

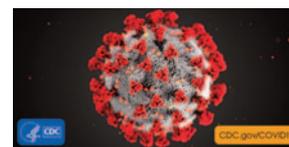


# st. mary's messenger

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St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Dousman, Wisconsin

## LATEST UPDATE from St. Mary's during the Covid-19 Pandemic (Coronavirus)



*With all the changes from the social distancing and quarantining, we will have a more frequent newsletter to communicate updates to the parish.*

### Update from Mother Pippa



As we continue to figure out how to worship and be community by phone and online, I would love your feedback. Would you be interested in a weekday Eucharist (of the spiritual variety)? Or Stations of the Cross? Or an Adult formation class? Or perhaps just a time to see faces and chat on Zoom? What would help right now?

Please let me know. I can't promise to do it all, but I do want to make life a little more connected.

I had a question about when to call, and I'd like you to feel free to call me on my cell phone from between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday – Thursday. My cell phone is (651) 341-9629, and I promise to call you back if I'm unable to pick up the phone when you call.

Speaking of being connected, we've had 295 views of the services from March 15 and 336 views (including Zoom views) of the services from March 22. Wow! I am really excited and encouraged by the number of people looking for hope and finding it in Jesus. This Sunday, of course, we will join the entire Diocese of Milwaukee in worship at 10 a.m. Before or after, please join me for a St. Mary's **coffee hour** on Zoom at

<https://zoom.us/j/896114375> (9 a.m.) or

<https://zoom.us/j/262431436> (11 a.m.).

I hope you will also consider **Laurie Bujak's** wonderful idea for spreading hope and love. She's calling it: *They'll know we are Christians by our Love*, after the bible verse

and the hymn. She's encouraging every Christian to place the symbol of the cross, star or the creche outside of their home to proudly claim to their neighbors their continued faith in Christ and our blessed God. If you are able, consider lighting up the symbol and having it shine through the night.

Let us be an example to the world and show that our faith remains strong. Let them know we are Christians by our Love. May God smile down on us and know we still believe in His Son, Our Lord and Savior, who will always see us through and grant us peace.

Finally, I met this week with the committee planning our 150th Anniversary, and we need your help. We are planning to put together a newsletter with information about the history and people of St. Mary's. So, if you have photos or memories that you'd be willing to share, please send them in! Maybe it's a person, or an activity or class. Maybe it's the memory of your first Sunday at St. Mary's. Please send any and all information to me. I can't promise everything will end up in the published version, but at least we will have a wonderful collection of history and information at the parish. Additionally, if you have ideas for what we might add to our cornerstone box (being assembled at our celebration together, currently scheduled for September 13), please send those ideas in as well.

You may have seen that we were previously hoping to celebrate May 31 and August 16. Given the current uncertainties, we are now planning to have the history newsletter published in August and an event September 13, though that is subject to rescheduling depending on the recommendations from the CDC, the government and the diocese.

Prayers and blessings,  
Mother Pippa



*Thank you to everyone who called or emailed or prayed for me this week. I am feeling much better and think I am getting over what was*

*likely a cold. Thank you for your prayers, and I'll keep you in my prayers that you all stay healthy and well! - Mother Pippa*

## Family Promise Needs Your Help

As the coronavirus pandemic unfolds, Family Promise is preparing TWO initiatives to PREVENT family homelessness. We are already beginning to see the impact of the economic downturn and anticipate the need will grow exponentially.

Our first initiative is to create a \$50,000 fund to help those who are struggling to pay their rent, mortgage or utilities. We are extremely grateful to have the @OconomowocAreaFoundation re-purpose a grant of \$15,000 toward this fund. We will need your generosity (and willingness to help spread the word) to meet this ambitious goal.

Our second need are gift cards for grocery stores. We only have six left. We would prefer denominations of \$25 or \$50 to Pick N Save, Piggly Wiggly, Aldi, or Target and WalMart.

Financial Donations can be made online as well.  
<https://familypromisewaukesha.org/donate/>

Thank you for your support for families experiencing homelessness.

## Join us at a Zoom Coffee Hour!

Following the Diocesan service(s) each week, we will have a St. Mary's Coffee Hour via Zoom. Each week we can check in with one another, and answer a **Fun Coffee Hour Question** (thank you to **Morgan C.** for the idea!). This week's question is:



***If you could instantly become an expert in something, what would it be?***

## Clickable Links for Worship Services

### Diocesan Worship Service

Sunday at 10 a.m. - Two Options

Youtube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eJMRQKSebOo&feature=youtu.be>

**OR**

Facebook Live

<https://www.facebook.com/DioceseOfMilwaukee/>

### St. Mary's Services

Join us weekly for services online via the Zoom app. Please attend any or all of the following:

Sunday Coffee Hour at 9 a.m.  
<https://zoom.us/j/896114375>

Sunday Coffee Hour at 11 a.m.  
<https://zoom.us/j/262431436>

Tuesday Contemplative Prayer at 4 p.m.  
<https://zoom.us/j/686442757>

Wednesday Morning Prayer at 9 a.m. followed by Living Compass at 9:30 a.m. (New Link)  
<https://zoom.us/j/708675077>

Wednesday Evening Prayer at 6 p.m.  
<https://zoom.us/j/942283762>

Bible Study on First Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.  
 Next one is Tuesday, April 7  
<https://zoom.us/j/929748848>

**The links will stay the same week to week.**

### Special One-Time Service: Stations of the Cross with Mary

Wednesday, April 8 at 9:30 a.m.  
<https://zoom.us/j/803673514>

## May She Rest In Peace †

We pray for the repose of the soul of parish member **Liz Riedel's** mother, **Beverly Seefeldt**, who passed away on Saturday, March 21st surrounded by her family. We extend our condolences to **Dave, Liz & Maile**. Please keep the family in your prayers.

