

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Dousman, Wisconsin
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, October 18, 2020



Dear St. Mary's Parish,

Thank you to Adopt-A-Highway coordinator Jim L. for organizing this event this year and to everyone who participated yesterday for our last cleanup for 2020. We cleaned a beautiful two-mile stretch starting from the southeast corner of Highway 67 and Delafield Road. We will be looking for volunteers for 2021!

We continue to work on the process for online worship. It seems that our internet is not reliable enough to stream directly. Instead, we will record the service, and then post it to Facebook and YouTube. The service should be available by 9 a.m. Sunday mornings. Thank you for your patience.

Advent is coming, and I am hoping to hear from you! In particular, I'm wondering how much interest there is in participating in:

1. **St. Mary's Daily Advent Reflection** – We need 27 parishioners to write a reflection about light in darkness – whether actual or metaphorical. These would be emailed out as a pdf, mailed to those who request them, and posted daily on Facebook.
2. **St. Mary's Facebook Advent Calendar** – We would post Christmas stories or traditions on Facebook each day. Whether that is reading *The Donkey's Dream* or talking about leaving your shoes out for St. Nicholas, we thought it might be a fun way to mark the days. If you have a book or tradition to share, please contact me. You don't have to be willing to read it online (though you would be very welcome to do so).
3. **Advent Quiet Day on Zoom** – While I am open to hearing more ideas, the current thought is to have people sign up for the Quiet Day; mail them the materials; gather on Zoom for Morning Prayer and then break into quiet time at home; and close with noon day prayer on Zoom.

The survey can be found at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2JCdT9B>

I forgot to mention it last week, but at the Diocesan Convention I was elected to serve on the Diocese's Executive Council. The Executive Council serves as a sort of Vestry for the Diocese. They carry out the policies and programs; oversee the financial affairs of the diocese; prepare the budget; and receive and make long-range policy and program recommendations to the Diocesan Convention. I am excited to join this team and learn more about the Diocese at the same time. This is different from the Standing Committee (which Father Scott is the president of!) in that the Standing Committee serves as the Ecclesiastical Authority in the absence of a Bishop. While we have an Interim Bishop, the Standing Committee will take over some of Bishop Miller's duties and they are also closely involved in the hiring of the new Bishop.

Prayers & Blessings,
Mother Pippa



THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S



Sunday, October 18, 2020 - 20 Pentecost



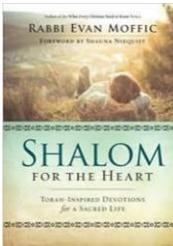
ST. MARY'S ONLINE RECORDED EUCHARIST (Posted @ 9 am)

Facebook Link:

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

YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMbnEfS48ycsuKBGzGmqsyw>



ONLINE ADULT FORMATION @ 9 am **Shalom for the Heart**

Parish Hall: 10-person limit, social distancing & mask required

and

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81021226947?pwd=aE5sWEIqRnFMYzVBeIV4bzVXTk03dz09>

Contact: [Carol M.](#)



ST. MARY'S DRIVE-IN EUCHARIST **@ 10 am**

Tune in to 97.9 FM

North (Hwy. 67) Parking Lot



ST. MARY'S ONLINE COFFEE HOUR **11:30 am**

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81563748721?pwd=RXBWME5kdHNid2N3VEE4V0x1S2ZVUT09>



Tuesday, October 20, 2020



CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER **4 pm**

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87955779809>



Wednesday, October 21, 2020
MORNING PRAYER/EUCHARIST (followed by)
BOOK STUDY: Transforming Questions
9-11 am

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83112265477>



VESTRY MEETING
6:30 pm

Private Zoom Link

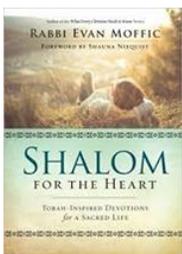
SUNDAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS



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. This Sunday's services, adult education class and online coffee hour times can be found above along with all other weekly offerings and appropriate online viewing links. We are always happy to celebrate Sunday Eucharist with new faces. Please consider joining us again.



NEW WORSHIP SERVICE TIME & AVAILABILITY FOR ONLINE SERVICE: We continue to work on the process for online worship. It seems that our internet is not reliable enough to stream directly at 8 a.m. Starting this Sunday, we will **record the service**, and then post it to Facebook and YouTube. The service should be available by **9 a.m.** Sunday mornings. Thank you for your patience.



