

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

October 9, 2025

Upcoming Events

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10/19, Sunday

Fall Festival

10/25, Saturday

Ministry Fair

11/2, Sunday

Giving in Gratitude Potluck Lunch

11/9, Sunday

Blood Drive

11/16, Sunday



From the Rector Fr. Doug Wasinger



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Sunday Worship Service

Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

As Jesus journeys toward Jerusalem, he chooses a path that places him among foreigners. When he enters a village, ten lepers cry out to him, pleading for mercy. These individuals, isolated from their communities, longed for connection and validation.

Jesus responds with a simple instruction: "Go and show yourselves to the priests." This implies that their condition has been healed—they are now free to rejoin society and reconnect with their families. What a profound gift!

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

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Stewardship Campaign



Tell Out My Soul Campaign for 2026

Each year, around this time, we participate in a stewardship campaign that features messages from people who share their experiences with ministry and how giving has impacted their lives. This year's campaign is titled "Tell Out My Soul," which is based on Luke 1:46-47 *And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior..."*

We also ask everyone to participate in the campaign by answering questions. There will be a different question each week. The results from each survey question will be reported on the following Sunday. This week's question is **"Which St. Mark's ministries are the most meaningful to you?"** You may use [this link](#) or the QR code below to make your response. Or if you prefer, we'll also have Post-it notes in each Sunday bulletin for you to write your response. You will then place it on a large Post-it, which will be on a wall near the baptismal font as you leave the service on Sunday. We really want to hear from you.

Important Dates to Remember:

On **November 2nd**, we'll invite everyone to participate in a Ministry Fair to learn about the ministries here at St. Mark's and to sign up for those that interest you.

November 9th will be the culmination of our stewardship campaign. We'll present our 2026 commitment cards to God by placing them on the altar during the service, and we'll follow that up with our annual Giving in Gratitude Potluck Lunch to celebrate. You'll have the opportunity to sign up to bring a dish for the potluck on the back of the Connection Card beginning Sunday, October 12th.



Access Plus Ramp Build

Access Plus Ramp Build Saturday, October 28th, at 8:00 a.m. 3501 Fairmont Dr.

October's ramp build is scheduled for Saturday, October 18th. The ramp recipient, Angelina, and her family are looking forward to having easier access to her home.

If you enjoy working with your hands, even if you don't have any experience building, please consider being part of the team. Doug Wayland and his crew would be happy to teach you. You may reach Doug at (361) 813-1781 if you have any questions.



Welcome Sunday



Mark Your Calendars for Sunday, October 19th Welcome Liturgy

We will welcome new families on Sunday, October 19th, during the service. Please make plans to be here to support our newest members.

Fall Festival

Fall Festival
Saturday,
October 25th
9:00 a.m. to 12:00
p.m.

Our annual Fall Festival will be on the last Saturday in October. Here's [a flyer](#) that you can download and print to use to invite others. The planning has begun for the event, and we need your help in several areas:

1. **Donations of Halloween Candy and prizes** for the Trunk or Treat cars and game stations. There will be boxes available in the sanctuary and fellowship hall for these items.
2. **Volunteers** are needed to sign up and help in various areas. Here's a link to the [sign up form](#). You can print it, fill it out, and bring it with you on Sunday to put in the offering basket.
3. **Raffle and silent auction items** are needed, which can include themed gift baskets, "like new" items, gift cards, golf packages, weekend getaway packages, spa, etc. If you have any questions, please get in touch with Chrystal Wilkey at (361) 549-8917 or Melanie Buchi at (361) 443-0145.

This is such a fun community event!
We're looking forward to another successful year!

Free Family Event

FALL FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 25, 2025

9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

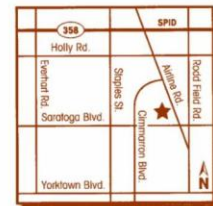
Activities: Bounce House, Crafts, Face Painting,
Petting Zoo, Trunk or Treat, Live Music,
Games, Hayrides, Raffle, and Silent Auction Items

Food: Travelin' Tom's Coffee Truck and Kona Ice

**Wear your costume— please, not too scary
and bring a bag for goodies.**

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Folk Dance Class



Folk Dance Class Photos

Around fourteen people participated in the folk dance class last week, and they had a great time. Looks like we'll be doing another class in the future!