*Grant eternal rest to Beverly, O Lord;  
 And let light perpetual shine upon her.  
 May her soul, and the souls of all the departed,  
 through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

*Good Morning Friends,*

*I encourage every Christian to place the symbol of the cross, star or the creche outside of their home to proudly claim to their neighbors their continued faith in Christ and our blessed God. If you are able, light up the symbol and have it shine through the night.*

*Let us be an example to the world how our faith remains strong. Let them know we are Christians by our Love. May God smile down on us and know we still believe in His Son, Our Lord and Savior, who will always see us through and grant us peace.*

*God Bless you, your loved ones and continue to Bless, The United States of America and Our World!*

*Laurie Bujak*

## Prayer for a Pandemic

*By Cameron Bellm*

May we who are merely inconvenienced  
Remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors  
Remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home  
Remember those who must choose between  
preserving their health or making their rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care for our  
children when their schools close  
Remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips  
Remember those that have no safe place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money in the  
tumult of the economic market  
Remember those who have no margin at all.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home  
Remember those who have no home.

As fear grips our country,  
let us choose love.

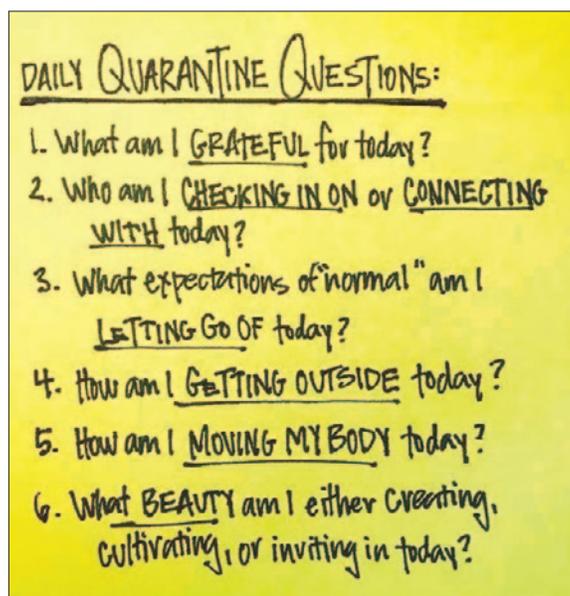
During this time when we cannot physically  
wrap our arms around each other,  
Let us yet find ways to be the loving  
embrace of God to our neighbors.

Amen.

## The Top 10 Reasons to Attend Online Church

*By Fr. Tim Schenck*

1. You can wear your PJs to church.
2. Drink coffee DURING the sermon to stay awake.
3. Hungry? Don't wait for coffee hour. Grab that donut RIGHT NOW!
4. Every Sunday is the Blessing of the Animals.
5. Bad hair day? Who cares!
6. You can scroll through Facebook during the "boring parts."
7. La-Z-Boy > Uncomfortable pew.
8. Seven year itch? "Cheat" on your pastor by tuning in to another church's service without even breaking one of the 10 Commandments!
9. No kneeling. Or standing, for that matter.
10. Keeping connected to God and your community during this unprecedented time.





Honestly hadn't planned on giving up quite this much for Lent.

## “Dixie” Needs a Forever Home

by Stacy Menting

We are fostering the SWEETEST dog right now and she needs a forever home. I know many of you love dogs and may be interested or know someone who is.

The dog’s name is **Dixie** and we think she is a beagle & terrier mix. She is about 2 years old, completely potty trained, doesn’t jump up on any furniture, is very mellow in the house (loves to follow us around and then lays on her blanket), loves to take walks, and loves to be petted. She hardly sheds at all, even when pet for quite some time. She hardly ever barks – only when she sees a person walking with a dog on the road.

She was at a shelter in Tennessee and they were about to put down a number of dogs, including her, because the Covid-19 restrictions have limited their caretakers there. We offered to foster her and they sent her up to Madison.

She would do well with anyone who has someone home most of the day because she enjoys human companionship. We would be happy to bring her over to visit if anyone is interested in meeting her.

For more information about adopting her, the link is [https://www.petfinder.com/dog/dixie-47132994/wi/madison/underdog-pet-rescue-of-wisconsin-inc-wi424/?referrer\\_id=43175718-802f-4330-b820-5409ad5d909e](https://www.petfinder.com/dog/dixie-47132994/wi/madison/underdog-pet-rescue-of-wisconsin-inc-wi424/?referrer_id=43175718-802f-4330-b820-5409ad5d909e) or feel free to email us at [smenting@wi.rr.com](mailto:smenting@wi.rr.com) with any questions. Thank you!

