

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

September 30, 2021

Upcoming Events

Rockin' K Maze

Sun, 10/3 11:30 a.m.

Parish Profile Workshop

Sun, 10/10 11:30 a.m.

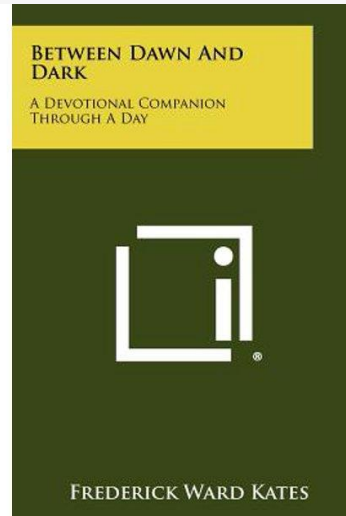
Welcome Interim Potluck

Sun, 10/17 11:30 a.m.

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Sunday Worship Service:
10:00 a.m.--Holy Eucharist-Sanctuary



Excerpt taken from "Between Dawn and Dark"

by Frederick Ward Kates

*"Strive not in a matter that
does not concern you."*
Ecclesiasticus 11:9

Let God Do His Work, Let Us Do Ours

If we aim to make this new day a happy one, we must determine here and now, while the day is still young, to let God take care of what is His business and to restrict ourselves to taking care of what is properly our own.

Some matters are God's to take care of, and others are ours. The man who succeeds in living distinguishes the one from the other and limits himself to attending to those matters which are his rightful concern. It makes for a wondrous simplification of life and for infinitely happier days to know what is our business and what

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is God's, and to let God take care of what is His and ourselves our own.

What is ours to do, what is given us to do, today or any day, actually is very little. It is ours to be loyal to the highest we know and in all we do to act faithfully according to the mind of Christ and the will of God, and then to leave all the rest to God. In home or shop, office or schoolroom, army camp or bed of pain, wherever our lives may be placed this day, this is all God expects of us and wants us to do.

**Trust God, be faithful, pray,
and let Him have His way.**

Search Committee News

First Update from our Search Committee Chair

Dear People of St. Mark's,

It is with honor and love that I announce to you the membership of the Search Committee, to assist in the search for our new Rector that God has already chosen for us. Our charge is to be aware of and be led by Holy Spirit, through prayer, scripture, and revelation. The vestry has approved our committee membership as follows: John DeMontel, Paul Baen, Melanie Buchi, Mark Hartlaub, Michelle Markert, Cindy Porterfield, Erika Reily, Molly Wandel, Doug Wayland, and Jeremy Wilkey. We ask for your prayers, thoughtfulness, and patience as we work together and work through the Godly designed Diocesan search process.



The Search Committee searches, and the vestry calls. The committee will do all the work of getting to know the candidates to the best of our ability and, in the end, will go to our vestry with a recommendation. But there is much work to be done before that wonderful day. The process will be open and regularly communicated to the vestry and our congregation, but absolute confidentiality must be maintained by the search committee as to who is considering us, who we are considering, and where our visits may take us. This applies to our vestry, our parishioners, and yes, even our spouses.

Our next step is the extremely important Parish Profile Workshop, scheduled for October 10, right after church. It is time for a celebration of St. Mark's! We are blessed to have Fr. Rick Dunham as our Interim Rector and Archdeacon Mike Besson as our diocesan search liaison. They will celebrate Holy Eucharist together with us that day. Then we will be led by Archdeacon Besson through our Parish Profile Workshop. Each and every one of your thoughts and views are important; what each of us communicates at the workshop matters and is important for knowing who we are as a family and who we are looking for as a new Rector

and for our future together. It will take a couple of hours but will be well worth the outcome. Lunch and childcare will be provided. Please come and be with your St. Mark's family.

God's Peace, Love and Blessings. John DeMontel

Diocesan Request

Offering for Assistance for Humanitarian Efforts

The news has been full of reports concerning the plight of the Haitian and Afghan people who have arrived in our country. Our diocese set up a ministry called Immigration Ministries several years ago to help with humanitarian efforts associated with various areas of immigration.



They are asking for immediate financial help on behalf of the Haitian and Afghan people who are now in our country. The **loose offering this Sunday** and any **designated gifts** will be sent to the diocesan office to help with those efforts.