SUNDAY ADULT FORMATION UPDATE: Our formation class now can have up to ten people in masks in the Parish Hall on Sunday at 9 am. So, bring your mask and please think about joining us and then doing it! If you feel more comfortable social distancing and prefer to use the online Zoom option, we've had some trouble with Zoom, but will continue to use that avenue to make the class available to off-site participants.

We are working with a book called **Shalom of the Heart** and the various characters in the Old Testament. This would be the Bible that Jesus knew. There are parallels with the New Testament shown in the characters with whom we engage. Please join us. No questions are too unimportant. For more information, contact [Carol M.](#)



ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY THANK YOU: Thank you to Chairperson **Jim L.** and everyone who helped with St. Mary's last highway clean-up for 2020 along the stretch of Hwy 67 to Sawyer Road. We appreciate you volunteering to clean and protect the great world we live in, plus get St. Mary's name out there! Dates are being selected for our participation in 2021. Please consider volunteering for this event in 2021.

A Message
from
Sally W.



A MESSAGE FROM THE SR. WARDEN:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ –

I would not have imagined back in March that come Fall we would still be needing to Zoom Adult Formation, watch church services on YouTube, nor would I have conceived we'd be attending church in our cars! But, here we are -- still social distancing, wearing masks, and wondering when we will be permitted to return to normal.

I grieve the loss of our former routines and the freedom we had to avoid thinking about how disgustingly germy we are as a species. Denial can be a comforting thing! But, at the same time I can be aware of this grief, I am also aware of growing curiosity and even excitement watching the innovative ways people have adapted to these circumstances. In some ways, the Pandemic Pause may be a great time to re-think some of our formerly held assumptions and beliefs. For example, I caught myself recently being overly focused on all the restrictions keeping us from doing Church, until my eyes opened to all the ways the community at St. Mary's continues to be Church! For example, despite the pandemic, we have continued to be blessed by those who organized and worked to make Fall Fest a big success this year! Despite the pandemic, we continued our commitment to other outreach ministries such as the Gathering (on 10/10) and the Highway Clean-up this past Saturday (10/17). These efforts are great examples of what it means to **be** Church in the world. And there are so many other examples here at St. Mary's.

So as much as I look forward to our being able to gather again unmasked, and face-to-face as a community of faith, I can also appreciate these unique times and the Pandemic Pause which allows me to reflect on the ways in which we are all called to be the Body of Christ in the world around us daily, and to notice all the ways in which God continues to be with us during these challenging times. Take care of yourselves and each other.

– **Sally W.**

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



ALL SAINTS EVENSONG: Join us online at **5 p.m.** on Sunday, **November 1** for our **All Saints Evensong**. The Feast of All Saints reminds us of those who have gone before us on this road and reminds us that we too are saints of God, called to ministry in the world. Evensong is a beautiful Anglican tradition that combines the services of Evening Prayer and Compline with

glorious music and a palpable feeling of the numinous.

You can pick up a bulletin for the evensong service when you come to the 10 a.m. drive-in service, and we will also email out the pdf. We are looking for a reader for the service. If you are available to serve, please contact [Lynn](#) in the parish office.



THANKSGIVING DRIVE-IN SERVICE: Drive up for **Thanksgiving Eucharist** in the parking lot on Thanksgiving Day (November 26) at **9 a.m.** We'll celebrate all that we are thankful for with Holy Eucharist (which itself means giving thanks) before going off to cook, watch sports and eat! We are looking for lector/intercessor and an usher for

this service. If you are available to serve, please contact [Lynn](#) in the parish office.

DIOCESAN NEWS



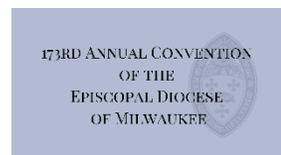
ALL-DIOCESAN ONLINE EUCHARIST
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Facebook Link: <https://www.facebook.com/DioceseOfMilwaukee/>

YouTube Link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCu4EttoVZeEahU-m4XoCXWA>

Website for this Sunday's Bulletin:

<https://www.diomil.org/resources/all-diocese-online-worship/>



DIOCESAN CONVENTION 2020 HIGHLIGHTS: The 173rd Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Milwaukee was held remotely on Saturday, October 3, beginning at 10 a.m. The convention was live streamed, and it is available to view on our YouTube channel.

A number of video presentations were shared with the Convention. Presiding Bishop Michael Curry shared a special pastoral address with us, Bishop Steven A. Miller shared his last pastoral address to the Convention, a tribute video with Bishop Miller celebrating his 17 years of ministry with the diocese was shared, and those who have died in the diocese in the past year were remembered with a video necrology.

