

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

March 1, 2024

Upcoming Events

Bingo at CC Nursing & Rehab

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

Soup & Study

3/6, Wednesday 6:00 p.m.

3/13, Wednesday 6:00 p.m.

3/20, Wednesday 6:00 p.m.

Daylight Savings Time Begins

3/10, Sunday

Spring Break

3/11-15

Lector Training

3/17, Sunday 11:30 a.m.

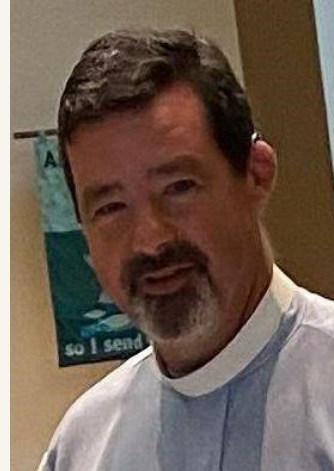
Holy Week Services

3/24-3/29

Easter Sunday

3/31, Sunday

From the Rector Fr. Doug Wasinger



In the 1990's a youth group leader named Janie Tinklenberg, in Calvary Reformed Church in Holland, Michigan, began a grassroots movement to help the teenagers in her group remember the phrase, "What would Jesus do?" The phrase spread worldwide in the 1990s among Christian youth who wore bracelets with the letters WWJD.

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

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Sunday Worship Service

Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

[Visit our website](#)

Soup & Study Lenten Event

Lenten Soup & Study Wednesdays 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.



Our Wednesday meetings have been well attended and the group has had good discussions. This coming week we'll discuss episode three of season two, beginning the evening with a soup supper and moving right into our discussion. This week the Altar Guild is providing minestrone soup.

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, 3/6. 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. Meekness is an attitude of the heart, not a result of our DNA, our upbringing, or our inability to stand up for ourselves. According to Matthew 11:29-30 (Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.), how do we adopt an attitude of meekness? Who is the example-in-chief?
- 2. It's been said that a meek person is not a weak person, but rather like a tamed lion – someone with “strength under control.” How does that change the way you feel about the word? How does it change the way you might respond the next time you're mistreated?
- 3. How would you explain why Little James choose to love and embrace his nickname?
- 4. When you contemplate the places or issues in your life where, like some of the disciples in episode 3, would you like a little justice for the ways you've been wronged, or at least an acknowledgement from others that you've been wronged, and an apology for the hurt they've caused?

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

If you would like to receive updates and information for each week by text message, please scan the QR code below to sign up.

We hope you will join us on Wednesday! It will be another lively study of the life of Jesus.



Diocesan Council News



Bishop's Address

Bishop David G. Read gave his first [Bishop's Address](#) at the 120th Annual Diocese of West Texas Council last week. Please take some time to watch it and listen to his encouraging words.

If you'd rather read it, the full text is available [here](#).

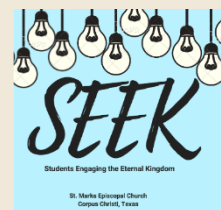
This Sunday we will hear a report with highlights from the three days of our Diocesan Council last week.

Youth Group & Children's Ministry

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

Youth Group will go to Corpus Christi Nursing and Rehab Center next door right after the service to play bingo with the residents. They are looking forward to the kids coming to see them and getting the opportunity to win some cool prizes.

Youth Sunday will be May 12th, which is also Mother's Day. We will hear from some of our seniors who will be graduating, our youth will serve during the service, and the loose offering and any designated gifts will go to support our Youth Endowment Fund for scholarships.



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

Lector Training

Lector Training Sunday, 3/17, at 11:30 a.m.

Reading scripture during our worship service is one way to serve on Sundays. If serving in that capacity appeals to you, please come to the lector training with Doug Wayland on March 17. He will begin right after the service around 11:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. Please let him know if you are interested by calling him at (361) 813-1781 or Judy in the office at (361) 994-0285.



Altar Flowers



Open Dates to Sponsor Altar Flowers

There are three Sundays in 2024 that do not have sponsors for the altar flowers. The dates available are:

- 5/5
- 12/22
- 12/29

If you would like to sponsor one of these Sundays, please let Judy know by calling her at (361) 994-0285 or emailing her at judy@stmarksc.org so she can add you to the flower calendar.

You will receive an email before the month of your designated Sunday asking how you would like the dedication on the back of the bulletin to read. Instructions on payment (\$55) will be included.

