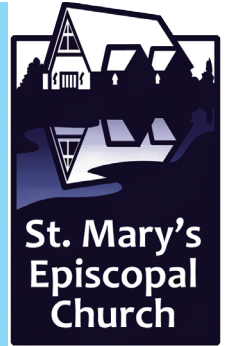




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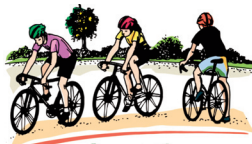
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St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Dousman, Wisconsin

Bike & Vehicle Blessing

St. Mary's annual Bike & Vehicle Blessing will be held on **Sunday, May 3 at 9 a.m.** in our parking lot on Highway 67. Motorcycles, bicycles, skateboards, roller blades... if it's a mode of transportation, we'll bless it! Come join in this special event. Everyone is welcome.



Annual
Bike Blessing

Spring Cleaning Sunday - May 17



As is our tradition, on the Sunday between Mother's Day and Memorial Day, we all pitch in to give the church and parish hall a deep cleaning, and tend to the gardens. So, on **May 17**,

wear your work clothes to church and stay after either service to complete a task or two. No special skill is needed, just a little time and willingness to help. Please join us. Many hands make light work. Refreshments will be provided!

Come & Celebrate Our Graduates!

St. Mary's will hold a graduation celebration on **Sunday, May 31**. If you have family or friends graduating from school, college, technical school or some other program, please contact the parish office. We will list the graduates in the bulletin on that Sunday. Whatever the achievement, let us all celebrate together!



Our 39th Annual Strawberry Fest is Sunday, June 28 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.



Mark your calendar! Invite your friends and family for a delicious day! We'll have Strawberry Desserts, Grilled Sandwiches, a Bake Sale, plus Haitian Art, Craft Vendors, Live Music, Children's Activities and more...

We Need: Team Leaders, Individual Volunteers, Bakers, Donations for our Annual Raffle, Vendors for the Craft Fair & Market, and Sponsors to underwrite the cost of Strawberry Fest.

Watch for sign-up sheets in the Parish Hall.

Questions? Contact chairmen **Tom Arndorfer and John Wolf**.

Join Us in Celebrating Pentecost

On **Sunday, May 24**, we will celebrate Pentecost, the birthday of the church. We like to remind ourselves of how broad and universal Jesus' message truly is and will be looking for people who would be willing to read Acts 2:1-21 in another language during the service.



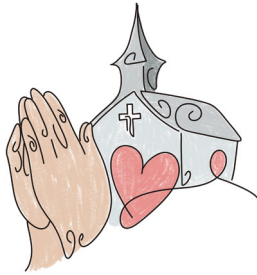
A sign-up sheet is in the Parish Hall.

There will be one service at 9 a.m. followed by a Potluck Fellowship Hour hosted by Community Life. Everyone is invited to bring a dish to share.

Prayers & Thanksgivings

Pray for:

- † **Cheri McCaigue** as she recovers from a small stroke.
- † **Judy Zember** as she faces serious health issues and has been given less than a year to live. Please also keep **Joe & Mason** in your prayers.
- † **Linda Mulligan** as she recovers from a viral infection.
- † **Mary McCarthy** as she goes in and out of the hospital



We Give Thanks for:

- † All those who are graduating this spring, especially **Allen Arndorfer**.
- † The generosity of **St. Mary's congregation** in the Easter Offering.

Our Easter Offering Helped Many

We raised nearly \$5,400 for our three Easter ministries below. Thank you so much for your generosity!

- ✦ **Safe Families for Children:** Helps parents who are experiencing issues with homelessness, unemployment, domestic violence or other obstacles. Safe Families for Children helps parents in crisis get back on their feet and keep their families intact.
- ✦ **Paying off School Lunch Balances:** We worked with the local elementary schools and cancelled out lunch debt for Dousman students in financial need.
- ✦ **Lake Area Free Clinic:** Since the doors opened in July, 2001, they have 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.