Parish Profile Workshop Signup

Sunday, October 10th

We need input from everyone and we mean **EVERYONE!** Please clear your calendars for Sunday, October 10th and make plans now to participate in our Parish Profile Workshop.

Lunch will be provided and Stephanie will stay to help with the children. Be sure to sign up on the back of the Connection Card this Sunday, reply to this email or click on this [link to signup](#) to let us know if you can be here.

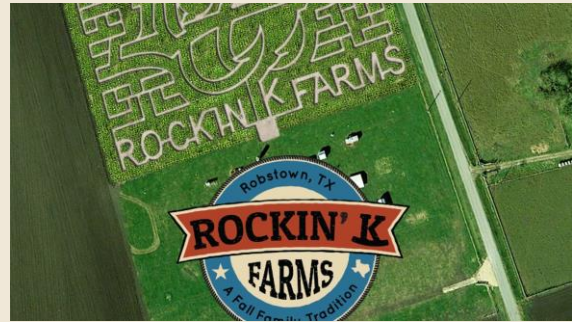


We will be making phone calls to those we have not heard from next week. So, sign up today!

Rockin' K Maze

Walk the Maze at Rockin' K Farms in Robstown THIS SUNDAY

The trip to the Rockin' K Farms is **THIS SUNDAY**. There's still time to get tickets, you may even be able to purchase them once you get there. It promises to be a fun family event: walking the corn maze and enjoying activities like taking advantage of fall photo ops, exploring the pumpkin patch, visiting the goat barn, riding slides, and more. We'll leave after church Sunday morning, October 3rd, to caravan out together.



You can get your tickets by clicking on this link [Rockin K maze](#). The cost is \$18.09 (tax included).

Please let Molly Wandel know if you'd like to attend. You may contact her at (214) 762-8792.

A Note from Lori Jones

What is the Heart of Hospitality? You!

Hospitality, by definition, is "the friendly and generous reception and entertainment of guests, visitors, or strangers." Though the word "hospitality" is a noun, it is more like a verb in the church.

This past Sunday, the hospitality/newcomer team met. It was not a usual meeting; we discussed our disappointment with the lack of attendance and fewer people at Coffee Hour with whom to share our gift of hospitality.

I asked each person to share how they came to be a member of St. Mark's. As they shared, a common thread was that our church's persona is one that is inclusive, friendly, inviting, and Biblical; and we want to continue to be those things.

As citizens of God's kingdom, we ought to be examples of God's love to one another so that others can see Christ in us. We are remiss if we believe that job is done solely by the rector or the church leaders. Hospitality is one of the ways we show love to others.



I welcome your ideas and participation as to how to show hospitality and what you want from our church. As you may already know, I would like to extend and grow the hospitality/newcomer committee. Many of you have already jumped on board and offered your help, and I am grateful! I am genuinely asking for your thoughts, suggestions, and prayers as to what we can do to encourage one another and better serve God's kingdom.

As a relatively new member, I want to thank you, the church, the saints of St. Mark's because you've allowed me to grow personally and spiritually. I feel strengthened by your presence and generosity. Though our numbers are few and attendance may be down, I am encouraged by the heart and soul of each of you. That is my frustration; I immediately felt your love, and I desire others to know that of you as well!

On **October 10th**, we get to voice who we are and what we want in our new rector. Come take part! Also, sign up to serve in our Coffee Hour ministry and share your favorite recipe with us; if not, join one of the many other ministry areas that need your gifts and talents by contacting the church office. Rest assured, someone will be there to help you!

**Just as the body is one and has many members,
and all the members of the body,
though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.
For in one Spirit, we were all baptized into one body.**
1 Corinthians 12:12-14

Yours in Christ,
Lori Jones

**FYI: Due to the Rockin' K Maze event,
we will not have Coffee Hour after church this Sunday.**

Welcome Potluck

Welcome Fr. Rick Dunham Sunday, October 17

Fr. Rick Dunham has accepted the call to be our interim rector during the search process for our new rector. He has officiated services for us numerous times, as recently as May of this year when Fr. John was out sick for three weeks.

We want to welcome him to our church family and what better way to do that than to have a good old-fashioned St. Mark's potluck. Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 17 and dust off your recipes for Mexican dishes, which is the food theme for the potluck.

Come join us as we welcome Fr. Rick and his wife Debbie!

