

Announcements – January 21, 2024

Welcome visitors! We're glad you're here, and we want to connect with you! Please look for the "I'm New Here" card in the back of the pew in front of you, fill it out, and drop it in the offering plate.



Stay in the know

Are you receiving our weekly e-news? It's the best way to stay in the loop about upcoming events and opportunities. Use this QR code to add your email to our distribution list.

The Markan Challenge: *Let's read the Gospel of Mark together!*

During this coming year, our Gospel readings will highlight the Gospel according to Mark. You can easily read through the Gospel of Mark in less than two hours...and we would recommend that you carve out time to read it through in one sitting. But to really hear the story of Jesus through Mark's telling, slowly and attentively reading all of the gospel over several weeks can greatly benefit your spiritual life.

All of St. David's is invited and encouraged to join in reading through the Gospel according to Mark during the Epiphany season.

We, as a parish, will divide the book into small amounts of reading each week, and we will talk about what we have read and highlight important passages from Mark's narrative during Adult Faith Formation on Sunday mornings.

We hope you will join in making time for this communal reading of Scripture, and we encourage you to come for Adult Formation classes for a deeper understanding of this Gospel.

- January 14th: Chapters 1-3
- January 21st: Chapters 4-6
- January 28th: Chapters 6-8
- February 4th: Chapters 9-13
- February 11th: Chapters 14-16

Women's Bible Study – starts Tuesday, January 23, at 6:30 p.m.

Women's Bible Study will resume on January 23rd and continue on Tuesday nights through February 13th, and women of all ages are encouraged to join us! Led by The Rev. Dr. Ben Nelson, the theme will be "Barbie meets the Bible." It will be Ben's spin on great women in the Bible inspired by the recent blockbuster movie:

- Eve, Sarah, and the women of Genesis
- Miriam, Esther, and speaking truth to power
- Ruth, Naomi, and the power of friendship
- Mary, and the women of the New Testament

Dinner will be served with an RSVP by the Saturday before each week. Non-alcoholic drinks will also be provided, but you are welcome to bring your adult beverage of choice. **Study will take place in McAllister Hall.**

*RSVP by Saturday before each week for dinner: amiles2@satx.rr.com

Valentine's Dinner - Saturday, February 10th

If you've never been to the Valentine's Dinner, you're missing out! McAllister Hall is transformed into a beautiful dining room, and the St. David's youth serve a wonderful three-course steak dinner (with wine and a silent auction!) to raise money for youth ministries and missions. Seating begins at 6:00 and dinner is served at 6:30 p.m. Email Mary Hayden Manning at maryhaydenm@saintdavid.net today to reserve your seats for this fun event! \$60/person, and all proceeds benefit St. David's Youth Group. Childcare (with pizza) is also available for \$10/child.

UPCOMING DATES AT A GLANCE...

Sundays

Choir Rehearsal, 11:45 a.m.

Mondays

Sr. High Youth, 7:30 p.m.

January 21

Kids on a Mission, 9:45 a.m.

Jr. High Youth, 4:30 p.m.

January 22

Vestry Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

January 23

Women's Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.

January 28

Gap Group, 11:45 a.m.

January 30

Women's Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.

February 1

Young@Heart, 11:30 a.m.

February 4

Camp Sunday

Towne Twin Village

Jr. High Youth, 4:30 p.m.

February 6

Women's Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.

February 10

Valentine's Dinner, 6:00 p.m.

February 13

Pancake Supper, 5:30 p.m.

Women's Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.

February 14

Ash Wednesday services

7:00 a.m., noon, 6:00 p.m.

February 20

Ladies Book Study, 7:00 p.m.

Young@Heart Luncheon - Thursday, February 1st at 11:30 a.m.

Members and friends of St. David's who are 60+ are invited to join the Young@Heart group for their February luncheon! Jacki & Bob Bucci will give a presentation on our new Towne Twin Village ministry. And since February is San Antonio Rodeo month, everyone is invited to come dressed in your best western attire and enjoy a barbecue lunch! Appetizers begin at 11:30 a.m., lunch is served at noon, and the group typically adjourns around 1:15 p.m. We kindly ask for a \$10 donation to cover the cost of the catered lunch. RSVP to Donald Sebesta so we have a good count for food: DMSEBESTA@aol.com or 210-826-7614.

Youth Dates for the Spring

- **Senior high (9th-12th grades):** will meet every Monday (except holidays) January 8th through May 13th. We will meet for dinner at a local restaurant (various locations) at 6:15 p.m. then meet in the youth loft for youth group from 7:30-9:00pm.
- **Junior high (6th-8th grades):** will meet from 4:30-6:00 p.m. in the youth loft on the following Sundays: January 7 & 21, February 4 & 11 (Valentine's Dinner), March 10 & 24, April 14 & 28, May 5 & 19.
- **Gap Group (3rd-5th grades):** will meet from 11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. in the youth loft on the following Sundays: January 28, February 18, March 10, April 21, May 5. Lunch is provided by parents, and we need at least two parent volunteers per meeting. Use the QR code here to sign up for a Sunday.
- Other youth dates in the spring:
 - Camp Sunday - February 4
 - Valentine's Dinner - February 11
 - Junior High/Senior High Lock-In - April 6-7
 - Youth Sunday (youth led service) - April 21
 - Graduating Senior Sunday - May 19



Little Free Library/Pantry The Little Free Library on the Crestwood lawn doubles as a Little Free Pantry, and the one in front of Wilshire Elementary School (6523 Cascade Place, 78218) does, too. Help us keep them BOTH stocked with much-needed non-perishable food items. Scan this QR or click the link in your e-news to sign up for a week!

Altar Flowers Altar Flowers are a wonderful way to honor a loved one! Scan the QR code here or visit the poster on the wall across from the kitchen. *Minimum suggested donation* is \$75 (you can certainly give more to be used for your arrangements) and can be paid online through Tithe.ly or with a check mailed to the church office. Please note "Altar Flowers" on the memo line. **If you have trouble with the online sign-up, please email whitneyo@saintdavid.net to be added to the calendar.*



Weekday Visitors If you are visiting the church during the week, please enter and sign in at the church office at 901 Canterbury Hill. This is to keep the school area safe and secure while our little ones are on campus. Thank you!

Social Media Follow us! Facebook: www.facebook.com/stdavidschurchandschool Instagram: @lifeatstdavids

How can YOU serve?

There are so many ways to serve God and neighbor at and through St. David's! How is God calling you to serve? How can you share your gifts with this community of faith? We know it can be intimidating to call or email someone you don't know, so please scan this QR code to let us know your interests, and someone from the church will reach out to YOU!



***Welcoming all to be transformed at Christ's table...
carrying forward Christ's transformative love through
joyful worship, welcoming fellowship, and dedicated service.***

Email whitneyo@saintdavid.net to add or update an announcement. Email bethc@saintdavid.net to update your information, make an addition to the prayer list, or with any financial/giving questions.