

## ST. MARY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, January 6, 2019



**CLERGY SEARCH UPDATE:** Dear Parish Community, Happy New Year! As we enter 2019 and the final year of my three-year term as your senior warden concludes, I will continue to be part of the Search Committee and look forward to providing you with updates every step of the way. I am pleased to share that we have moved to the next step with each of our two candidates. Mary-Beth Esser, Carl Eschweiler and I will be traveling out of town to meet with one candidate in their environment the weekend of January 12th. We are in the process of confirming the date to meet with the other candidate which will also be this month. 2019 is going to be a very exciting year for St. Mary's and we thank you for your continued prayers and support throughout our search process. Blessings, **Pam Ferguson**, Sr. Warden



**FLOWERS TODAY:** Thank you to **John & Julie Wolf** for the flowers on the altar today. They are in celebration of Julie's birthday on January 7<sup>th</sup>! God's blessings to you!



**ADULT FORMATION TODAY:** We will continue to meet in the library at 9:10 am for the continuation of "**Shalom of the Heart**." We will work with the stories in the book until the beginning of Lent. If you would like a copy of the book see **Carol McConnell**. The stories in the book situate us in Jesus' Bible: The Old Testament or the Hebrew Bible. EVERYONE IS WELCOME. Each session stands alone.



### **SPECIAL EVENSONG SERVICE TO CELEBRATE THE EPIPHANY TONIGHT:**

St. Mary's will be celebrating the Epiphany with a special Evensong Service tonight at 5:00 pm in the chapel followed by fellowship in the parish hall. Please make plans on attending this special service. Everyone is welcome!



**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** **Mother LaRae** accidentally hit her head on the sacristy shelf while bending down to pick up the Baby Jesus nativity piece to be blessed during the Christmas Eve service. Please pray for continued healing of her facial bruising. Also, please keep in your prayers **Father Mark** who is scheduled for hip replacement surgery on Friday, January 11th. Mother LaRae will be preaching while Father Mark is recovering from his surgery.



**THANK YOU TO ST. MARY'S:** From Father Mark, Mother LaRae, Deacon Chuck Zellermayer, Deacon Esther Kramer, Carrie Arndorfer and Lynn Kallas, thank you for all the good wishes and gifts (some anonymously) that came our way for Christmas! We appreciate your kindness and thoughtfulness and wish you all a wonderful and blessed New Year!



**SPECIAL CHRISTMAS OFFERING:** It has been the practice of St. Mary's to give the Christmas monetary offering to those who are in need. After additional offerings came in last week, this Christmas offerings this year totaled \$3,931.00. The offerings have been distributed equally between Family Promise, Lake Country Care Cab and the Discretionary Fund and were sent out this week. Thank you for your generosity.



**OFFERING ENVELOPES: The 2019 Offering Envelopes are now available.** Please pick them up in the Parish Hall. If you would like to receive offering envelopes, but have not received them in the past, please leave your name on the sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall.



**ALTAR FLOWER SIGN-UP CHART:** The new 2019 Altar Flower chart is available for sign-up on the table in the Narthex. Please feel free to sign-up for your special occasions for the New Year. The church office will follow up with you after you sign up.



**SAVE THE DATE - PARISH POT LUCK & ANNUAL MEETING:** Our parish will hold its *Parish Pot Luck/Fellowship time* at **11:15 am** and *Annual Meeting* at **11:30 am** on **Sunday, January 20, 2019!**

During the Parish Pot Luck/Fellowship time, you will be able to enjoy various dishes from our parish members after the church service and also enjoy some social time together. During the Annual Parish Meeting, we'll look at the year 2018 in joy and gratitude. We'll take stock of where we are today in our life of transition, ministry and mission. We'll examine our finances and vote to affirm the 2019 budget adopted by our vestry. We will also confirm leadership for the coming year. Some of our parishioners have indicated an interest in serving in leadership roles in 2019. Any parish member is welcome to run, as well. If you're interested, please see a Vestry Member, Deacon Esther, Deacon Chuck, Pam Ferguson, Sr. Warden, Mary-Beth Esser, Jr. Warden or Carl Eschweiler, Treasurer. Listed below are positions open and the parishioners running:

