

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

October 13, 2022

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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.

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Reflections from the Rector



Fr. Doug Wasinger

I am enjoying my time getting to know my new surroundings. Kellie and I took a beach tour earlier this week and took in the sights and sounds of the ocean, the birds, and the breeze. It is a good way to start my next chapter of ministry in the Episcopal Church of West Texas, Corpus Christi, and St. Mark's. I hope this letter finds you well.

Today our society is focused on success and failure. I think this focus is misplaced and is a source more of frustration than enjoyment. I tend to be a perfectionist by nature, and so the slightest mistakes tend to show up in my world with natural ease. Unfortunately, this can also cause me to become overly cautious. That is why, as a person of faith in Jesus, stories in scriptures become a transformative force in my life. It is in these stories where I find hope. I believe Jesus is more concerned about my efforts than my outcomes.

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Sunday Worship Service:

10:00 a.m.--Holy Eucharist-Sanctuary

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Access Plus Ramp Build



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

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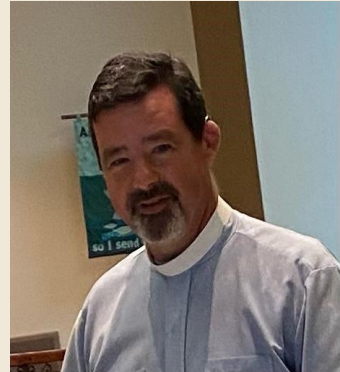
Each month our Access Plus Ramp Ministry team builds a ramp for someone who needs better access to his or her home. A small ramp was completed this morning for a family whose adult son is in great need.

The regular third Saturday ramp build scheduled for the 15th is for Ofelia who is 87 years old and confined to a wheelchair. These ramps are true blessings to the recipients and their families.

New Beginnings

Fr. Doug Wasinger's First Sunday

We had a wonderful first Sunday with Fr. Doug and his wife Kellie. First, we experienced a beautiful worship service. Next, we enjoyed some delicious Texas favorite dishes and the company of one another.



Jon Reily turned over the key to St. Mark's to Fr. Doug and the youth presented him and Kellie with a gift that included a Texas flag and Whataburger beach towel to make the welcome complete.

Luke Markert took some great pictures of our morning together. Click here to view [the gallery](#).

Service Training



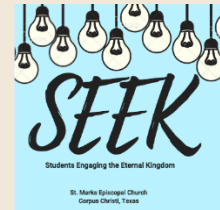
Worship Service Training THIS Sunday

This is just a reminder for everyone who serves on altar guild or as an acolyte, a lector, or a Lay Eucharistic Minister that there will be a training after Coffee Hour this Sunday. You will be able to meet Fr. Doug, if you didn't get to do that this past Sunday, and learn about what our worship will look like in the near future.

A training for ushers and greeters will be scheduled soon.

SEEK Youth Group

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Youth group will meet after church on Sunday until about 12 p.m..

Please put these special events on your calendars:

Saturday 10/29 9 a.m.- 12 p.m.--Help with fall festival at St. Mark's.

Sunday 10/30--Bring a pumpkin and stay after church to carve it!

Tuesday 11/22 morning--Sea Gulf Villa Thanksgiving Dinner delivery

Fall Festival



Fall Festival

Saturday, October 29

9 a.m.-12 p.m.

St. Mark's and KinderCare Learning Centers will host a fall festival on our campus on the morning of Saturday, October 29. Chrystal Wilkey has lots planned! Attendees will enjoy a bounce house, children's games, Trunk or Treat, and other fun activities. Kona Ice will be here too!

We can help now by donating candy and prizes for the games. There are boxes set up in the entryway to the sanctuary and in the fellowship hall for donation drop-off.

Volunteers will be needed the morning of the event too. You'll be able to sign up to help with games, face painting, decorating your vehicle for Trunk or Treat, etc. Sign up this Sunday on the back of your Connection Card.

You may contact Chrystal at (361) 549-8917 for more details.

Here is a [flyer](#) that you can print to use to invite your friends and family.

Facebook Group

Facebook Group Corrupted

There is an old St. Mark's Church Group on Facebook that became corrupt. Facebook was asked several times to either fix it or remove it, but neither has happened. However, it was noted that a few people found it and joined. We were able to replace the photo with the message to the right to redirect people to the new

group. Please be assured that the corruption won't affect you. The corruption disabled all administrative abilities, which made the group useless.

This Group has been corrupted but Facebook won't take it down after repeated requests to do so. Please search for St. Mark's Church Family for the new group.

"St. Mark's Church Family" group was created last year. The purpose of this group is to be a vehicle for our church family to communicate with one another just amongst ourselves. This could include sharing the special events in our lives, like photos from a birthday party or t-ball game. The church office will also use it for important announcements and posting pictures of events. It will also be a means to communicate during emergencies, like the freeze last year when so many were either without power or water.

This is not a public group; it is a private group for those in our St. Mark's family. So, if you're not a member, search for it or [click on this link](#) and ask to join.

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:

- **Early voting** will take place October 24 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.

Diocesan Events

Diocesan News



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

Hurricane Relief--Bishop Reed put out a plea for prayer and financial support for those who were affected by Hurricanes Ian and Fiona. We will take up a special collection Sunday, October 30th to send to the diocesan office. You may also [donate through a link](#) on the diocesan website.

Diocesan ENews--Here's a link to this week's diocesan [ENews](#). If you would like to receive their weekly emails, click on the "Join our Email List" button at the top of their ENews page to subscribe.

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 worshipping 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 16 - Sunday

10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist - Sanctuary - Fr. Doug

11:15 a.m. - Coffee hour--Fellowship Hall

11:15 a.m. - SEEK Youth Group--Fellowship Hall

12:00 p.m.-Worship service training--Sanctuary

October 17-19 - Monday-Wednesday

Clergy Conference--Camp Capers

October 18 - Tuesday

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 19 - Wednesday

11:30 a.m. - Lunch with the Old guys--Silverado Smokehouse, 4522 Weber Rd.

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

6:00 p.m. - C.P.R. Course--Fellowship Hall

October 20 - Thursday

10:30 a.m. - Staff Meeting--Fellowship Hall

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](#)

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