



St. Mary's Messenger

february / march 2022

St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Dousman, Wisconsin

The Bishop is Coming!

Please join us on **Sunday, February 13** as **Bishop Lee** comes to visit for worship. We hope you will join us either in-person, in the parking lot or online to hear Bishop Lee preach. Bishop Lee will preach and preside at both services, and also be available in the church at 9 a.m. for questions.

COVID Worship Update

During February, our plan is to offer two in person services at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. each Sunday. Masks are required regardless of your vaccination status, and we will provide surgical masks for those who want them. The CDC recommends N-95 or KN-95 masks. Further, we recommend that people space out physically during the service.

We will continue to post our service online, and you are also welcome to tune in to 97.9 FM in the parking lot at 10 a.m. to listen to the service.

If you attend in-person church and then test positive within three days, please let the office know so that we can inform the parish. We will never disclose your name, but would send out an email to let people know that someone had tested positive at either the 8 a.m. or 10 a.m. service.

Coffee Hour is staying on pause through the month of February. It is our hope that as the numbers continue to come down that we will be able to reconsider for March.

Thank you for your flexibility and patience, and I look forward to seeing you at church! – Mother Pippa



Join Us for Movies!

Our next movie day will be in February. After viewing the movie, we will talk about the film. Movies “code” our culture.

What does that mean? A film will generally, somehow be related to present time regardless of its time setting. We'll look at certain pieces of the film to “decode” their meaning. Join us along with Emmanuel UCC for a potluck and movie fun.

Date:Sunday, February 27, 2022
Movie:**Frozen**
Potluck:11:30 a.m.
Movie Time:12 p.m.
Location:St. Mary's Parish Hall

St. Mary's 2022 Vestry Elected

Congratulations and welcome to these newly elected Vestry members:

Tom Arndorfer, Craig Beckman, Carol Chase, and Marit Faivre.

They join returning members **Mary-Beth Esser, Jane Pennycuff, Julie Wolf, and Morgan Chapiewsky.**

Jane Pennycuff has agreed to be Senior Warden and **Johanna Ball** stepped up to be our Treasurer.

Thanks to all those who will serve this year and also to outgoing Vestry members **Carl Eschweiler, Kathy Mitchell, Bill Wells, and Sally Williams.**



Joys, Sorrows & Prayers for Healing

Please pray for:

- † **Bev Ott**
- † **Bob Buczek**
- † **Carrie Arndorfer**
- † **Doug Hohenfeldt**
- † **Rita (Miki Wagner's sister)**
- † **Shawn Armstrong**
- † **Wayne (Lynn Kallas' husband)**
- † **All affected by Covid**



Please give thanks for:

- † **The people of St. Mary's**
- † **Dropping Covid infections**



Take The Outreach Survey

The Outreach Team has questions for you! Please pick up a survey in the narthex and respond to the following questions:

1. What organizations would you like the Outreach Committee to consider as a recipient of the parish's donations / time?
2. Would you like to shop for donations or make a monetary donation for the committee members to shop with?
3. How can the Outreach Committee best communicate to the parish?
4. Would you like to hear from a representative from the recipient organization to speak at services on Sundays? Or after the service during Coffee Hour?
5. Have you been a volunteer for Outreach activities? If so, what did you like/dislike about your participation?
6. Would you be interested in joining the Outreach Committee? If so, please give us your name and contact information and we will send you information regarding the next meeting.

Happy Birthdays to:

February

01 – Elizabeth Hoffman
03 – Kirsti Haughton
04 – Liz Schroeder
09 – Laurie Bujak
10 – Emma Krauska
16 – Elyssa Anderson
16 – Katie Ratkowski
23 – Nance Horn
25 – Carol Chase
25 – Gary Metzger

April

04 – Maggie Metzger
04 – Terry Wilson
06 – Jacob Ricciardi
07 – Rich Lembach
08 – Bill Saeger
10 – Jennifer Metzger
16 – Carl Eschweiler
17 – Matthew Schroeder
19 – Mary Alice Eschweiler
19 – Cheri McCaigue
20 – Jack Hedrick
21 – John McConnell
22 – Bev Ott
24 – Steve Agne
24 – Trey Arndorfer
25 – Pat Godfrey
26 – Eric Anderson
26 – Anne Tremel
26 – Joe Zember
27 – Lynn Kallas

March

02 – Madison Riccardi
05 – Mary Poppens
08 – Toby Ackerman
11 – Craig Beckman
12 – Rod Riek
15 – Sue Dropp
21 – Brian Lengling
23 – Anya "Quinn" Bryant-Nanz
26 – Jef Fitch III
29 – Scott Bujak
30 – Sally Williams
31 – Linda Mulligan



Order Your Girl Scout Cookies!



