

# St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

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## Sunday Worship Service

Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

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## From the Rector Fr. Doug Wasinger



The baptism of Jesus has a special place in my personal history with the Episcopal Church. In January of 2012 I arrived in Buffalo, Wyoming as the Priest-In-Charge, which meant I was assigned to the church with an agreement that I would serve for two years to see if we would be a good match. My family was still in Rawlins, Wyoming, about three hours away. It was a cold winter morning when I introduced myself to the congregation. The assigned reading for that Sunday was the Baptism of Our Lord Jesus, so I talked about new beginnings and how the baptism of Jesus was the opening of a new chapter in the long history of the relationship between Almighty God and the Hebrew people. That same night an individual who wanted to burn the church down to the ground broke into the building (he later was found not guilty due to reasons of insanity). A bond

was quickly established after that event for out of that horrible incident a strong and trusting relationship was established between the congregation and me.

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

## Youth Group Resumes Meeting

### SEEK Youth Group Resumes Meeting THIS Sunday, 1/12

Join Mrs. Molly in the Youth Room for youth group this Sunday after the service. We'll talk about highs and lows and catch up on the holidays. Everyone, from fifth graders through those in the twelfth grade, is welcome to come. Bring a friend!



## Access Plus Ramp Build



### Access Plus Ramp Build 3155 Huisache St. Saturday, 1/18, 8:00 a.m.

The January ramp build is for a man named Floro. He is currently in a wheelchair, which means this ramp will be a blessing to him, his caregivers, and his family.

If this ministry appeals to you, but you think that you don't have adequate skills to help, please be assured that no prior building expertise is needed. Doug Wayland, who oversees this ministry, and his crew would be happy to train you. Please be at the location by 8:00 a.m.

## Training Opportunity

### Training for Lay Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors Saturday, 1/25, at 9:00 a.m.

If you are currently serving as a lay Eucharistic minister or lector, this is an important training for you to attend, especially if you weren't able to attend the previous training session. If you're currently not serving but would like to serve on the altar as a chalice bearer or reader of scripture, please come. Fr. Doug and Doug Wayland will lead the training.



## Annual Meeting



### Annual Meeting and Potluck Lunch Sunday, 1/26

Our annual meeting is scheduled for the last Sunday in January. We'll begin with a tailgate-themed potluck lunch. After the meal, we'll begin the meeting with a movie of photos taken during events of 2024. We'll also elect three

new vestry members, hear about how we ended up financially for 2024, and learn about plans for 2025.

Please sign up to bring a dish on your Connection Card this Sunday. You may also contact the church office by calling (361) 994-0285 to let the staff know what you'd like to bring. Here are some ideas of typical tailgate food:

- Chili/Frito Pie
- Little Smokies Sausages in BBQ Sauce
- Sloppy Joe Sandwiches
- Pulled Pork Sandwiches
- Chicken Wings
- Slider Sandwiches
- Pigs in a Blanket
- Chips with Dips
- Queso with Corn Chips
- Veggie Tray
- Sweet Treats

These are just suggestions; you may have other tailgate favorites you'd like to bring.

## Adult Bible Study

### Adult Bible Study Sundays after the Service

The Adult Bible Study Group meets in the Fellowship Hall. 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.



Below are the links to the previous study guides for chapters one through twelve if you'd like to review them or catch up. The group will continue its discussion of the Gospel of Mark this Sunday but will not meet January 26th due to the scheduling of the annual meeting.

#### **Previous Chapters 1-10:**

[Chapter 1 Mark](#)

[Chapter 2 Mark](#)

[Chapter 3 Mark](#)

[Chapter 4 Mark](#)

[Chapter 5 Mark](#)

[Chapter 6 Mark](#)

[Chapter 7 Mark](#)

[Chapter 8 Mark](#)

[Chapter 9 Mark](#)

[Chapter 10 Mark](#)

[Chapter 11 Mark](#)

[Chapter 12 Mark](#)

#### **New Chapters 13-16:**

[Chapter 13 Mark](#)

[Chapter 14 Mark](#)

[Chapter 15 Mark](#)

[Chapter 16 Mark](#)

## 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, or athletic shoes
- 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



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

#### **January 12 - Sunday**

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

#### **January 13 - Monday**

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

#### **January 14 - Tuesday**

- 7:30 a.m. - Women's Reunion Group--Corner Bakery Cafe, 4928 S. Staples St.
- 9:00 a.m. - Staff Retreat--Wandel House

#### **January 15 - 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.



**January 16 - Thursday**

11:45 a.m. - Food Distribution--Cimarron Senior Apartments, 2802 Cimarron Blvd.

**January 18 - Saturday**

8:00 a.m. - Access Plus Ramp Build--3155 Huisache St.

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

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