Election Results: https://719cad13081e449c3a00-99f58ea2c4c5aeff46cb80447448079e.ssl.cf2.rackcdn.com/uploaded/e/0e11017462_1601997762_election-result-173rd-convention.pdf

Pastoral Address from Presiding Bishop Michael Curry: <https://youtu.be/CMNuyxftp-A>

Pastoral Address from Bishop Steven A. Miller: https://youtu.be/H3_usEh7qLI

Bishop Miller's retirement Video: <https://youtu.be/Xn07C7kiugQ>

Necrology: <https://youtu.be/nhbLcQuIMj8>



A MESSAGE FROM THE WAY FORWARD TASK FORCE:

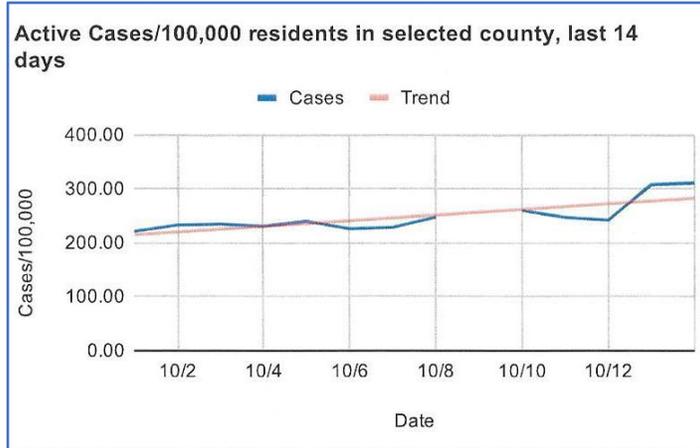
We are just past the six month point in of our journey through COVID-19. We are tired of the restrictions, the loss of our ability to gather and to worship as we please. This is a critical time in mourning those losses and it is occurring as we enter fall and winter. It is a time when we need to tend to our wellness as individuals and communities, and to do those things that keep us well. Whether that is prayer, exercise, cooking, calling a friend or being involved in on-line gatherings, we need to find those parts of our garden that need watering and bring new life to our gardens.

In the coming weeks, the Task Force will provide an update to the clergy on COVID-19. As always, please don't hesitate to ask questions and to pray for a safe end to this pandemic.

On September 24, updated Guidelines for music that reflect the recommendations in the current research were produced. The Guidelines for music had been Recommendations but as a result of the review they were made Requirements. This Requirement can be found on the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) section on the diocesan website.

Thanks for your help and Peace,
Rev. Bill Dunlop (bill@stfrancisuw.org)
217-649-1236

REGATHERING RISK ASSESSMENT WAY FORWARD TASKFORCE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE



County: Waukesha Parishes: 9

| Date | # of Active Cases* | # of Active Cases Per 100k** |
|------------|--------------------|------------------------------|
| 10/14/2020 | 1265 | 310.49 |
| 10/7/2020 | 922 | 228.11 |
| 9/30/2020 | 827 | 204.60 |
| 9/23/2020 | 664 | 164.28 |
| 9/16/2020 | 435 | 107.62 |
| 9/9/2020 | 358 | 88.57 |
| 9/2/2020 | 472 | 116.77 |
| 8/26/2020 | 574 | 142.01 |
| 8/19/2020 | 811 | 200.64 |
| 8/12/2020 | 853 | 211.04 |
| 8/5/2020 | 799 | 197.68 |
| 7/29/2020 | 843 | 208.07 |
| 7/22/2020 | 672 | 166.26 |
| 7/15/2020 | 400 | 98.96 |
| 7/8/2020 | 254 | 62.84 |

**This is the current number of active cases of COVID in Waukesha county.*

***This is the current number of active cases of COVID per 100,000 residents in Waukesha County. This number needs to be 50 or lower for St. Mary's to resume in-person services.*

| If # of people gather in this county today, | chances of one having COVID-19 are: |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| 10 | 3.06% |
| 25 | 7.48% |
| 50 | 14.40% |
| 100 | 26.73% |

FEATURED MINISTRY/OUTREACH



FAMILY PROMISE OUTREACH THANK YOU: A huge thank-you to St. Mary's for the generous response to our Outreach Project for **Family Promise**. This group runs on a shoestring budget and relies so much on donations and volunteers. Donations in the amount of **\$420.00** were given to support this program. There was a generous out-pouring of donations to the immediate items requested. A special thanks to Carol Carlson for her donation of 32 hand-knitted hats. Again, thank you for your overwhelming support of this project. St. Mary's is truly a caring community. God Bless! For more information on this worthy group go to <http://familypromisewaukesha.org/>. **Sally K., St. Mary's Outreach Committee**



The Haiti Project asks What can \$10 do?