Girl Scouts

Betsy and Molly Chapiewsky are selling Girl Scout cookies! Please order after the 10 a.m. service directly from the girls or by signing up in the Narthex. Orders must be placed by February 14.

The Girl Scouts thank you!



The Rector's Corner



I love a long season after Epiphany. Easter can range in date from March 22 to April 25, and Lent is always 40 days, but the season of Epiphany always starts after January 6. Therefore, the length of the season after Epiphany can range wildly. We can have up to ten Sundays in

Epiphany, and this year we will have eight. Lent, of course, is a time of preparation. It is a time to look inward and work on our relationship with God. Epiphany, however, is a time of revelation. It's a time to notice the amazing things God is revealing each and every day. It's a time to be so awed that we, like Peter, realize our boats are sinking under the weight of God's blessing. It's a time to hear God's call in our lives, to leave our boats, and to become "fishers of men."

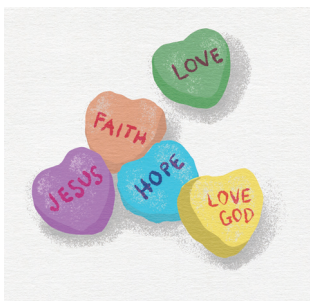
— Mother Pippa

Help Sponsor an Afghan Family

We are teaming up with St. Matthew's, Kenosha to help sponsor a family from Afghanistan. We will be collecting funds and items starting in February all the way through Lent to help one of the families at Fort McCoy settle into Wisconsin.

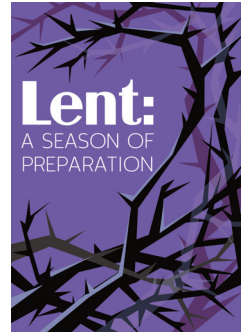


St. Matthew's is working to obtain housing, and our part is to collect the items posted in the Narthex and raise funds to help get the family on their feet. If you are interested in volunteering your time by helping the family directly through conversation, cultural help or the like, please talk to **Mother Pippa**. She has the volunteer forms.



More About Lent...

The origins of Lent are ancient, and more than a bit complex. While Lent has always been referred to as being forty days in length, there has been disagreement about which days are counted. In Episcopal tradition, Lent lasts forty days if you don't count the Sundays, or if you don't count Holy Week (but do include Palm Sunday). However, the Eastern Orthodox tradition counts neither Saturdays nor Sundays, so their Lent runs seven weeks to our six weeks.



Initially, the penitential period for Easter was a day or two fast, which stretched into Holy Week, which grew to a three-week period (at least in Rome), and then finally to the six or seven week period it is today. The earliest example of the forty days comes from the Alexandrian church where they would fast for forty days after Epiphany (January 6) for mid-February baptisms. After the Council of Nicaea in 325, the forty days seems to have become universal, and Lent as we know it today seems to have appeared by the time of Pope Leo I (in about 461 C.E.).

Lent is the traditional time for catechumens to prepare for Easter baptism, for penitents to prepare for reconciliation and for the faithful to prepare for Easter. It is reminiscent of the forty days Jesus spent in the wilderness, following his baptism, where he was tempted by the devil. As Jesus discerned the shape his ministry would take, he was tempted to feed the masses, wow them with miracles, or give up his principles and worship the devil in order to rule the world. During Lent, we seek to address our own temptations, whether that means giving up something to make room for God, or adding a discipline that draws us closer to our Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier.

As you enter into your Lenten journey, may you find yourself drawn closer to God, distracted less by the world, and more fully open to the Good News in the resurrection.

Drawn from Maxwell E. Johnson in *The New Westminster Dictionary of Liturgy and Worship*.

Ash Wednesday is March 2

The Ash Wednesday liturgy is the doorway to Lent.

Services are at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. on **March 2**. The

liturgy is filled with sober images, reflection on our mortality and our sin, and the action of having ashes “imposed” on our foreheads,

before we celebrate the Eucharist - the Holy Meal that affirms God’s forgiveness and love - together.



Ash
WEDNESDAY

Living Compass Study begins

March 9



Lent is a time for introspection and self-reflection, a time to reflect on the core of what it means to live a Christian life in the midst of great change and

uncertainty. We will be using *Letting Go with All Your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind* by Living Compass.

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 a.m. in the Chapel on starting on March 9 and going through April 13.

Meet Our Parish Intern!

Our parish is blessed with an intern for the next several months – **Jenny McCombe**. Jenny is discerning for the priesthood and is working at St. Mary’s as part of her discernment process. Jenny will preach March 27 and will also be leading our Lenten program on Wednesday nights about Anglican prayer beads. Please join in welcoming Jenny to St. Mary’s for the next several months as she discerns her call.



