's Forest? Where is the King's Forest? The King's Forest is a three-acre piece of land that has been in the process of being transformed into a small park for several years. It's adjacent to our parking lot behind the nursing home and rehab center. There you'll find a variety of trees, lots of bird feeders to entice the birds to visit, and a water feature.

We will celebrate spring and the beauty of creation by having a family picnic after the Sunday service. Bring lunch for you and your family. There will be two ice chests available, one for warm food and one for food that needs to be chilled, that you may use to put your lunch in during our worship service. Drinks will be provided. Don't forget to bring a blanket or chairs, and your sunscreen, sunglasses, and hat.

Sun Fest Community Event

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

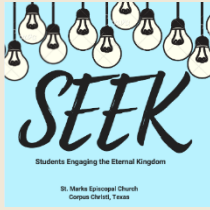
Another free community event has been planned with two goals in mind:

- 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.

Youth Group & Children's Ministry



SEEK Youth Group Meets Sundays at 11:30 a.m.

Youth Group will meet this Sunday to share high's and low's and catch up with one another.

Youth Sunday will be May 12th, which is also Mother's Day. We will hear from some of our seniors who will be graduating, and our youth will serve during the service. The loose offering and any designated gifts will go to support our Youth Endowment Fund for college scholarships.

Adult Bible Study

Adult Bible Study of the Gospel of Mark Meets Sunday at 12:00 p.m.



All are welcome to join the Bible study. Come to one week, or come to them all. The class meets in the fellowship hall at noon and ends around 1:00 p.m. Grab a cup of coffee and some snacks, then head over to the designated tables to sit down.

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

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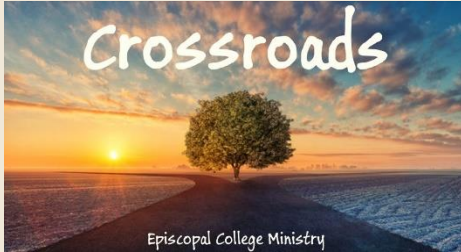
[chapter seven](#) study notes

[chapter eight](#) study notes

[chapter nine](#) study notes

[chapter ten](#) study notes

Crossroads Ministry



Crossroads Ministry to College Students and Young Adults

**NEW Study Days
April 30th & May 1st,
9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

St. Mark's is continuing to work to establish the Crossroads ministry to college students and young adults at the Del Mar Heritage Campus and Texas A&M Corpus Christi Campus. Above is a QR code to access information to join a text group for students interested in this ministry.

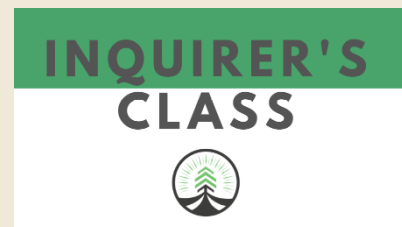
Finals for college students are just around the corner. St. Mark's will host **two study days** in our fellowship hall from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 30th and Wednesday, May 1st. Food, snacks, and drinks will be provided.

Please keep our efforts to engage in a real way with college students and young adults in your prayers. Thank you!

Inquirer's Class

**Inquirer's Class
Sunday, May 5th, 11:30 a.m.**

A class for those new to St. Mark's and/or those who would simply like to learn more about the church has been scheduled for May 5th. You'll learn some fun historical facts about St. Mark's, areas of ministry where you may serve, and more about our church family. Please sign up on the back of your Connection Card that may be found in your bulletin this Sunday.



Gathering at Cimarron Senior Apartments



Conversations with God Cimarron Senior Apartments May 7th, 12:00 p.m.

A new ministry opportunity has opened up for us with the residents of the Cimarron Senior Estates Apartments located on Cimarron Blvd just behind us.

We're coordinating with their activity director to provide a monthly gathering for those residents who are interested in having conversations about God. We are working to find other ways to partner with them as well.

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, but you will have a specific opportunity to do that during the service on Youth Sunday, which is May 12th.

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.



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 another way to serve this community.

Members of the group have been volunteering their time at Timon's Ministry working in the their Clothing Closet organizing items and visiting with people. The group has asked for help with their efforts through any of the following ways:

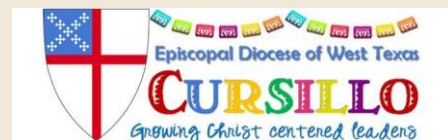
- Donating men's jeans or athletic shoes
- Donating travel size deodorant, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, bars of bath soap, body wash
- Donating toothbrushes
- Donating items for to-go food bags: tuna and cracker packs, granola bars, chips, bottled water, etc.
- Sorting clothing on Wednesdays from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

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.

The next **Cursillo** will be at Mustang Island Retreat Center, May 2-5. Here's a link for [more information](#). You may also visit with Pam if you're interested in going.

Looking ahead, two Cursillos are scheduled for the fall, October 3-6 at Mustang Island Retreat Center and November 7-10 at Camp Capers.

An Ultreya, which is a gathering for those who are Cursillistas, has been planned for May 11th at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Calallen. For more details [click here for the flyer](#).

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.

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 [April 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 [April calendar](#).

April 21 - Sunday

- 10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist--Sanctuary
- 11:30 a.m. - Coffee Hour--Fellowship Hall
- 11:30 a.m. - Youth Group--Fellowship Hall Youth Room
- 12:00 p.m. - Adult Bible Study--Fellowship Hall

April 22- Monday

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

April 23 - Tuesday

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

6:30 p.m. - Vestry Meeting--Fellowship Hall Library

April 24 - Wednesday

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

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

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

April 27 - Saturday

8:00 a.m. - South Texas Amateur Radio Club Event--Fellowship Hall & Grounds

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

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