

# St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

June 20, 2024

## Upcoming Events

### Cimarron Senior Apartments

#### Conversations with God

7/2, Tuesday 12:00 p.m.

### Vacation Bible School

7/8-7/11, Monday - Thursday

9:00-11:45 a.m.

### Cimarron Senior Apartments Food Distribution

7/18, Thursday 12:00 p.m.

## From the Rector Fr. Doug



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## Sunday Worship Service

Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

Many of us can look back on times when we weathered life's storms and found a resilience within ourselves that we didn't know existed. The Bible brims with such tales where individuals begin with scant faith and trust, yet, through the anticipation of witnessing God's might, they find themselves steered towards a rejuvenated hope amidst their darkest hours.

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

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## Youth Endowment Fund Update

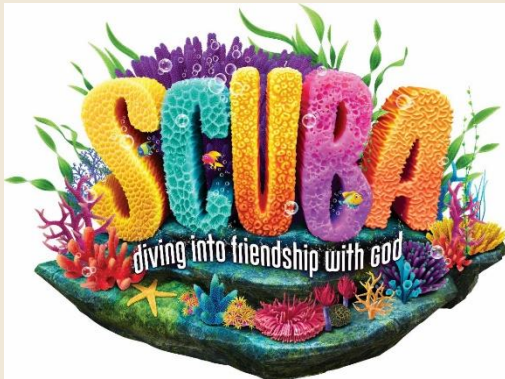
### Scholarship Applications Accepted Through Tomorrow 6/21

If you missed the first deadline to submit your scholarship application at the end of May, you're in luck. The deadline has been extended to tomorrow, Friday, June 21st. If you come to the office and no one is here, put your scholarship application and supporting documents in the secure mailbox to the left of the red doors to the fellowship hall. You may also email your information to [stmarkscc@stmarkscc.org](mailto:stmarkscc@stmarkscc.org).



Here is a link to the [guidelines and the application](#).

## Vacation Bible School



### Scuba Vacation Bible School Monday-Thursday, July 8-11, 9:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

The theme for this year's Vacation Bible School program is "Scuba, Diving into Friendship with God." It promises to be another grand adventure learning about God.

We would like to ask you to consider volunteering to help with Vacation Bible School

and purchasing supplies needed for the children who attend. Here's a [link to register as a volunteer and to register children](#) to attend, or use the QR code at the bottom of this section. Please share with others who may want to help or have children who would like to participate. Here's a [link to the supply registry](#) list if you'd like to help with the supplies. You may also use the QR code that says "Scan me" to view the registry.

Scuba has seven areas where people may volunteer. We need both leaders and helpers. Here are the seven areas and a description of each:

- **Deep Bible Adventures Leader:** this organized storyteller brings the Bible to life through interactive experiences, then helps kids apply the word of God to their own lives.
- **Games leader:** this energetic person leads kids in fun physical activities and discussions.
- **Imagination Station leader:** this fun-loving leader encourages creativity and brings the Bible point to life!
- **Snack leader:** this organized person prepares snacks and guides kids in relating the snack to the Bible point each day.
- **Sticky Scripture leader:** this master of discussion shares videos and leads kids in discussion on how to apply the daily Bible point to their lives.
- **Opening and Closing leader:** this creative, energetic person leads opening and closing each day with dancing, singing, acting, and teaching.

- **Crew leaders:** these youth or adults travel to stations with the kids, having fun, forming relationships, and helping as needed.

Please contact Sally Buck at (361) 813-5732 if you would like to volunteer or have any questions.



## Coffee Hour Help

### Coffee Hour Fellowship

Sharing our lives with one another over a cup of coffee while enjoying a sweet treat describes Coffee Hour. We have a very small dedicated team that works hard to make sure there is something offered each Sunday.

We need some new team members to volunteer to help once a month. The job duties include setting up the drinks and refreshments, serving, and cleaning up afterward. It can be very simple. You don't have to bake anything or even pick something up at the grocery store if your time is limited. We have snack items in the freezer and pantry that may be used. Of course, if you enjoy baking and want to bring in homemade treats, no one will object. Everything is appreciated!

Please consider being a part of this team. If you'd like to serve, please let Judy know in the office at (361) 994-0285.



## Hurricane Preparedness



### Are You Prepared for a Hurricane?

#### Hurricane Proof your Property

Are you able to hurricane proof your home by boarding up windows, securing outdoor property, etc.? If not, and you don't have family who could help you, please contact the church office at (361) 994-0285 so our staff will know who might need assistance prior to a hurricane. With advance notice, a team of people could come assist those who need help protecting their

property.

#### Emergency Contact from Church

To stay informed of emergency situations, receive information on resources that the church may offer, and to check in with your church family during an emergency, please join the St. Mark's General Text Group. You may do so by scanning the QR code below. Fill in your cell phone number and your first and last name; check the box "Verify you are human"; click the "Subscribe" button, and you will automatically be put in the text group.

A test of the service was sent out earlier this week. If you didn't receive the text message, that means we don't have a good working cell phone number for you. If you'd like to be a part of this text group, please use the QR code below to make sure you don't miss any important updates or information.

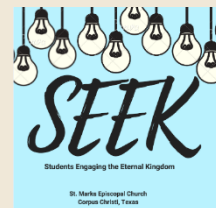


## Youth Group & Children's Ministry

### SEEK Youth Group Will Take a Break During the Summer

**Youth Group:** We will not meet regularly during the summer months.

**Vacation Bible School:** Stop by the Scuba Vacation Bible Adventure table this Sunday during coffee hour and see where you can help this year! Vacation Bible School will be July 8th through July 11th.



## Adult Bible Study



### Adult Bible Study Group is Taking a Break for the Summer

The Sunday Adult Bible study group will take a break during the summer months. The group will resume meeting in the fall to continue with its reading and discussion of the Gospel of St. Mark.

## Timon's Ministry

### Timon's Ministry Snack Bag Delivery

Steve and Pam Cater delivered snack bags to Timon's Ministry last Friday. Many thanks to those who donated water or snack items. This is an ongoing project, so continued donations are most welcome.



### 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 Clothing Closet organizing items and visiting with people. The group has asked for help with their efforts through any of the following ways:

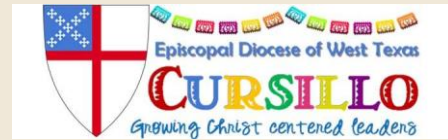
- Donating men's shirts, jeans, or athletic shoes
- Donating travel size deodorant, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, bars of bath soap, body wash
- Donating toothbrushes
- Donating items for to-go food bags: tuna and cracker packs, granola bars, chips, bottled water, etc.
- Sorting clothing on Wednesdays 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 your help with this important ministry opportunity.**

## Cursillo & 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.

Looking ahead, two Cursillos are scheduled for the fall: October 3-6 at Mustang Island Retreat Center and November 7-10 at Camp Capers.

## 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 [June 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 [June calendar](#).

### **June 21 - Friday**

Youth Endowment Scholarship Applications Due

### **June 23 - Sunday**

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

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

### **June 24- Monday**

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

### **June 25- Tuesday**

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

### **June 26 - Wednesday**

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

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

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

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

### **June 27 - Thursday**

7:00 p.m. - South Texas Amateur Radio Club--Fellowship Hall

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

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