

## ST. MARY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, March 10, 2019

### CLERGY SEARCH

**SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE:** My Brothers and Sisters in Christ - I'm happy to announce that the conversations and meetings with both candidates are coming to a close, and the time for silent reflection and listening is near as we move forward in the discernment process. This is the time for praying, "Not my will, but thy will" as all involved in the search, including the candidates, seek to honor God's will for St. Mary's and discern the "best fit" candidate. The Vestry and Search Committee will be meeting on March 15th, and it is hoped that we will reach a consensus at that meeting as to which candidate will be offered the position as Rector, with God's help. Please continue praying for all involved in this process, and prayers of thanksgiving for Fr. Mark's and Mother LaRae's continued presence at St. Mary's. May we be given the grace to do God's will.

**Sally Williams, Sr. Warden**



**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.



**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.



**EASTER FLOWERS:** If you would like to donate towards flowers for Easter, please fill out the form provided in the pews or on the table in the narthex. Be sure to include your check payable to St. Mary's, and place both in the offering basket during the offering or turn your form into the parish office. ***Palm Sunday, April 14th is the last day to order.***



**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.



**FREE TAI CHI CLASS OFFERED ON WEDNESDAYS:** If you are interested in participating in a seated Tai chi class on Wednesday afternoons in the parish hall at 12:00 pm, please contact Trish Van Peursem at 262-498-6455.

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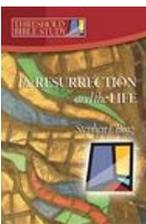
**NEW FAX NUMBER FOR CHURCH:** Starting Wednesday, March 6th, there will be a new FAX number for communicating via FAX to St. Mary's. The new phone number is: **262-965-2985**.



**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. For more information, to give input and ideas, or to offer to join in on the activities this year call or email **Kelly Noles** at 262-719-7245 or at [kellynoles@wi.rr.com](mailto:kellynoles@wi.rr.com).



**OUTREACH LENTEN PROJECT:** Starting with the season of Lent on Sunday, March 10th, we will be taking a special collection 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](mailto:sallyking@att.net) or 262-490-8149.



**LENTEN SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY:** The Sunday morning bible group that meets at 9:10 am in the library will be studying "**The Resurrection and the Life**" by Stephen Binz starting March 10th through April 7th. There will be no class on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. What exactly did happen on Easter morning? Why did it impel the disciples to begin a journey which would transform the world? What does this mean to us, here where we live today? This book will help you understand what the Scriptures teach us about our own resurrection and how that hope gives purpose to everything that we do. Please join us. This primary theological category is treated in Scripture with dynamic, engaging questions for discussion. Everyone is welcome!! Please contact **Carol McConnell** at [cmccConnell@wi.rr.com](mailto:cmccConnell@wi.rr.com) if you would like to join the study group and like a book. We will resume "**Shalom of the Heart**" after Easter.



**LENTEN WEDNESDAY MORNING SERIES:** The Wednesday morning book group will be studying “**Practicing Forgiveness With All Your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind by Living Compass.**” 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 the Lenten Living Compass booklet and discussion. The Living Compass booklets can be found in the narthex entrance. Booklets are available for all parishioners. Join us on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 am in the Chapel on starting on March 13th through April 17th.



**LENTEN WEDNESDAY EVENING SERIES**  
**Forgiveness & Reconciliation**  
**in Our Divided World**



Forgiveness and reconciliation are the essence of the gospel of Jesus Christ. It is a principle that offers hope, expectation and encouragement to every believer. The power of forgiveness brings great joy and peace to us. It is this inner power of forgiveness that changes lives. We are most like Jesus Christ when we forgive another person. Please plan to attend as this series promises to be a set of exciting presentations and discussions.

**Schedule**

6:00 pm - Evening Prayer  
6:30 pm - Soup & Bread Fellowship  
7:00 to 8:30 pm - Lenten Series

**Speakers**

**March 20th - The Rev. Esther Kramer, PhD.** Esther has been serving as one of two deacons at St. Mary’s for two years. In her current role as Associate Provost at Nashotah House Theological Seminary, she provides direction and support related to campus operations and academic services. She is married to Tom Schlaefter and lives in Delafield.

**March 27th - The Rabbi Noah Chertkoff**

Rabbi Chertkoff is Senior Rabbi at Congregation Shalom in Fox Point. A native of Toronto, Canada, he graduated from York University with a Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies. His Master of Arts is in Hebrew Letters and Rabbinic Ordination from Hebrew Union College Jewish Institute of Religion. Congregation Shalom is a Reform Jewish Congregation.

### **April 3rd - The Rt. Rev. Steven Miller**

Bishop Miller has been the Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Milwaukee for fifteen years. Bishop Miller is a founding member and co-convenor of Bishops United Against Gun Violence.

### **April 10th - Chaplain Deborah Majchar**

Chaplain Majchar has been Chaplain at Fox Lake Correctional Institution (FLC) for the past 13 years. She plays an integral role in rehabilitating men who enter her ongoing groups which include Restorative Justice, the Forgiveness Group and other voluntary groups as needed. She shares a unique perspective as a formerly incarcerated inmate at Taycheedah Correctional Institution (TCI) with a 20-year prison sentence for drug related crimes. She has a degree from the University of Wisconsin, and a pastoral degree from Meriter, Madison. She received the "Governor's Domestic Violence Survivor Courage" award and in 2010 a full pardon from Governor Doyle.

### **April 17th - The Rev. LaRae Rutenbar**

Mother LaRae currently serves as long term supply priest at St. Mary's. She retired in 2016 from full-time Interim Transitional Ministry working with conflicted and traumatized parishes.



**GOOD FRIDAY AND EASTER OFFERINGS:** At St. Mary's we give away our Good Friday and Easter offerings. The Good Friday offerings will be given to **The Episcopal Church in the Holy Land**. The Outreach Committee has determined that this year's Easter offerings will be divided three ways. **Exploit No More**, a local organization that works to help young women who are victims of human trafficking in the Greater Milwaukee region and provide a wide variety of support and advocacy services. **Lake Country Cares Cab**, which provides reduced transportation to the elderly and ambulatory disabled and, the **Oconomowoc Dental Clinic**, for free/reduced services for the uninsured.



**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](mailto:motherlaraer@milwpc.com)
- Father Mark Rutenbar: [fathermarkr@milwpc.com](mailto: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
Bernie	Jacob	Marcia & her family	Tom
Bev	Janet	Mary	Ty
Bob & his daughters	Jazmine	Micki	Terry
Bob	Jim & Janine	Pam & her family	Yaakov
Brad & his family	Jim & his family	Pat	
Cobbie	Jon	Paulette	
Derek	Judy	Ryan	
Don	Julie	Sally & Greg	
Earl	Kate	Bill's family	
Eden	Kathy & her family	Sam	
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