

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

February 25, 2022

Upcoming Events.

Diocesan Council

2/25-26 Fri-Sat

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

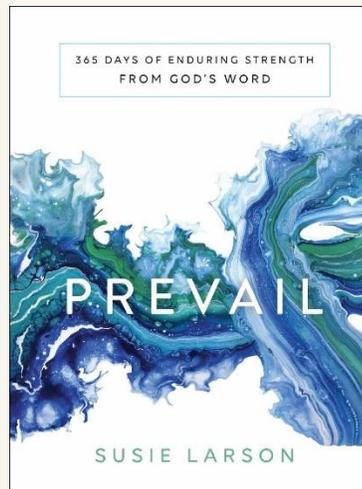
3/1 Tues, 6:00 p.m.

Ash Wednesday Services

3/2 Wed, 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Courses to Prepare for Confirmation Begin

3/6 Sun, 11:15 a.m.



An excerpt taken from
Prevail,
a devotional by Susie Larson.

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Sunday Worship Service:

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

"Faith shows the reality of what we hope for; it is the evidence of things we cannot see."
Hebrews 11:1

Miracles happen every day. The sick are healed. The lost are found. The barren have children. Prodigals come home. But what about those who pray and fast and stand on God's promises, and still their loved one dies? What did faith accomplish in that case? What *is* faith, anyway? Faith is the strong conviction that God is who He says He is and that He will do just as He promised. We get tangled up in doubt when we determine God's intended outcome before He even reveals it to us. We zero in on one possibility and miss all of the ways God is working in and around us. If God doesn't give us what we hope for in this life, it's because His answers to our desires are far and away better than we ever imagined, and those answers are meant to be ours throughout eternity. Furthermore, when we engage our faith and we place our hope firmly in God (and not in our expected outcome), something changes within us. We're so deeply connected to the life-force that flows from God, it can't help but shore us up

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and change us from the inside out. Our faith is never wasted on us nor is it ever tossed aside by God. It is wise, though, to discern God's voice before we decide on what we think our outcome should reveal. His peace always confirms His ways.

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

Walk to Siloam Retreat

Pray for Team and Pilgrims

The Walk to Siloam, a three day retreat for homeless men sponsored by Mission 911, began Thursday at Camp Zephyr at Lake Mathis. To learn more about the event, click [here](#).

A team of approximately 35 members has gathered to serve 25 pilgrims. Please keep the team and the pilgrims in your prayers to be touched by the Holy Spirit in new ways during this weekend.

Everyone is invited to come to Camp Zephyr to help support the pilgrims and the team at a candlelight service Saturday, 2/27, at 7:00 p.m. It will begin with a worship service to pray for the Walk. The team and the pilgrims will join the service at approximately 8:00 p.m. Here are [directions](#) to Camp Zephyr.

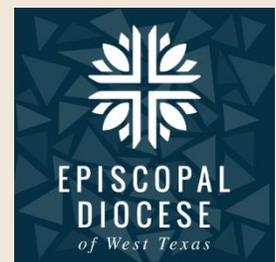


Diocesan Council

Council Opens Today

Diocesan Council begins Friday 2/25 at 9:00 a.m. and concludes Saturday at noon. All members of the Diocese are invited to view Council in its entirety and engage online through the live broadcast streamed on the diocesan [Facebook](#), [Vimeo](#), and at dwtx.org/council. Tune in to hear reports on diocesan ministries, the financial well being of the diocese, and what's going on in other parishes.

Please keep Council in your prayers Friday and Saturday.



Lenten Season Events

Lent Begins 3/2 with Ash Wednesday

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

We will have an evening of celebration starting at 6 p.m. on Shrove Tuesday, March 1, before the season of Lent begins. We'll start with a pancake supper prepared by our men's group. There will be games and of course fellowship.



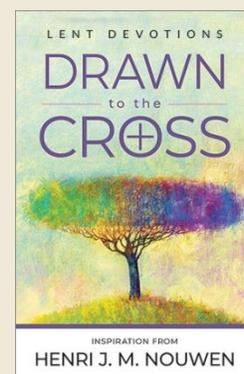
Ash Wednesday Services

Lent officially begins Ash Wednesday, which is March 2nd. There will be two services, one at 7:00 a.m. and one at 7:00 p.m. The evening service will include Holy Eucharist.



