

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

October 26, 2023

Upcoming Events

Sundays:

Study of the Gospel of Mark

12 noon

SEEK Youth Group

11:30 a.m.

Fall Festival

10/28, Saturday 9:00 a.m.

Giving and Gratitude Potluck Lunch

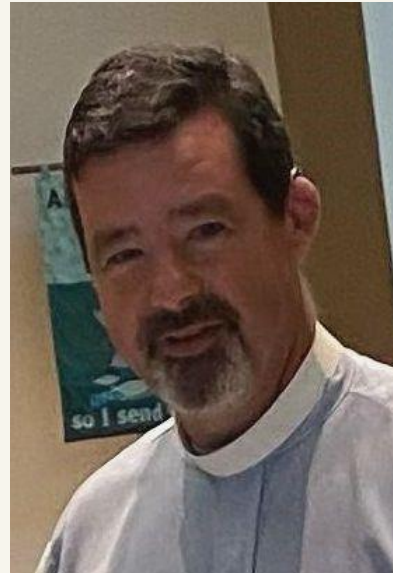
11/5, Sunday 11:30 a.m.

Game Night

11/8, Wednesday 6:30 p.m.

From the Rector

Fr. Doug Wasinger



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I just finished my second annual Clergy Conference in the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas. This reminds me that I have celebrated my first-year anniversary of being the 3rd Rector of St. Mark's. I think back to those first days in Corpus Christi. When I arrived at St. Mark's, I found people tending to the grounds who seemed happy to see me. I was a bit overwhelmed with the new setting as I reoriented myself to a new landscape. The hospitality I experienced was heartwarming, and I knew I was in a good place. A year later, what has changed is my excitement and joy of being in my **home**. I have become more familiar with the faces of St. Mark's and their stories. I survived my first summer and am now enjoying the warm climate. I am encouraged by what I am seeing in our church, and after my 2nd clergy retreat I have a growing appreciation of the DNA of St. Mark's.

Sunday Worship Service

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

To read the rest of the article, [click here.](#)

[Visit our website](#)

Fall Festival

Fall Festival
THIS Saturday, 10/28,
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



The Fall Festival is THIS Saturday. It promises to be a fun event for volunteers and festival goers alike.

VOLUNTEERS:

If you didn't have an opportunity to sign up to help but would like to volunteer, please contact Chrystal Wilkey by phone at (361) 549-8917 or by email at achry92300@aol.com. Chrystal and her team will be setting up the fellowship hall tomorrow beginning at 3:00 p.m. They would welcome your help then and/or Saturday morning.

CANDY:

We have had a good response to the plea for candy that went out Monday. **THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS PURCHASED CANDY!** If you have some you would like to bring to the church, stop by tomorrow between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

FOOD VENDORS:

Kona Ice, Travelin's Tom's Coffee Truck, and Boardwalk BBQ Truck will be here during the event. Here is a [link to the menus.](#)

RAFFLE:

We're going to have a raffle this year with five awesome raffle packages available. The proceeds from the tickets sales will go to support the purchase of a new sign for the property. The packages include:

- Golf Package
- Astros Package
- Aquarium Package
- Family Package
- Lady's Package

Melanie Buchi will be available at the festival if you'd like to purchase tickets. The tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20.

**Thank you for your help to make
this a special event again this year!**

Adult Bible Study



Adult Bible Study of the Gospel of Mark Sundays, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

All are welcome to join the Bible study. Come to one week, or come to them all. The class meets in the fellowship hall at noon and ends around 1:00 p.m. Grab a cup of coffee and some snacks, then head over to the

designated tables to sit down.

Here are links for past study dates and the upcoming Sunday:

[the introduction](#) to the class

[map of the Sea of Galilee](#)

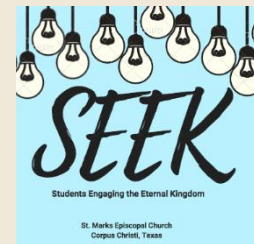
[chapter one](#) study notes

[chapter two](#) study notes

Youth Group & Children's Ministry

SEEK Youth Group Meets Sundays at 11:30 a.m.

Youth group meets right after the worship service, so grab a snack and a drink, and bring them with you to the youth room. Come see everyone and catch up!



Camp Capers Mid-Winter Camps I, II, and III: January 2024

Registration is open for Mid-Winter Camps at Camps Capers the first three weekends of January 2024. With dedicated sessions for 9th-12th graders, 6th-8th graders, and 2nd-5th grade campers, Mid-Winter Camps are opportunities to recharge midway through the school year, reuniting with camp friends and making new ones, while growing and learning in faith.

Camp I--1/5-1/7--9th - 12th grade

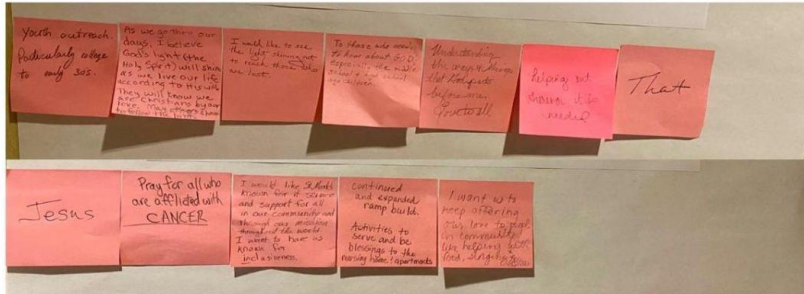
Camp I--1/12-1/14--6th - 8th grade

Camp III--1/19-1/21--2nd - 5th grade

[Click here](#) for more information or to register.

Shining Your Light Responses

Where do you want the Light to shine?