Happy Birthdays to:

May

02 – Diane Olsen
 03 – John Spanton
 04 – Shawn Armstrong
 07 – John Czech
 08 – Susan Eng
 10 – Payton Stangler-Biermann
 15 – Jada Bryant-Nanz
 15 – Eden Stangler
 21 – Azuri Broussard
 21 – Pippa Lindwright
 22 – Sheryl Beres
 22 – Pam Zettelmeier
 27 – Carol Janc
 28 – Bill Wells
 31 – Megan Stangler

June

01 – Jim Slocum
 02 – Ron Zabler
 03 – Carol Lawnicki
 05 – Emma Lemerand
 06 – Maddie Noles
 07 – Matt Beres
 09 – Jacob Wilkins
 10 – Cathy Tracy
 11 – Marcia Herr
 12 – Tammy Lietzau
 13 – Barb Riek
 18 – Jane Pennycuff
 19 – June Lemerand
 20 – Rachel Spanton
 27 – Doug Hohenfeldt



Summer Picnic on May 31, with Emmanuel UCC

We have been invited to Emmanuel UCC's "Start of Summer" Picnic on **May 31**. That day we will have a service at 8 a.m. followed by Coffee Hour at 9 a.m. Then at 9:30, we are invited to join the service at Emmanuel UCC. (We won't have a 10 a.m. service or Coffee Hour that day.) Please bring a dish to share for the picnic after Emmanuel's 9:30 a.m. service.

(Emmanuel UCC is located just west of Dousman on Hwy. 18.)

Summer Outdoor Worship at the River

Mark your calendar! Weather permitting, following are the dates for outdoor worship Eucharists this summer:

- ✦ **Sunday, May 3 at 8 a.m.**
- ✦ **Sunday, May 17 at 10 a.m.**
- ✦ **Sunday, September 20 at 8 a.m.**
- ✦ **Sunday, September 27 at 10 a.m.**



Please bring your own lawn chair or carry a folding chair from the parish hall down to the worship area by the Bark River.

The Rector's Corner



Communication is the key of any relationship, and what is a community if not a web of interconnected relationships?

The Messenger is intended to inform people about upcoming events in the parish, to be sure, but it is also a place for you to share your lives as well.

Do you request prayers? Do you have triumphs to share? Have you read an amazing book that you highly recommend? Did you recently learn that icebox cake is, in fact, stacked Oreos held together with whipped cream? Please send these and more (including photos) to Kathy so that the whole community can learn, and celebrate and support each other.

I confess, as important as communication is, it is a growing edge for me. I am deeply grateful to **Carol Chase** who is working to make sure our events are publicized on Facebook. Kathy, of course, is invaluable in sharing her design and publication skills.

Do you have ideas for how St. Mary's can communicate better with the community? That might mean posting events online, printing flyers, putting up yard signs, or other ideas I haven't even considered. I would greatly appreciate people's thoughts, ideas and plans for how we can invite people to join us, and welcome them.



I truly believe that once people walk through our doors, we do an incredible job of noticing, welcoming, and encouraging people to join us for Coffee Hour. I think (and hope) that new members feel welcome to join committees and get involved in the life of the parish. Where I need help is thinking about how we can successfully tell people enough so they walk through the doors in the first place.

I am also grateful to the **Welcome Team** who are hard at work on ways to reach out to our new neighbors at Talbot's Woods and Three Pillars. Please let me know if you have other ideas. I once heard someone say that the Episcopal Church is a well-kept secret – let's spill the beans and let people in to this amazing community!

*Prayers and Blessings,
Mother Pippa*

The Feast of Pentecost!

The two biggest feasts in the church year are Christmas and Easter, however, Pentecost is arguably the third most important feast. Pentecost is also called the birthday of the Church, and commemorates the day the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles. The Holy Spirit is referred to as "the promise of the Father" by Jesus in Acts 1:4-5 and arrives ten days after the ascension of Jesus into heaven.

"You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem...



and to the ends of the earth."
Acts 1:8, NRSV

After Jesus returns to heaven, the disciples spend ten days in Jerusalem, waiting for this promised gift. The Holy Spirit arrives in a spectacular display of wind and fire on the heads of the disciples. They are then able to preach the good news of Jesus to those gathered for the Jewish Feast of Weeks.

