

ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Dousman, WI

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, September 18

15th Sunday after Pentecost & Stewardship Kick-Off

- 8 AM - Holy Eucharist
- 9 AM - Fellowship Coffee Hour
- 9 AM - Adult Formation: Shalom for the Heart
- 10 AM - Holy Eucharist with CLW & Drive-In Service
- 11 AM - Fellowship Coffee Hour

Monday, September 19

- 5 PM - Contemplative Prayer
- 7:30 PM - AA Group Meeting (outside group)

Tuesday, September 20

- 9 AM - New Beginnings (outside group)
- 10 AM - Healthcare Eucharist

Wednesday, September 21

- 9 AM - Morning Prayer
- 9:30 AM - Group Study: The Chosen
- 2 PM - Three Pillars Eucharist

Thursday, September 22

- 11 AM - Exercise Class
- 7:30 PM - Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, September 25

16th Sunday after Pentecost

- 8 AM - Holy Eucharist
- 9 AM - Angel's Grace Presentation
- 9 AM - Adult Formation: Shalom for the Heart
- 10 AM - Holy Eucharist with Children's Sermon & Drive-In Service
- 11 AM - Fellowship Coffee Hour

Monday, September 26

- 5 PM - Contemplative Prayer
- 7:30 PM - AA Group Meeting (outside group)

Wednesday, September 28

- 9 AM - Morning Prayer
- 9:30 AM - Group Study: The Chosen
- 6 PM - Human Concerns/Outreach Committee Meeting

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ONLINE RECORDED EUCHARIST (posted by Monday)

Facebook Link:

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/St-Marys-Episcopal-Church-670614162955490/videos>

YouTube

YouTube Link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMbnEfS48yccsuKBGzGmqsyw>

A MESSAGE FROM MOTHER PIPPA



Dear Friends of St. Mary's:

I confess that during stewardship, I struggle with talking plainly about money. Along with politics and religion, money seems to be a taboo topic, and certainly the decisions we make on how to spend our money are deeply personal ones. As I squirm in my seat, however, I am reminded of the example and theology of my first bishop. When he came for visitation, he would lift up the offering plates and bless them. In our economic society, we are able to convert our time and talent into money. As such, when we lift up the offering plates, we are lifting the physical representation of our equivalent time and labor to God. There is something moving about thinking about my offering in terms of X hours of work and offering that directly to God.

Our Stewardship campaign claims that "When we give out of our abundance, there is always more than enough." I do think that being fully aware of our resources can promote gratitude and generosity. I am struck by the fortune that allows me to meet my needs of shelter, food and safety, all while working a job that brings meaning and joy to my life. I also find joy in being able to help – whether by volunteering, donating items (often baked goods) or giving financial help. Sometimes financial help is all I can offer. For instance, I support a child in Ecuador through Children's International. I may not be able to be there physically, but I write her letters and help support her and her family. When I began, she was four and her mother wrote her letters. Now she's 12 years old and writes her own letters. Supporting St. Mary's, though, means that I am able to help make our ministry possible. The joy, formation and relationships that are so consequential and essential to me are also directly supported by me, which is really neat. I hope you find similar joy and meaning in your time and support of St. Mary's, and that it feels like giving from a place of abundance.

A week from Sunday at the 9 AM Coffee Hour we will welcome Sherry from Angel's Grace to tell us more about hospice. The day I turned 18 my mother sat me down and had me fill out an Advanced Care Directive. As part of that conversation, we tried to articulate our desires and wishes, should one ever need to make health decisions for the other. I hope you find your anxiety lessens as you learn more about the potential options available.

We have four sign-up sheets in the Parish Hall. Please put your name down to go hiking (October 1), to help with food for the Life Transitions Classes (October 3, 10, 17), to volunteer for Adopt-a-Highway (October 15), or to come to Bingo Night (October 29).

**Prayers and blessings,
Mother Pippa**

SUNDAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS



WELCOME: May the Lord richly bless your time with us. If you have no church home, please consider St. Mary's as your new church home. Sunday's services and other event meeting times can be found above along with any appropriate online viewing links. We are always happy to celebrate Sunday Eucharist with new faces. Please consider joining us again.



ALTAR FLOWERS ON SUNDAY: The flowers on the altar this Sunday were given by **Diane O.** in honor of her late husband Jim's birthday on September 14. Thank you for beautifying our altar. God's blessings to you.

