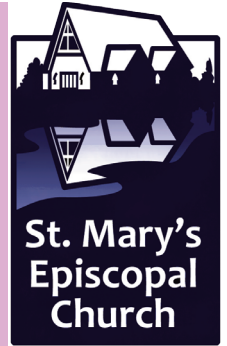




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## FEBRUARY, MARCH, APRIL 2026



St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Dousman, Wisconsin

### Shrove Pancake Coffee Hour



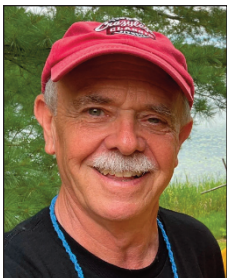
We will celebrate Shrove Tuesday with pancakes during the coffee hour on **Sunday, February 15**. The Community Life team will be our hosts. Bring your appetite as we get together for pancakes and fellowship time before the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday. All are welcome!

### Ash Wednesday Services



Mark your calendars! St. Mary's will hold **two Ash Wednesday Eucharist Services on Wednesday, February 18, 2026 at 9 a.m. in the chapel and 7 p.m. in the church**. Both services will have the imposition of ashes. Please join us as we observe the start of the Lenten season.

### Archdeacon to Visit St. Mary's



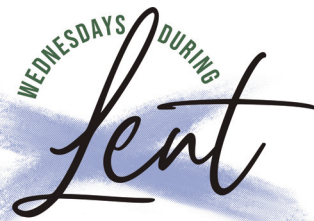
**Archdeacon Bill Dunlop** will join us on **Sunday, February 15** at both services. For churches and members of the diocese, the role of the archdeacon represents a bridge between the parishes and the diocese. How that is experienced at the parish level is seen in many ways. Through visits and work with parishes, lay leaders, and clergy the archdeacon is an advisor and mentor. The goal is to help make the Church's work visible in the wider community, advocating for social justice, and initiatives that reflect Christ's love.

The archdeacon helps the Church become a more visible, prayerful, and transformative presence in the world, fulfilling its mission to be the hands and feet of Christ.

### Lenten Group Study Opportunities

#### *Living Well Through Lent: Cultivating Healing and Wholeness in Heart, Soul, Strength and Mind*

**9:30 a.m. Wednesday Mornings**, in the Chapel,  
from February 25 through April 1.



#### *Promises of Holy Baptism Study*

**Wednesday Evenings**, in the Parish Hall,  
from February 25 through March 25.

The schedule is:

- 6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer**
- 6:30 p.m. Soup Supper**
- 7:00 p.m. Lenten Study**

02/25 *Continue in the Apostles' Fellowship*  
Dr. Garwood Anderson

03/04 *Whenever You Fall into Sin*  
Mother Pippa Lindwright

03/11 *Spread the Good News of God in Christ*  
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03/18 *Seek and Serve Christ in All Persons*  
Mother Jennifer McCombe

03/25 *Respect the Dignity of Every Human Being*  
Deacon Chuck Zellermyer

# Prayers & Thanksgivings

## Healing prayers for:


- † **Bev Ott's sons Craig & Mark**, who are both fighting cancer, and **Mark**, who needs surgery.
- † **Janet Zeller**, after her hip replacement.
- † **Shawn Armstrong's brother, Greg**.
- † **Ken Zettelmeier** dealing with health issues.

## Prayers for those who have died:

- † The repose of the soul of **Jeff Lawnicki**
- † The repose of the soul of **Katie & Jeff Shield's son Patrick**.

## Prayers of Thanksgiving for:

- † Generous donations to Lad Lake and Mary's Room over Christmas.
- † Our new Free Pantry.
- † New Vestry Members **Mary-Beth Esser, Kim Smith and John Tracy**.
- † Continuing Vestry Members **Diane Olsen, John Wolf, Terry O'Brien, Jim Lemerand, and Megan Stangler**.
- † Retiring Vestry Members **Tom Arndorfer and Craig Beckman**.
- † Former parishioner **Pam Ferguson's** new marriage. (see article and photos on page 4)



### Our next Potluck Coffee Hour will be Sunday, March 1.

Those who would like can bring a dish to share, and the Vestry has agreed to manage clean up.