Incredibly, though the preachers are all illiterate fisherman from Galilee, their words are understood by all in the city, representing some fifteen different cities, cultures and languages. This is the start of the great evangelical movement of the early church.

It is an astounding transformation. The disciples, who fifty days ago were too scared to leave their locked room, are now empowered to tell the Good News to anyone who will listen. They have lost their fear, and boldly go into the world, not staying in Jerusalem, but spreading out to Armenia, Rome, Greece, and even India.

The name of Pentecost comes from the Greek word for fifty, Pentecost is fifty days after Easter. Pentecost is sometimes also known as Whitsunday. Scholars think the name is likely a contraction of "White Sunday," for the white robes worn by baptismal candidates. Pentecost, after all, is the next opportunity after Easter for baptisms.

In current celebrations, rather than white, we dress the church in red for Pentecost, recalling the gift of the Holy Spirit descending as divided tongues of fire. **Parishioners are also encouraged to wear red**, a reminder of the Holy Spirit entering our hearts and souls in baptism.

It's Ordinary Time!

We are now in a very long season of "ordinary time" until Advent begins on November 29. One of the many gifts of ordinary time is the opportunity to sink more deeply into a spiritual routine and practice.

While Lent is the season most clearly associated with taking on a spiritual discipline, the fact is our identity as Christians is intended to transform our lives the other 319 days of the year as well. In baptism we promise: to continue in the example of the apostles, in both "the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers;" to repent and return to God when we sin; to evangelize in word and action; to serve Christ in all people; and to work for justice and peace. We promise to do all these things with God's help, but nowhere does it say that we will confine our efforts to Lent. I believe that ordinary time gives us a wonderful chance to go deeper into our faith because there are fewer disruptions and distractions.

Several years ago I attended a Clergy Conference where we were encouraged to practice seven spiritual disciplines each day. They are: **to turn** (and repent and return to God), **to follow** (Jesus and trust in him), **to learn** (study the Bible, etc.), **to pray**, **to serve** (both Jesus in the stranger, and within the community), **to worship** (as an assembled community), and **to share** (through evangelism, as well as stewardship). Now, some come more naturally than others, but we are called in our discipleship to work on all of them each day.

Now, that's not to say that you need to try to start doing all of them at once. Recently I have been taking a look at my life and am working to be more intentional in my praying, learning and sharing. That's not to say that I do a brilliant job of turning, following, serving and worshiping, but it's where I'm starting. I hope that you might pick one or two areas to grow in. Maybe that means taking time each day to honestly ask if your actions are in line with your Christian values and belief in what God would ask of you. Perhaps it means deliberately giving yourself over to following and trusting in God. Possibly you could commit to reading a Bible story each day and reflecting on its message to you. You might choose to carve out time each day to pray, whether that's quiet time at home, or even intercessory prayer during your daily commute. Are you being called to serve as a volunteer in an organization, or as the hands of Jesus to a neighbor? This summer might be when you commit to making church attendance a priority, even on those bright and sunny days. Or, perhaps, you might tell someone who doesn't go to church why you do, and invite them to come with you some specific Sunday.

Regardless of which you pick, I hope you will take this season of ordinary time to make your faith a part of your daily life and practice.

- Mother Pippa

Coffee Hour News...

Upcoming Potluck Coffee Hours

We will have a Potluck Coffee Hours on **May 3 and June 7**, after each service. Those who would like can bring a dish to share, and the Vestry has agreed to manage clean up. If you'd like to help, there is a sign up sheet in the Parish Hall.



In Need of Coffee Hour Hosts



We are looking for a couple new hosts for coffee hour. A couple of our hosts need a new partner, since their previous partners have stepped back for a bit. Hosts are responsible for Coffee Hour once every 4-6 weeks. If you are interested, please let **Mother Pippa** or **Lynn** know.

Adopt-A-Highway Resumes

St. Mary's is responsible for clean-up starting on Hwy. DR from Hwy. 67 to Sawyer Road. Our first date this season is **Saturday, May 16, from 9 - 11 a.m.** We meet at the **Sawyer Road Park-N-Ride** (Hwy DR & Sawyer Road).