THE HAITI PROJECT ST. MARY'S SCHOOL IS IN JEOPARDY FOR LACK OF FUNDING YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

The Haiti Project is in an awful position. For the first time in 30+ years, it is a very real possibility that the Haiti Project will be unable to fund the school of St. Marc's in Jeannette, Haiti, which has provided so much education and hope for the children and families there. The community of Jeannette, just like here, is really struggling. In Haiti, however, a donation of even \$10 goes a long way. For more information and how to donate, go to:

<https://donorbox.org/haiti-project-asks-what-can-10-do>

WE NEED YOUR HELP!



VESTRY NOMINATIONS: The Vestry is the elected governing body that acts as the legal and financial body of the parish. Vestry members are elected at the Annual Meeting. If you are interested in serving on the Vestry or nominating someone for the Vestry, please speak to [Mother Pippa](#) or [Sally W.](#), the Senior Warden, by December 1st so that you can be considered for Vestry.



MEAL TRAIN SET UP FOR PARISH FAMILY: A member in the parish is having health issues due to an aneurysm on their optical nerve. It has been a difficult seven weeks post-op for them, but they hope they may be seeing the first signs of things beginning to go in a more positive direction. More information on how they are progressing with this health issue can be found through a link offered in the weekly eNews that is emailed out to the parish on Thursday.

The family would appreciate prayers and any support St. Mary's can give. Due to their difficulties, St. Mary's has set-up a meal train for the family for the next several weeks. Thank you for helping them. To sign-up for the meal train, go to: <https://mealtrain.com/klg4rz>



ADVENT SURVEY—WE NEED TO HEAR FROM YOU! Please respond to the survey link listed below to express your interest in the following Advent activities:

1. St. Mary's Daily Reflections
2. St. Mary's Facebook Advent Calendar
3. Advent Quiet Day on Zoom

Please see Mother Pippa's column on Page 2 for a more detailed description of each activity/event. The survey link is: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2JCdT9B>



WE LIVE BY STORIES: We continue to collect as many stories as they can for our upcoming special book in celebration of St. Mary's 150th anniversary. You can call them and tell them your stories, or you can write your stories down and email them.

Please contact [Carol](#) or [Kathy](#) with any of your personal memories or stories. We live by stories and we need to know yours!



HELP NEEDED SORTING BOOKS: Even though the 2020 book sale was cancelled, we are still collecting books for next year's sale. Books need to be sorted as they come in and we need help sorting the incoming inventory. If you are able to help sort, please contact [Sandie P.](#) Volunteer support is greatly appreciated.



PLEASE REMEMBER TO KEEP UP YOUR PLEDGE: Please be mindful in remembering the church during this time of transition. We are aware that there are many changes in circumstances for our parish members, but if you are able, please continue to send in your pledge throughout the week.

- Mail in your offering to: St. Mary's Episcopal Church, PO Box 126, Dousman, WI 53118. *Please do not send donations to the church's physical address, as the post office will return your mail to you as undeliverable.*
 - Give electronically through St. Mary's Giving Plus Online Program sponsored by Vanco. *Go to St. Mary's website, <https://www.stmarys-dousman.com/>, and click on DONATE at the top of the page.*
 - Give in-person at the drive-in worship services or when regular church worship services resume.
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DISCRETIONARY FUND DONATIONS NEEDED: 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.



THIS SUNDAY'S STEWARDSHIP TESTIMONIAL
by Carl E., Treasurer

Today's reading from Matthew is very appropriate for our annual stewardship discussion. Jesus is asked a trick question by his opponents: *Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?* Jesus knows that whatever way he responds, he will offend someone. His answer: *Give, therefore, to the emperor the things that are the emperor's and to God the things that are God's.*

Jesus understands that people live between two kingdoms. There is a kingdom of this world that is ruled by the emperor. But there is another kingdom, not of this world that is governed by God. Christians are part of both kingdoms, at least temporarily.

The complexity of Jesus' response to the question is that he both concedes the obligation to the governing authorities while subverting their reach by recognizing the all-encompassing importance of God's role in our lives.

Of course, we have obligations for living in this world, and they need to be fulfilled. But the commitment to God extends beyond material items. The Great Commandment calls us: *To love the Lord your God with all your heart and all your soul and with all your mind and to love your neighbor as yourself.*

As a Christian, I believe that everything I have is a gift from God. In a sense, stewardship is returning to God what was always God's, anyway. My approach to our church stewardship is from a profound sense of gratitude. I know that all the blessings in my life are a result of God's love. It is an easy decision for me to support the work of St. Mary's, especially in these difficult times. Please join me in responding positively to our annual appeal.

