

## ST. MARY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, June 16, 2019



**Dear St. Mary's Parish,**

A very happy Father's Day and Trinity Sunday! On this day we celebrate those who have been fathers to us as well as our Father and Creator in the Trinity. I think it is worth mentioning that the names we use for the Trinity – Father, Son, Holy Spirit – are metaphors, sometimes helpful, and sometimes not. If you grew up with a kind and loving Father, seeing the Creator God through that lens can be helpful. Other people find it a very difficult image. Likewise, “Son” and “Holy Spirit” sometimes help us to be in relationship with our God, and sometimes they don't.

Ultimately, the way we think about God is always ground in metaphor. God is beyond our knowing or understanding, which is why we talk ourselves in circles on Trinity Sunday. How can we say that God is one, yet three? How is Jesus fully human and fully divine? How do the three members of the Trinity work together, all God, and yet, also distinct? I could lean back and use some fancy Greek (perichoresis being a particular favorite), or I could give you a metaphor and tell you it's like that, but not really. Or, I could tell you that the whole thing is a mystery and unknowable. All of these are true, and they all have their usefulness.

What matters, ultimately, is being in relationship with God. When I die, I fully expect to be surprised. Some things I will have gotten very wrong; some things I might have right but for the wrong reasons. But what I do know, is that I have a God who loves me and wants my love in return. So, while it's worth struggling with theology and the Trinity, let's not get too bogged down. “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.” (*Matthew 22:37-40*)

Prayers and blessings, Mother Pippa



**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY: *Sonora Smart Dodd*** was an influential figure in the establishment of Father's Day. Her father raised six children by himself after the death of their mother. This was uncommon at that time, as many widowers placed their children in the care of others or quickly married again. Sonora felt that her father deserved recognition for what he had done. The first time Father's Day was held in June was in 1910. Father's Day was officially recognized as a holiday in 1972 by President Nixon. ***So today we thank all the fathers, step-fathers, fathers-in-law, grandfathers and great-grandfathers and other male role models who have contributed and made a difference in our lives.***



**NEW MEMBERS:** Welcome to new members ***Eric & Trena***. We are very happy to have you with us here at St. Mary's. Please extend to them a warm welcome!



**REMINDER - PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAME TAGS:** Mother Pippa has requested that parish members wear their ***name tags*** for worship services and fellowship hours so that she can better get to know everyone by name. Thank you for your cooperation.



**LAY MINISTRY SIGN-UP:** Today is the last day for lay ministry sign-up for the months of July through September. The sign-up sheet is posted in the parish hall. Please indicate the dates ***you will not be available***. This helps cut down on last-minute rescheduling.



**STRAWBERRY FEST IS JUNE 23RD FROM 11:00 AM TO 3:00 PM AND WE NEED YOU!!!** This event is the diocese's largest fundraiser for the Haiti Project. We are looking for everyone to spare an hour or two over the entire weekend. Many hands will make light work. The sign-up sheet for volunteers can be found in the parish hall. We will also be having an on-line sign-up again this year. See below on how to sign up.

### **3 Easy Steps to Sing Up Online:**

Step 1—the link to sign up is:

<https://signup.com/login/entry/967022049183520023>.

Step 2—Enter your email address (you will NOT have to create an account).  
Step 3—Sign Up! Choose your spots. [SignUp.com](http://SignUp.com) will send you a confirmation and reminder.

**Strawberry Prep:** We are looking for parish members to help hull and cut strawberries ahead of time and then freeze the strawberries.

For strawberry prep contact: **Elizabeth H.**

For volunteer sign-up or event questions, contact: **Kelly N.** All are welcome and encouraged to assist.



**GATHERING MINISTRY THANK YOU:** Thank you to Chairperson **Jim L., Shirley R. Dave & Ethel R., Micki W.** and **Sandie P.** for helping with St. Mary's **Gathering Ministry** meal-site event yesterday at Our Next Generation Neighborhood Center in Milwaukee. The Gathering Ministry depends on the commitment of their volunteers like us. Thank you again for volunteering. Please know your work is appreciated!



**LAD LAKE KETTLE CLASSIC:** Thank you to **Bob P.** and everyone who participated in the Lad Lake Kettle Classic yesterday. Parish members donated a total of \$200.00 to sponsor the riders. Proceeds raised will benefit the more than 1,400 vulnerable youth at Lad Lake.



**SUMMER OUTDOOR EUCHARIST SCHEDULE:** Weather permitting, following are the dates for outdoor Eucharist's this summer:

☪ **July 14th at 8:00 am**

☪ **August 4th at 8:00 am**

☪ **July 21st at 10:00 am**

☪ **August 18th at 10:00 am**

Please bring your own lawn chairs or carry a folding chair from the parish hall down to the worship area by the Bark River. Also, thank you to **Matt & Sheryl B.** for storing and refinishing the top of the outdoor altar this past year and bringing it back at St. Mary's for this year's outdoor services. The altar was a piece commissioned by her father.



**THE HAITI PROJECT WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU!** How informed do you feel about what is happening with the Haiti Project? Complete this **4-minute survey** to help us communicate better about what is happening in Haiti and here in the United States. It is a short survey—we promise!

Survey Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BNT3Q76>.



**LAWN MOWING & TRIMMING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

Lawn mowing season is here. We need volunteers to help keep our grounds looking beautiful. Help mow & trim St. Mary's lawn. Our John Deere Z915 commercial zero-turn 54-inch desk lawn mower requires no special physical ability. For more information contact:

- Junior Warden, **Mary-Beth E.**
- Sr. Warden, **Sally W.** or
- **Mother Pippa**



**ITEMS THAT NEED TO BE IDENTIFIED & POSSIBLY DONATED TO OTHER GROUPS:**

- Brocade fabric chair covers that were in the furnace room and have been moved to the Chapel basement.
- Large piece of black felt.

Contact Lynn in the parish office if you know anything about the items listed above.



**FIRE CODE NOTICE:** We have been notified after our last fire inspection to not have any items in the church or parish hall furnace rooms located within the taped-off sections. Please do not put any additional items in these rooms other than what is already there. Thank you for your cooperation.



**PASTORAL & WI FI INFORMATION:**

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 the church office Monday through Wednesday at **262-965-3924**. For after office hours pastoral concerns or emergencies contact **Mother Pippa** at **262-581-5093** or [motherpippa@milwpc.com](mailto:motherpippa@milwpc.com).



# STRAWBERRY FEST

St. Mary's Episcopal Church  
Corner Hys. 18 & 67,  
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Sunday, June 23th  
11AM to 3PM

All strawberry desserts  
and pies  
Sandwich grill  
Haitian Art  
Used book sale  
Bake sale  
Children's activities  
Live music  
All proceeds support the Haiti Project