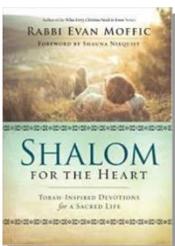


ST. MARY'S NEW SEMINARIAN: Please extend a warm welcome to our new seminarian, **Matt P.** Matt is a Nashotah House student, sponsored by St. Mark's of Milwaukee. He will be learning with us until next May 2023. As part of his studies Matt will be up front on Sundays, preach on occasion, attend Vestry, and get hands-on experience in teaching, organization, worship, community/outreach and administration. We hope you will get to know Matt as he continues in his process of learning and formation. We are very excited to have him join us.



TODAY WE KICK-OFF OUR STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN: Christian stewardship is a transformational way of living and an understanding that God is the source of all life, and that we are entrusted as stewards of God's world. This year we celebrate every perfect gift God has given to us and give our gifts to God in return. This year we invite everyone in the St. Mary's community to be a full, pledging member of our community. Pledge cards were mailed out this week to all members. Additional pledge cards can be found in the Narthex.

Making a financial commitment to support our community is one of our spiritual disciplines. No matter the amount (even if you cannot pledge any money this year), please turn in a pledge card on **Pledge Sunday, October 9.**



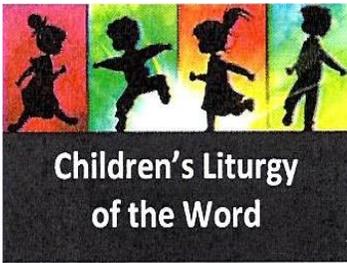
ADULT FORMATION THIS SUNDAY: As Christians, we spend our whole lives trying to go deeper, to learn and challenge ourselves as we grow in Christ. We pray and discuss how we can identify the ways in which God is calling us, and how to encourage one another in taking the next steps along our journey. On Sunday mornings we use the familiar text of Shalom from the Heart to springboard this discussion around our purpose and journey. Our goal is first to help one another on their journey with and towards God. We hope you will join us today.

Date: Sunday, September 18, 2022

Time: 9:00 AM

Location: Parish Library

Questions: Contact [Sally W.](#)



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD THIS SUNDAY: All children K-5 are welcome to participate. Participants will be dismissed after the opening prayer and the leaders and children will join us back in church in time for sharing the peace of Christ.

Teaching Staff: Julie W. (teacher) & John W. (assistant)

Location: Parish Hall

Time: After the opening prayer at the 10 AM service



AN INVITATION TO CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER: Join us Monday evenings at 5 PM in the chapel for a meditative time of quiet and centering prayer. This deliberate quieting of the mind and entering into stillness is quite counter-cultural, but deeply restorative and transformative. In seeking out silence, we can make room for God to speak in our lives. By quieting our thoughts, we can focus on the One

who truly matters.



MORNING STUDY GROUP IS BACK THIS WEDNESDAY! Join us in the Parish Hall for Morning Prayer and discussion. Our topic for the fall will be the series **The Chosen**. The Chosen is a fan-supported, seven-season episodic television series that creates an authentic and intimate picture of Jesus' life and ministry, seen through the eyes of the people who knew him. Over the course of its first two seasons, the series has garnered praise from critics and fans alike for its historical and biblical accuracy, playful spirit, stirring drama, genuine humor, and disruptive impact. Each week we will watch and then discuss an episode as we go deeper into Jesus' life and ministry. All are welcome.

Start Date: September 21, 2022

Morning Prayer: 9 AM

The Chosen: 9:30 AM

Location: Parish Hall

Web Link: <https://watch.angelstudios.com/thechosen>

Questions: Contact Mother Pippa at motherpippa@milwpc.com



VESTRY OPPORTUNITIES: Are you feeling called to take on a representative role at St. Mary's? We have two upcoming opportunities. The first is **Diocesan Delegate**. Convention is October 7-8 in Milwaukee and one of our delegates is unable to attend. If you would like to represent St. Mary's as we pass resolutions, vote on leadership and approve the budget, please let Mother Pippa know.

The second opportunity is for **Vestry**. At the Annual Meeting (January 29, 2023) our current term ends, and the new Vestry Team is elected. It is a two-year commitment with monthly meetings. Our Vestry keeps St. Mary's ministering in the community, from forming long-term vision, to making sure our parking lot is striped and level. It's a wonderful way to learn more about the parish. If you are interested, please talk to Mother Pippa or another member of the Vestry.