If you would like to help, there is a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall. 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.

Lay Eucharistic Visitor Training Available

Are you interested in becoming a Lay Eucharistic Visitor (LEV)? These are people who bring communion to people who are unable to join us on Sunday mornings.



They take a little box containing consecrated bread and wine, as well as a laminated sheet for the service. If you might be willing to take communion to one of our homebound members, please sign up in the Parish Hall and **Mother Pippa** will train you.

St. Mary's Has Deep Wisconsin Roots!

You may not realize that St. Mary's is the oldest place of Christian worship in western Waukesha County. St. Mary's started meeting in 1840 in the Utica Street Post Office, moving in 1860 to "Southside Chapel - in the upper level of the Carriage House, on the current Three Pillars Property across the river from St. Mary's. (St. Bruno's began worshipping in 1854 in a building which no longer exists.)



We are looking into listing our 1870 church as a Historical Site of Wisconsin.

We need your help...

Have you seen the inscription on our baptismal font? It bears the date and an inscription: **"From The Lambs of the Flock 1866."**

After scouring the internet for information, so far, there is no indication of who "The Lambs" were. Were "The Lambs" a group of returning soldiers? A family thankful for the return of soldiers?

If you have any idea at all, please contact: **Carol Janc** at cjanc@gmail.com.

Join Our Book Study

You are invited to join us at **9:30 a.m. on Wednesdays in the Chapel** as we study ***Receiving Jesus: The Way of Love*** by Bishop Mariann Edgar Budde.

The Way of Love set forth by the Episcopal Church's Presiding Bishop Michael Bruce Curry is the journey of a lifetime. It's a way of knowing God, receiving and sharing Jesus' love, and being a blessing to the world. Budde shares how readers can come to know—to receive—Jesus more deeply in practicing the Way of Love.



Columbarium Plans Proceed

We are moving 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.

Transform Lives: Mental Health First Aid Training

St. Mary's is hosting a Mental Health First Aid Training (MHFA) on **Saturday, May 9, from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.** MHFA teaches you how to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges among adults.

Register here:

<https://www.diowis.org/events/transform-lives-mental-health-first-aid-training-4scfe>

Our Free Pantry is Being Used!



Free Little Pantry

Thank you to everyone who has stocked our free pantry. Our neighbors are picking up groceries as they work to feed their families. Please feel free to bring shelf-stable staples and long-lasting fridge items.

Need to Learn (More) About Social Media?

Plan to attend the Social Media Seminar on **Tuesday, May 12 at 6 p.m.** hosted by the Dousman Chamber of Commerce, at St. Mary's.

Learn how to advertise your business online through the various social media platforms. Speakers from Rincon Broadcasting and Northwoods will share tips and tricks.

Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and sandwiches will be served.

Join us for Homebrewed Faith

We meet monthly at **7 p.m. on Wednesdays at Johnny Pizzas in Oconomowoc**. You are welcome to order dinner or just a beverage as we explore topics of theology. The meetings are held in conjunction with Emmanuel UCC Church. Here's the schedule and topics:

04/29Why did Jesus Die?Pastor Leanne
 05/27SabbathMother Pippa
 06/24Wesley Brothers.....Pastor Leanne
 07/29Origen.....Mother Pippa
 08/26Modern Prophets.....Pastor Leanne
 09/30Rituals.....Mother Pippa
 10/28ApocalypsePastor Leanne

And Saturday, 11/21 there will be an Advent Retreat from 10 a.m. – Noon. Location to be announced.

See "Come From Away" at the Fireside

Join us 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.



Sign up in the Parish Hall for the **Saturday, September 12 show (Dine at 11:15, Show at 1:30)**. Entrees are: Chicken Piccata, Pork Tenderloin, Halibut, or Vegetarian Penne Alfredo. The cost is \$84.50 per person.

Prayer Shawl Ministry News

We now meet in the Parish Hall, on the second Sunday of the month, after the 10 a.m. service, during Coffee Hour.

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.