This is an experiment to see if it gives our hosts a little reprieve. If it doesn't work, we will stop in April. If you'd like to help, there is a sign up sheet in the Parish Hall.

You can also sign up to host Coffee Hour on a specific date by signing up in the Parish Hall. Thank you!

## Happy Birthdays to:

### February

- 05 – John Czech
- 10 – Emma Krauska
- 16 – Jill Littlefield
- 20 – Terry O'Brien
- 25 – Carol Chase
- 25 – Gary Metzger

### April

- 04 – Maggie Metzger
- 07 – Rich Lembach
- 10 – Jennifer Metzger
- 12 – Dale Thoren
- 16 – Carl Eschweiler
- 19 – Mary Alice Eschweiler
- 19 – Cheri McCaigue
- 22 – Bev Ott
- 24 – Steve Agne
- 24 – Trey Arndorfer
- 25 – Pat Godfrey
- 26 – Anne Tremel
- 26 – Joe Zember
- 27 – Lynn Kallas

### March

- 04 – Mary McCarthy-Benes
- 05 – Mary Poppens
- 08 – Toby Ackerman
- 10 – Chloe Mae Spanton
- 11 – Craig Beckman
- 12 – Rod Riek
- 15 – Sue Dropp
- 19 – Auk Bearda
- 21 – Brian Lengling
- 23 – Quinn Bryant-Nanz
- 30 – Sally Williams
- 31 – Linda Mulligan



## BINGO Anyone?

Join us for an afternoon of Bingo on **Saturday, February 7, from 3:00-5:00 p.m.** in the parish hall! All ages are welcome! Popcorn will be served. Watch for a sign-up sheet will in the parish hall as the date draws near.

BINGO				
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6	17	32	45	61
9	15	★	60	70
12	26	44	52	66
7	22	34	48	72

## Join Us for an Afternoon Movie!

Join us to watch *African Queen* on **Saturday, February 14, at 3 p.m.** in the Parish Hall. Free popcorn will be provided, so just bring your favorite non-alcoholic beverage, sit down, relax and enjoy a good movie. All are welcome!

Mark Your Calendars for these Upcoming Movies:

- ◆ *Pink Panther II* .....March 14
- ◆ *Grumpy Old Men II* .....April (date TBD)

## The Rector's Corner



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.

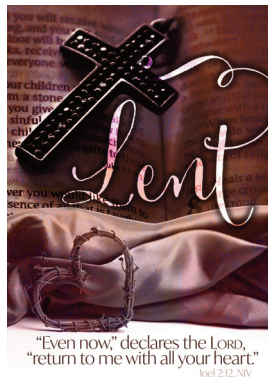
Initially, the penitential period for Easter was a day or two fast, which stretched into Holy Week, which grew to a three-week period (at least in Rome), and then finally to the six or seven week period it is today. The earliest example of the forty days comes from the Alexandrian church where they would 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.*

- Mother Pippa



## Lay Ministry Training Coming Soon!

We are reviewing and refreshing training for our lay ministers. Please plan to attend a training session following the service if you are currently serving or would like to join the rotation for any of these ministries:

- ☐ Acolyte Training.....February 8
- ☐ Altar Guild Training.....February 22
- ☐ Chalice Training.....March 8
- ☐ Greeter Training.....March 15
- ☐ Reader Training .....March 22

We will pass out guides for each ministry, and also talk about the way you contribute to our communal worship. Thank you!

## And More Training . . .

**Lay Eucharistic Visitors (LEVs)** bring communion to people who are unable to join us on Sunday mornings. There is a little box with consecrated bread and wine, as well as a laminated sheet for the service. If you would be willing to take communion to one of our homebound members, please sign up in the Parish Hall. Mother Pippa will train you!

