

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

November 11, 2022

Upcoming Events

Giving in Gratitude Catered Lunch
11/13 Sunday, 11:15 a.m.

Access Plus Ramp Build
11/19 Saturday, 8:00 a.m.

Sea Gulf Villa Thanksgiving Meal Project
11/22 Tuesday, 8:00 a.m.

Thanksgiving Day
11/24 Thursday

Advent Begins
11/27 Sunday

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Reflections from the Rector



Fr. Doug Wasinger

When I was growing up, my family would take a yearly road trip to visit with my grandparents in Kansas. It was about a five-hour drive. Usually, about two hours into the drive, I would start picking a fight with one of my brothers or do something else annoying to pester them. In turn, my brothers would return the favor, and a fight would quickly develop in the back seat with my parents refereeing from the front. My cousins told me that when they did the same thing my uncle had a great solution for this misconduct. He said, "Boys, it looks like you have enough energy to fight, so you can run for the next mile." He would stop, my cousins would get out of the car, and he would drive up the highway for a mile and wait for my cousins to arrive. When my brothers and I heard about this, we decided that fighting in the back seat on long drives was not a good idea.

Click here for the rest [of the article.](#)

Sunday Worship Service:

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

Visit our website

Happy Veterans Day

**Bless a
veteran today
by thanking
them for their
service.**



Renewal Stewardship

Renewing Life Through our Stewardship

Last Sunday was our Consecration Sunday. **Thank you** to everyone who submitted an Estimate of Giving Card for 2023. If you weren't able to be there to place your Estimate of Giving card on the altar last Sunday, you can put your card in the offering basket as it's being passed around this Sunday. Fr. Doug will bless it when he blesses the offering. There will be cards available if you need one, or you can print one out from [this link](#).



We will celebrate the blessings Jesus has given us during the past year at our **Giving in Gratitude Lunch THIS Sunday, November 13th**. The meal is being provided by vestry members as a thank you to the congregation for your continued support and prayer.

Marco's Catering will be preparing the meal. The menu is:
Tuscan Pork Loin Roast
Roasted Vegetables
Buttered Mashed Potatoes
Homemade Focaccia Bread
Cake for Dessert
Tea and Water

Sea Gulf Villa Thanksgiving Meal Project



Ongoing Food Collection

Each year St. Mark's provides all the grocery items necessary for a Thanksgiving dinner to residents of the Sea Gulf Villa Apartment complex downtown. This year 85 households will receive a Thanksgiving meal. Our youth will put the food items together for individual residents and help with the delivery on Tuesday, November 22.

We need your help with providing the non-perishable items. Our Outreach Fund pays for the turkeys, pies, and rolls. Below is the list of the non-perishable items that are needed. Most of the residents live alone or with one other person, so please be aware of the size of the grocery items that you purchase. We have received several family sized cans which are too big for a small family. Here is a [PDF of the list](#) if you'd like to print it out.

We currently need:

- 41--Stuffing--6oz boxes**
- 40--Turkey Gravy--1 oz packet**
- 52--Sweet Potatoes/Yams--15 oz can**
- 36--Cranberry Sauce--14 oz can**
- 37--Green Beans--15 oz can**
- 43--Corn--15 oz can**

There are boxes in the entryway to the sanctuary and in the fellowship hall where you may place your donations. We'll update the count of the items weekly.

The deadline is Sunday, November 20th.

Thank you for your generosity!

Meet Fr. Doug

Getting to Know Fr. Doug

Plans are being made for several **Meet and Greet** events with Fr. Doug to provide everyone an opportunity to visit with him and get to know him. These will mostly be held in parishioners' homes. One or two will be held in the fellowship hall. As plans are finalized, that information will be publicized. Keep a look out!

Fr. Doug has an **"open door"** policy. You can drop in anytime, Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., to visit with him as well.



Ride for Parishioner



Ride to Sunday Worship

Pat Wollman would like some help getting to church Sunday mornings. She lives off of Airline Rd. between Holly and Williams, so she is really close to the church. If any of you could help get her to church, please let Judy know in the church office by calling (361) 994-0285 or emailing her at judy@stmarksc.org.

Pat would greatly appreciate the opportunity to join us for worship.