LAST DAY TO GIVE YOUR AVAILABILITY FOR NEXT LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE: The lay ministry sign-up sheets for the months of October through December can be found in the parish hall. Please indicate the dates **you will not be available**. This helps cut down on last-minute rescheduling. Your help is greatly appreciated. **This Sunday, September 18 is the last day to give your availability.**

UPCOMING EVENTS



ST. FRANCIS DAY PET BLESSING: All pets are welcome in-person or as photos to the St. Francis Pet Blessing. We will have a short service to give thanks for our pets and bless each one individually. All are welcome (and it's a great opportunity to invite friends to visit).

Date: Saturday, October 1, 2022 **Time:** 10 AM

Location: St. Mary's parking lot on Hwy. 67



FELLOWSHIP HIKING EVENT SCHEDULED: St. Mary's has scheduled an autumn hiking event. Everyone is welcome to attend. Bring the family, invite a friend.

Date: Saturday, October 1, 2022 **Time:** 1 PM

Location: To be announced

Sign-Up Sheet: Sign-up in parish hall



175TH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE: This year's Annual Convention will be held on Friday, October 7 at the Westin Hotel and Saturday, October 8 at the Italian Community Center in Milwaukee. At the convention, clergy and lay people from participating parishes in the diocese of Milwaukee come together with our Bishop and diocesan leaders. They look at the proposed diocesan budget, hear reports on different ministries in the diocese, listen

to a keynote speaker, and we deal with any diocesan business requiring our attention. This year's delegation includes Sally W., Bernard K., Diane O., Deacon Chuck and Mother Pippa. We are currently looking for an alternate delegate to attend.



PLEDGE SUNDAY: Join us as we offer our pledges to God for the coming year. There will be an opportunity to place your pledge card on the altar at both services, as well as a celebratory coffee hour following each service. Please mark your calendar and plan to turn a pledge card in, even if you are unable to support St. Mary's financially this year. The Stewardship Committee believes in the value of talking to God and

praying about your pledge, regardless of the monetary outcome.

Date: Sunday, October 9, 2022 **Time:** Both worship services – 8 AM & 10 AM



NEXT ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY: We are responsible for clean-up starting on DR from Hwy 67 to Sawyer Road. Please bring a pair of work gloves with you. We'll supply the garbage bags and safety vests. It is a wonderful way to serve our community. Interested? Sign up in the parish hall.

Date: Saturday, October 15, 2022 **Time:** 9 AM-11 AM

Location: Meet and park along the road south of where the old Park-N-Ride lot was located near the Summit Hospital at 67 & DR.

Questions: Contact [Jim L.](#)



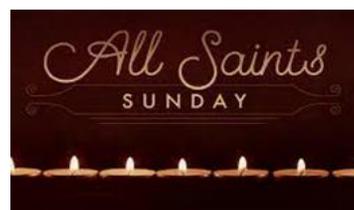
BINGO & FELLOWSHIP NIGHTS: Based on our past success, we are looking to offer Bingo Night again this fall. Join us for an evening of Bingo in October and November! We will play for candy prizes and bragging rights. All ages welcome!

Dates: Saturday, October 29, 2022 & November 19, 2022

Time: 4-6 PM **Location:** Parish Hall



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS: Remember to set your clocks **BACK** one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, November 5 or you will be an hour early for church on Sunday.



ALL SAINTS DAY & ALL SAINTS EVENSONG: St. Mary's will be celebrating All Saints Day with a festive Evensong. As Episcopalians, we believe in eternal life, that is, life is not ended but transformed. As it says in the prayer: "death is only a horizon; and a horizon is nothing save the limit of our sight."

To that end, you are invited to bring an icon of a saint with you to either the morning service or to Evensong. This could be a printout of the saint, a picture you have drawn, a collage of important words and themes surrounding their life. Please be creative and draw strength from the faith of those who go before us (or who are currently walking with us). After all, the communion of saints is "the whole family of God, the living and the dead, those whom we love and those whom we hurt, bound together in Christ by sacrament, prayer, and praise."

