

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

September 28, 2023

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Beth Offutt's Memorial

9/30, Saturday 1:00 p.m.

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Inquirer's Class

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Game Night

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Honor Choir Visit

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Fall Festival

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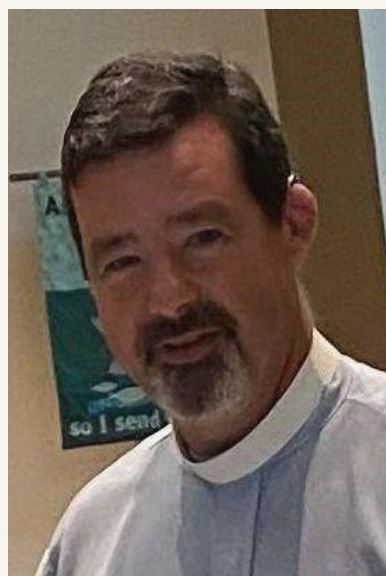
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From the Rector

Fr. Doug Wasinger



By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?

This sounds like a familiar question these days. Authority is a vague term, as it is hard to identify where and how authority works in a world like today's which appeals to personal reasons to justify decisions and actions. However, this is not the first time in human history this question has come up.

"It is useful to divide authority into external and internal authority." – R.P.C. Hanson. External authority is that of the office or public acceptance. Law enforcement has external authority with the credentials provided by the government. Internal authority is based on personal credibility.

To read the rest of the article, [click here](#).

Sunday Worship Service

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

Visit our website

David Sutanto's Concert

Del Mar College Department of Music Presents

Brahms Recital

Love
Passion
Tenderness



Featuring DMC Music Faculty
pianist **David Sutanto**
violinist **Todd Ehle**
cellist **Susan Sturman**

Performing Piano Trio, Op.8 and Fantasy, Op.116

Friday, September 29, 2023

7:30 PM

Wolfe Recital Hall

Free Admission

For more information,
contact DMC Music Department at
361-698-1211 or email music@delmar.edu

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DEL MAR COLLEGE

Concert Featuring
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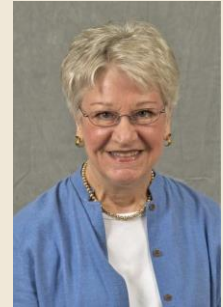
Friday, 9/29,
7:30 p.m.

Beth Offutt Memorial

Beth Offutt's Memorial Saturday, 9/30, at 1:00 p.m.

Please make plans to attend the memorial service for Beth Offutt, as we honor her life with us. A reception will follow the service. If you'd like to help with the reception, please contact Donna Burks.

Any memorial gifts may be directed the National Audubon Society or St. Mark's Episcopal Church.



New Bible Study Coming in October



New Adult Bible Study of the Gospel of Mark

Begins THIS Sunday, 10/1,
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

I want to invite you to participate at any level you wish. If you cannot attend all classes, please come to any that you can. I am not keeping attendance! Also, if you don't want to carry around a

Bible, pen and a notebook, many people download versions of the Bible onto Kindle and read from there. If you just want to participate in discussion, please feel free to do that. If you want to use a tablet or laptop to take notes, that's great! If you just want to monitor from afar, the handouts will be available in the E-newsletter. This class is for you, and there are no prerequisites or requirements. We want to study scripture, but we also want to enjoy each other's company and share in fellowship. --John Greene

Bible scholars tell us that "in all gospels one unique personality dominates. In Mark we have **Christ as a Servant**, just as he appears as King in Matthew, Man in Luke, and God in John." Mark's gospel is one of action and deeds. As a newer member of St. Mark's, I can attest to seeing a strong spirit of servanthood as St. Mark's Episcopal Church demonstrates its faith every day through actions and deeds. Let's get out our Bibles and dig deeper into the Gospel of Mark to discover what more Mark has to say to us modern St. Markans!

Our study will cover the entire gospel of Mark in three six-week sessions, with the first session beginning October 1st. We will meet in the church library after the service, from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.. Be sure to grab some coffee and a snack beforehand. Subsequent meetings may skip Sundays to accommodate other activities, so be alert for schedule changes.

Here is a link to [the introduction](#) to the class and [week one's](#) study notes.

I can't wait to work together with you to discover all that we can learn from the Gospel of Mark! See you on October 1!

