

# St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

October 16, 2025

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11/9, Sunday

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## From the Rector Fr. Doug Wasinger



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In a world full of noise and distraction, it's easy to miss the moments when Scripture speaks directly to us. But when Paul says, "As for you..."—he's not just talking to Timothy. He's talking to each of us, calling us to attention, to action, and to faithfulness.

Paul of Tarsus was nearing the end of his earthly ministry. Imprisoned and likely facing death, he didn't view his future with sorrow, but with celebration. He had run the good race and made peace with his past through Jesus. Now, Paul turns his attention to a young and emerging leader—Timothy—who was stepping into the role of guiding the churches Paul had tirelessly established throughout the Roman Empire.

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

## Sunday Worship Service

Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

[Visit our website](#)

## Access Plus Ramp Build

### Access Plus Ramp Build THIS Saturday, 10/18, 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.



## Stewardship Campaign



### Tell Out My Soul Campaign for 2026

Our stewardship 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 are in week three of the campaign and have heard from two speakers, with two more to follow.

We also ask everyone to participate in the campaign by answering questions. There is a different question each week.

The results from each survey question will be reported on the

following Sunday. This week's question is **"How has St. Mark's helped you grow spiritually in the past year, and what specific ministries were important to that growth?"** 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 use 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. Thank you to those who have participated in the last two weeks!

## 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. Please sign up this Sunday on the back of the Connection Card to bring a dish for the potluck.



## Welcome Sunday

### Welcome Liturgy THIS Sunday, October 19th

We will welcome Tecia Carter, Mark Nelson, and Dave and Karen Selim this Sunday, October 19th, during the service. Please make plans to be here to support our newest members. You may read their bios below to learn about them.



#### **Tecia Carter**

Tecia was born in Mississippi. She graduated from the University of Southern Mississippi with degrees in Biology, Chemistry, and Medical Technology. She married the love of her life and had three sons. In 1960 she joined Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Vicksburg, Mississippi. She has had a very rewarding career in the healthcare world from 1960 through February 2024, serving as an administrative director and educator in various hospitals throughout Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas.

#### **Mark Nelson**

Mark is techno-illiterate, a condition he's sure he will not overcome in the short years he has ahead. Being from the Pacific Northwest, he loves the rain in Texas. He also enjoys being in the company of those who have discernible values similar to his own. He will turn 83 very soon. He says it has been a joyous ride!

## **Dave and Karen Selim**

Karen is from Amarillo, Texas; Dave is from Bartlesville, Oklahoma. Karen has a B.S. in Education from Baylor and a Doctor of Jurisprudence from Texas Tech School of Law. For the past fifteen years, she has been the President and CEO of the Coastal Bend Community Foundation.

Dave has a B.S. in Mathematics and a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Oklahoma and a M.S. in Electrical Engineering from the Naval Postgraduate School. He is retired, having last been an instructor at Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi.

Karen and Dave have been Episcopalians for approximately forty years. Between them- in Lubbock, Texas, Klamath Falls, Oregon, and Corpus Christi- they have served in every warden position, as members of the diocesan Standing Committee, as trustees of the diocese, and on several search committees. They have joined St. Mark's from St. Bartholomew's in Corpus Christi.

## **Cimarron Senior Apartments Ministry**



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

**Food Distribution  
Monday, 10/20, at 11:30 a.m.**

### **Conversations with God Bible Study on the First Monday 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 helping with the monthly food distribution.

# 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](#) you can download and print 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.

**We really need more Trunk or Treat vehicles for the event. Please sign up on the goldenrod signup sheet if you can participate in that way.**

Raffle and silent auction items will be available for you to view this Sunday, 10/19, in the fellowship hall. You may purchase raffle tickets and start bidding on the silent auction items.

If you're available, Friday, October 24th, from 3:00-6:00 p.m., please consider coming to help with the setup for the event. You can also check out where the bids are on the silent auction items.

**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, Hot Dogs, and Water (available for purchase)

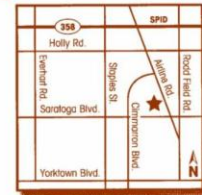
**Wear your costume— please, not too scary and bring a bag for goodies.**

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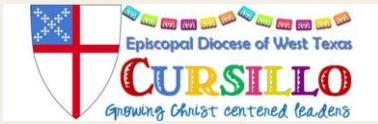
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## November Cursillo



### Cursillo at Camp Capers November 6-9

If you've ever felt stuck in your faith, you are not alone. If you want to change that feeling, I want to encourage you to attend an upcoming Cursillo. By definition, Cursillo is a Spiritual Retreat and a short course on faith.

The purpose of Cursillo is to present you with a method of living as a Christian in the world today. It is a way to strengthen and renew your faith, make new friends from our diocese, and provide you with focus for your vision of prayer, study, and action in your life and God's Church. There is good food, music, and it is just fun!

If you are interested, feel free to contact me at (361) 903-5060 with any questions to help you register. Though there is a cost for the weekend, scholarships are available!

The next Cursillo will be November 6th-9th at Camp Capers.

Lori Jones

## 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's 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.



# Blood Drive

## Coastal Bend Blood Center Blood Drive Sunday, November 16th



We have another opportunity to help our community by participating in the next blood drive on November 16th. Blood and blood products are always in demand, and we can help increase the supply by donating blood.

You can [schedule an appointment](#) on the 16th by clicking on the link or scanning the QR code on the flyer below. Or, you may simply walk in on the 16th if you prefer.

The donor incentives this time are a long-sleeve donor T-shirt and a pair of tickets to an Ice Rays game.

A vertical flyer for a blood drive at St Mark's Episcopal Church. The flyer has a decorative border with a pattern of green and brown leaves. At the top, it features the Coastal Bend Blood Center logo and tagline. Below this, the text "ST MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH" is centered. The words "BLOOD DRIVE" are prominently displayed in large, bold, green letters. Underneath, the date "SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH" and the time "9:15 AM - 12:30 PM" are listed, followed by the location "LOCATION: 2727 AIRLINE RD". A section titled "FREE LONG SLEEVE SHIRT + A PAIR OF ICERAYS TICKETS" is shown next to an image of a grey long-sleeved shirt with a "HUNTING FOR DONORS" graphic and a pair of Ice Rays tickets. A QR code is provided with the instruction "Scan here to make your appointment". At the bottom, a small text box says: "Scan the QR Code or call the Blood Center at 361-855-4943 to make your lifesaving appointment. Donors will receive a Hunting for Donors Long Sleeve T-shirt &amp; a pair of Ice Rays Tickets. While supplies last. Picture I.D. Required."

## 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 in 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 to 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. **The next Cursillo will be at Camp Capers, 11/6-9.** [Click this link](#) to obtain 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 that has "Let's Connect" written on 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 19 - Sunday--Welcome Liturgy**

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 20 - Monday**

8:45 a.m. - Clothing Shop--Timon's Ministry, 10501 S. Padre Island Dr.  
7:00 p.m. - South Texas Amateur Radio Club Training--Fellowship Hall

### **October 21 - Tuesday**

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

### **October 22 - Wednesday**

11:30 a.m. - Lunch with the Old Guys--Niko's Steakhouse, 5409 Saratoga Blvd.  
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 24 - Friday**

3:00-6:00 p.m. - Fall Festival Set-up & Silent Auction Bidding--Fellowship Hall

### **October 25 - Saturday**

9:00 a.m. - Fall Festival--Parking Lot & Fellowship Hall

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

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