

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

June 8, 2023

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Welcoming Liturgy

6/11 Sunday, 11:30 a.m.

College & Young Adult Ministry Meeting

6/13 Tuesday, 5:00 p.m.

Access Plus Ramp Build

6/17 Saturday, 8:00 a.m.

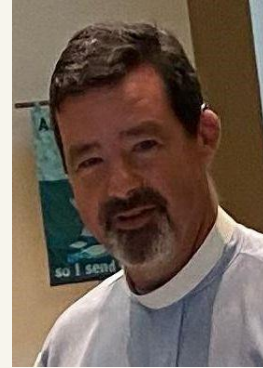
Father's Day

6/18 Sunday

Stellar Vacation Bible School

7/10-14

From the Rector Fr. Doug Wasinger



I value simple wisdom in life. Many years ago, a young friend of mine made a living working on vehicles. His learning style was hands on and in direct application with his experience. I asked him to help me learn how to do basic maintenance on my Dakota truck, work I found satisfying. In his instructions, my friend shared with me an important concept – “When you tighten a bolt on your truck, make it snug, but NOT TIGHT! If you make it too tight, it will break.” Over the years I have found this advice to be useful as I've applied his insight throughout my personal life. When I find myself too tense or hyper focused, I remind myself to let my ideals and actions be snug, but not tight; for if they are tight, I will break.

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Sunday Worship Service:

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

Visit our website

Strategic Planning Help



Your Input Needed with Weekly Strategic Planning Questions

Thank you for your help in answering the four questions that will help guide the strategic planning process. This week we will be answering the last question. If you weren't here to participate for the first three, you may still submit your responses to the questions below by emailing Judy at judy@stmarksgcc.org, or by writing your response and either "Question 1," "Question 2," or "Question 3" on the post-it to indicate which question you are answering.

Question 1: What do you want to see at St. Mark's in the next 3-5 years?

Question 2: What do you feel might block us from accomplishing our vision/goals for St. Mark's?

Question 3: What special talents do you have that you would like to share with St. Mark's and the communities we seek to serve?

Here is a [link to the responses](#) regarding what you identified you'd like to see in the next 3-5 years for reflection to answer Question 4.

This week we'll answer **Question 4: What do you believe the strategic planning committee should prioritize as they consider plans for the future?**

Fr. Doug will give us a few minutes before the end of the service Sunday to write our responses on post-its that will be in the bulletins. You may place your response on one of the large white post-it sheets that are on the walls on each side of the baptismal font as you leave the service. Ushers will have extra post-its if you need one. If you can't be here, you may still send your response to Judy via email.

**We are so pleased with your participation and responses to these questions.
Thank you for your help with this project!**

Welcoming Liturgy

Welcoming Liturgy Sunday, June 11th

This Sunday, during the service we will take the opportunity to acknowledge some families and individuals who have decided to join our St. Mark's congregation in a more formal way. Some have been here for some time, while others are fairly new to us. We want to take the time to honor them and officially welcome them.



College & Young Adults Ministry



Organizational Meeting for College & Young Adults Tuesday, 6/13, at 5:00 p.m.

Tami Woods from the diocesan office will be here June 13th to begin a conversation with those interested in ministry to young adults. The Episcopal Churches in our area have been invited to participate in the conversation so that we might join forces and resources to create a ministry for our young adults and college students.

Access Plus Ramp Build

Access Plus Ramp Build Saturday, June 17th, at 8:00 a.m. 4501 Haverhill Ln

The ramp build for June is for a man named Fernando. This ramp will enable him to have better access to his home, which will be a huge blessing to him and his family.

Doug Wayland will have coffee and donuts ready for the team bright and early at 8:00 a.m. If you haven't been involved in a ramp build, please consider joining them and learn along the way. No experience is necessary, Doug and the other builders would be happy to train you.



Children & SEEK Youth Group



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Stellar Vacation Bible School July 10-14

9:00--11:45 a.m.

VBS is coming! Mark your calendars for our upcoming Vacation Bible School where kids will have a blast shining Jesus's light to the world.

We need your HELP! We need volunteers in the seven categories listed below. The program provides all the teaching in the curriculum.

1. **Galactic Snacks**- Set out snacks and play music. Tell the children the Bible verse and discuss Why It Matters Today.
2. **Imagination Station**-Help the children explore Bible Verses, with Bible Insights, and Why It Matters Today through crafts that will be made each day.
3. **All Star Games**-Lead and guide outdoor activities that tie in with the Bible Verses of the day.
4. **Spotlight VBS**-Take specific photos and videos of the children in their groups during each day.
5. **KidVid Cinema**-Run short videos for the children to watch of the Bible lessons of the day.
6. **Bible Basics**-Teach the Bible lessons for each day using the curriculum.
7. **Sing and Blast Off/Closing**- Open and close each day with songs.

We need people for each of these areas. Youth 6th grade and up will be very valuable helpers in each of these categories. We have something for everyone. If your schedule only allows for you to help one day, that's great. We will also need help with decorating the weekend before July 8th and 9th. If you have any questions, Sally will be in Fellowship Hall after church this Sunday, or you may call her at 361-813-5732.

Online registration for the children and volunteers will begin soon. You may also sign-up on the back of your Connection Card this Sunday. You will want to be part of this out-of-this-world adventure!

Free Stuff

Children's Items and a Futon

The Guerra family is offering several kid's items for free, which include puzzles, games, and other educational resources. A table will be set up in the fellowship hall and the items will be available first come, first served. So, come and browse, and feel free to take whatever you can use.

The Rysavy family is offering a futon (photo to the right) to anyone who could use it. It is also free. Please contact Jim at (361) 945-5232 to arrange pickup.



Father's Day Offering



Father's Day Offering Immigration & Refugee Ministries

The loose offering and any designated gifts given on Father's Day, June 18th will go to support the Immigration and Refugee Ministries in our diocese. Here's a link to more information about [these ministries](#).

Diocesan Events

Diocesan News



A Letter to the Diocese Regarding the Bishop Transition--Click on [this link](#) for an update for the transitions from Bishop David M. Reed to Bishop Coadjutor-Elect David G. Read.

Connecting with College Missions--Click on [this link](#) if you'd like to get connected with the diocesan college ministry.

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.

The Consecration and Ordination of Bishop David G. Read--
Please see the invitation below. Here's a link to [diocesan website](#) for additional information.



GOD WILLING AND THE
PEOPLE CONSENTING,

The Reverend Doctor David G. Read

will be ordained and consecrated a Bishop in the
one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and
Bishop Coadjutor of the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas

Saturday, July 8, 2023
at eleven o'clock in the morning

The Right Reverend David M. Reed, D.D.
and the Standing Committee request
the honor of your presence at

ALL SAINTS CHAPEL, TMI EPISCOPAL
20955 W. Tejas Trail; San Antonio, Texas

Chief Consecrator:
The Most Reverend Michael B. Curry
Presiding Bishop and Primate of The Episcopal Church

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

Clergy and Attending Bishops
are invited to vest with red stoles.

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 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 [June schedule](#) for our ministries, which is an ongoing work in progress. Please check each week to see if there are any changes.

June 11- Sunday

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

11:30 a.m. - Coffee Hour--Fellowship Hall

June 12 - Monday

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

June 13 - Tuesday

5:00 p.m. - College & Young Adult Ministry Meeting--Fellowship Hall

June 14 - Wednesday

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

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

June 17 - Saturday

8:00 a.m. - Access Plus Ramp Build--4501 Haverhill Ln.

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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