

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

February 6, 2025

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From the Rector Fr. Doug Wasinger



This coming Sunday's Gospel reading begins with Jesus at a shoreline preaching and teaching. Because of the growing crowd, Jesus gets in a boat with his friend Peter, and together they push away from the shore to continue to engage with the growing crowd of people. When Jesus finishes teaching, he turns to Peter and tells him to go out into deeper waters and put down his nets for a catch of fish. Peter informs Jesus that what he is asking him to do is futile. Peter had worked all night with no success, the middle of the day is hot, the fish have gone deep, and the nets are not going to catch anything. However, Peter does what he is instructed to do, and without any forewarning the net is so full that it nearly breaks under the weight of fish. Peter jumps into action, calling his partners to bring another boat and help. There are so many fish that the

Sunday Worship Service

Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

second boat almost sinks due to the weight of this unexpected catch.

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Blood Drive

Blood Drive
Sunday, 2/9
9:15 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



Coastal Bend Blood Center
Giving so that others may live

The Coastal Bend Blood Center asked us to host another blood drive in February because there is always a need for more blood donations. The bloodmobile will be available before the service begins, or you may donate after the service as well because it will stay until 1:00 p.m., or as long as there are people wanting to donate. [Click here for a flyer](#) that contains more details.

A goal of twelve units of blood has been set for us. Last year, we were given the same goal and surpassed it. Let's do that again with this blood drive!!

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!



SEEK Youth Group

SEEK Youth Group

We had a fun time last Sunday baking cookies for Kayla and Jacob's wedding shower. Eleven youth were there to bake, swim, snack, and fight over the kayak. IYKYK.

😊 It was a great way to enjoy a beautiful Sunday afternoon.



Next Sunday stay after the service for some pre-Valentines games and Italian cream sodas. We will also make our Super Bowl predictions!

EXODUS 15:2

The Lord is my strength and my defense; He has become my salvation.

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.

Parishioners' News

Ella Wandel Buc Days Duchess

Hi, church family!

Ella will be a duchess in this year's Buc Days Coronation on Thursday, April 24, at Selena Auditorium. If you would like to attend, you may purchase tickets through me. They cost \$75 each. You can make a check out to me or use Venmo, and I will buy them for you and seat you in our section. I will deliver your tickets in early April. **Please let me know by February 7.** You may text me at (214) 762-8792 or email me at molwandel@gmail.com. I have to purchase our tickets the next week. Alternatively, you can buy tickets on Ticketmaster in early April.

If you've never been, you may want to google it; the gowns are amazing! The ticket is for the pageant and a reception afterward. There is food for purchase before the event and a cash bar. Please ask me if you have any questions.

If you would like to see the dresses but not attend this event, there will be a free exhibit at The Art Center from May 1st to May 21st.

We'd love for you to come and cheer for Ella!
Molly and John Wandel





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!

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.

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](#)

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 is the third Monday of the month, and the new time is 12:30 p.m. Be sure to change that on your calendars.

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

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 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

California Wildfire Support--The Episcopal Relief and Development Department has set a way for people to support those affected by the wildfires in Southern California. For more information, please [click this link](#).

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 9 - Sunday---BLOOD DRIVE

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

February 10 - 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 11 - Tuesday

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

February 12 - 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 15 - Saturday

- 8:00 a.m. - Access Plus Ramp Build, 902 Zarsky St.

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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