Dates: Sunday, November 6, 2022 **Time:** 5 PM **Location:** Chapel



ADVENT FAMILY WORKSHOP: Fun for the whole family. Join us to make decorative Advent crafts. The event will be hosted by St. Mary's and Emmanuel UCC.

Date: Saturday, November 19, 2022 **Time:** 9 AM - 12 PM

Location: St. Mary's



THANKSGIVING EUCHARIST: St. Mary's will celebrate their Thanksgiving Service with Holy Eucharist (which itself means giving thanks) and all that we are thankful for before going off to cook, watch sports and eat!

Date: Thursday, November 24, 2022 **Time:** 9 AM



ADVENT QUIET DAY: Though Advent is meant to be a preparatory time to ready ourselves for both the Incarnation and the Second Coming, the fact is that it is often an incredibly stressful and busy time. Take a couple of hours and quiet your soul during our Advent Quiet Day. We'll start with prayer, and then move into quiet time where people can move between several quiet activity stations. We'll close at 11:00 AM with

Eucharist, followed by lunch.

Date: Saturday, December 3, 2022 **Time:** 9 AM - 12 PM **Location:** Parish Hall



GATHERING MEAL MINISTRY: The Gathering is continuing to serve meals, albeit in a revised format by putting together sack lunches and setting them out for people. Gathering volunteer leaders will be onsite to coordinate activities and provide information, support, and direction.

Date: Saturday, December 17, 2022 **Time:** 10 AM to 1 PM

Location: Our Next Generation Neighborhood Center, 3421 W. Lisbon Ave, Milwaukee

Contact: [Jim L.](#)



LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE: In the long, dark winter nights, memories of past experiences and the pain of present situations can become overwhelming. For some, the Christmas season is very difficult. The Longest Night service invites people to listen, pray and sing if they are able. During this service we pray that you will find hope and comfort in knowing that you are not alone. We'll also honor in a special way loved

ones who've gone before us. All are welcome.

Date: Sunday, December 18, 2022 **Time:** 5 PM



CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY SERVICE: All are welcome to come and hear the Christmas story. There is no rehearsal, but children will have an opportunity to place the familiar characters in the story and to ask questions.

Date: Saturday, December 24, 2022 **Time:** 2 PM



CHRISTMAS EVE LATE SERVICE: We will gather in the darkness and celebrate God Incarnate. We look forward to seeing you all there. We will have carol singing beginning at 4:30 PM. We hope you will invite family and friends to join us.

Date: Friday, December 24, 2022 **Time:** 5 PM



CHRISTMAS DAY CELEBRATION IN-PERSON & DRIVE-IN SERVICE: Oh, come let us adore him! We hope you will invite family and friends to join us.

Date: Saturday, December 25, 2022 **Time:** 10 AM

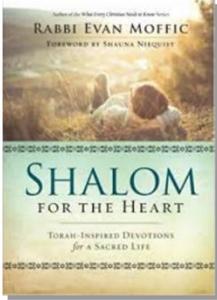
Drive-In Service: North Hwy. 67 parking lot / Tune in to 97.9 FM



LESSONS & CAROLS SUNDAY: Join us for a festive service of Lessons and Carols. We will hear a selection of readings from Holy Scripture and sing some favorite Christmas carols. Hope to see everyone there!

Date: Sunday, January 1, 2024 **Time:** 10 AM

BIBLE STUDIES & EDUCATIONAL EVENTS



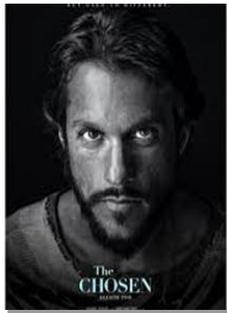
SUNDAY ADULT FORMATION:

Dates: Sunday mornings after first worship service
September 11 through May 28, 2023

Time: 9:10 AM

Location: Parish Library

Questions: Contact [Sally W.](#)



WEDNESDAY MORNING STUDY GROUP:

Dates: Wednesday mornings after Morning Prayer
September 21 through May 31, 2023

Morning Prayer: 9 AM **The Chosen:** 9:30 AM

Location: Parish Hall

Web Link: <https://watch.angelstudios.com/thechosen>

Questions: Contact [Mother Pippa](#)



ANGEL'S GRACE PRESENTATION: The first in the upcoming classes about life changes. Learn about all the different options for hospice care with Sherry from Angels Grace.

