

ST. MARY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, February 24, 2019



ADULT LEARNING AND FORMATION: Join us at 9:10 am on Sundays. We are going to continue working in "*Shalom of the Heart*" by sharing stories of Jesus' Bible: the Old Testament. So far we have had discussions about the great Patriarch, Abraham, his wife, Sarah, and their progeny. We do use maps, historical methodology and timelines. We have found the messages engaging. Please join us as each lesson stands alone. All are welcome. Parish contacts for this study are Sally Williams at sjwilliams330@gmail.com, Carol McConnell at cmccconnell@wi.rr.com, and Mother LaRae at motherlaraer@milwpc.com.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR 10:00 AM COFFEE HOUR: The 10:00 am Coffee Hour Ministry is in need of volunteers. We are going forward trying to keep the coffee hour menu very simple to providing the basics of beverages and cookies. Beverages (coffee, tea, juice) as well as paper goods are provided by the church.

Responsibilities include:

- Hosts should brew both decaf and regular coffee and set up the counter with cups, cream and sugar, juice and glasses.
- The long table should be set up with plates and napkins and whatever food the hosts decide to bring.
- After fellowship is finished, used cups and glasses go into the dishwasher. Tables and countertops should be wiped down. Waste baskets should be emptied and taken out for garbage pickup on the east side of the hall.
- Finally, the coffee machine needs to be unplugged, lights need to be turned off and doors need to be locked.

Please let Lynn know in the parish office if you are available to service. Thank you for your consideration and easing the burden on the current faithful volunteers of this important ministry.



THANK YOU! If you have a chance, please take the opportunity to thank parish member **Barb Lembach** for painting the women's bathroom in the parish hall. The new color has helped freshen and brighten up the room. Thank you, Barb.



LAY MINISTRY SIGN-UP: The lay ministry sign-up sheet for the months of April through June is now posted in the parish hall. Please indicate the dates **you will not be available**. This helps cut down on rescheduling due to folks not being available. Your help is greatly appreciated.



NEW ST. MARY'S WI FI PASSWORD: St. Mary's now has a new guest site for wireless internet. The site can be found on your device under wireless settings under the name St. Mary's Guest. The password for the guest site is the word: "Episcopal." The old St. Mary's link will be discontinued in the near future.



STRAWBERRY FEST - SAVE THE DATE: This year's annual Strawberry Fest will be held on **Sunday, June 23rd**. Proceeds will go to the Milwaukee Diocese Haiti Project. Please think about how you can help this year. Call or email Kelly Noles at kellynoles@wi.rr.com with any ideas or offers to join in on the activities.



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES NEXT WEEK: St. Mary's will hold **Ash Wednesday Eucharist Services** next **Wednesday, March 6th at 9:00 am and 7:00 pm**. Both services will have the imposition of ashes. Please plan on taking time out of your busy week to observe the start of the Lenten season.

We are still in need of a greeter, acolyte, intercessor and chalice bearer for the 9:00 am service.



LENT SHOULD BE DIFFERENT: All parish members are reminded that Lent is a time when we are invited to take on an extra spiritual practice, sacrifice in some way to heighten our awareness of our need for the peace that only God can give, and to give generously to those in need.



OUTREACH LENTEN PROJECT: Starting with the season of Lent on Sunday, March 10th, we will be asking for donations each Sunday to be used to purchase children's car seats for the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department. The Sheriff's Department has indicated to us that this is a great need in order to transport children in emergency situations. Many times, squad cars do not have car seats with them and have to wait until one is delivered to them before transporting minors. The Sheriff's Department has asked us to purchase the seats, so as we get enough money for a car seat, we will purchase one and hope to be able to get several. Car seats cost between \$100-\$150 and we would buy those that would fit children of all ages. Alison Hedrick has agreed to work with our committee to get St. Mary's youth involved, possibly with a presentation of the car seats. An officer with the Sheriff's Department will come to St. Mary's one Sunday to tell us a little bit about their needs. For more information, please contact Sally King at sallyking@att.net or 262-490-8149.



LENTEN SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: The Sunday morning 9:10 am bible study is still in its developmental stages. If you have any ideas or input regarding what you would like to see be your next study on Sunday mornings during Lent, please contact Sally Williams at siwilliams330@gmail.com, Carol McConnell at cmccConnell@wi.rr.com, or Mother LaRae at motherlaraer@milwpc.com with your input.



LENTEN WEDNESDAY MORNING SERIES: The Wednesday morning book study group will meet at 9:30 am the Chapel on Wednesdays starting on March 13 through April 17th. We will watch the movie "**Matter of Principle**" on our first day with discussion questions after the viewing. This will be followed by the daily reading from Lenten Living Compass and discussion on Practicing Forgiveness with all your Heart, Soul, Strength and Mind. The second movie has not yet been chosen and will be announced at a later date. The Living Compass booklets can be found in the narthex entrance. Booklets are available for all parishioners.



LENTEN WEDNESDAY EVENING SERIES: On Wednesday evenings we will holding evening prayer at 6:00 pm, with a soup and bread supper at 6:30 pm, and our program of "Forgiveness and Healing" after we eat at approximately 7:00 pm. We expect the program to run to 8:30 pm. Please plan to attend as this series promises to be a set of exciting presentations and discussions. Our Lenten plans will include Deacon Esther Kramer, Rabbi Chertkoff, Bishop Steven Miller, Mother LaRae Rutenbar and possibly a chaplain from one of our prisons. Dates for presenters are currently be finalized. We will start with our Ash Wednesday Eucharist on Wednesday, March 6th, skip a Wednesday and then continue through the first two Wednesdays in April.



SACRAMENTAL RITE OF RECONCILIATION: During the season of Lent, it is appropriate and a good idea to take stock of one's relationship with god, neighbor, and oneself. Sharing that personal inventory and celebrating God's love, mercy and forgiveness can be a very healing experience. Father Mark and Mother LaRae we be available for the Sacramental Rite of Reconciliation also known as confession. Take this opportunity for a fresh start on your faith

journey. Send Father Mark or Mother an e-mail or call the Parish Office at 262-965-3924 to schedule time with them. Their contact information can be found below.

PASTORAL INFORMATION:

We are here to serve you. If you are hospitalized, scheduled to be, 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.



- ☐ Tuesdays and Wednesdays during office hours: **262-965-3924**
- ☐ For pastoral concerns or emergencies: **262-581-5093**
- ☐ Mother LaRae Rutenbar: motherlaraer@milwpc.com
- ☐ Father Mark Rutenbar: fathermarkr@milwpc.com



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Al & Diana	Fr. Mark	Larry	Shannon
Amy	Gus	Leonard & his family	Stacey's father & family
Ann	Harlow	Lori	Sunny
Bart	Ian	Lynne	Susie (1)
Bernie	Jacob	Marcia & her family	Susie (2)
Bev	Janet	Mary	Tom
Bob & his daughters	Jazmine	Pam & her family	Ty
Bob	Jim & Janine	Pat (1)	Terry
Brad & his family	Jim & his family	Pat (2)	Yaakov
Cobbie	Jon	Paulette	
Derek	Judy	Ryan	
Don	Julie	Sally & Greg	
Earl	Kate	Sam (1)	
Eden	Kathy & her family	Sam (2)	
Edmond (Ted)	Kristin	Scottie	

- All active duty military and our veterans
- All children in foster care and awaiting adoption
- All police officers, firefighters, EMT's, and all public servants
- The Haiti Project
- The Kids at Lad Lake
- Those from St. Mary's in college, technical school and the active military
- Those unemployed, underemployed or lonely