Food for His Table

Meals for Fr. Doug

Thank you to those of you who have helped with providing Fr. Doug meals and gift cards! He has enjoyed the response so far.

We continue to need your help. Please consider participating in this project by either preparing a couple of meals for him or purchasing gift cards to local restaurants between now and the end of January. Here is a link for you to sign up to bring him a meal through TakeThemaMeal.com. Information about his dietary restrictions and his likes and dislikes are included. You can sign up for as many dates as you'd like. You may also contact Lori Jones at (361) 903-5060 to sign up.



Vestry Members



New Vestry Members for 2023

Mark Hartlaub spoke about our upcoming vestry elections a couple of Sundays ago. We need to replace four members who will be rotating off the vestry at the end of 2022. You can speak to any of the current vestry members to ask them questions about what it has meant to them to serve on vestry. Here is a list of the vestry members:

Dayna Chimelski
Mark Hartlaub
Jane Helm
Penny Hughes
Jon Reily
John Wandel
Doug Wayland
Chrystal Wilkey
Terry Wright

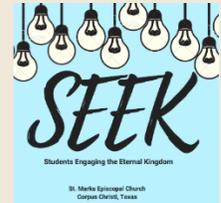
They would all be happy to visit you and answer any of your questions.

SEEK Youth Group

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Please put this special event on your calendars:

Tuesday, 11/22, 8 a.m.--Sea Gulf Villa Thanksgiving Dinner delivery



Registration for **Camp Capers camping opportunities** are now open:

Mid-Winter Camp 1/6/23-1/8/23

Mid-Winter Camp 1/13/23-1/15/23

Mid-Winter Camp 1/20/23-1/22/23

Summer Camp:

Senior High (10th-12th grade)

Junior High (8th-9th grade)

Intermediate (6th-7th grade)

Primary (3rd-5th grade)

Here's a link to the [diocesan website](#) for registration and additional information.

Sanctuary Drinks



Spilled Drinks

There have been a few drink spills in the sanctuary recently. Please consider not bringing drinks in with you to worship. If you must for health reasons, please make sure they are in a secure container with a spill-proof lid. Water only would be preferable.

Thank you for your help to keep our worship space clean!

Cookies for Council

Calling all Cookie Bakers!

We need your help with the cookie project for Diocesan Council. We are supplying over 500 dozen cookies, but we're not responsible for baking all of them. Thank goodness! We will be inviting the eleven churches in our area for help. That means each church would need to bake 55 dozen, which is much more doable.



Here are the instructions:

- Chocolate Chip cookies were reported as the favorite amongst Council delegates and alternates, but all types are encouraged.
- Please package your cookies in quart size baggies.
- Write the type and quantity on the bag.
- Freeze them.
- Please keep them at your house until we can clear some room in our church freezer.

Miller Missionary Family Update



Please Pray for the Millers
Church planting with a heart for Muslims

Missionary Report

Duane and Sharon Miller and their children are missionaries based out of the Diocese of West Texas. They have visited St. Mark's several times over the past ten years to share about their ministry to the Muslim community.

Our Outreach Fund has been helping to support them financially for most of that time. They have been serving in Spain since before the pandemic began. Here is an update on their [ministry work](#).

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.

Youth/Children's Camp at Camp Capers--For [information and registration](#), click here.

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!

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 November schedule for our ministries, which is still a work in progress. Please check each week to see if there are any changes.

November 13 - Sunday--Giving and Gratitude Lunch

10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist - Sanctuary
11:15 a.m. - Catered Lunch--Fellowship Hall

November 14 - Monday

6:30 p.m. - Vestry Meeting--Fellowship Hall

November 15- Tuesday

10:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting--Fellowship Hall Library
6:00 p.m. - Women's Group--Fellowship Hall Library

November 16 - Wednesday

11:30 a.m. - Lunch with the Old Guys--Silverado Smokehouse, 4522 S. Staples St.
12:00 p.m. - Noonday Prayer Group--Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. - Men's Reunion Group--Nolan's Restaurant, 7426 S. Staples St.

November 17 - Thursday

5:30 p.m. - Communication Team Meeting--Fellowship Hall

November 19 - Saturday

8:00 a.m. - Access Plus Ramp Build--5912 Ayers St.

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](#)

[Denison Forum--News Discerned Differently](#)

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