Altar Flowers

Wayland and Chimelski Families Welcome New Grandchildren to the Family



Madeleine Eve was born to Scott and Dayna Chimelski's daughter, Erica, on Tuesday 2/20.

Cassian Aaron was born to Doug and Gayle Wayland's son, Michael, on Wednesday 2/28.

Mommas and babies are doing well. We are thankful to God for the blessing of these precious children.

New Texting Service



New Church Text Service

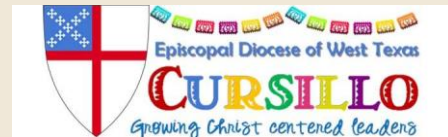
Our search is over! We have found a text service that should work for us. A text message went out introducing the new service a few weeks ago. The phone number that it originated from is (361) 326-3599. You might want to add the number to your contact list, so you'll know any messages from this number 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@stmarkscc.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 ministry leaders to communicate with their team members. We're in the process of setting up those groups and will have more information available soon. Stay tuned!

Women's Reunion Groups

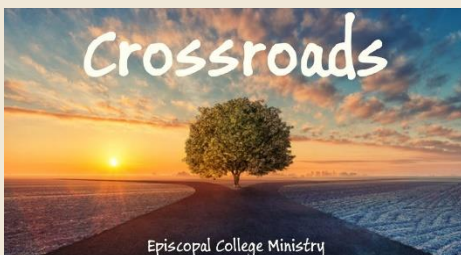
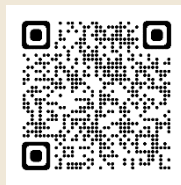
Cursillo Women's Reunion Groups



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, March 14-17. 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. If you're interested in attending, please keep checking the link above. Looking ahead, two Cursillos are scheduled for the fall, October 3-6 at Mustang Island Retreat Center, and November 7-10 at Camp Capers.

Crossroads Ministry



Crossroads Ministry to College Students and Young Adults

St. Mark's is continuing to work to establish the Crossroads ministry to college students and young adults at the Del Mar Heritage Campus and Texas A&M Corpus Christi Campus. Above is a QR code to access information to join 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 College & Young Adult Spring 2024 Retreat

This retreat for college students and other young adults will be held at Camp Capers March 8-10. The weekend is an opportunity to take some time to refresh and refuel your body, mind, and spirit. [Click here](#) for more information.

Godspell Play

Godspell
Aurora Arts Theatre
5635 Everhart
Dates: March 1, 2, 3, 8, 9



Molly and John Wandel highly recommend going to see Godspell, a great show anytime, but especially as part of your Lenten journey. It's a musical for all ages, filled with various mediums depicting the story of Jesus' life. Visit the [Aurora Arts Theatre](#) website if you'd like more information and to purchase tickets. Get ready to sing along to "Day by Day!"

Vacation Time



Help us Send Judy on a Vacation

Hi everybody!

I have started a [go fund me](#) account for our beloved Judy Netek to help with vacation expenses. Give as you feel led -- no gift is too big or too small. If you can't give financially, please support our efforts with prayer.

We want to show Judy how much we value and appreciate her! Many thanks to those who have already donated! If you have any questions or would prefer to donate with cash or check, please contact me at 214-762-8792 or molwandel@gmail.com or talk to me at church on Sunday! I'll be accepting donations for a few more weeks. and many thanks to those of you who have already donated.

Love. Molly

Diocesan Events

Diocesan News



Council News--We'll hear a report Sunday with highlights from Council last week. Please use the link below to the diocesan ENews for videos and other reports on Council if you'd like more information.

EclipseFest-- at Camp Capers April 7-9--For details [click here.](#)

Episcopal Church Women's Spring Gathering--at Mustang Island Conference Center March 8-9--For details [click here.](#)

Diocesan ENews--To stay informed of 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. 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 [March 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 [March calendar](#).

March 3 - Sunday

- 10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist--Sanctuary
- 11:30 a.m. - Coffee Hour--Fellowship Hall
- 11:30 a.m. - SEEK Youth Group--Bingo at CCNRA
- 12:00 p.m. - Gospel of Mark Bible Study--Fellowship Hall

March 4 - Monday

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

March 5 - Tuesday

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

March 6- Wednesday

- 11:30 a.m. - Men's Reunion Group--Cafe Italia, 4117 S. Staples St.
- 12:00 p.m. - Prayer Group--Fellowship Hall Library
- 6:00 p.m. - Lenten Soup & Study--Fellowship Hall Library

March 7 - Thursday

5:30 p.m. - Communications Team Meeting--Fellowship Hall Library

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

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