

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

February 13, 2025

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From the Rector Fr. Doug Wasinger



Starting in the sixth chapter of Luke's Gospel, we learn how the original twelve disciples were selected. The selection process took place on a mountain after a night of prayer. After that important announcement, Jesus and his disciples descended from the mountain and walked into a large crowd that was gathering on a plain. This crowd was comprised of people from all around the region who were there for two reasons, to listen to what Jesus had to say and to be healed.

There is a small and yet important change in the narrative of the story which takes place when Jesus looked up at his disciples and began to speak about what we have come to know as the Blessings and Woes of Luke's Gospel. The focus of his message went from the large crowd to

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Sunday Worship Service

Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

the twelve disciples and those who were listening closely.

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[Visit our website](#)

Ramp Build

Access Plus Ramp Build Saturday, 2/15, 8:00 a.m. 902 Zarsky St.

The February ramp build is for a man named Johnny. He has been waiting quite some time to receive this ramp. He and his family are excited that he will gain better access to his home.

If you would like to participate in this build, you may either show up at Johnny's home at 8:00 a.m. or contact Doug Wayland to talk to him about the ministry. Doug's phone number is (361) 813-1781. No building experience is necessary and the team members are happy to train people.



Wedding Shower



Kayla Buchi & Jacob Richers Wedding Information

Kirk and Melanie Buchi would like to invite everyone at St. Mark's to the wedding of their daughter Kayla and her fiancé Jacob on **Saturday, March 1st, at 4:30 p.m.** here at St. Mark's.

Before they tie the knot, we want to support them by hosting a wedding shower on **Sunday, February 16th**, after the service during our coffee and conversation time. Kayla and Jacob are registered at Target, Amazon, and Dillard's. Here are the links to

their registries:

[Target](#)

[Amazon](#)

[Dillard's](#)

They would love for you to share in Kayla and Jacob's special day!

Diocesan Council

Diocesan Council
Thursday, 2/20 through
Saturday, 2/22



Please keep our St. Mark's delegation in your prayers as they travel to San Marcos, participate in council proceedings, and travel home. Fr. Doug, Paul and Paula Baen, Tom Curry, Marybeth Maxwell, and Terry Wright make our delegation this year.

Camp Sunday



Camp Sunday Sunday, March 2nd

Each spring our diocese asks us to designate a Sunday dedicated to the diocesan camping program. This year it falls on March 2nd. We'll hear about a personal camp experience from one of our parishioners.

The loose offering and any designated gifts will go to support the camping program, which includes scholarships for campers

who may need that assistance. St. Mark's also offers scholarships for kids who would like to go a summer session at Camp Capers. You may contact the church office for more information.

The Season of Lent

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper March 4, 6:00 p.m.

On Shrove Tuesday St. Mark's offers the opportunity for an evening of fun and fellowship along with a pancake supper. The men of the church have traditionally prepared this feast for us, and they will do that again this year. Thank you, guys! There will be fun and games for all. Please consider coming to celebrate the beginning of Lent.





Ash Wednesday Events March 5

**Imposition of Ashes
7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer**

**Imposition of Ashes
7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist**

We will have two main services for the Imposition of Ashes on Ash Wednesday, at 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

If you know of anyone who would like to receive ashes but is unable to attend a service, we will have Ashes to Go in the church parking lot from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Please share this information with family and friends.

Lenten Soup & Study Wednesdays, beginning March 12, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.



Over the past two years, we have enjoyed discussing episodes from *The Chosen* series, focusing on Seasons One and Two. This year, we will continue with Season Three. A link to the episode we will view and discuss will be provided in the ENews the week before each gathering.

A soup supper will be provided by a different ministry each week. If your ministry would like to contribute a meal, please contact Judy in the church office at 361-994-0285 or via email at judy@stmarksc.org. The available dates are 3/12, 3/19, 3/26, 4/2, and 4/9.

If you plan to attend the study, please sign up on your Connection Card this Sunday and indicate whether you will need childcare so we can ensure it is available.

Blood Drive



Coastal Bend Blood Center

Giving so that others may live

Blood Drive

The Coastal Bend Blood Center was pleased with the turnout for the

blood drive last Sunday. Thank you to everyone who donated a unit of blood to help those in our community who find themselves in need of this precious gift of life.

Nursery Refresh

Help with Nursery Supplies and Equipment

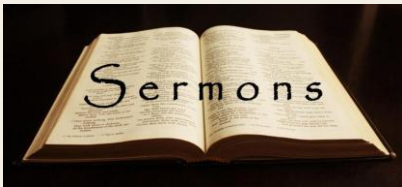
Our nursery is in need of a refresh, and we would love to update the space with help from our St. Mark's family if you would like to help. After partnering with our caregiver, Ms. Stephanie, we created an [Amazon wish list](#). Below is a QR code to access the list as well. All items ordered will be delivered straight to the church. If you have other items you would like to donate, please feel free to reach out to Chrystal Wilkey at 361-549-8917.



**Thank you to those who have purchased items from the Amazon wish list.
We're off to a great start!**



Printed Sermons



Sermons Available in Print

Fr. Doug's sermons will now be available as PDF files on our website. They will also be posted on our Facebook page. If you have difficulty hearing or would simply like to read his sermons, this will be a good resource.

SEEK Youth Group

SEEK Youth Group

Youth group will attend Kayla and Jacob's wedding shower after church on Sunday. Be sure to enjoy one of the chocolate chip cookies that you baked!

Molly will be out of town, but you can meet in the youth room if you'd like to share highs and lows and prayer requests.

