

# St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

April 25, 2024

## Upcoming Events

### King's Forest Family Picnic

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

### Crossroads Study Days

4/30, Tuesday & 5/1, Wednesday

### Buddy Harris Celebration of Life

5/4, Saturday 2:00 p.m.

### 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

5/12, Sunday 10:00 a.m.

### YEF Scholarship Application Deadline

5/31, Friday

### Sun Fest Community Event

6/8, Saturday

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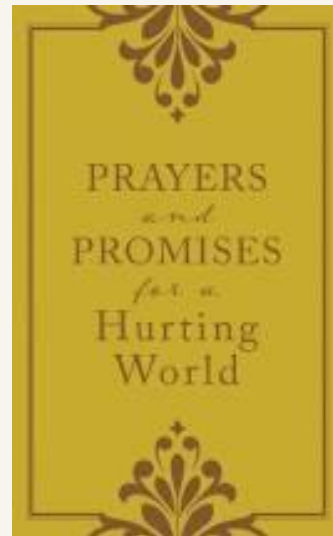
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## God's Peace



### Guarded by Peace

An excerpt from *Prayers and Promises for a Hurting World* by Laura Freudig

Dear Lord, we long for our hearts and minds to be guarded by the peace You speak of in Philippians 4:7. Yes, we know that both troubles we cannot anticipate and troubles we'll not be able to overcome will come in this life. But a peace that's the result of safety and comfort is not the peace You show us here. You offer a peace that defies worldly explanations, a peace unbelievers will see and wonder at, a peace we will not understand ourselves. It's Your peace, God, and it will be a bastion for our minds and hearts against whatever troubles we face.

You say this peace surpasses all understanding: it is both larger and more inexplicable than we can possibly know. It's like You, Lord. You are not a god conceived by human minds, small enough to hold and turn in our hands and look at

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Morning Prayer at 10:00 a.m.

from every angle. You hold us, and You know us as thoroughly as a potter knows the angles, imperfections, and beauties of every pot he has fashioned. We praise You for Your largeness and mystery. We praise You for the promises You hold out to us in Christ Jesus. We stand amazed and humbled at who You are and how You stand guard over us. Amen.

*And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*

Philippians 4:7 NKJV

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## King's Forest Family Picnic



**THIS 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.

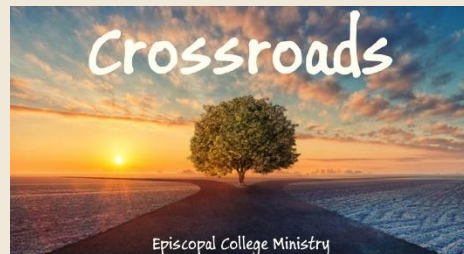
We will celebrate spring and the beauty of creation by having a family picnic after the Sunday service. Bring lunch for yourself and your family. There will be two ice chests available, one for warm food and one for food that needs to be chilled, that you may use to put your lunch in during our worship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

## 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!

## Buddy Harris Celebration of Life



### Celebration of Life Service to Honor Buddy Harris Saturday, May 4th, 2:00 p.m.

The celebration of life service Buddy Harris will be Saturday, May 4th, at 2:00 p.m. A reception will follow the service. Please come help us celebrate his life. Buddy was quite accomplished. Here's a [link to his obituary](#).

## 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.

## 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.

## 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 several ways 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.

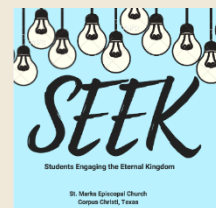
**Thank you for you help with this important ministry opportunity.**

## Youth Group & Children's Ministry

### SEEK Youth Group Will NOT Meet this Sunday at 11:30 a.m.

Youth Group normally meets on Sundays to share high's and low's and catch up with one another. However, we will not meet this Sunday, the 28th, so that we can join in the picnic fun in the King's Forest after the service.

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 Will NOT Meet this Sunday Due to Family Picnic

All are welcome to join the Bible study which normally meets at 12 p.m. on Sundays. 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

[chapter five](#) study notes

[chapter six](#) study notes

[chapter seven](#) study notes

[chapter eight](#) study notes

[chapter nine](#) study notes

[chapter ten](#) study notes

## Pentecost Sunday

### Pentecost Sunday May 19th Wear Something Red!

As is our tradition, we encourage everyone to wear red for Pentecost Sunday. It's a day of celebration, the day the disciples received the gift of the Holy Spirit.



We will celebrate with a special treat at coffee hour. We may need your help with it, so look for more details to come.



## Youth Endowment Scholarship Applications

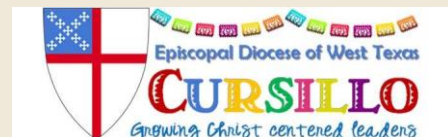
### Youth Endowment Fund Scholarship Applications Due May 31st

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.

## 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](mailto: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 28 - Sunday**

10:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer--Sanctuary

11:30 a.m. - King's Forest Family Picnic--King's Forest

#### **April 29- Monday**

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

**April 30 - Tuesday**

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

**May 1 - Wednesday**

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

11:30 a.m. - Lunch with the Old Guys, Silverado Smokehouse, 4522 S. Staples St.

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

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

**May 4 - Saturday**

2:00 p.m. - Buddy Harris Memorial & Reception--Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall

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

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