

# St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

September 22, 2022

## Upcoming Events

**Tina Canary, New Life Refuge**  
9/25 Sunday

**Spiritual Retreat in Recovery**  
9/30-10/2 Thursday-Sunday

**Cursillo #286 Mustang Island  
Conference Center**  
10/6-9 Thursday-Sunday

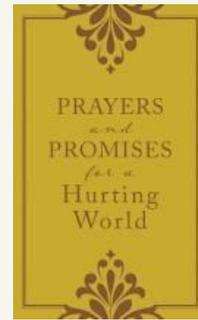
**Fr. Doug Wasinger's First  
Sunday**  
10/9 Sunday

**Fall Festival**  
10/29 Saturday

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## God's Promises



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

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*"Whatever is good and perfect is a gift  
coming down to us from God our  
Father, who created all the lights in the  
heavens. He never changes or  
casts a shifting shadow."*

James 1:17

Dear Lord, I caught myself silently criticizing the heart of another believer who was ministering to the sick but complaining. I was thinking I would have given that gift in a different spirit, with joy and willingness. Forgive me for my hypocrisy. The truth is I was *not* giving at all, not even in the ways I could have. I could have given encouragement to that believer. I could have prayed for the burden she was under. I give grudgingly also, just in different circumstances. Some things are easy for me to give away; other things my hands itch to hold on to.

Lord, help me to be thankful that the church is full of people with so many

## Sunday Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.--Morning Prayer-Sanctuary

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different gifts and generousities in so many different areas instead of criticizing what and how they give. Thank You that some can give time, some treasure, some wisdom, some help, some prayer. Thank You that members of the body are giving silently in ways nobody else has thought of. I pray You will encourage them. enlarge our hearts to see and respond to the hurting, the needy--and those who are giving--in ways we never thought we could. All through Your grace, poured out on us, amen.

**Be Still,  
Believe, and Pray!**

## Guest Speaker



### This Sunday's Guest Speaker Tina Canary from New Life Refuge

Our guest speaker this Sunday is Tina Canary, Operations Manager of New Life Refuge Ministries. She joined New Life Refuge in 2018. Tina brought expertise from years of sales and marketing to deliver life-saving education throughout the community, and to develop partnerships to end the demand. Working with the child survivors and being witness to their healing is an amazing part of what is done through the Refuge campus. Tina aims to keep kids safe from predators and traffickers by sharing the needed resources to identify, report, and prevent child trafficking. To learn more about [New Life Refuge](#), click on the link.



## Why I Believe--Fr. Wasinger

### Fr. Doug Wasinger "Why I Believe"

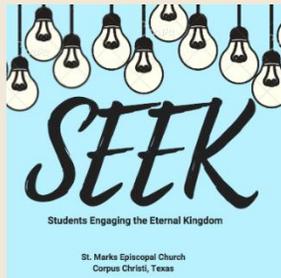
I am an Episcopalian; I have been all my life. In my circles of friends and family I am often referred to as a "cradle Episcopalian" which means I was born in the Episcopal Church and was baptized in this Church at an early age. I can remember my first communion class in Colorado Springs, Colorado. My brothers and I would attend classes for an hour and then we would go outside and play with our friends on the church lawn. I have many memories about attending church and two come to mind. [Click here for the rest of the article.](#)



Join us Sunday October 9th for Fr. Doug's first Sunday, as this marks the beginning of the next chapter in the life of our St. Mark's Church family.

**We're looking forward to a wonderful Sunday!**

## SEEK Youth Group



### SEEK Youth Group

Youth Group will meet this Sunday after the worship service beginning at 11:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Come join Ms. Molly!

## Texas Favorites Potluck

### What's Your Favorite Texas Dish?

We're going to welcome Fr. Doug Wasinger and his wife Kellie with a Texas Favorites Potluck Sunday, **October 9th**. Start thinking about what you want to bring. You can sign up on the back of your Connection Card this Sunday or contact Judy in the office at (361) 994-0285, or email her at [judy@stmarkscc.org](mailto:judy@stmarkscc.org), to let her know.



Of course, if you can't bring a dish, that's okay! Please join us for the meal and to welcome the Wasingers to St. Mark's. We **ALWAYS** have enough food!!

## Sunday Funday



### Fun with our St. Mark's Family

We enjoyed food, football, and fellowship, inside and out, making last Sunday truly a "Sunday Funday!" Thank you to John and Molly for hosting!







## Who Are You?

### Fr. Doug Wants to Know

Wearing your name tag will be a tremendous help to Fr. Doug! So let's all get back into the habit of wearing ours. If you don't have one, let Judy know. She'll make one for you and put it on a name tag tree in the sanctuary entryway. You can reach her at the office at (361) 994-0285, or email her at [judy@stmarkscc.org](mailto:judy@stmarkscc.org).



## Fall Festival



### Fall Festival Saturday, October 29 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Chrystal Wilkey is taking the lead on planning a Fall Festival at St. Mark's in conjunction with KinderCare Daycare Center. We can help by donating candy and prizes for the games. There will be boxes set up in the entryway to the sanctuary and in the fellowship hall beginning next Sunday, October 2nd. You can contact Chrystal at (361) 549-8917 for more details.

## November Vote

### Mid-Term Elections 11/8

Your vote carries more weight than you may realize and is more important now than in years past. Often people think their vote doesn't count because someone else's just cancels out their vote, and there is some truth to that. But if you and 999 others think that way and choose not to vote, those uncast votes could determine the outcome of an election. So, in reality your uncast vote is actually a vote for whatever you don't agree with.



Here is some information to help you.

- A link for [election information](#) including **voter registration** for Nueces County. The deadline to register is October 11.
- **Early voting** will take place October 14 through November 4. Here's a link to [Early Voting Locations](#).
- This is a link to [ballot information](#) including the candidate name and party affiliation.

**Please prayerfully consider voting in the upcoming mid-term elections and pray for God's guidance on your vote.**

## Diocesan Events



### Upcoming Diocesan Events

[Spiritual Retreat in Recovery #118](#) 9/30-10/2 at the Mustang Island Conference Center. Click on the link for more information.

[Cursillo #268](#) 10/6-9 at the Mustang Island Conference Center. Registration of \$210. Click on the link for more information.

There are scholarships available through the diocese if you'd like to go but need a little help.

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

### **September 25 - Sunday**

10:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer Service--Sanctuary--Tina Canary

11:15 a.m. - Coffee Hour--Fellowship Hall

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

### **September 27 - Tuesday**

10:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting--Fellowship Hall

6:00 p.m. - Women's Group--Fellowship Hall Library

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

### **September 28 - Wednesday**

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

### **September 29 - Thursday**

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

## Helpful Links

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

[St. Mark's Episcopal Church](#)

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[Diocese of West Texas](#)

[Diocesan Newsletter and Reflection Magazine](#)

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