

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

July 14, 2022

Upcoming Events

Access Plus Ramp Build

7/16 Sat, 8:00 a.m.

Acolyte Training

7/17 Sun, 11:30 a.m.

Vestry Meeting

7/18 Mon, 6:30 p.m.

Happening Retreat

8/5-7 Fri-Sun

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Sunday Worship Service:

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

God's Promises



Prayer is Spiritual

"Asking God, the glorious Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, to give you spiritual wisdom and insight so that you might grow in your knowledge of God."
Ephesians 1:17

Prayer is spiritual. That seems like a silly statement since, after all, isn't all prayer spiritual? The answer is not always. When we launch into our long lists of prayer needs concerning people or situations without considering the spiritual condition of each person we are praying for, we overlook an important piece of healing. So, our prayer requests become a list of wants or concerns that we would like God to address. He already knows these needs but desires a deeper level of healing for His children and more intimate relationships with them.

"Please heal my brother's stomach pain" is a legitimate prayer, but we also need to pray for "my brother's" spiritual needs. Does he have a relationship with Jesus? If not, ask God to lead him that way. Does he harbor bitterness or unforgiveness in his heart? If he does, ask God to show him how to get past that hurdle. Once you've prayed for a person's spiritual life, pray for his or her other needs. Often a physical or emotional ailment is tied to a spiritual ailment.

[Visit our website](#)

So before beginning your prayer, think about any spiritual component that may need attention too. If it's not easily identified, ask the Holy Spirit to reveal it to you so you can pray for that as well. God wants all His people healthy and whole, which includes spiritual, emotional, and physical health.

Ask God to open the eyes of your heart to see what the Holy Spirit needs you to see and start praying!

**Seek God! Pray!
Give it ALL to Him!**

Access Plus Ramp Build



participate.

**Ramp Build Scheduled for
THIS Saturday, July 16,
at 8:00 a.m.
109 W Vanderbilt Dr.**

Doug Wayland and his crew will build a ramp for Tomasita this Saturday beginning at 8:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome to come join the team. Doug will gladly train anyone who would like to

Acolyte Training

Training THIS Sunday, July 17

Michelle Markert, our acolyte ministry sponsor, has scheduled a training for those children/youth who are interested in serving as an acolyte during our services. This ministry is for children going into the fifth grade or older.

**The training will be after the worship service
in the sanctuary Sunday, July 17th.**

Please contact Michelle at (361) 774-6086 if you have any questions.



Vacation Bible School



Zoomerang Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School came to a close this Thursday morning. Everyone had a great time! Zoomerang was engaging and so much fun. The kids participated in games, Bible and science lessons, crafts, music, and of course they also enjoyed delicious treats!

Molly Wandel, who led this year's VBS, did a fantastic job. She attributes her success to all the wonderful volunteers.

Here's a [link to a movie](#) of the week's events that Donna Burks put together for us. Enjoy!

Search Process Update

The Search Process Continues...

Hi St. Mark's Faithful,
We're making good progress in the search process and moving forward. Please continue to pray for us, for St. Mark's, and for God's promises and purpose to be fulfilled here!

Scripture:

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. - Philippians 2:9-11

- Pray for the search committee and their families.
- Pray that they will have the mind of Christ as they make progress.
- Pray that God would increase our next rector's passion for preaching the Word of God.
- Pray that God would give our next rector a love for our church.
- Pray for the formation of new relationships at our church.
- Pray for our next rector's family.
- Pray as the Spirit leads you.



Keep Praying!!

Ministry Opportunity



Open Your Heart and Your Home by Hosting a Foreign Exchange Student

Would you like to have the opportunity to learn about another culture and share yours? Do you have a little extra room in your heart and home for a foreign exchange student? If so, please call 361-986-0814 and leave a message for Dayna Chimelski. She would be happy to tell

you about experiences she and her husband Scott have had hosting several students and answer any questions you may have. She can also put you in touch with a reputable exchange program which is currently seeking to place students for the upcoming school year.

Email Issue

Email Problems Again...

If your email ends with **sbcglobal.net** or **att.net**, please note that your email provider is blocking group emails from St. Mark's office. You may need to contact your provider to request that St. Mark's emails be allowed to go through. The office can't do that because the providers have identified St. Mark's as a "spammer".



Damaged Property



Damage in KIC and SEEK Area

It was brought to our attention that some items have been damaged in the SEEK Youth area and the Kids in Christ area while children were in those areas unsupervised during Coffee Hour. One item is the ping pong table top that covers the pool table. You can see the damage to the right. The crack is all the way through the cover and about half way across that section. We're thankful that, at least to our knowledge, no one got hurt when this happened.

Both areas have been left very messy on Sundays. Since we're all one big family, we're asking that parents or another responsible party accompany the children when they go into either area to make sure no one gets hurt, property isn't damaged, and messes are cleaned up. Thank you for your help with this!

Happening #151

Diocesan Youth Spiritual Retreat August 5-7

Happening is a spiritual Renewal weekend retreat for youth who are rising 10th graders through graduating 12th grade youth. It is led by peers with the support of lay and clergy from our diocese.



Happening #151 will be hosted by St. Francis Episcopal Church in Victoria beginning Friday evening, August 5th, at 7:00 p.m. and concluding Sunday afternoon at 4:00 p.m.

Scholarships are available to cover the \$60 cost of registration. [Click here](#) for more information.

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

July 16 - Saturday

8:00 a.m. - Access Plus Ramp Build--109 W Vanderbilt Dr

July 17 - Sunday

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

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

11:15 a.m. - Acolyte Training--Sanctuary

July 18 - Monday

6:30 p.m. - Vestry Meeting--Fellowship Hall

July 19 - Tuesday

10:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting--Library

6:00 p.m. - Women's Reunion Group--Jason's Deli, 1416 Airline Rd.

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

July 20 - Wednesday

12:00 p.m. - Noonday Prayer Group—Library

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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[St. Mark's Church Facebook Page](#)

[Diocese of West Texas](#)

[Diocesan Newsletter and Reflection Magazine](#)

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