Date: Sunday, September 25, 2022 **Time:** 9 AM

Location: Parish Hall



HOME-BREWED FAITH SESSION: This is the second in the Home-Brewed Faith series. Everyone is welcome, any or no beliefs, just open to conversations, opinions, and growth.

Date: Wednesday, September 28, 2022

Time: 7 PM **Topic:** Creation, Creationism & Creation Care

Sponsors: St. Mary's Episcopal Church and Emmanuel UCC

Location: Delafield Brewhaus, 3832 Hillside Drive, Delafield



EMOTIONAL RESILIENCY PRESENTATION: The second in the upcoming classes about life events and transitions. Marit F. will talk to the group about the emotions that go along with change, and how we can find resiliency amidst the grief, anger and shock.

Date: Monday, October 3, 2022 **Time:** 6 PM

Location: Parish Hall



LIVING WILLS & POWERS OF ATTORNEY PRESENTATION:

The third in the upcoming classes about life events and transitions. Shorehaven's Life at Home Coordinator, Jamie Milaeger, has made it her business to learn the resources of Waukesha County. Jamie will focus on Living Wills and Powers of Attorney. She will also be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Date: Monday, October 10, 2022 **Time:** 6 PM **Location:** Parish Hall



FUNERAL PLANNING PRESENTATION: The fourth and final class about life events and transitions. Mother Pippa will talk about funeral planning and what a gift it can be for family and friends to have the service already planned.

Date: Monday, October 17, 2022 **Time:** 6 PM

Location: Parish Hall



HOME-BREWED FAITH SESSION: This is the third in the Home-Brewed Faith series. Everyone is welcome, any or no beliefs, just open to conversations, opinions, and growth.

Date: Wednesday, October 26, 2022

Time: 7 PM **Topic:** Satan - A Halloween Home Brewed

Sponsors: St. Mary's Episcopal Church and Emmanuel UCC

Location: Delafield Brewhaus, 3832 Hillside Drive, Delafield



HOME-BREWED FAITH SESSION: This is the fourth in the Home-Brewed Faith series. Everyone is welcome, any or no beliefs, just open to conversations, opinions, and growth.

Date: Wednesday, November 30, 2022

Time: 7 PM **Topic:** Mary, Virginity & Being Human

Sponsors: St. Mary's Episcopal Church and Emmanuel UCC

Location: Delafield Brewhaus, 3832 Hillside Drive, Delafield

PRAYER MINISTRIES



CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER:

Day of Week: Monday Evenings

Time: 5 PM

Location: Chapel



MORNING PRAYER:

Day of Week: Wednesday Mornings

Start Date: Wednesday, September 21, 2022

Time: 9 AM

Location: Parish Hall



DISCRETIONARY FUND DONATIONS APPRECIATED: If you feel able to donate to Mother Pippa's discretionary fund, there is a high demand for assistance. Please remember that these funds are available to parishioners as well, if you need help. It is also helpful for her to have gift cards on-hand for groceries and gas for those outside the parish in need.



ST. MARY'S ONLINE GIVING: Switch over to online giving by going to our website, <https://www.stmarys-dousman.com/>, and clicking the new "Donate" menu option at the top of the page. This will take you to a screen where you fill out a simple form. It is a very versatile way to donate: you can give with a credit card or through your bank; you can give once or repeatedly; you can give to the general

fund or to another special collection. And once you give the first time, you can create an account for future giving, if you'd like.



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ST. MARY'S PARISH OFFICE: The parish office is open **Monday through Thursday** from **9 AM to 4 PM**. [Mother Pippa](#) and [Lynn](#) will be available on those days to assist the parish. [Carrie](#) is in the office on Tuesdays for Music Ministry needs. Please be mindful in remembering the church during this time of transition. Masks are much appreciated when you come to visit us.



ST. MARY'S MAILING ADDRESS: Please make sure anything you send to St. Mary's in the mail is addressed to **PO Box 126**. Anything addressed to our street address will be rejected by the Dousman post office and won't make it to the church. Thank you for your cooperation.



PASTORAL CARE: We are here to help and serve you. If you have an emergency hospitalization, are scheduled for a hospital procedure, or for any other reason need a pastoral visitation, please contact the church office Monday through Thursday at **262-965-3924**.

For after office hours pastoral concerns or emergencies, contact [Mother Pippa](#).