Lenten Devotional

Choosing a discipline to utilize during the season of Lent can be challenging because there are so many options. One of our St. Mark's families wanted to make that choice a little easier, so they ordered a Lenten devotional for each of us. It is written by well known Christian author Henri J. M. Nouwen and is titled *Drawn to the Cross*. As soon as the devotionals come in, they will be available for pickup in the sanctuary at the black welcome center table and in the fellowship hall.



Search Process

Links for Search Process Resources

Dear St. Marks,

Your search committee is continuing its mission searching for THE ONE whom God has chosen for us. Please persist with prayers for the committee and for the person whom God has chosen as the discernment process is a two way street.



God's Peace, John D.

Scripture for the Week

Matthew 14:15-18

As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food." Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." "We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered. "Bring them here to me," he said.

Here is a list of useful links to use during the search process for our new rector:

Parish Profile on St. Mark's [website](#)

Diocese of West Texas website [churches in transition](#)

Prayers during the search process: [prayers](#)

Bishop's Visit & Confirmation Sunday

Classes to Start March 6th

Each year one of our bishops visits St. Mark's for our annual Bishop's Visit. While here, the bishop will provide the Rite of Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation for those who wish to publicly affirm or reaffirm their faith and commitment to their baptism vows. This year, Bishop Reed will be with us on Palm Sunday, April 10th.



The Rite of Confirmation is for those who are new to the Church and want to join.

The Rite of Reception is for those who come from a Catholic background and want to join the Church.

The Rite of Reaffirmation is for those who were previously confirmed and want to reaffirm their commitment.

Youth in the tenth grade and up and adults who are new to the Church or who want to reaffirm their faith need to attend a course to prepare them. The start date for the classes is set for Sunday, March 6th. Cindy Prowse will lead the youth class. If this interests you, please contact Judy at (361) 994-0285 or judy@stmarksgc.org.

Everyone is invited to come to the class. Even if you don't need to be confirmed, received, or reaffirm your commitment, it's a wonderful refresher course!

Confirmation Sunday is always a special Sunday because it's a time to celebrate new and renewed life in the Holy Spirit.

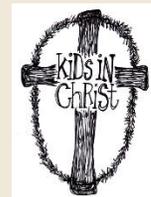
Youth and Children's Ministry



SEEK Youth Group and Kids in Christ

Kids in Christ

We'll meet at our regular time this Sunday after the service, until about 12:00 p.m. Make sure to also come to the Pancake Supper next Tuesday night! We will have fun and games, along with yummy pancakes, then bury the Alleluia banner until Easter.



SEEK Youth Group

We had a group of four youth and two adults at the Free Store of Corpus Christi family picnic last Sunday. We distributed hygiene bags, tons of socks, and many smiles to those in need. We even FaceTimed with Kathleen afterwards!

Thanks to your generous donations, we will be able to help again soon. Check the St. Mark's Facebook page for more pictures.

We'll meet at our regular time this Sunday at 4 p.m. for Bible study, prayer, snacks, and more. Your friends are always invited!



Ella Wandel Trip Update

Ella made it to Cambodia and is having a busy week in Phnom Penh. She thanks her St. Mark's family for the card and necklace, and especially for sending her off with blessings.

(She's seen here at the airport wearing the necklace, the only jewelry she chose to take with her!

Let's remember to keep all our youth and former youth in our prayers wherever they are!

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 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 the four 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.
- **NEW APP**----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.



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

February 27 - Sunday

10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist--Sanctuary
11:15 a.m. - Coffee Hour--Fellowship Hall
11:30 a.m. - Kids in Christ--Fellowship Hall
4:00 p.m. - SEEK Youth Group--Fellowship Hall

February 28 - Monday

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

March 1 - Tuesday

10:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting--Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper--Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. - Bible Study & Prayer Group--Online-Zoom

March 2 - Wednesday

7:00 a.m. - Ash Wednesday Service--Sanctuary
12:00 p.m. - Noon Prayer Group--Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. - Ash Wednesday Service--Sanctuary

Helpful Links

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

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