

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

February 20, 2025

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In the book of Genesis there is a long story about Joseph which has all the hallmarks of the classic hero's journey. Early in Joseph's life he finds himself as the most favored son among his many brothers. One day he shares with them a dream that he had in which they were going to bow down to him. This revelation was not well received. As a matter of fact, this sharing of his dream prompts Joseph's brothers to sell him into slavery and, to cover up their deed, tell their father that Joseph had been killed by an animal. However, Joseph lands on his feet and the Egyptian who buys Joseph finds him to be a very capable manager of his household and places Joseph in charge of all his affairs. Then one night the Egyptian's wife wants to have intimate relations with Joseph, and he refuses. This angers her and gets Joseph placed in prison. While there Joseph

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Sunday Worship Service

Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

interprets the dreams of the Pharaoh to save the Egyptian nation from being starved to death. Joseph then sees his status change from prisoner to right-hand man of the Pharaoh. Joseph's life moves from the heights of prestige to the depths of despair to return to great standing.

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Diocesan Council



Diocesan Council Today 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.

Buchi/Richers Wedding

Kayla Buchi & Jacob Richers Wedding Information

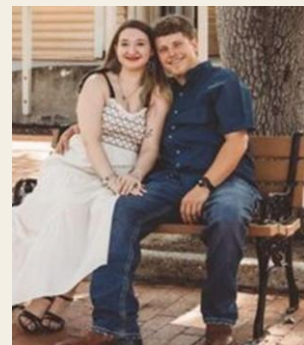
Kirk and Melanie Buchi would like to invite everyone at St. Mark's to the wedding ceremony of their daughter Kayla and her fiancé Jacob on **Saturday, March 1st, at 4:30 p.m.** here at St. Mark's.

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!

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.

Missing Crockpot Lid

Cavazos Family Looking for their Crockpot Lid

Clay and Cheryl Cavazos brought a dish for the annual meeting in their crockpot. When they got home they realized they had someone else's crockpot lid and not the one that belongs to their model. Their lid has clamps on it to attach to the crockpot. The one that made it home with them does not. They returned the lid that is not theirs and it's in the church kitchen.



If you brought a dish for the annual meeting in a crockpot, please look at the lid to see if maybe you ended up with the Cavazos' lid. If you did, please let the church office know that you have it, bring it to the church Sunday, and put it in the kitchen.

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.

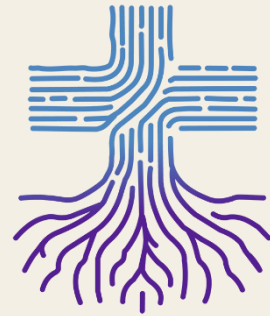
A soup supper will be provided by a different ministry each week. If your ministry would like to contribute a meal, please contact Judy in the church office at 361-994-0285 or via email at judy@stmarkscc.org. Three of the five Wednesday dates are covered, 3/19, 3/26, and 4/2, which leaves 3/12, and 4/9 yet to be sponsored.

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.

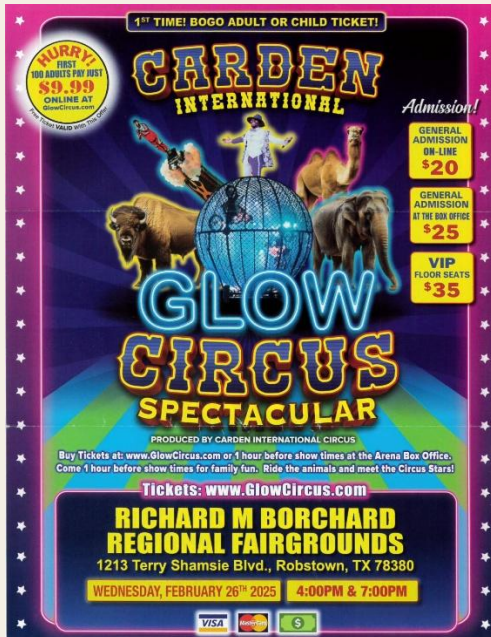
Online Lenten Devotional

The Episcopal Relief & Development Offers Online Lenten Devotional

Looking for a devotional for Lent? [Click this link](#) to check out the online devotional series offered by the Episcopal Relief and Development Department of the National Church.



Circus Tickets Available



**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 on the table in the fellowship hall. There are 45 tickets available.

Nursery Refresh

Help with Nursery Supplies and Equipment

If you get a chance, take a peak in the nursery to see how wonderfully inviting it is now with all the new equipment and toys. This picture doesn't do it justice.

There still a few items on the wishlist if you haven't had an opportunity to participate in the nursery refresh project. Here is a link to the [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

Molly is out of town this Sunday, so youth can gather in the youth room to share highs and lows and prayer requests. Afterward, play a board game or some pool (if the table is clear.) Stay warm!

Coming up:
March 4 Shrove Tuesday/ Pancake Supper
March 5 Ash Wednesday
March 7-9 Happening #159 (10-12th grades)



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 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 this Sunday.

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](#).

Consecration of Suffragan Bishop Cortinas--Our new Suffragan Bishop will be consecrated Saturday, March 15th at St. John's Episcopal Church in McAllen. Here's 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.
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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 23 - Sunday

10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist--Sanctuary
11:30 a.m. - Coffee & Conversation--Fellowship Hall
11:30 a.m. - SEEK Youth Group
11:45 a.m. - Adult Bible Study

February 24 - 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 25 - Tuesday

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

February 26 - 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.

February 27 - Thursday

11:30 a.m. - Crossroads Ministry--TAMUCC
7:00 p.m. - South Texas Amateur Radio Club--Fellowship Hall

February 24-28 - Monday through Friday

Texas Workforce Commission Training for the Visually Impaired

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

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