

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Dousman, WI



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Priest: The Rev. Pippa Lindwright

Deacon: The Ven. Chuck Zellermyer **Deacon:** The Rev. Ryan Delaney

Sunday, September 17, 2023
16th Sunday after Pentecost & Stewardship Kick-Off Sunday

8 AM - Holy Eucharist
9 AM - Fellowship Coffee Hour
10 AM - Holy Eucharist
11 AM - Fellowship Coffee Hour

Monday, September 18, 2023
5 PM - Contemplative Prayer (chapel)
7:30 PM - AA Group Meeting (outside group)

Tuesday, September 19, 2023
10 AM - Healthcare Eucharist

Wednesday, September 20, 2023
9 AM - Morning Prayer (chapel)
9:30 AM - Wednesday Morning Group Study: Living Compass (chapel)
2 PM - Three Pillars Eucharist

Thursday, September 21, 2023
10 AM - New Beginnings (outside group)
11 AM - Seated Exercise Class
7 PM—Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, September 23, 2023
9 AM - Vestry Retreat
5 PM-10PM - Dousman Beer Garden

Sunday, September 24, 2023
17th Sunday after Pentecost

8 AM - Holy Eucharist
9 AM - Fellowship Coffee Hour
10 AM - Holy Eucharist
11 AM - Fellowship Coffee Hour

Monday, September 18, 2023
5 PM - Contemplative Prayer
7:30 PM - AA Group Meeting (outside group)

Wednesday, September 27, 2023
9 AM - Morning Prayer
9:30 AM - Wednesday Morning Group Study: Living Compass
12:30 PM-3:00 PM - Mother Pippa at Nashotah House
2:00 PM - Diocesan Parish Support Team Meeting
6:00 PM - Human Concerns / Outreach Committee Meeting
7:00 PM - Homebrewed Faith: St. Francis (Rosati's in Oconomowoc)

Thursday, September 28, 2023
11 AM - Seated Exercise Class
7 PM - Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, September 30, 2023
10 AM - Trialogue Town-Hall Meeting at St. Mary's



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ONLINE RECORDED EUCHARIST (posted by Monday)

Facebook Link:

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/St-Marys-Episcopal-Church-670614162955490/videos>

YouTube Link:

<https://www.youtube.com/@stmarys-dousman>

A MESSAGE FROM MOTHER PIPPA



Dear St. Mary's Parish,

As we contemplate our commitment to St. Mary's through time, talent and treasure, we are using the stewardship theme of being Rooted in Abundance. This seems particularly appropriate at St. Mary's as we are blessed with people who give freely of themselves and their resources.

We have had increased costs each year due to inflation, but because of your generosity we have been able meet our obligations, both expected and unexpected. Expected expenses include:

- Lynn now works in the office four days a week, which meant we started paying insurance. In 2022, insurance alone was \$15,072.
- We fight fungus on our trees (\$900), care for our lawn (\$504.45), and service our lawn mower annually (\$834.01).
- This summer we were able to repave the parking lot (\$7,895).
- In the winter we don't have to shovel our walks or our parking lot. Our snow removal service cost \$3,300.17 last winter.
- Our phone and internet bill increased \$50/month between 2022 and 2023. Spectrum is our only option for fast internet in our area, and the change was from \$142.96/month in 2022 to \$192.96/month in 2023.
- Our electric and gas bill is currently about \$750/month.
- Our water is billed quarterly and is about \$75/quarter.
- In 2022 our Property Insurance was \$5,680.
- In 2022 we also renegotiated our garbage service, it was \$1158.16 in 2022.
- Finally, we help support the Diocese with our Diocesan Parochial Assessment. In 2023 our assessment is \$39,228.23 for the year.

We have also had unexpected costs. In 2023 so far, that includes:

- This year we needed an unexpected boiler repair and have since signed a contract for regular maintenance (\$2,449).
- Our air compressor lost its ability to regulate the pressure in our sprinkler pipes and needed to be repaired (\$862.21).
- After repeated parish comments, we replaced our cleaner with a service. The annual cost is \$11,700, which is an increase of \$1527 per year.

As we look towards 2024, we have some anticipated expenses, including:

- Cost of living increases for our staff.
- Increases in costs for health care, utilities, and property insurance.
- Possible repairs to the Chapel Roof.
- Potentially adding air conditioning to the Parish Hall.
- Examining the option of upgrading our Kitchen and making the Parish Hall bathrooms ADA accessible.

I have not included all our costs, but I wanted to give you a sense of what has been possible, thanks to your support, and what we think we are looking at for 2024. If it is within your means to support St. Mary's financially in 2024, please fill out your pledge card and return it October 1. Next week I will detail the in-kind donations we receive, as well as the outreach we support.

