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St. Mark's Episcopal Church

Weekly E-News

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St. Mark's Responds to Growing Numbers of Active Cases

As we announced last week, because we have a high active case load in Corpus Christi, St. Mark's no longer has an indoor worship service. But as they say, "Where one door shuts, another opens" - except in this case, no door is needed.

We are outdoors.

Last Sunday was our first **9 a.m. UNDER THE OAKS** worship service. Despite the masking requirement, we had 37 worshipers in attendance. There's still more shade available, so join us! **If possible bring your own chairs and masks.**



We will resume indoor worship when the numbers of active cases have dropped. In the meantime, we will continue to record a service from St. Mark's Memorial Chapel. We will send the links to you by e-mail. They will also be posted on our Facebook page and Family Group, as well as our website.

THIS SUNDAY, JULY 12

9 a.m. "Under the Oaks"
Bring Your Own Chairs

A recorded service will be available online for those who can't join us in person.

Youth Endowment Fund Scholarship Applications Due 7/18-19/20

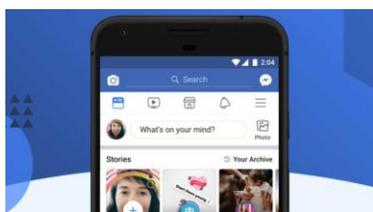


Our Youth Endowment Fund has funds to distribute to colleges and universities for student scholarships. The applications are due July 18-19. The committee will make decisions about awarding the scholarships the week after. Checks will be cut and mailed to the colleges and universities as soon as possible.

Here are the [procedures](#) for the application, as well as the actual [application](#). Please fill it out completely. Make your social security number is legible and include the mailing information for your particular school's financial aid office.

Once you've filled out the application, you can either scan it in and email it to the church officer at judy@stmarksc.com or drop it off in the secure mailbox to the left of the double red doors to the fellowship hall.

Calling all Facebookers



Facebook offers us a unique way to share our lives and ministries. We'd like to begin using our resources on Facebook to help us stay connected when we can't be together. We're planning to make daily posts utilizing different categories, like the Sacred Stores, Youth/Children, etc.

This is something new to us and we're excited about the possibilities. It's also a large undertaking, so we would like to ask for your help if this appeals to you. We need people who are good at videoing; people who are comfortable in front of a camera to read stories and such; artists to help illustrate and those who like to be creative on Facebook. Please contact Judy at judy@stmarksc.com if you're interested or call the office (361) 994-0285.

Zoom with Fr. John Youth *and* Children



Fr. John will meet with the children and youth in separate Zoom meetings.

He would like to meet with the Youth online each Sunday at 5p.m. via Zoom. Be sure to join him this weekend.

AND he'd like to meet with young children via Zoom Mondays, at 10 a.m. Parents and older siblings, please help them to use this link.

It's <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87432754953>. And warn them that they will be "muted" when they sign in. So even though they can see each other no one will be able hear them until after Fr. John's lesson. After the lesson, Fr. John will let the children talk and ask questions. But they will have to raise their hands!



Anybody may request an appointment with him by texting 361-443- 4916.

Share Your Photo Stories with your St. Mark's Family

Our Facebook Fellowship Page is now called "St. Mark's Church Family Group"

We've had problems with an old FaceBook Fellowship page - so we've started a new one. It is called "[St. Mark's Church Family Group](#)". This group is for current St. Mark's members only as way for us to share our lives and get to know one another. Once you're on the group page, "Like" it and request approval to join.



The old group will be going away soon. Invite your St. Mark's friends into this group as soon as possible.

THE RULES:

1. Respect Privacy

Respecting the privacy of those in this group is important. We want parents and grandparents to

feel comfortable sharing pictures of their children and grandchildren. Do not share anything outside this group.

2. Promotion of Business/Nonprofit/Sales/Self

This group is for communicating within the St. Mark's Church family. Promotion of a personal business or non-profit, sales of any kind or self-promotion will not be allowed and will be removed.