Youth Ministry



SEEK Youth Group Meets Sundays after the Service

Youth group will meet this week in the youth room for highs and lows and prayer. Grab some snacks and join the group in the youth room.

Seek the LORD and His strength; seek His face continually. (1 Chronicles 16:11)

Adult Bible Study

Adult Bible Study Class Sundays at 11:30 a.m.

The Adult Bible Study group meets on Sundays after the service. Tom Curry is leading the study entitled **"Understanding the Old Testament in Jesus' Time."** Bring your own Bible or use one of the several that will be available. Pick up some refreshments, and join the class in the fellowship hall library.



Cimarron Senior Apartments Ministry



Ministry to the Residents at Cimarron Senior Apartments 2802 Cimarron Blvd.

Conversations With God Bible Study Thursday, 10/20, at 11:00 a.m.

Conversations with God Bible Study on the First Tuesday of Every Month at 11:00 a.m.

Once a month, John deMontel, Fr. Doug Wasinger, and others provide snacks and a Bible study they call "Conversations with God" for the residents. It generally lasts an hour. If you'd like to help with this ministry, please contact John at (361) 815-9498.

Food Delivery to Residents on the Third Monday of Every Month at 11:30 a.m.

The Coastal Bend Food Bank delivers food to the Cimarron Senior Apartments once a month. A team of dedicated St. Mark's volunteers helps distribute the food to the residents after it has arrived. If you have an hour or so to give, please consider serving to help with the monthly food distribution.

Timon's Ministry

Ministry in Partnership with Timon's Ministries

Over the course of many years, St. Mark's has partnered with Timon's Ministries in various ways. Timon's goal "is to provide a hand up, empowering individuals to regain their strength, dignity, and ultimately, their place in the workforce." Our women's reunion group has discovered several ways to serve this community.



Members of the group have been volunteering their time at Timon's Ministries working in the Clothing Closet organizing items and visiting with people. The group has asked for help with their efforts through any of the following ways:

- Donating band aids, bandages, gauze, etc.
- Donating clothing, especially men's shirts, jeans, shorts, athletic shoes, flip-flops, socks, and belts and women's jeans, shorts, undergarments, socks, and purses
- Donating sleeping bags, backpacks, tote bags, suitcases, and recyclable plastic bags
- Donating travel size deodorant, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, bars of bath soap, body wash, bath towels
- Donating toothbrushes and new or used shoelaces
- Donating laundry supplies
- Donating items for to-go food bags: tuna and cracker packs, granola bars, chips, bottled water, etc.
- Sorting clothing and helping clients on Mondays from 8:45 - noon

You may leave your donations in designated boxes located in the entryway to the sanctuary and in the fellowship hall. Contact Pam Cater at (361) 446-4498 for more information.

Thank you for your help with this important ministry opportunity.

Diocesan Events



Diocesan News

Cursillo Weekends--A Cursillo is a three-day spiritual retreat weekend for adults. There are two planned: one at **Mustang Island Conference Center, 10/9-12**, and one at **Camp Capers, 11/6-9**. [Click this link](#) for more information and to register.

Discovery Weekend at Camp Capers--This weekend, scheduled for **November 14-15**, is designed to help both lay and ordained persons discern a deeper call to ministry. [Click here for more information.](#)

Diocesan ENews--To stay informed on 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 which 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. We 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 our [October ministry schedule](#). Click here is the [October church calendar](#).

October 12 - Sunday

10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist--Sanctuary
 11:30 a.m. - Coffee and Conversation--Fellowship Hall
 11:30 a.m. - SEEK Youth Group--Fellowship Hall Youth Room
 11:30 a.m. - Adult Bible Study--Fellowship Hall Library

October 13 - Monday

7:00 a.m. - Kindercare Training Event--Fellowship Hall
 8:45 a.m. - Clothing Shop--Timon's Ministry, 10501 S. Padre Island Dr.
 9:30 a.m. - Staff Meeting--Fellowship Hall Library
 6:30 p.m. - Vestry Meeting--Fellowship Hall Library

October 14 - Tuesday

7:30 a.m. - Women's Reunion Group--Corner Bakery Cafe, 4928 S. Staples St.

October 15 - Wednesday

12:00 p.m. - Prayer Group--Fellowship Hall Library
 6:30 p.m. - Men's Reunion Group--Nolan's Restaurant--7426 S. Staples St.

October 18 - Saturday

8:00 a.m. - Access Plus Ramp Build--Location to be determined

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

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