Carl E.



October 18, 2020

Give to God the things that are God's

BY THE RT. REV. DIANE M. JARDINE BRUCE

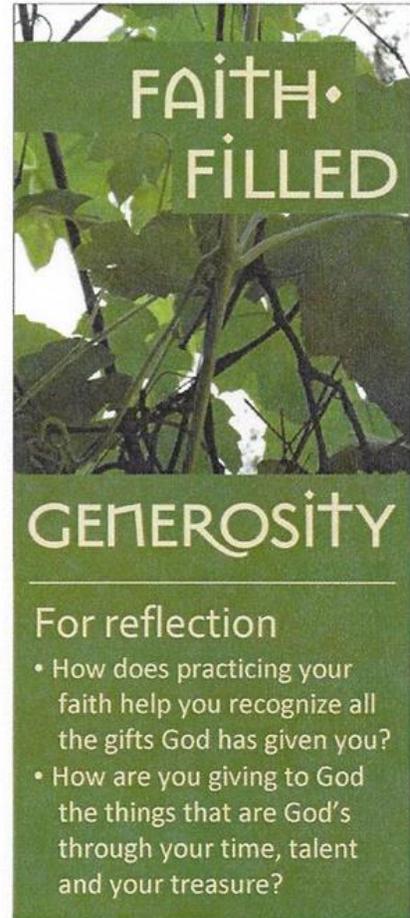


Once again in today's gospel the Pharisees are trying to trip up Jesus. If Jesus supports the paying of the tax, his Jewish siblings who are rebelling against the Roman occupation will shun him. If Jesus says it's unlawful to pay the tax, he'll be in trouble with the Roman authorities. What does Jesus do? He asks them to look at the coin. It is a Roman coin. Pay the tax - meaning give the Emperor back his own coin! Then Jesus adds that wonderful line — *give to God the things that are God's*.

What exactly IS God's? Well, we are! Our Christian faith in God points us always to live a life of gratitude and generosity. God showed us how we are to live and how to *give to God the things that are God's*: God gave us God's son, God's first fruit, and we are asked to do the same, remembering that everything we have, everything we do, everything we are is a gift from God — and it is a gift that is meant to be shared. When we share from our first fruits, as God shared God's first fruit with us, we are modeling the same generosity God has shown us.

Remember, we have two sets of three legged-stools in our Episcopal Branch of the Jesus Movement: scripture, reason and tradition, and time, talent and treasure. The first shapes our faith; the second is how we use the gifts we have been given to live out our faith.

The Rt. Rev. Diane M. Jardine Bruce is the Bishop Suffragan in the Diocese of Los Angeles. Her ministry focuses heavily on stewardship, financial sustainability and New Community development.



THINGS TO KNOW



GIVING ONLINE: Switch over to online giving! You can now go to our website, <https://www.stmarys-dousman.com/>, and click the new “Donate” menu option at the top. This will take you to a screen where you fill out a simple form. It 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 another special collection. And once you give the first time, you can create an account for future giving, if you’d like. Questions? Please contact [Mother Pippa](#).



AMAZON.COM SMILES PROGRAM: St. Mary’s is part of the Amazon.com Smiles program. If you shop at Amazon.com you can sign up for the Smiles program and choose St. Mary’s Episcopal as the recipient for a small percent of your purchase. It adds up. How can you help to get donations for St. Mary’s? You can select St. Mary’s by going to the site below and choose St. Mary’s for your account. In order for St. Mary’s to receive the

donation, you must choose St. Mary’s Episcopal on Amazon Smiles and log in to [AmazonSmiles.com](https://smile.amazon.com) when shopping on Amazon. Please join and help us make use of this program.

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OFFICE HOURS & CONTACT INFORMATION



ST. MARY’S PARISH OFFICE IS OPEN: The parish office is now open **Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.** [Mother Pippa](#) and [Lynn](#) will be available on those days to assist the parish. [Carrie](#) is in the office on Tuesdays for Music Ministry needs. Please be mindful in remembering the church during this time of transition. Masks are much appreciated when you

come to visit us.



PASTORAL CARE: We are here to help and serve you. If you have an emergency hospitalization, scheduled hospital procedure, or for any other reason need a pastoral visitation, please contact [Mother Pippa](#) at **651-341-9629** or motherpippa@milwpc.com.



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.