

# St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

November 18, 2022

## Upcoming Events

### 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

### Newcomer Meeting

12/4 Sunday 11:15 a.m.

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## Reflections from the Rector



Fr. Doug Wasinger

I have returned to a spiritual discipline – doing the Morning Prayer Office by using an app called The Daily Office from the Mission of St. Clare (it can be found in Google's play store or Apple's app store). Right now, the assigned readings from the New Testament are from the Book of James. James is a favorite for some due to his balanced approach of having faith and acting according to faith. A well-known sentence from James is "So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead." – James 2:17.

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

## Sunday Worship Service:

10:00 a.m.--Holy Eucharist-Sanctuary  
Christ the King Sunday

Visit our website

## Access Plus Ramp Build

### Ramp Build Tomorrow 11/19 Beginning at 8:00 a.m. 5912 Ayers St.

The ramp build scheduled for this Saturday is for Harold. What a blessing this will be to him and his family!

The weather may not cooperate. Rain will be the deciding factor. Doug will make the call as to whether the build is on or not tomorrow morning. If you're in the ramp build email group, Doug will send out an email at 6:30 a.m. to let you know whether the build is on or not. He would like to get this ramp completed because Harold has been waiting for his ramp for a year. So, dress warm and wear layers.

The location is in the Misty Winds Trailer Home Community. Harold's trailer is unit 187. Use the south most entrance, just before the Stripes store, and come all the way to the back. Look for the Access Plus trailer.



## 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. If you are participating, please be at the fellowship hall at 8:00 a.m. to begin bagging items.

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 still need:

23--Stuffing--6oz boxes  
22--Turkey Gravy--1 oz packet  
24--Sweet Potatoes/Yams--15 oz can  
24--Cranberry Sauce--14 oz can  
8--Green Beans--15 oz can  
17--Corn--15 oz can

There are boxes in the entryway to the sanctuary and in the fellowship hall where you may place your donations.

**The deadline is Sunday, November 20th.**

**Thank you for your generosity!**

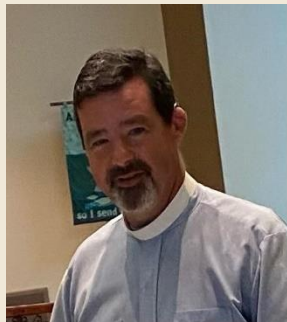
## Advent Begins

### Advent Begins November 27

Advent Season begins in a week. It marks the beginning of our new liturgical year. We will be changing our liturgy to Rite I to reflect the nature of the Advent season. It uses the "old" language which helps us to pause and reflect on what this liturgy contains, thus allowing us the opportunity to prepare our hearts for something new in preparation and anticipation of the birth of Christ.



## Meet Fr. Doug



### Getting to Know Fr. Doug

Five families have agreed to host a **Meet and Greet** event 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. There will be around ten people at each event besides the host and Fr. Doug. Either a meal or simply dessert will be provided.

We have dates and times for three events and will let you know about the dates for the other two when we know what they are.

The current dates and times are:

**Friday 12/2** 6:30 p.m. dinner at the Wandels' home

**Saturday 12/3** (time to be announced) dinner provided by the Wilkeys in the fellowship hall

**Saturday 12/10** 11:30 a.m. brunch at the Jones' home

You may sign up on your Connection Card this Sunday, contact the church office at (361) 994-0285, or email Judy at [judy@stmarkscc.org](mailto:judy@stmarkscc.org) to let her know which date you would prefer.

## Open Door Policy

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. You are also welcome to call to make sure he is available.

## Newcomer Ministry Meeting

### Meeting Sunday, December 4th, after the Service

Do you have a heart for those who are new to St. Mark's, for those who need to be a part of a Christian family? Do you love to make people feel welcomed and at home? Then come to the Newcomer Ministry meeting Sunday, December 4th, and take part in the discussion about how this ministry moves forward now that we are back to regular worship and ministry.

Lori Jones is the leader of this ministry and has a huge heart for it. Come join in the fun!