## Can You Help Clean the Pews?

On **Saturday, February 7, 2026 at 10 a.m.**, we will meet to clean and polish the pews in the church. Thank you to the parish member whose donation has helped purchase the supplies needed for this project. Put on your work clothes and join us. Remember many hands make light work.

## Prayer Shawl Ministry Change

**Beginning Sunday, March 8, we will meet in the Parish Hall, after the 10 a.m. service on the second Sunday of the month, during Coffee Hour.**

*(Note: In February, we will meet on the 15th.)*

Please come and visit with us as we knit or crochet our prayer shawls. We can talk while we work!

If you have questions or are interested in joining this group, talk to any of us, or contact

Kathy Mitchell at

klmitchell301@gmail.com or (262) 378-0232.



## Happy News from Pam Ferguson!

I emailed Pam to get her address so I could send her a copy of St. Mary's 150th Anniversary Book. Many of you will remember that Pam was our Senior Warden when Mother Pippa was hired. Shortly after that, she moved to Chicago to be closer to her sons after her husband died. Pam was happy to hear from us and eager to receive a copy of the book. Part of her email is below:

*Thank you so much for reaching out! You are so kind, and I would love to receive a copy of St. Mary's 150 Anniversary book!*

*I have moved and will include my new address (still in Chicago). The big news is that I remarried on June 7th! To a widower that I met at church! We were both raised in the Episcopal church and have so much in common.*

*I miss my St. Mary's family...please give my best wishes to all!*

Then after she received the book, she wrote:  
*Thank you so much for sending the Anniversary Book! It is beautifully curated and such a treasure! Brings back wonderful memories of my St. Mary's family!*

*I have attached some wedding photos as well. The processional was very traditional, and the recessional included a fun New Orleans theme with the parasol and the organist playing "When the Saints Go Marching In." It was a fun-filled day!*

*Hope to see you in 2026! Let me know if you ever head the Chicago way as well.*



## St. Mary's Has a Free Pantry!

St. Mary's has a new outreach project – a free pantry. Much like a free library, this is a small outreach to our community. Please bring canned goods, staples, etc. and place them on the shelves.

Our neighbors will then be able to pick up what they need. We have a refrigerator for items that need to be kept temperature controlled.

As soon as it warms up a bit, it will be put outside the red doors of the parish hall.



## Treasures on Sale at St. Mary's

St. Mary's has set up a table at the Winter Farmer's Market. As the name implies, our table will be filled with your old treasures. What an opportunity for you to clean out your cupboards, drawers, and closets!



We'll sell items on the **last Wednesday of the month**. Collections will be the Tuesday before. Helpers are needed to sort, price, and sell. There are restrictions on what can be brought – items must be small enough to fit on a table top.

Money from the sales will go to the St. Mary's Discretionary Fund. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Poppens (262) 896-4643 or Marit Faivre (970) 531-2224.



## Time to Spring Forward!



*Spring Ahead*

Daylight saving time begins on **Sunday, March 8, 2026**.

Remember to set your clocks **AHEAD one hour** before you go to bed on Saturday evening or you will be an hour late for church!

### LENT OUTREACH:

### Wildlife In Need Center

The **Wildlife in Need Center** provides treatment and care of injured, diseased, or orphaned Native wildlife, and returns the healthy viable animals to appropriate habitats in the wild.

The Wildlife In Need Center (WINC) answers over 10,000 phone calls from people asking for advice or help with wildlife issues and admit approximately 3,000 animals annually. They also conduct educational programs in schools and for scout, church, and civic groups.

The Center is run primarily by volunteers and a very small staff, operating 365 days a year. WINC receives no county, state, or federal funding. WINC operates entirely through fundraising efforts along with the generosity of passionate donors, but also from corporate foundations and private foundation grants.

Donations can be made by writing a check to St. Mary's with WINC on the memo line.

Or, they have an Amazon Wishlist wish can be seen using this QR Code.