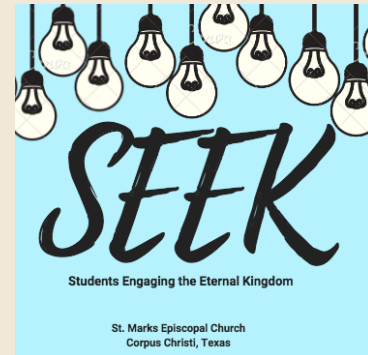


SEEK Youth Group

News and Updates

Youth group met last Sunday to swim, ride the zip line, and enjoy the beautiful day together. The afternoon ended with an epic game of hot tub charades.

This Sunday we'll be going to the Rockin' K Farm after worship so we won't be meeting at our usual time. Buy a ticket, bring a friend, and join us! Let Ella know if you'd like to come but you need a ride.



St . Mark's Manly Dove Hunt

At the Wandel Ranch October 15 & 16

Hosted by John (214-912-1535) & Mal (361-945-8513) Text or call. If you text, please identify yourself on the text.

Who is invited: All St. Mark's Men. If you don't hunt, just come hang.

There is limited room if you'd like to stay overnight, so let John or Mal know and we will reserve your spot. It is very elegant - a cabin and a trailer.

When: October 15-16, come one day or both days.

Where: 1 1/2 hours from Corpus Christi, west of Kingsville

Directions: Contact John Wandel, or directions will be available at church.

What to bring: Lawn chair, bed roll (if staying overnight), beverage of choice. Mal is cooking. Yah!! If hunting ...a hunting license.

King's Forest

Experiencing Nature through the King's Forest

Once upon a time, the line of mesquite trees beside our parking lot marked the southern perimeter of St. Mark's property. Later, Dr. Philip and Lamar Willman and his mother, Patricia Conner, gave us some more land. The majority of that land (two and a half acres) is now dedicated to what we call, "The King's Forest."

What is the King's Forest?

The King's Forest is a "children's forest," a place to play the way we used to play.



It's often the case, isn't it, that when we think of experiencing nature, we imagine heading off to faraway places. But is that really necessary? The purpose of these acres is to provide a secluded but nearby place for children of all ages to enjoy God's creation.

The forest now includes a stand of baby oaks, loblolly pines, Mexican Poinciana, sage, as well as many other trees. Our biggest battles have been in getting the wondrous water feature up and running, keeping trees watered during dry months, and controlling weeds.

Heavy rains blessed the forest last May and early June. Unfortunately, rains came at a time when Fr. John was sick with pericarditis and COVID-19 and then busy preparing the church for his retirement. The weeds got unusually out of control, especially the Johnson Grass, but also K-R Blue Stem (pretty normal for us) and Guinea Grass, invasives from Africa.

Though retired, Fr. John still offers his time mowing, weed-eating, and nurturing this project. His hope is that one day it will be enjoyed by many children and families, as well as classes of school children, into the wonders and beauties of God's creation. He invites everyone to help make it part of their legacy.

While the ground is soft from the rain, clumps of Johnson Grass and other weeds are FAR easier to pull or to uproot with a tool. Instructions are simple: "If it's not a tree, pipe, utility pole or sage bush, pull it!"

We also owe our thanks to Dayna Chimelski who has been so faithful with hand-watering trees over the years, as well as Doug Wayland, who has worked hard on the water feature and irrigation system. At times the Porterfield family has come also out to work with gusto.

Daily Devotional

Good News Daily Devotional

Bible Reading Fellowship offers weekly devotionals, which include daily writeups from various authors. Documents are printed out weekly and are available on the name tag table for anyone who would like to utilize this resource. Each devotion ends with recommended scripture readings for the day.



Bible Reading Fellowship

It's a great way to start your day. Pick up a copy this Sunday!

Online Giving

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 the four 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 door at the fellowship hall.

**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 3 - Sunday

10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist--Sanctuary
11:30 a.m. - Rockin' K Maze--Rockin' K Farm

October 5 - Tuesday

6:30 p.m. - Men's Cursillo Reunion Group--Nolan's Restaurant on Staples near Yorktown
7:00 p.m. - Bible Study & Prayer Group--Online--Zoom Meeting

October 6 - Wednesday

10:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting--Fellowship Hall
12:00 p.m. - Wednesday Noon Prayer Group--Fellowship Hall

Helpful Links

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

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