

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

October 27, 2022

Upcoming Events

Fall Festival

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

Consecration Sunday

11/6 Sunday, 10:00 a.m.

Giving in Gratitude Lunch

11/13 Sunday, 11:10 a.m.

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Sunday Worship Service:

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

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Reflections from the Rector



Fr. Doug Wasinger

Paul had this to say to the church in Corinth, "Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses."

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

Fall Festival



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

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

If you find yourself wanting something to do Saturday, consider volunteering to help. There are lots of ways you can do that, from directing to traffic, to helping the kids with a craft or a game, or bringing candy to the trunk or treat vehicles. Chrystal would be happy to put you to work.

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

Here is a [flyer](#) that you can print to use to invite your friends and family.

Pumpkin Carving

Calling all Pumpkin Carvers!
THIS Sunday, 10/30

Let's get a little messy after church on Sunday, October 30! Bring your own pumpkin and carving supplies, and carve a pumpkin with your St. Mark's family. All ages are welcome to participate!



Hurricane Support



Financial Help for the Victims of Hurricanes Fiona and Ian

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.

Food for His Table

Meals for Fr. Doug

Fr. Doug's wife Kellie and his daughter Rowan won't be moving to Corpus Christi until January. In the meantime we want to make sure he's well fed!

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. Information about his dietary restrictions and his likes and dislikes are included. You can sign up for as many dates as you'd like.



Renewal Stewardship



Pray Gratefully - Serve Responsibly - Give Generously

Reflection from *Sixty Second* Stewardship Sermons by Charles Cloughen, Jr.

"In his Gospel, John shares with us the wonderful story of how Jesus fed 5,000 hungry men with the two fish and five barley loaves that a small boy gave him. Jesus took the loaves and the fish, gave thanks, and not only was able to feed the thousands that were there with him, but also, he had twelve baskets of barley loaves left over, a marvelous sign of God's abundance.

I see ourselves as the boy in the story, giving to Jesus our time, talents and treasure, however small they may be. Jesus receives them, blesses them, and accomplishes so much more with them than you or I could ever imagine!

What a wonderful Jesus, who takes and appreciates our gifts, multiplies them, and makes it possible for us to be his eyes, ears, mouth, mind, hands, and heart, empowering us to serve him in the world for which he sacrificed his life on the hard wood of the cross."

Our Consecration Sunday is November 6th. We will present our Estimate of Giving cards on the altar of St Mark's, where they will be blessed and released to Jesus to be used by Him.

We will celebrate the blessings Jesus has given us during the past year at our **Giving in Gratitude Lunch Sunday, November 13th.** The meal is being provided by vestry members as a thank you to the congregation for continued support and prayer. You can sign up on the back of the Connection Card Sunday or call the church office at (361) 994-0285.

Marco's Catering will be preparing the meal and the menu is:
Tuscan Pork Loin Roast
Roasted Vegetables
Lemon Garlic Buttered Pasta
Bread

Be sure to mark your calendars for these two important dates in the life of our St. Mark's family.

SEEK Youth Group

SEEK Youth Group

Come join us after the service this Sunday. Grab a snack, share highs and lows, and then we'll begin pumpkin carving!

Please put these special events on your calendars:

Sunday 10/30--Bring a pumpkin and stay after church to carve it!

Tuesday 11/22 8 a.m.--Sea Gulf Villa Thanksgiving Dinner delivery

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:

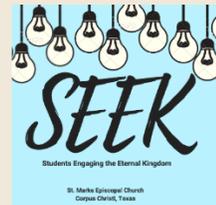
Senior High (10th-12th grade)

Junior High (8th-9th grade)

Intermediate (6th-7th grade)

Primary (3rd-5th grade)

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



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

Here are the instructions:

- Chocolate Chip cookies were reported as the favorite amongst Council delegates and alternates, but all types are encouraged.
- Please package your cookies in quart size baggies.
- Write the type and quantity on the bag.
- Freeze them.

- Please keep them at your house until we can clear some room in our church freezer.

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:

- **Early voting** will take place October 24 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

Message from Bishop Reed--Click here for Bishop Reed's article ["Signs of the Kingdom"](#). It's his Fall Reflection on change.

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.

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 30 - Sunday

10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist - Sanctuary
11:15 a.m. - Coffee hour--Fellowship Hall
11:15 a.m. - Pumpkin Carving-Fellowship Hall

October 31 - Monday

Halloween

November 1 - Tuesday

10:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting--Fellowship Hall Library
6:00 p.m. - Women's Group--Fellowship Hall Library

November 2 - Wednesday

11:30 a.m. - Lunch with the Old Guys--Nolan's Restaurant, 4117 S. Staples
12:00 p.m. - Noonday Prayer Group--Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. - Men's Reunion Group--Nolan's Restaurant, 7426 S. Staples St.

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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