

# St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

November 6, 2025

## Upcoming Events

### Ingathering of the Estimate of Giving Cards

11/9, Sunday

### Giving in Gratitude Potluck Lunch

11/9, Sunday

### Blood Drive

11/16, Sunday

### Fishpond Living Food Donation Deadline

11/19, Wednesday

### Fishpond Living Residents Thanksgiving Meal Delivery

11/25, Tuesday

### Thanksgiving Day

11/27, Thursday

### Missionary Sunday

11/30, Sunday



## From the Rector Fr. Doug Wasinger



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Questions are powerful tools. They can be used to explore and discover, opening doors to learning and growth, or to trap and expose. I once had a professor in college who was a master at using questions to teach. His approach reminds me of the many moments in the Gospels when questions play a central role—sometimes asked of Jesus and sometimes asked by Him.

One striking example is when a group of intelligent and capable leaders, the Sadducees, approached Jesus with a question designed to trap Him. The Sadducees, who followed only the first five books of the Bible (the Torah), claimed that because the resurrection was not explicitly mentioned in those texts, it could not be a valid doctrine. For them, life was defined strictly from birth to death, and they

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believed that following God's law during one's lifetime was the path to blessing.

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## Sunday Worship Service

Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

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## Giving in Gratitude Potluck & Ingathering of 2026 Estimate of Giving Cards

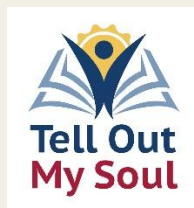


### Tell Out My Soul Campaign for 2026

This Sunday is the culmination of our Tell Out My Soul campaign for 2026. Please remember to bring your 2026 Estimate of Giving card to the service on Sunday. Fr. Doug will invite us to place our cards on the altar to be blessed during the service. If you forget your card, the ushers will have extras available. For your convenience, here is a [fillable PDF version](#). You can type in your responses, print out the card, and bring it with you on Sunday.

After the service, everyone is invited to the fellowship hall for our Giving in Gratitude Potluck lunch. We'll enjoy a delicious meal, watch a photo roller of the year at a glance, and the initial ingathering total for the Estimate of Giving cards will be announced.

The Ministry Fair information has been consolidated on fewer tables and will be available for you to sign up for a ministry if you didn't get a chance to do that last Sunday.



## Access Ramp Build



### Access Plus Ramp Build Saturday, November 15th, 8:00 a.m. 1618 Meriman Ave.

Our Access Plus Ministry has been active since 2001, helping people gain better access to their homes. A ramp is built once a month at no cost to the recipient. Currently, there is an eighteen-month wait to receive a ramp. There is a great need for this ministry, and everyone who is involved is greatly appreciated. If this ministry interests you but you feel that you don't have the skills to help, please know that Doug Wayland and his team are very willing to train you. Please consider joining the team this month.

The November ramp build is scheduled for Saturday, November 15th. Robert and Nance will receive this month's ramp. They and their family will feel blessed to have improved access to their home.

## Blood Drive

### Coastal Bend Blood Center Blood Drive Sunday, November 16th



We have another opportunity to help our community by participating in the next blood drive on November 16th. Blood and blood products are always in demand, and we can help increase the supply by donating blood.

You can [schedule an appointment](#) on the 16th by clicking on the link or scanning the QR code on the flyer below. Or, you may simply walk in on the 16th if you prefer.

The donor incentives this time are a long-sleeve donor T-shirt and a pair of tickets to an Ice Rays game.

Coastal Bend Blood Center  
Giving so that others may live

**ST MARK'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

**BLOOD DRIVE**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH**  
**9:15 AM - 12:30 PM**  
**LOCATION: 2727 AIRLINE RD**

**FREE LONG SLEEVE SHIRT +  
A PAIR OF ICERAYS TICKETS**

Scan here to make your appointment

Scan the QR Code or call the Blood Center at 361-855-4943 to make your lifesaving appointment. Donors will receive a Hunting for Donors Long Sleeve T-shirt & a pair of Ice Rays Tickets. While supplies last. Picture I.D. Required.