***Vestry, two-year term:***

***Lindsey Ricciardi***

*(second two-year term as outlined in our bylaws)*

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***Tom Arndorfer***

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***Senior Warden, one-year term:***

***Sally Williams***

*(Sr. Wardens can serve three one-year terms as outlined in our bylaws)*

**Junior Warden, one-year term:** **Mary-Beth Esser**  
(Jr. Wardens can serve three one-year terms as outlined in our bylaws)

**Diocesan Convention:** two deputies and two alternate deputies to be chosen

### **STILL SERVING**

**Vestry Member:** **John Wolf**  
(2nd year of 2nd two-year term)

**Vestry Member:** **Noelle Bryant-Nanz**  
(2nd of 1st two-year term)



**MOTHER LARAE BLESSING:** My friends, life is short, and we've not much time to gladden the hearts of those with whom we journey. So, be quick to love and make haste to be kind. Rest assured God is infinitely more interested in the hope of our future, rather than the mistakes of our past. May the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you forever. (*Blessing Mother LaRae gives at the end of the service.*)

### **PASTORAL CONTACT INFO:**



We are here to serve you. If you are hospitalized, scheduled to be hospitalized, or for any other reasons you are in need of visitation by one of our long-term priests, please contact Father Mark, Mother LaRae or the church office.



- For Tuesdays and Wednesdays during office hour, Please call **262-965-3924**.
- For pastoral concerns or emergencies after office hours, please call: **262-581-5093**
- Mother LaRae Rutenbar's email: [motherlaraer@milwpc.com](mailto:motherlaraer@milwpc.com)
- Father Mark Rutenbar's email: [fathermarkr@milwpc.com](mailto:fathermarkr@milwpc.com)

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**DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS:**

Submissions for the bulletin need to be received by 9:00 am the Tuesday before the requested Sunday service



**IN REMEMBRANCE AND THANKSGIVING:**

- ◆ Steve Agne in memory of Evelyn Agne.
- ◆ Tom & Carrie Arndorfer in thanksgiving of their sons Allen and Trey.
- ◆ Carl & Mary Alice Eschweiler in memory of Richard & Frances Stephan and Margie Stephan.
- ◆ Tom & Pam Ferguson in memory of Bernice, Howard and Randy Foland.
- ◆ Jim & June Lemerand in memory of Elizabeth Lemerand.
- ◆ John & Carol McConnell in memory of Lucille and Gordon Davy.
- ◆ Kathy Mitchell & Doug Hohenfeldt in memory of Daryl Hohenfeldt, Vernon & Dorothy Hohenfeldt, and William & Patricia Mitchell.
- ◆ Charles & Linda Mulligan in memory of their parents and son Michael.
- ◆ Bev Ott in loving memory of her dear husband Guy.
- ◆ Bob & Sandra Perkins in memory of Bob & Leondine Perkins & Al and Ruth Reinhard.
- ◆ Rod & Barb Riek in memory of Jim and Barbara Hancock, Jim & Ann Riek, Deborah Hancock, Jan Turnock, Allison Haupt, Marie Jordon, and Daniel Lisowski.
- ◆ Shirley Robertson in memory of the angels in her life.
- ◆ William Saeger in loving memory of his wife Nancy and in thanksgiving for his daughters, son-in-law and grandchildren.
- ◆ Donna Schultz in memory of Russ, Dave, her mom and dad, Michael, Debbie and Carol.
- ◆ Jack & Micki Wagner in memory of George & Victoria Bernath, John & Janet Wagner, Victor "Bud" Bernath, and in thanksgiving for their children & granddaughters.
- ◆ John & Julie Wolf in gratitude and blessings for their family and friends near and far.