**Prayers & Blessings,
Mother Pippa**

SUNDAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS



WELCOME: May the Lord richly bless your time with us. If you have no church home, please consider St. Mary's as your new church home. Sunday's services and other event meeting times can be found above along with any appropriate online viewing links. We are always happy to celebrate Sunday Eucharist with new faces. Please consider joining us again.



ALTAR FLOWERS: On behalf of the congregation of St. Mary's, we would like to extend our thanks to **Tom & Carrie A.** for the flowers on the altar today. The flowers are in celebration of Tom's and Allen's birthdays this month. Thank you for beautifying our altar today. God's blessings to both of you.



CLOTHING DRIVE FOR THE HOPE CENTER: We are looking to warmly clothe the Hope Center clients this winter. St. Mary's will kick-off its winter coat drive starting today through Sunday, October 29. If you prefer to make a monetary donation, please make your payment out St. Mary's. We will then forward one combined donation at the end of the drive to the Hope Center. Thank you. For questions, please contact Mother Pippa.



JOIN THE CHOIR!!! Do you love to sing? Would you like to learn how to support your breath or sing in a group? The choir practices every Thursday evening from 7 PM to 8 PM. To start lifting your voice in praise to God, contact our choir director **Carrie A.** at 262-719-1605 or by email at carndorfer12@att.net.



2024 STEWARDSHIP KICKOFF THIS SUNDAY: Christian stewardship is a transformational way of living and an understanding that God is the source of all life, and that we are entrusted as stewards of God's world. This year we celebrate our rooted abundance that God has given to us and we invite everyone in the St. Mary's community to be a full, pledging member of our community. Making a financial commitment to support our community is one of our spiritual disciplines. No matter the amount (even if you cannot pledge any money this year), please turn in a pledge card on **Pledge Sunday, October 1.**



LAY MINISTRY SIGN-UP: The lay ministry sign-up sheets for the months of October through December can be found in the parish hall. Please indicate the dates **you will not be available**. This helps cut down on last-minute rescheduling. Your help is greatly appreciated. **This Sunday, September 17 will be the last day to give your availability.**

UPCOMING EVENTS



VESTRY RETREAT: St. Mary's will have their fall **Vestry Retreat Day** for its Vestry members on **Saturday, September 23** from **9 AM to 2 PM**. The group will review their individual roles within the vestry and goals set up for the church.



DOUSMAN BEER GARDEN: St. Mary's is a member of the Dousman Area Chamber of Commerce. On **Saturday, September 23**, Cory Park will host the Brewfinity Beer Truck as well as two food trucks, plus live music. If you are interested in volunteering, please talk to Mother Pippa.



Homebrewed Faith Series: Homebrewed Faith continues on the last Wednesday of this month. You are welcome to order dinner or just a beverage as we explore topics of theology. This is held in conjunction with Emmanuel UCC Church in Dousman.

Date: Wednesday, September 27, 2023

Time: 7 PM **Topic:** St. Francis

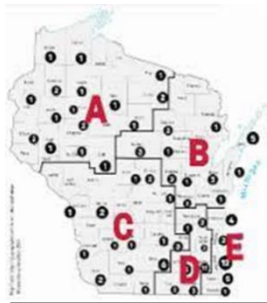
Location: Rosati's Pizza, 1288 N Summit Avenue, Unit 101, Oconomowoc



TRIALOGUE TOWN HALL MEETING: After two years of prayer, conversation and discernment, the Trialogue Steering Committee is proposing that the three Wisconsin Dioceses vote to unite into a single Diocese. We are now looking to hear from you! The full report is available in the Parish Hall, and there are a variety of Zoom and in-person town halls coming up.

You can sign up to participate in the Zoom Town Halls at:

<https://www.episcopalwisconsin.info/news/trialogue-town-hall-meetings>



There will also be an in-person town hall meeting at St. Mary's to learn more about the process on **Saturday, September 30** at **10 AM**.

Using the feedback from the Town Halls, the Steering Committee and governance bodies will finalize resolution of reunion for each diocesan convention. In **October** all three dioceses will vote on the resolution of reunion. Assuming a yes vote, from **November** to **March** the Steering Committee and governance bodies will finalize a joint agreement of union. Then in **April** we would have a special joint diocesan convention to vote on the joint agreement of union.

Proposal: <https://myemail.constantcontact.com/A-Proposal-For-Reunion--A-Letter-from-the-Triologue-Steering-Committee.html?soid=1139762142866&aid=eN5s0xgJ68M>

Website: <https://www.episcopalwisconsin.info/>



PLEDGE SUNDAY: Join us on **Sunday, October 1** as we offer our pledges to God for the coming year. There will be an opportunity to place your pledge card on the altar at both services, as well as a celebratory coffee hour following each service.