## Our Easter Offering Goes to...

The Vestry has chosen these three projects to support with our Easter Offering this year.



This organization helps parents in crisis who are experiencing issues with homelessness, unemployment, domestic violence or other obstacles. Safe Families for Children helps them get back on their feet and keep their families intact.

## Paying off School Lunch Balances

We are working with the local elementary schools, beginning with Dousman, and potentially Magee Elementary in Wales and Cushing Elementary in Delafield to pay off school lunch balances for low-income families.



Since the doors opened in July, 2001, Lake Area Free Clinic has welcomed individuals and families who lack health insurance and whose income is below 250% of the federal poverty level. Many of these individuals work full-time, but are either not offered health insurance, or cannot afford the premiums.

## Reminder About Weather Closures

If we need to cancel a church service, we will send out an email to all parishioners by Saturday evening. The closure will be posted on the front page of our website, and we will post the closure on Facebook.

We will continue to post the service online, so if you do not feel safe driving to church, please stay home.

We want you to be safe and warm!



## Sign Up to Attend "Come From Away" at The Fireside

Join us at The Fireside for the exhilarating Tony Award-winning musical that was born out of the tragedy of September 11, 2001.

In the remarkable true story of *Come From Away*, what started as an average morning in the small town of Gander, Newfoundland turned into an international sleepover, when 38 planes carrying 7,000 people from around the globe were diverted to their airstrip.



There is a sign up sheet in the Parish Hall. The show is **Saturday, September 12, and includes dinner at 11:15 a.m and the show at 1:30 p.m.**

Entrees are your choice of: Chicken Piccata, Pork Tenderloin, Halibut, or Vegetarian Penne Alfredo. **The cost is \$84.50 per person.**



## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT: Regarding Your Pledge through Vanco

If you increased your stewardship pledge for 2026, and you use St. Mary's online-giving program, through Vanco, we want to remind you that you need to go online and increase the amount in Vanco to match your pledge.



If need help in changing your withdrawal, contact Mother Pippa. She will help you make any changes.

## St. Mary's Calendar Highlights

### Eucharist/Holy Communion

Sundays at 8 a.m. & 10 a.m.  
 Wednesdays at 6 p.m.  
 Saturdays at 5 p.m.

### Healing Prayer

After Dismissal first Sunday of the Month

### Contemplative (Centering) Prayer

Tuesdays at 4 p.m. in the Chapel

### Morning Prayer & Eucharist

Wednesdays at 9 a.m.

### Choir Rehearsal

Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Church

## February

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- 01 – Potluck Coffee Hour
- 07 – 10 a.m. Pew Cleaning
- 07 – 3 p.m. Bingo
- 08 – Acolyte Training following both services
- 14 – 3 p.m. The African Queen Movie
- 15 – Pancake Coffee Hour
- 15 – Archdeacon Bill Dunlop Visiting
- 15 – Prayer Shawl Meeting after 10 a.m. service during Coffee Hour
- 18 – 9 a.m. (chapel) & 7 p.m.(church) Ash Wednesday Services**
- 22 – Altar Guild Training following both services
- 25 – 9 a.m. Living Compass Lent Series
- 25 – Soup and Substance  
 6 p.m. Worship / 6:30 p.m. Supper / 7 p.m. Class  
*Continue in the Apostle's Fellowship –*  
 Dr. Garwood Anderson