--John Greene

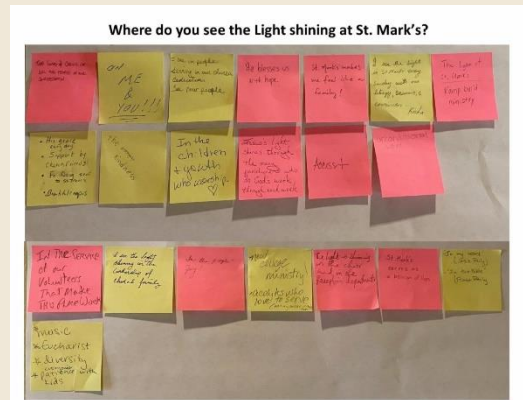
Shining Your Light Responses

Where do you see the Light shining at St. Mark's?

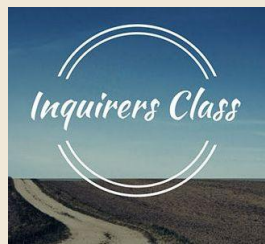
Last week we asked people to respond to the above question. Twenty-one people submitted a response. Here's a sampling of them:

- "St. Mark's make me feel like family."
- "One me and you."
- "Unconditional love."
- "Jesus shines His light through the many parishioners who do God's work through each week."

You will be able to read the rest Sunday. The post-it was left in the sanctuary by the baptismal fount. If you didn't get to participate last week, you'll be invited to submit your response to the same question this Sunday. We will focus on one question for two weeks. Next week we'll introduce a new one. Thank you for your help with this little project!



Inquirer's Class



Inquirer's Class Sunday, 10/8, at 11:30 a.m.

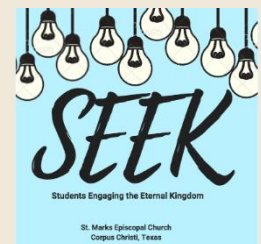
Fr. Doug will hold an Inquirer's Class Sunday, October 8th, for all who are new or newish to St. Mark's. You will learn about who we are as a church family, what we believe, what ministries are available, and you'll make new friends.

Please sign up on your Connection Card this Sunday, or let the church office know that you'd like to attend by calling Judy at (361) 994-0285 or emailing her at judy@stmarksc.org.

Youth Group

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

Youth group will meet right after the worship service, so grab a snack and a drink, and bring them with you to the youth room. Come see everyone and catch up!



Game Night



Game Night Wednesday, 10/18, 6:30 p.m.

We had so much fun at the last game night that we've decided to do it again! If you didn't get to come last time, make plans to come October 18th.

Missionary Report

Erin Cottos Missionary Report

Erin Cottos is a pediatric physical therapist and our resident missionary. She entered the mission field about 13 years ago when she was commissioned and blessed to "go" during a Sunday worship service. Erin began her work in Haiti but is currently working with a group called Eternal Anchor on the Baja peninsula in Mexico.

Erin has developed a number of adaptive techniques to provide equipment and therapy to children in countries where they don't receive adequate physical therapy because they are often shunned due to their disabilities. She was invited to teach these skills to medical students at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston. Here is her latest [Newsletter](#) with updates on what she's been doing recently.



Honor Choir Visit



The Children's Honor Choir Back for Visit Sunday, October 22

A few years ago The Children's Honor Choir shared their musical talent with us during our worship service and during lunch. They will return October 22 for another visit, so be sure to mark your

calendars.

Fall Festival

Fall Festival
Saturday, 10/28,
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



We will team up with Kindercare Daycare centers to host our Fall Festival. You will be able to sign up to volunteer to help with games, participate in the Trunk or Treat, or volunteer in other capacities on your Connection card Sunday, October 8th. We also need your help with candy to be handed out during the Trunk or Treat. You may bring in your donations on Sundays or drop them off during office hours Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m to 4:00 p.m.

**Thank you for your help to make
this a special event again this year!**

Diocesan Events



Diocesan News

Bishop Reed's Retirement Festivities--Click on this link for the [event October 7th](#) and this one for the [event November 4th](#). Fr. Doug is planning to attend the event in November. If you'd like join him, please contact the church office.

Connecting with College Missions--Click on [this link](#) if you'd like to get connected with the diocesan college ministry.

Diocesan ENews--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. 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 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 [October 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 [October calendar](#).

September 29 - Friday

7:30 p.m. - David Sutanto's Concert--Wolfe Recital Hall, Del Mar Campus

September 30 - Saturday

1:00 p.m. - Beth Offutt's Memorial Service--Sanctuary

October 1- Sunday

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

11:30 a.m. - Coffee Hour--Fellowship Hall

11:30 a.m. - Study of the Gospel of John--Fellowship Hall Library

11:30 a.m. - SEEK Youth Group--Fellowship Hall Youth Room

October 2 - Monday

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

October 4 - 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.

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

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[St. Mark's Church Facebook Page](#)

[Diocese of West Texas](#)

[Diocesan Newsletter and Reflection Magazine](#)