As we consider the many gifts we are blessed with, we also consider the way we use those gifts to build up the body of Christ and equip the saints for ministry. Please mark your calendar and plan to turn your pledge card in - even if your pledge card says that you are unable to support St. Mary's financially this year. The Stewardship Committee believes in the value of talking to God and praying about your pledge, regardless of the monetary outcome.



ST. FRANCIS PET BLESSING: All pets are welcome in-person or as photos to the St. Francis Pet Blessing. We will have a short service to give thanks for our pets and bless each one individually. All are welcome (and it's a great opportunity to invite friends to visit).

Date: Saturday, October 7, 2023 **Time:** 10 AM

Location: St. Mary's parking lot on Hwy. 67



GATHERING MEAL MINISTRY: St. Mary's Church is scheduled to volunteer at the Gathering's meal site in Milwaukee. We will need a minimum of 5 volunteers. Gathering volunteer leaders will be onsite to coordinate activities and provide information, support, and direction.

Date: Saturday, October 7, 2023 **Time:** 10 AM to 1 PM

New Location: Ascension Lutheran Church, 1236 Layton Blvd, Milwaukee

Questions: Contact [Mother Pippa](#)



PRAYERS & PICNIC ON THE PRAIRIE: To celebrate and bless our beautiful prairieland, St. Mary's will hold a single service by the river, followed by a potluck. We will set up a tent and worship together at 9 AM and bless this outdoor space. We will have drivers bring people from the parking lot on Highway 18 to the altar by the river. After church we will have a potluck in the beautiful outdoors. If you are able to help with set up, driving

people or clean up, please sign up in the Parish Hall. Please bring a dish to share, and if you know what you will bring, the sign-up sheet can be found in the Parish Hall. Thank you!

Date: Sunday, October 8, 2023 **Time:** 9 AM (one service this Sunday)

Questions: Contact [Mother Pippa](#) **Potluck:** Please bring a dish to share.



ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY: This program is a great opportunity to clean and protect the great world we live in, plus get the St. Mary's name out there even more with our name on the sign near the stretch of road we'll be responsible for (DR from Hwy 67 to Sawyer Road). Waukesha County Highway Operations has provided bright colored safety vests to be worn by volunteers and garbage bags. There is a sign-up sheet in the parish hall.

Date: Saturday, October 14, 2023

Time: 9:00 am—Clean-up normally takes 1.5 to 2 hours

Location: Meet and park at the Sawyer Road Park-N-Ride at Sawyer & DR.

Questions: Contact [Mother Pippa](#)



HOMEBREWED FAITH SERIES: Homebrewed Faith continues on the last Wednesday of the month. You are welcome to order dinner or just a beverage as we explore topics of theology. This is held in conjunction with Emmanuel UCC Church in Dousman.

Date: Wednesday, October 24, 2023 **Time:** 7 PM **Topic:** Exorcism

Location: Rosati's Pizza, 1288 N Summit Avenue, Unit 101, Oconomowoc



ALL SAINTS' DAY: We will be celebrating All Saints' Day with an All Saints' Day evening Mass at St. Alban's in Sussex.

Date: Wednesday, November 1, 2023 **Time:** 5 PM

Location: St. Alban's Episcopal Church, Sussex



NOVEMBER BINGO & FELLOWSHIP NIGHT: Join us for an evening of Bingo! We will play for candy prizes and bragging rights. All ages welcome! Supper menu will be determined as the event gets closer, as well as a sign-up sheet to participate.

Date: Saturday, November 18, 2023 **Time:** 4-6 PM **Location:** Parish Hall



THANKSGIVING DAY WORSHIP: St. Mary's will celebrate our Thanksgiving Service with Holy Eucharist (which itself means giving thanks) and all that we are thankful for before going off to cook, watch sports and eat!

Date: Thursday, November 23, 2023 **Time:** 9 AM



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Date: Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Time: 7 PM **Topic:** The 2nd Coming

Location: Rosati's Pizza, 1288 N Summit Avenue, Unit 101, Oconomowoc



FAMILY ADVENT CRAFT DAY: Fun for the whole family! Join us to make decorative Advent crafts. The event will be hosted by St. Mary's and Emmanuel UCC.

Date: Saturday, December 9, 2023

Time: 9 AM - 12 PM **Location:** Emmanuel UCC



LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE: In the long, dark winter nights, memories of past experiences and the pain of present situations can become overwhelming. For some, the Christmas season is very difficult. The Longest Night service invites people to listen, pray and sing if they are able. During this service we pray that you will find hope and comfort in knowing that you are not alone. We'll also honor in a special way loved ones who've gone before us.

Date: Sunday, December 17, 2022 **Time:** 4 PM



CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY WORSHIP: All are welcome to come and hear the Christmas story. There is no rehearsal prior to service.

