

ST. MARY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, March 3, 2019



ADULT LEARNING AND FORMATION: Join us at 9:10 am on Sundays. We will continue “*Shalom of the Heart*” for one more Sunday. On March 10th, we will begin our Lenten study. Please join us as each lesson stands alone. All are welcome.



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.



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 PHONE NUMBER: Parish member Trish Van Peurseem has a new telephone number that she wants to convey to the parish. The number is 262-498-6455.



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 Peurseem at 262-498-6455.



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.



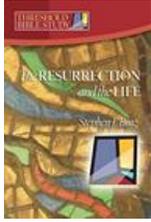
ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES THIS WEEK: St. Mary's will hold **Ash Wednesday Eucharist Services** this **Wednesday, March 6th at 9:00 am and 7:00 pm**. Both services will have the imposition of ashes. Please plan on taking time out of your busy week to observe the start of the Lenten season.



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 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 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. 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 cmcconnell@wi.rr.com if you would like to join the study group and like a book.



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.



SPECIAL EASTER COLLECTION: At St. Mary’s we give away our Easter collection. The Outreach Committee has determined that this year’s offering 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: **262-965-3**
- For pastoral concerns or emergencies: **262-581-5093**
- Mother LaRae Rutenbar: motherlaraer@milwpc.com
- Father Mark Rutenbar: fathermarkr@milwpc.com



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 Schlaefer 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.

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