

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

February 15, 2024

Upcoming Events

Access Plus Ramp Build

2/17, Saturday, 8:00 a.m.

Soup & Study Begins

2/21, Wednesday 6:00 p.m.

2/27, Wednesday 6:00 p.m.

Bring a Friend to Church & Instructional Eucharist

2/25, Sunday

Inquirer's Class

3/3, Sunday 11:30 a.m.

From the Rector Fr. Doug Wasinger



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Yesterday there were people walking around with a smudge in the middle of their foreheads. I admire those people, for this year Ash Wednesday was also Valentine's Day. Nevertheless, they participated in an annual event that reminds us that people are mortal and that nobody escapes death. Along with this ritual of the imposition of ashes there is an implied expectation that a person will participate in giving something up for Lent, that is for 46 days. When asked what I am giving up for Lent, I respond, "bad attitudes." This isn't meant to be disrespectful but playful with a serious question. Facing our own limitations in life and acknowledging that there is no escaping aging and dying is not always a pleasant exercise. However, it can be a rewarding and worthwhile practice; if the discipline leads to a better and more fulfilling life; giving up can be about gaining more.

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

Sunday Worship Service

Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

[Visit our website](#)

Access Plus Ramp Build



Ramp Build
1633 Karen St.
THIS Saturday, 2/17
Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

If you enjoy working with your hands or power tools, please consider being a part of the Access Plus Ramp Building Team. You don't need any experience, just a willing heart. Doug Wayland will be happy to train you.

The February ramp build is for a man who is unable to get in and out of home safely. What a blessing this will be for him and those who care for him!

Soup & Study Lenten Event

Lenten Soup & Study
Wednesdays beginning 2/21
6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Last year during our Soup and Study event we worked through season one of *The Chosen* series. It was well received, so we're going to tackle season two this year. We'll begin each evening with a soup supper and move right into our discussion.



We will watch and discuss the first five of the eight episodes in the series. Here is the [link to the episode](#) to be discussed next Wednesday, 2/21. Angel Studios also has an app that you can download to access *The Chosen* if you'd prefer using that method. You may also access Angel Studios through this [link](#). Just be sure to select Season Two and the correct episode if you don't use the enclosed link.

Here are the guiding questions to keep in mind as you watch for this week:

1. What burdens are you attempting to carry in your own wisdom and strength?
2. In what ways are you like the Sons of Thunder?
3. What lack are you experiencing in your life, and what deeper need is it working to expose?

There will also be questions that will guide the discussion each week, which will be available on Wednesdays.

If you would like to receive the information for each week and updates by text message, please text the word "lent" to (361) 326-3599 and you will be included in the group.

It will be another lively study of the life of Jesus.

Adult Bible Study



Adult Bible Study of the Gospel of Mark Sundays at 12:00 p.m.

All are welcome to join the Bible study. 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

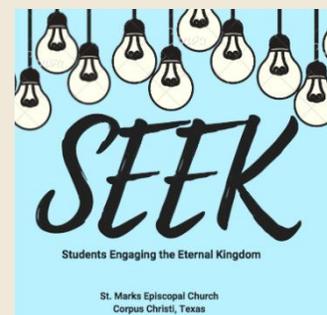
[chapter six](#) study notes

[chapter seven](#) study notes

Youth Group & Children's Ministry

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

Youth Group will meet this Sunday to discuss Highs and Lows and Bible teaching. Grab some refreshments and head to the Youth Room after the service.



There will be a **Happening** at St. David's Episcopal Church in San Antonio March 1-3 for high school students in the tenth through twelfth grade. The registration fee is \$60. Here's a [link for more information](#).

Bring a Friend to Church



Bring a Friend to Church Sunday, 2/25

Mark your calendars for Sunday, February 25th for our next Bring a Friend to Church Sunday. Invitation cards are available on the black Guest Center desk to use to invite people you would like to come experience our St. Mark's family. Even

better, offer to pick them up and bring them to church with you. Having a member accompany a guest adds a level of comfort that may help a person be willing to come visit.

Travelin' Tom's Coffee Truck will be back that Sunday, and our guests will receive a free cup of coffee on us. Coupon cards will be handed out to each guest that Sunday.