Date: Sunday, December 24, 2023

Time: 10 PM or 2 PM (TBD)



CHRISTMAS EVE LATE WORSHIP: Come for Christmas Caroling beginning at 8:30 PM

Date: Sunday, December 24, 2023

Time: 9 PM



CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP: We will be offering one service on Christmas Day.

Date: Monday, December 25, 2023

Time: 10 AM

BIBLE STUDIES



WEDNESDAY MORNING STUDY GROUP:

Fall Start Date: Wednesday, September 13, 2023

Morning Prayer: 9 AM **Study Time:** 9:30 AM

Topic: Living Compass **Location:** Parish Hall

Questions: Contact [Mother Pippa](#)

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES



CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER:

Day of Week: Monday Evenings

Time: 5 PM

Location: Chapel



MORNING PRAYER:

Day of Week: Wednesday Mornings

Fall Start Date: Wednesday, September 13, 2023

Time: 9 AM **Location:** Chapel



HEALING & ANOINTING SERVICE: Prayers for healing and anointing are offered the first Sunday of the month at the end of both services (8 AM & 10 AM). After the service, participants should come forward and kneel at the altar rail. When Mother Pippa stops in front of you, please feel free to share as much or as little about your prayer request

as you'd like. She will then pray together with you and anoint your head with oil blessed by the bishop. All are welcome.



PRAYER MINISTRY: Do you ever wonder how people are included in our Sunday prayers? It's quite simple—if you have someone you'd like the church to pray for, you can send an email to Lynn at stmarys@milwpc.com and she will add them to the bulletin prayer list. She will also add any details you would like to share with our Prayer Team. The only restriction is that if you want to include a parishioner on the prayer list, please check with them to make sure you have permission. If you would like to become a member of this prayer ministry, Lynn can also add to the group.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: Create a beautiful, tangible symbol of your love and care for those who are in need of healing by knitting or crocheting a prayer shawl. The group meets the second Saturday of each month at 10 AM in the parish hall. If you are interested in joining this group, contact [Kathy M.](#)

Saturday 2023 Dates: September 9, October 14, November 11, and December 9.

Time: 10 AM **Location:** Parish Hall

THINGS TO KNOW



CHECK OUT OUR NEW OUTDOOR WALKING PATH: This summer we have a lovely new Prairie Trail to explore. St. Mary's received a grant from the Creation Care Team to put in some walking paths, fight some invasive plants, and reintroduce native flowers.

JR and Marit F. pulled many truckloads of buckthorn and honeysuckle out from around our white oak tree, and **Craig B.** has mowed some new paths. Please enjoy exploring our beautiful space! And thanks to JR, Marit and Craig for all their hard work in creating it! If you would like to help clear or maintain the path, please contact [Marit](#) or [JR](#).



YOUR CUP COUNTS – SHOP ONLINE FOR SINGING ROOSTER COFFEE AND THEIR OTHER PRODUCTS: Singing Rooster has created an affiliate program whereby supporters of the Haiti Project can shop online for Singing Rooster coffee. St. Mary's earns proceeds and the DIOMIL Haiti Partnership will earn proceeds on the retail sales. To order from Singing Rooster, please use the St. Mary's proprietary link:

<https://singingrooster.org/partner/672>



DISCRETIONARY FUND DONATIONS APPRECIATED: If you feel able to donate to Mother Pippa's discretionary fund, there is a high demand for assistance. Please remember that these funds are available to parishioners as well, if you need help. It is also helpful for her to have gift cards on-hand for groceries and gas for those outside the parish in need.



ST. MARY'S ONLINE GIVING: Online giving is a very versatile way to donate: you can give with a credit card or through your bank; you can give once or repeatedly; you can give to the general fund or to a special collection. And once you give the first time, you can create an account for future giving. Switch over to online giving by going to our website, <https://stmarys-dousman.com/> and clicking the new "Donate" menu option at the top of the page.

CONNECT WITH US



ST. MARY'S PARISH OFFICE HOURS: The parish office is open **Monday through Thursday** from **9 AM to 4 PM**. Mother Pippa and Lynn are available on those days to assist the parish. Carrie is in the office on Tuesdays for Music Ministry needs.



ST. MARY'S MAILING ADDRESS: Please make sure anything you send to St. Mary's in the mail is addressed to **PO Box 126**. Anything addressed to our street address will be rejected by the Dousman post office and won't make it to the church.



PASTORAL CARE: We are here to help and serve you. The office staff and Mother Pippa can be contacted by phone at 262-965-3924 or by email at stmarys@milwpc.com. If you have an emergency hospitalization, are scheduled for a hospital procedure, or for any other reason need a pastoral visitation, please contact Mother Pippa at the church office. For after office hours pastoral concerns or emergencies, contact Mother Pippa through her email at motherpipps@milwpc.com.



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