## March

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- 01 – Potluck Coffee Hour
- 01 – 9 a.m. Welcome Team Meeting
- 04 – Soup and Substance  
 6 p.m. Worship / 6:30 p.m. Supper / 7 p.m. Class  
*Whenever You Fall into Sin – Mother Pippa Lindwright*
- 08 – Daylight Saving Time Begins
- 08 – Chalice Bearer Training following both services
- 08 – Prayer Shawl Meeting after 10 a.m. service during Coffee Hour
- 11 – Soup and Substance  
 6 p.m. Worship / 6:30 p.m. Supper / 7 p.m. Class  
*Spread the Good News of God in Christ –*  
 Canon Scott Leannah
- 14 – 3 p.m. Pink Panther II Movie
- 15 – Greeter Training following both services
- 18 – Soup and Substance  
 6 p.m. Worship / 6:30 p.m. Supper / 7 p.m. Class  
*Seek and Serve Christ in All Persons –*  
 Mother Jennifer McCombe
- 22 – Reader Training following both services
- 25 – Soup and Substance  
 6 p.m. Worship / 6:30 p.m. Supper / 7 p.m. Class  
*Respect the Dignity of Every Human Being –*  
 Deacon Chuck Zellermayer
- 29 – Palm Sunday**
- 29 – 11 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt

## April

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- 02 – 5 p.m. Agape Meal & Foot Washing**
- 02 – 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service**
- 02-03 – All Night Vigil in the Chapel**
- 03 – Noon (chapel) & 7 p.m. (church) Good Friday Services**
- 04 – 7 p.m. Easter Vigil**
- 05 – Easter Sunday**
- 12 – Prayer Shawl Meeting after service during Coffee Hour
- 12 – 9 a.m. Combined Service followed by Catered Coffee Hour
- 18 – Regional Confirmation
- 19 – 9 a.m. St. Mary's Cookbook Meeting
- 26 – 9 a.m. Outreach Meeting
- 26 – Ministry Fair
- 29 – 7 p.m. Homebrewed Faith at Johnny Pizzas

## A St. Mary's Cookbook!

We have a team putting together a St. Mary's Cookbook. There are two ways to get involved:

1. Drop off a favorite recipe in the recipe box in the Parish Hall.
2. Join the Team!  
 Our next meeting is  
**Sunday, April 19 at 9 a.m.**



## Columbarium Update



We are going forward with the St. Mary's Columbarium and Memorial Garden. You can reserve your space or order a brick now.

Do you have questions? Craig Beckman, Kim Smith, Shawn Armstrong, and Mary McCarthy are all happy to chat with you.

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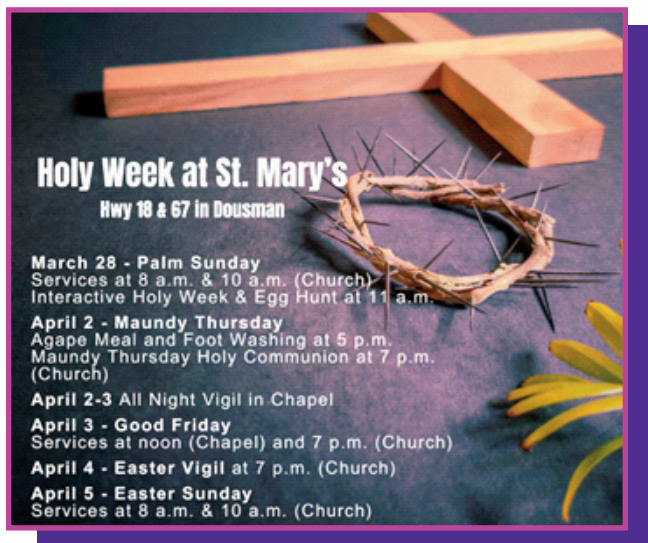
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**Holy Week at St. Mary's**  
Hwy 18 & 67 in Dousman

**March 28 - Palm Sunday**  
Services at 8 a.m. & 10 a.m. (Church)  
Interactive Holy Week & Egg Hunt at 11 a.m.

**April 2 - Maundy Thursday**  
Agape Meal and Foot Washing at 5 p.m.  
Maundy Thursday Holy Communion at 7 p.m. (Church)

**April 2-3 All Night Vigil in Chapel**

**April 3 - Good Friday**  
Services at noon (Chapel) and 7 p.m. (Church)

**April 4 - Easter Vigil at 7 p.m. (Church)**

**April 5 - Easter Sunday**  
Services at 8 a.m. & 10 a.m. (Church)

