

ST. MARY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, December 30, 2018



CLERGY SEARCH UPDATE: Dear Parish Community, More exciting news to share from your vestry/search committee. Our phone interviews with the two candidates that were presented to us went very well! The next step is to personally meet with them in their parishes. We are currently in the process of scheduling visits and hope to complete them within the next few weeks. After the visits, we look forward to sharing more updates. Since both candidates are fully employed, we are unable to share detailed information at this time in order to protect their confidentiality. We appreciate and thank you for your continued prayers throughout our discernment process. Blessings, **Pam Ferguson**, Sr. Warden



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.)



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!



OUTREACH THANK YOU: Once again St. Mary's parishioners have shown just how much they care for those in need. Your response to our Giving Tree to benefit Lad Lake and St. Rose's is outstanding. On Monday, staff from Lad Lake came to collect the gifts and get them sorted for the residents. I have seen fishing poles, books, puzzles, pool cues, basketballs, stationary, pizza ovens, blankets and so much more! Just try to imagine the looks on the faces of those young people when they realize they are not forgotten. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. **Sally King**, Outreach Committee Chair



SPECIAL CHRISTMAS OFFERING: It has been the practice of St. Mary's to give the Christmas monetary offering to those who are in need. This Christmas offerings this year totaled \$3,906.00.

The offerings will be distributed equally between Family Promise, Lake Country Care Cab and the Discretionary Fund. Thank you for your generosity.



BEDS AND BUSHES: The Beds and Bushes Subcommittee of the Buildings and Ground Committee is looking for help managing the church flowers beds. If you'd like to help keep the flower beds around the Church, Chapel, and Hall looking good, please sign up in the parish hall. Assignments will be made for weeding and bed care. Plans are to edge and mulch first thing in spring. Additional plantings are planned where needed. Contact **Mary-Beth Esser** for more info at 2626-490-8156 or mbireland2000@yahoo.com.



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.



CUT-OFF DATE FOR END-OF-YEAR GIVING FOR TAX PURPOSES: Remember—checks given for end-of-year giving must be written with a December, 2018 date. The cut-off date for end-of-year giving is Wednesday, January 2, 2019.



ADVERTISING FOR 2019: We are now requesting renewals and new advertising for our bulletin for 2019. If you would like to have an ad in the bulletin or would like to renew, please contact Lynn at the parish office at 262-965-3924.



SAVE THE DATE - SPECIAL EVENSONG SERVICE TO CELEBRATE THE EPIPHANY: St. Mary's will be celebrating the Epiphany with a special Evensong Service on Sunday, January 6, 2019 at 5:00 pm in the chapel. Please make plans on attending this special service.

Don't Miss the



DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS: Submissions for the bulletin need to be received by 9:00 am the Tuesday before the requested Sunday 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
- Father Mark Rutenbar's email: fathermarkr@milwpc.com



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.