

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

October 7, 2022

Upcoming Events

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

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

Access Plus Ramp Build
10/15 Saturday, 8:00 a.m.

C.P.R. Course
10/19 Wednesday, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Fall Festival
10/29 Saturday 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

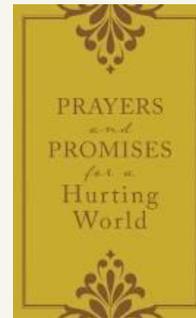
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Sunday Worship Service:

10:00 a.m.--Morning Prayer-Sanctuary

God's Promises



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

*"And I also say to you that you are Peter,
and on this rock I will build My church,
and the gates of Hades shall
not prevail against it."*
Matthew 16:18

Dear Father, You tell us to make disciples of all people, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and teaching them what it means to be part of Your family. We try to do this, Lord, but often we find ourselves pulling back from Your growing family. We are comfortable with the people we know, and all these new people change the dynamics of our safe little church world. They have needs, ideas, and desires that may pull us out of our comfort zones. They may challenge long-held beliefs. Their presence may change long-established relationships.

Lord, this thinking shows our sin. Forgive us for thinking of the church as "ours." It has only ever been Yours. It is created, sustained, and guided only by Your Spirit, and we are adopted into it through no merit

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of our own but only by Your grace. We tremble when we realize how we continually try to turn the church into a human institution. Pull us back from that, we pray. Remind us that the church is *Your* family and that we are all there--whether we have been part of a congregation for two decades or two weeks--by Your grace. We do not serve ourselves, but You--and one another. Amen.

Be Still, Believe, and Pray!

New Beginnings



Fr. Doug Wasinger's First Sunday THIS Sunday

Fr. Doug is here! Are you ready for the next great adventure in the life of the family of St. Mark's? Be sure to come Sunday for his first Sunday with us and the Texas themed Welcome potluck after the worship service.

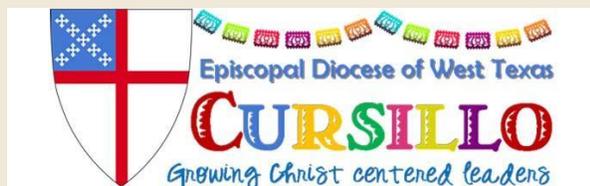
Everyone is invited!

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

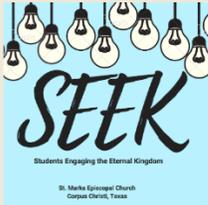
Cursillo Closing

Cursillo Closing Service Sunday, 10/9 3:30 p.m.

A Cursillo weekend retreat will begin at 5:30 p.m. this evening at Mustang Island Retreat Center. **Dayna Chimelski** is a participant in this weekend retreat. The closing service is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. Sunday afternoon. Please consider attending the closing to show Dayna support from her St. Mark's family.



SEEK Youth Group



SEEK Youth Group

Youth Group will join the rest of the congregation this Sunday after the worship service for the potluck lunch in the fellowship hall. Plan to stay until noon next week for our regularly scheduled gathering.

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.



Access Plus Ramp Build



Ramp Build Saturday, 10/15 8:00 a.m. 4018 Verner

Each month our Access Plus Ramp Ministry team builds a ramp for someone who needs better access to their home. A small ramp was completed this morning for a family whose adult son is in great need.

The regular third Saturday ramp build scheduled for the 15th is for Ofelia who is 87 years old and confined to a wheelchair. These ramps are true blessings to the recipients and their families.

C.P.R. Course

FREE CPR Course October 19, 6:00-8:00 p.m.



Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) is an emergency life-saving skill we should all learn. St. Mark's is hosting a free class on Wednesday, October 19th. The class is limited to twenty participants, so if you'd like to attend, please sign up on the back of your Connection Card Sunday, or let Judy know by calling (361) 994-0285 or emailing judy@stmarksc.org. As of today, there are eleven people confirmed to take the class, so let the office know soon if you'd like to attend.

Fall Festival



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

St. Mark's and KinderCare Learning Centers will host a fall festival on our campus on the morning of Saturday, October 29. Chrystal Wilkey has lots planned! Attendees will enjoy a bounce house, children's games, Trunk or Treat, and other fun activities. Kona Ice will be here too!

We can help now by donating candy and prizes for the games. There are boxes set up in the entryway to the sanctuary and in the fellowship hall for donation drop-off.

Volunteers will be needed the morning of the event too. You'll be able to sign up to help beginning next week.

You may contact Chrystal at (361) 549-8917 for more details.

Cookies for Council

It's Time to Start Baking

As co-hosts with St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Calallen and St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Rockport, we are responsible for providing 6,000, or 500 dozen, cookies for Diocesan Council in February. We will be reaching out to all of the Episcopal churches in our area to help us with this project.

According to Google, we can get started now! The consensus is that cookies are safe to eat up to six months from the date they are frozen. We are four months away from Council so well within the "safe zone". Bakers, preheat your ovens and start baking!



November Vote



Mid-Term Elections 11/8

Your vote carries more weight than you may realize and may be more important now than in years past. Often people think their vote doesn't count because someone else's just cancels out their vote. There is some truth to that, but if you and 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.

- This is 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 concerning your vote.

Diocesan Events

Diocesan News



Here is a [link for information](#) on the search process for our next Bishop, including the diocesan profile.

Hurricane Relief--Bishop Reed put out a plea for prayer and financial support for those who were affected by Hurricanes Ian and Fiona. We will take up a special collection Sunday, October 30th to send to the diocesan office. You may also [donate through a link](#) on the diocesan website.

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

October 9 - Sunday

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

11:15 a.m. - Welcome Potluck Lunch --Fellowship Hall -- All are invited!

October 10 - Monday

7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. - KinderCare Learning Center Training--Fellowship Hall

October 11 - Tuesday

9:00 a.m. - Council Sub-Committee Chair Meeting--Fellowship Hall

2:00 p.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.

October 12 - Wednesday

11:00 a.m. - Council Co-hosts Meeting--Online via Zoom

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

October 14 - Friday

4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - Campbell Family Rehearsal--Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall

October 15 - Saturday

8:00 a.m. - Access Plus Ramp Building--4018 Verner

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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