Meet Us at the Dockhounds Game

The Dousman Chamber of Commerce invites you to a Lake Country Dockhounds baseball game on **Tuesday, June 23 at 6:35 p.m.** The Chamber has indoor and outdoor club seating.



The cost is \$55 per person and includes: Two drink tokens & two tickets for the two-hour buffet of ballpark favorites including burgers, brats & hot dogs.

The deadline date to purchase tickets is June 1, 2026. To sign up, see **Mother Pippa**.

Dousman Kids' Fest at St. Mary's

We are doing something new at St. Mary's this year! We are hosting a **Dousman Kids' Fest on Tuesday, August 18 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** Our hope is to gather local businesses and organizations for:

- ☀ Games (Bean Bag Toss, Chalk, Foam Machine, Crafts, etc.)
- ☀ Prizes
- ☀ Bike Safety Course
- ☀ Nature Walks
- ☀ Food
- ☀ Fun!



We plan to offer this day of family fun for no cost. We are asking local businesses to set up an activity booth, or financially sponsor this event. If you would like to participate, please talk to **Mother Pippa**.

Lad Lake Kettle Classic – June 20

The Lad Lake Kettle Classic is a Bike Ride, Run/Walk, and Family Walk to benefit the more than 1,400 vulnerable youth at Lad Lake. It will be held at the Lad Lake Dousman Campus at W350 S1401 Waterville Road, Dousman.

Start times and registration fees vary. Contact Bridgett Brown at Bridgettbrown@ladlake.org or see their website at www.ladlake.org for more information.

St. Mary's Calendar Highlights

Eucharist/Holy Communion

Sundays at 8 a.m. & 10 a.m.

Wednesdays at 9 a.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. in the Chapel

Choir Rehearsal

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

Do You Know St. Mary's History?

Did you get your copy of St. Mary's 150th Anniversary Book? In addition to the 150 year history of St. Mary's, researched and written by beloved member Carol McConnell, the book includes:

- ✙ A timeline of events at St. Mary's
- ✙ A story of what worship was like during the COVID-19 Pandemic. (We had to cancel plans for many celebrations, and instead decided to write the book.)
- ✙ The process of planning and building the "new" church.
- ✙ Memories written by past & present members and clergy.
- ✙ Many photos through the years.
- ✙ A list of Clergy who served at St. Mary's.
- ✙ Attendance and Sacrament Statistics.
- ✙ And much more!

Copies are still available in the Narthex, for a suggested donation of \$20 to cover printing costs.

Pick up your copy today!

May

03 – Outdoor Service at 8 a.m.

03 – Bike Blessing at 9 a.m.

03 – Potluck Coffee Hour

09 – Mental Health First Aid Training
at St. Mary's

10 – Mother's Day

10 – Prayer Shawl Group at 11 a.m.

16 – Adopt-A-Highway

17 – Outdoor Service at 10 a.m.

17 – Clean Up Sunday

24 – Pentecost (Combined Service at 9 a.m.)

27 – Homebrewed Faith (Sabbath) at 7 p.m. at Johnny Pizzas

31 – Church Picnic with Emmanuel UCC at 10:30 a.m.

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June

07 – Potluck Coffee Hour

07 – Touch a Truck in Dousman

14 – Prayer Shawl Group at 11 a.m.

20 – Ordinations at All Saints Cathedral

20 – Lad Lake Kettle Classic

23 – Dockhounds Game at 6:35 p.m.

24 – Homebrewed Faith (Wesley Brothers) at 7 p.m.
at Johnny Pizzas

28 – Strawberry Fest at 11 a.m.

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July

12 – Prayer Shawl Group at 11 a.m.

24-26 – Derby Days in Dousman

29 – Homebrewed Faith (Origen) at 7 p.m.
at Johnny Pizzas

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Do you have suggestions for changes, new ministries, etc? Please feel free to drop them off in the red box by the office door.

Cookbook Reminder

Please remember to bring your favorite recipes for our cookbook!

Hope Center Donation Request

When you donate to Hope Center, please put the items in plastic bags and tie them shut. This makes transfer of these much appreciated donations easier. Thank you!

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