Lent Madness Returns!

Grit, determination, perseverance. These are the traits, along with the obvious one — holiness — that will be needed to win the 2022 Lent Madness Golden Halo. Based loosely on the NCAA basketball tournament, Lent Madness pits 32 saints against one another in a single-elimination bracket.



Here’s how it works: on the weekdays of Lent information is posted at www.lentmadness.org about two different saints. Each pairing remains open for 24 hours as participants read about and then vote to determine which saint moves on to the next round. St. Mary’s will have the “Saintly Scorecards” with information about each of the initial 32 saints. They will be available to pick up in the Narthex or Parish Hall. We will also post the bracket in the Parish Hall and fill it out during Lent.

It is a fun and interesting way to learn about the saints who are featured each year.

Soup & Substance for Lent

Beginning March 9 and going through April 6, we will offer Soup with Substance on Wednesday evenings. We will start with Evening Prayer at 6:00 p.m., a Soup & Bread fellowship meal at 6:30 p.m., followed by our study at 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Our parish intern, **Jenny McCombe**, is going to teach us about the Anglican Rosary. “Since the earliest of times, people have used pebbles or a string of knots or beads on a cord to keep track of prayers offered to God. Virtually every major religious tradition in the world uses some form of prayer beads.

“Please join me each Wednesday during Lent, when you will be able to create your own set of Anglican Prayer Beads. We will be discussing prayer and you will be shown how to use them.

“Please sign up if you are interested. (Beads and tools will be provided.)”



Lenten Opportunities

We have a variety of Lenten worship and formation offerings:

- ☉ **Ash Wednesday – March 2, 9 a.m. & 7 p.m.**
Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion
- ☉ **Adult Ed Wednesdays Mornings**
We'll begin with Morning Prayer at 9 a.m., followed by Living Compass discussion at 9:30 a.m. The season for this season is *Letting Go with All Your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind*.
- ☉ **Adult Ed Wednesdays Evenings**
We will begin with Evening Prayer at 6 p.m., then supper at 6:30 p.m., followed by a class on Anglican Prayer Beads at 7 p.m.
- ☉ **Quiet Day – Saturday, March 5 at 9 a.m.**
Join us for a quiet introduction to Lent. We'll start with Morning Prayer, and then spend two hours in silence. There will be activities at the various tables, including prayers, icons, reflections and mandalas. We will close with Eucharist. If you would like to participate, please sign up in the Narthex.

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St. Mary's Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday, April 10

8 a.m. & 10 a.m. – Holy Eucharist
11 a.m. – Easter Egg Hunt



Wednesday, April 13

9 a.m. – Morning Prayer
9:30 a.m. – Lenten Living Compass Study: *Letting Go with All Your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind*.

Maundy Thursday, April 14

7 p.m. – Maundy Thursday Service
8:30 p.m. – Chapel Open for Prayer all Night



Good Friday, April 15

12 p.m. & 7 p.m. – Good Friday Service

Holy Saturday, April 16

7 p.m. – Easter Vigil

Easter Day, April 17

8 a.m. & 10 a.m. – Holy Eucharist
(followed by Easter fellowship after each service)



Walking to School

A mom was concerned about her kindergarten son walking to school. He didn't want his mother to walk with him. She wanted to give him the feeling that he had some independence but yet know that he was safe.

So she had an idea of how to handle it. She asked a neighbor if she would please follow him to school in the mornings, staying at a distance, so he probably wouldn't notice her. She said that since she was up early with her toddler anyway, it would be a good way for them to get some exercise as well, so she agreed.

The next school day, the neighbor and her little girl set out following behind Timmy as he walked to school with another neighbor girl he knew. She did this for the whole week.

As the two walked and chatted, kicking stones and twigs, Timmy's little friend noticed the same lady was following them as she seemed to do every day all week. Finally she said to Timmy, "Have you noticed that lady following us to school all week? Do you know her?"

Timmy nonchalantly replied, "Yeah, I know who she is."
The little girl said, "Well, who is she?"

"That's just Shirley Goodnest," Timmy replied, "and her daughter Marcy."

"Shirley Goodnest? Who the heck is she and why is she following us?"

"Well," Timmy explained, "every night my Mom makes me say the 23rd Psalm with my prayers, cuz she worries about me so much. And in the Psalm, it says, 'Shirley Goodnest and Marcy shall follow me all the days of my life,' so I guess I'll just have to get used to it!"

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift His countenance upon you, and give you peace.

And may Shirley Goodnest and Marcy be with you today and always.

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