3. Respectful Content

You are welcomed and encouraged to share joys and sorrows from your life on this page. Avoid political commentary. Direct any grievance you may have with the church directly to the person most responsible. Be respectful of all, as though to the Lord.



Checking on Each Other



Earlier this year, before we entered the season of COVID-19, Michele Hays passed on a message to the church she believed was from the Lord. She said this during a worship service.

"The Lord says, 'Look around you. Make a note of who is seated near you. The time is coming when members of my church will need to look after each other. The people around you are the ones I want you to

care of as you would your own family.'"

Who could possibly have guessed how timely this word was? We have been unable to gather everyone safely for over three months. Making phone calls and writing notes and offering prayers make a huge difference in keep people connected. Who is the Lord asking you to contact?

If you need contact information, let Judy know and she can get you what you need. Call the office at (361) 994-0285 or email her at judy@stmarksc.com.

These seemingly small acts have had a profound impact. Let's continue to let others know they are loved and missed!



If you are unable to attend the 9:00 a.m. service, the recording of this Sunday's (7/12) service will be available via our ENews Saturday. It will also be posted on our St. Mark's Episcopal Church, SEEK Youth and Kids in Christ Facebook pages and in our St. Mark's Facebook Group before 9:00 am Sunday morning.

The sermon will be posted separately on Facebook. If one of them blesses you, share with your Friends!

Remember to "Like" us or comment. It lets us know someone out there is listening!

**THANK YOU to ALL who are working to keep us
worshiping our Lord together.**

Bible Verse of the Week

Romans 8:6

Short Version:

"To set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace."

Long Version:

"To set the mind on the flesh is death.

To set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace."

God is Spirit. Jesus' people - His people who believe in Him - have the Spirit. Alas, we also have our old sinful nature, what the apostle Paul poetically coined as "the flesh."

The two could not be more different. The flesh wants to serve our selfish wants. The Spirit wants to honor the Lord.



Parents, the meaning of this verse is not clear to many people. It has to be sought before it can be taught. Pursue its meaning in your life. Memorize it with your children. Use opportunities the Lord brings to you to illustrate how we can choose between the Spirit over the "flesh," and thereby have life and peace.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ARE CONTINUING TO SUPPORT ST. MARK'S CHURCH!

Is the Lord blessing you? Are you grateful for what He has done in your life? Remember His Church. Though we haven't been worshiping, 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 the four 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. 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 at the bottom of this ENews.
- Through your cell phone using our app, Give+Plus. To get the app, go to the app store and search for "Give+Plus". The icon background is white, the word "Give" is gray and the "+Plus" is a mustard color. Download the app and follow the prompts. You can use it to set up a one-time or recurring gifts.
- 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 will be checking 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 door at the fellowship hall.



**THANK YOU for helping spread the Kingdom
through your continuing support of
St. Mark's Church.**

Calendar & July Schedule

Here is [the link](#) to the July schedule for our ministries.

July 12 - Sunday

9:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist Under the Oaks--Courtyard

10:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer Service--Online--Facebook Page

5:00 p.m. - SEEK Youth Group Meeting--Online--Zoom Meeting

July 13 - Monday

10:00 a.m. - Kids in Christ--Online--Zoom Meeting

July 14 - Tuesday

10:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting--Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. - Bible Study and Prayer Group--Online--Zoom Meeting

July 15 - Wednesday

12:00 p.m. - Elders Meeting--Online--Zoom Meeting

July 16- Thursday

6:45 a.m. - Elders Prayer Group--Under the Oaks

Helpful Links

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

[St. Mark's Church Website](#)

[Donate to St. Mark's Church](#)

[St. Mark's Church Facebook](#)

[St. Mark's Children's Ministry Facebook](#)

[Diocese of West Texas Website](#)

[Diocesan Newsletter and Reflection Magazine](#)

[Denison Forum--News Discerned Differently](#)

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