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Last Sunday we addressed the third and final question concerning Shining Our Light, which was "Where do you

want the Light to shine? Twelve people submitted a response. Here's a sampling of the responses:

- "I would like to see the Light shining out to reach those who are lost."
- "Youth outreach, particularly those in college to early 30's."
- "Continued and expanded ramp build. Activities to serve and be blessings to the nursing home and apartments."
- "I would like St. Mark's known for its service and support for all in our community and through our mission throughout the world I want to have us known for inclusiveness."

Thank you for your help with this little project!

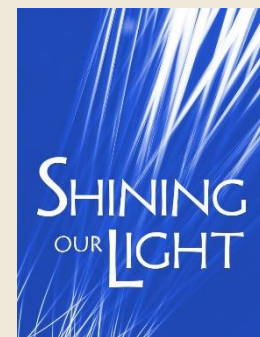
Shining Our Light Campaign

Giving and Gratitude Potluck Lunch and Ingathering of Ministry Support Cards Sunday, November 5th

November 5th marks the culmination of our Shining Our Light Campaign. We will offer our Ministry of Support for 2024 Cards to God by placing them on the altar during the service as an proclamation of our commitment to Him through St. Mark's. Fr. Doug will pray over the cards and those who present them. We will have extra Ministry Support cards available Sunday if you forget to bring yours.

We will come together for our Giving and Gratitude Potluck Lunch after the service. November 5th is also All Saints' Sunday. As a way to celebrate, the theme for the potluck is Family Favorite Dishes. You may sign up to bring your Family Favorite on your Connection Cards this Sunday.

We'll have a wonderful celebration of what God is doing in our lives, personally as well as through St. Mark's, while giving thanks for those who came before us.



Game Night



Game Night has been moved to Wednesday, 11/8, 6:30 p.m.

We had so much fun at the last game night that we've decided to do it again! If you didn't get to come last time, make

plans to join us on November 8th. You are welcome to bring a snack to share. Lemonade and water will be provided.

Honor Choir Visit

The Children's Honor Choir Visit

Mr. Bill Owens brought the Children's Honor Choir back to St. Mark's to share their musical talent with us during our worship service. If you were unable to attend the service, you may watch it through our Facebook Page.



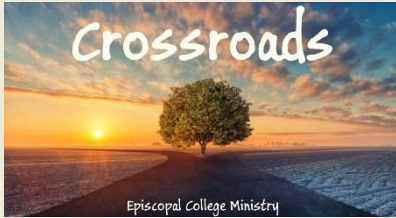
The parents of the choir members also supplied lasagna for lunch and the choir performed several pieces of music after the meal.

We collected a little over \$400 through the loose offering to help support the Honor Choir.

Thank you for your generosity!



College & Young Adult Ministry



Crossroads Table Talk Thursdays, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Del Mar College

The ministry to college students and young adults began recently and will continue weekly every Thursday beginning at 12:00 p.m. Del Mar College is hosting the gathering in the Harvin Student Center in Conference Room #1. Fr. Doug is leading a themed discussion each week to offer a safe place for those who are curious about faith to come learn and share their lives.

Prayer Partners for College Students and Young Adults

If you enjoy praying for others, please consider selecting an envelope that contains information on one of our college students or a young adult from the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. If you are praying for one of our youth, why not consider praying for a college student or young adult as well?



Planned Giving

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Planned giving encompasses a variety of ways that gifts can be made to the church from accumulated resources. It usually involves financial or estate planning; however, it is not reserved for the wealthy. Planned giving is a means by which anyone concerned with the wise use of his or her personal resources makes a considered choice about their ultimate disposition. *The Episcopal Church Foundation, "Planned Giving: Steward of God's Bounty."*



In general, planned gifts are made through:

- A bequest in a will or Trust
- A Life Income Gift
- Gifts of Special Assets, such as:
 1. Appreciated stock and securities
 2. Appreciated real estate
 3. Qualified Charitable Contribution from IRA/401k RMD
 4. Designate St. Mark's as beneficiary of all or a percent of life insurance proceeds
 5. Direct gift to our general fund or to a specific designated fund
 6. Include St. Mark's as a legacy in your will

Your vestry is establishing a new designated fund, the Legacy Fund, to receive planned gifts that donors wish to use to help secure the long term financial future of St. Mark's for the Glory of God. Our hope is that St. Mark's parishioners will find it in their hearts to give to the Legacy Fund in addition to their annual giving. Gifts, such as appreciated stocks and securities, allow a donor "generally" to be able to deduct the full amount of the full fair market value, while not having to realize the capital gains taxation at disposition. Please check with your tax professional or brokerage firm for their advice and specific methods. Please feel free to call me with questions as well.

Blessings, John DeMontel.

Diocesan Events



Diocesan News

Bishop Reed's Retirement

Festivities—Click on this link for the [event November 4th](#). Fr. Doug is planning to attend. If you'd like join him, please contact the church office.

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.

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 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 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 the [October schedule](#) for our ministries, which is an ongoing work in progress. Please check each week to see if there are any changes. Here's a link to the [October calendar](#).

October 28 - Saturday

9:00 a.m. - Fall Festival--Fellowship Hall, Courtyard, and Parking Lot

October 29- Sunday

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

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

11:30 a.m. - SEEK Youth Group--Fellowship Hall Youth Room

12:00 p.m. - Adult Bible Study--Fellowship Hall

October 30 - Monday

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

October 31 - Tuesday

7:30 a.m. - Women's Reunion Group--Corner Bakery, 4938 S. Staples. St.

November 1 - 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.

November 4 - Saturday

5:30 p.m. - Bishop Reed's Celebration--St. Alban's Church, Harlingen

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

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