## Fishpond Living Thanksgiving Meal



### Food Collection for the Thanksgiving Meal Delivery Deadline, Wednesday, 11/19

We have started to collect food items to provide a Thanksgiving meal for the residents of Fishpond Living at Corpus Christi Apartments. [Here's a link](#)

to the list of food items.

H.E.B. has gifted St. Mark's with \$1,000 in gift cards to help with the cost of the turkeys, rolls, pies, etc. We're asking for your help with the nonperishable items. There will be boxes where you may place your donations in the sanctuary and the fellowship hall.

Our youth group will put the food items together on Sunday, 11/23, and finish on Tuesday, 11/25. Once finished, they will take the meals to the Fishpond Living Apartment Complex to distribute.

**Thank you for your help in supplying these residents  
with a Thanksgiving meal!**

## Youth Ministry

### SEEK Youth Group Meets Sundays after the Service



Thank you to all of y'all who volunteered at Fall Fest! It was a great success thanks to all our volunteers. We love our youth!

Sunday, 11/9 — Attend Potluck lunch after church

Sunday, 11/23— Organize Fishpond Living meal items and prepare cards

Tuesday, 11/25 — Package Fishpond Living items and make delivery

*Seek the LORD and His strength; seek His face continually.* (1 Chronicles 16:11)

## Cimarron Senior Apartments Ministry



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

**Food Distribution  
Monday, 11/17, at 11:30 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 11:30 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 the residents after it has arrived. If you have an hour or so to give, please consider helping with the monthly food distribution.

## Game Night Photos

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The Game Night was a success! Twenty-five people came and enjoyed an evening of fun and fellowship, along with a hot dog meal.



## Adult Bible Study



the fellowship hall library.

### Adult Bible Study Class Sundays at 11:30 a.m.

The Adult Bible Study group meets on Sundays after the service. Tom Curry is leading the study entitled **"Understanding the Old Testament in Jesus's Time."** Bring your own Bible, or use one of the several that will be available. Pick up some refreshments, and join the class in

The Bible study group will not meet this Sunday, November 9th, because we'll be celebrating the culmination of the Tell Out My Soul Campaign with the Giving in Gratitude Potluck Lunch. The group will resume meeting on Sunday, November 16th.

## Timon's Ministry

### Ministry in Partnership with Timon's Ministries

Over the course of many years, St. Mark's has partnered with Timon's Ministries 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 Ministries, working in the Clothing Closet, organizing items, and visiting with people. The group has asked for help with their efforts in any of the following ways:

- Donating band aids, bandages, gauze, etc.
- Donating clothing, especially men's shirts, jeans, shorts, athletic shoes, flip-flops, socks, and belts, and women's jeans, shorts, undergarments, socks, and purses
- Donating sleeping bags, backpacks, tote bags, suitcases, and recyclable plastic bags
- Donating travel-size deodorant, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, bars of bath soap, body wash, bath towels
- Donating toothbrushes and new or used shoelaces
- Donating laundry supplies
- Donating items for to-go food bags: tuna and cracker packs, granola bars, chips, bottled water, etc.
- Sorting clothing and helping clients on Mondays from 8:45 to noon

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 your help with this important  
ministry opportunity.**

## Diocesan Events



**Diocesan News**

**Mid-Winter Camps at Camp Capers**--Mid-Winter I, for youth 6th through 12th grade, begins on January 2nd. Mid-Winter II, for kids in 2nd through 5th grade, starts on January 9th. [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 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 our [November ministry schedule](#). Click here for the [November church calendar](#).

**November 9 - Sunday**

10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist--Sanctuary  
11:30 a.m. - Giving in Gratitude Potluck--Fellowship Hall  
11:30 a.m. - Ministry Fair--Fellowship Hall

**November 10 - Monday**

8:45 a.m. - Clothing Shop--Timon's Ministry, 10501 S. Padre Island Dr.  
9:30 a.m. - Staff Meeting--Fellowship Hall Library

**November 11 - Tuesday**

7:30 a.m. - Women's Reunion Group--Corner Bakery Cafe, 4928 S. Staples St.

**November 12 - 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.

**November 15 - Saturday**

8:00 a.m. - Access Plus Ramp Build--1618 Meriman Ave.

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

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