We will also have an **Instructional Eucharist** during the service, so those who are new or newer to the Episcopal tradition will get an idea of what we do and why it is important. What a great opportunity for us and those who need to know Jesus!

New Texting Service

New Church Text Service

Our search is over! We have found a text service that should work for us. A text message went out introducing the new service a few weeks ago. The phone number that it originated from is (361) 326-3599. You might want to add the number to your contact list, so you'll know any messages from this number are from St. Mark's.



If you opted out because you were unsure about the origin of the message, you may still be included in the general text group by texting the word "Member" to (361) 326-3599 and you will be added to the group. You may also contact the church office at (361) 994-0285, or email Judy at judy@stmarksgc.org. If you didn't receive the original message but want to receive messages from the church, please use one of the above methods to join the group.

This new service will allow us to create ministry text groups which will allow the leaders to communicate with their team members and the members with their leader. We're in the process of setting up those groups and will have more information available soon. So, stay tuned!

Inquirer's Class

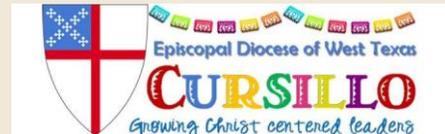


Inquirer's Class Sunday, March 3rd after the Service

Mark your calendars for Sunday, March 3rd for the next Inquirer's Class. If you're new or newer to St. Mark's, or would simply like to learn more about the church, make plans to attend. Please the office know if you intend to come.

Women's Reunion Groups

Cursillo Women's Reunion Groups

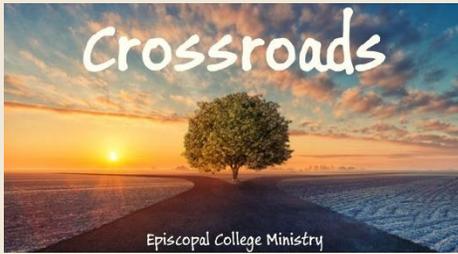


Calling all St. Mark's women who have made their Cursillo! New **reunion groups** are being formed. (Both daytime and evening times are possible.) Please contact Pam Cater at (361) 446-4498 or at pamela.j.cater@gmail.com, if you are interested in participating in a group or just being kept informed of upcoming Cursillo events and activities.

The next **Cursillo** will be at Camp Capers in March, the 14th through the 17th. Here's a [link for more information](#). You may also visit with Pam if you're interested in going. The next Cursillo to be held at Mustang Island Conference Center is scheduled for May 2-5, but registration information is not available yet. Two Cursillos are scheduled for the fall, one October 3-6 at Mustang Island Retreat Center and one November 7-10 at Camp Capers.

Crossroads Ministry





Crossroads Ministry to College Students and Young Adults

The work towards establishing the Crossroads ministry to college students and young adults at the Del Mar Heritage Campus and Texas A & M Corpus Christi Campus continues. Above is a QR code to access information for becoming a part of a text

group for students interested in this ministry.

Please keep our efforts to engage with college students and young adults in a real way in your prayers. Thank you!

Diocesan Events

Diocesan News



Council News—Diocesan Council begins next Thursday, 2/22 through Saturday at noon. Please keep Council, our representatives, and all who will participate this year in your prayers.

Council in Action Project: Good Samaritan Community

Services—Each year Council host churches choose a community ministry to support as the Council in Action Project. Here's a link to [more information](#). Here are links to their [Amazon Wish List](#) and [Walmart Wish List](#).

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 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.
- 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 [February 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 [February calendar](#).

February 17 -Saturday

8:00 a.m. - Access Plus Ramp Build--1633 Karen St.

February 18 - Sunday

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

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

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

12:00 p.m. - Gospel of Mark Bible Study--Fellowship Hall

February 19 - Monday

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

February 20 - Tuesday

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

February 21- Wednesday

11:30 a.m. - Lunch with the Old Guys--Niko's Steakhouse, 5409 Saratoga Blvd.

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

6:00 p.m. - Lenten Soup & Study--Fellowship Hall Library

February 22-24 - Thursday-Saturday

Diocesan Council--San Marcos

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

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[Diocese of West Texas](#)

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