## 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](http://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

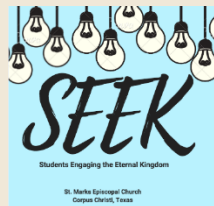


Mark Hartlaub spoke about our upcoming vestry elections several Sundays ago. We need to replace four members who will be rotating off the vestry at the end of 2022. You can speak to any of the current vestry members to ask them questions about what it has meant to them to serve on vestry. Here is a list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

# SEEK Youth Group



## SEEK Youth Group

Please put this special event on your calendars:  
**Tuesday, 11/22**, 8 a.m.--Sea Gulf Villa Thanksgiving Dinner delivery

We will have youth group this Sunday.

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)

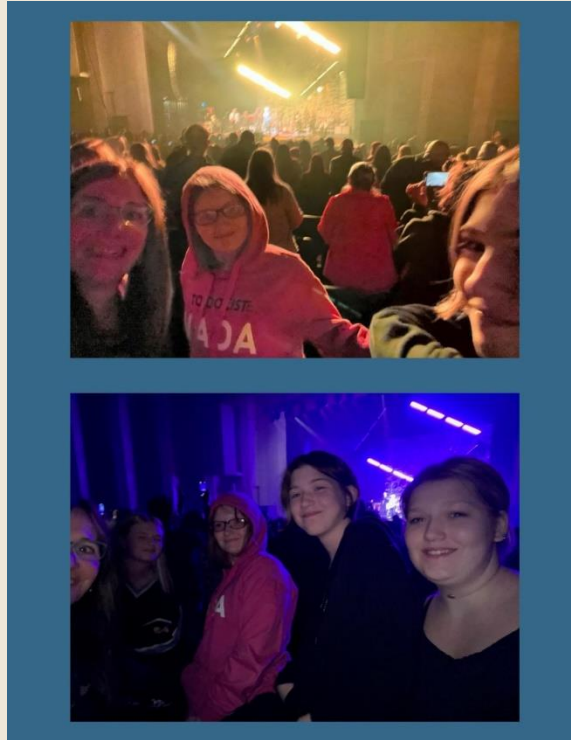
Junior High (8th-9th grade)

Intermediate (6th-7th grade)

Primary (3rd-5th grade)

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

A group of St. Markans attended Zach Williams's concert Wednesday, 11/16, and had a blast! Here's a pic of their adventure.



## 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 to help. That means each church would need to bake 55 dozen, which is much more doable.

Here are the instructions:

- All types of cookies are encouraged.
- Please package your cookies in quart-size freezer Ziplock bags.
- Write the type and quantity on the bag.
- Freeze them.
- We now have a new freezer to store cookies, if you need help with storage.

# Giving in Gratitude Dinner

## Giving in Gratitude Dinner

We had great time at our annual Giving in Gratitude Dinner! Thank you to the vestry members who provided it for us!





## Estimate of Giving Card

### Renewing Life Through our Stewardship

**Thank you** to everyone who submitted an Estimate of Giving Card for 2023. If you weren't able to be at our Consecration Sunday to place your Estimate of Giving card on the altar, 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](#).





## Flower Chart Available



### 2023 Flower Chart Available in the Sanctuary

You may sign up to sponsor the altar flowers on a special Sunday in 2023 by writing your name by the date on the flower chart which is now available in the entryway to the sanctuary. The flowers cost \$55. An email requesting your dedication will be sent at the beginning of the month you sign up for.

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

#### **November 20 - Sunday--Christ the King Sunday**

10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist - Sanctuary  
11:15 a.m. - Coffee Hour--Fellowship Hall  
11:15 a.m. - SEEK Youth Group--Fellowship Hall

#### **November 22- Tuesday**

8:00 a.m. - Sea Gulf Villa Thanksgiving Meal Project--Fellowship Hall  
10:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting--Fellowship Hall Library  
6:00 p.m. - Women's Group--Fellowship Hall Library

#### **November 23 - Wednesday**

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

#### **November 24 - Thursday**

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!**

## 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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