If you have your Super Bowl predictions, you can take a picture and email or text it to Molly to see who made the most correct predictions!
214-762-8792 or molwandel@gmail.com

1 John 4:19 *We love because he first loved us.*



Adult Bible Study



Adult Bible Study Sundays after the Service

The Adult Bible Study Group meets in the Fellowship Hall library at 11:45 AM. You can bring your Bibles if you'd like; however, there will be some available if you need one. Grab some refreshments and join in the conversation.

The group will not meet this Sunday due to the Buchi/Richers wedding shower. They will resume the next Sunday, 2/23, and begin the study of the Epistle of 1st John. If you'd like to be a part of this study, please read the book of 1st John, which is short, by that Sunday.

Food Distribution Changes

Cimarron Senior Apartments Food Distribution Day and Time Change

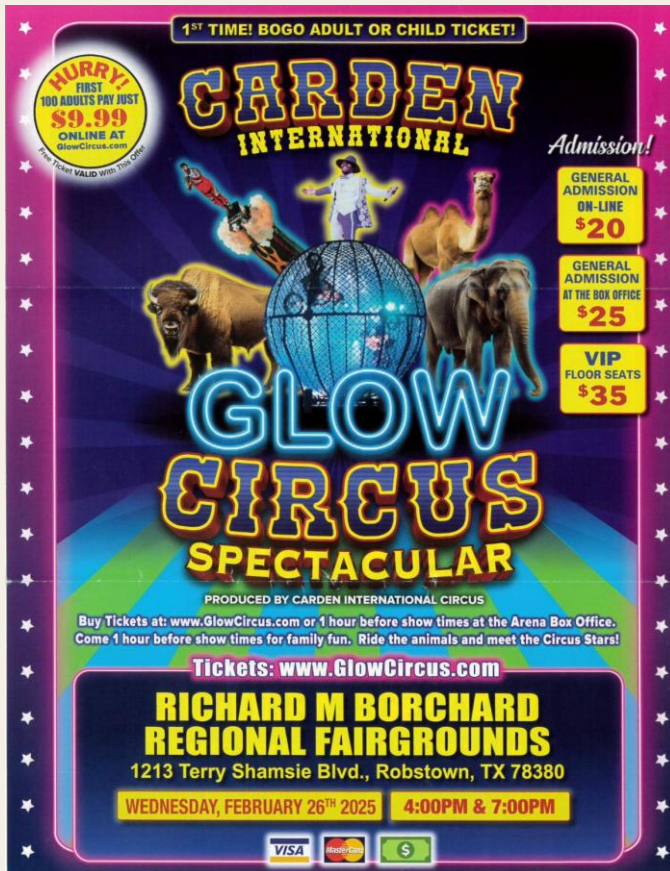
There is a new activities director at the Cimarron Senior Apartments. Her name is Darlene Ramirez. She will not



be at the complex the day and time established a few months ago for the food distribution. So, the new day will be the third Monday of the month, and the new time will be 12:30 p.m. Be sure to make those changes on your calendars.

Please also make note that the food delivery by the Food Bank for the month of February has been cancelled because it will be closed on February 17th for President's Day. **The next distribution will therefore be on Monday, March 17th, at 12:30.**

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH 2025 4:00PM & 7:00PM

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FREE Tickets to the Glow Circus Spectacular Available for Two Shows Wednesday, 2/26, at 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

If interested, you may pick up tickets at the information table in the entryway to the sanctuary and the table in the fellowship hall. There are 45 tickets available.

Timon's Ministry

Ministry in Partnership with Timon's Ministry

Over the course of many years, St. Mark's has partnered with Timon's Ministry 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 Ministry working in the Clothing Closet organizing items and visiting with people. The group has asked for help with their efforts through any of the following ways:

- Donating band aids, bandages, and gauze
- Donating clothing, especially men's shirts, jeans, shorts, athletic shoes, flip-flops, belts and women's jeans, shorts, undergarments, and purses
- Donating sleeping bags, backpacks, tote bags, and recyclable plastic bags
- Donating travel size deodorant, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, bars of bath soap, body wash
- Donating toothbrushes
- Donating items for to-go food bags: tuna and cracker packs, granola bars, chips, bottled water, etc.
- Sorting clothing on Mondays from 8:45 - 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 & National Church News

Cursillo Weekends--Cursillo weekends are spiritual retreats for adults. There are two Cursillos planned for the spring, one at **Camp Capers March 13-16** and one at **Mustang Island May 1-4**. For more information, please [click this link for March](#) and [click this link for May](#).

Happening Weekend--Happening is a renewal weekend for 10th through 12th grade youth. There is an event planned to begin **March 7 in Victoria**. Here is the [link for more information](#).

Summer Camp at Camp Capers--The schedule for kids' summer sessions for Camp Capers is available. [Click here for more information](#). Just scroll down until you find the camp that you are interested in.

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 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. 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 the [February schedule](#) for our ministries. The schedule is an ongoing work in progress, so please check each week to see if there are any changes. Here is the [February calendar](#) for the church.

February 16 - Sunday

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

11:30 a.m. - Coffee & Conversation--Fellowship Hall

11:30 a.m. - Buchi/Richers Wedding Shower--Fellowship Hall

February 17 - Monday

8:45 a.m. - Clothing Sorting--Timon's Ministry, 10501 S. Padre Island Dr.

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

February 18 - Tuesday

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

February 19 - Wednesday

11:30 a.m. - Lunch with the Old guys--Silverado Smokehouse, 4522 Weber Rd.

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

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

February 20-22 - Thursday-Saturday

Diocesan Council--San Marcos

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

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[Diocese of West Texas](#)

[Diocesan Newsletter and Reflection Magazine](#)

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