

Welcome to St. Mary's Church
The Fourth Sunday After Epiphany
January 29, 2012
Order of Worship

*BCP is the Book of Common Prayer. This book is located in the pew rack.

WE GATHER IN THE NAME OF GOD

Opening Hymn: *Immortal, Invisible
God Only Wise* Hymnal #423
 Opening Acclamation *BCP, p. 355
 The Gloria: Hymnal #S-280
 The Collect of the Day *BCP, p. 215 or see insert

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

The First Reading: *Deuteronomy 18:15-20* See insert
 Psalm: (Read) 111 See insert
 The Second Reading *1 Corinthians 8:1-13* See insert
 Sequence: *Seek Ye First* Hymnal #711
 The Gospel *Mark 1:21-28* See insert
 The Sermon: Fr. Scott Leannah

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST (HOLY COMMUNION)

Nicene Creed: *BCP, p. 358
 Prayers of the People *Form IV* *BCP, p. 388
 Confession/Absolution *BCP, p. 360
 Exchange of Peace
 Blessings for birthdays, anniversaries, and announcements.
 Offertory Hymn: *O Love How Deep* Hymnal #448
 The Great Thanksgiving: *Eucharistic Prayer A* *BCP, p. 361
 The Sanctus: Hymnal #S-130
 The Lord's Prayer: *Traditional* *BCP, p. 364
 Communion-**All baptized Christians are welcome to the Lord's Table**
 Communion Hymn: *Ye Servants of God* Hymnal #535
 Post-Communion Hymn: *How Can I Keep
From Singing* Choir
 The Prayer after Communion: *BCP, p. 365
 The Blessing
 Final Hymn: *You Are Holy* Pg. 5 Epiphany Booklet
 The Dismissal: We leave church and enter the mission field!

Sunday School for Adults and Children 9:00 a.m.
Children's Liturgy of the Word (Ages 4-7 and 8-12) 10:00 a.m.
Children join the adult congregation at the sign of peace

Join us for Fellowship Hour after the service. ALL ARE WELCOME!
Fellowship Hour: Nancy Buckley/Scott & Kelly Noles



Dear Friends,

In our reading today from the First Letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul writes something true and pro-found: "Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge, but anyone who loves God is known by him."

I can recall several times when I thought, beyond a doubt, that I had the corner on the truth and had come to clear, definite conclusions about the matter at hand. In fact, I was so sure of what I knew that I judged others with contrary opinions to mine.

Those who had a different 'take' than I did, I reasoned, just hadn't been shown the truth! In fact, my line of thinking continued, if they would just ask me, or listen to me (since I frequently volunteered my special insights without invitation); they would come to the correct understanding – namely, mine.

I have come to realize that I know less and less.

This has been on my mind as of late because I've been meeting with a number of parishioners and going through *The Episcopal Handbook*. It's a wonderful, sometimes humorous and most times very insightful work that describes many facets of Episcopal life and faith.

One of the hallmarks of our faith tradition is a pretty staunch refusal to define for people in some sort of exhaustive way what they must believe or adhere to in order to be part of the Episcopal Church. Does this mean "anything goes"? No. We remain rooted in and committed to a faith based in ancient Christianity, the Creeds and the Scriptures. We seek to keep "the main thing" as we search for the truth and a closer walk with Christ. We admit in all humility that we do not have all the answers, as individuals or as a Church. We recognize and affirm that people of good will, even fellow believers, may disagree on some very important issues. However, we also have profound agreement when it comes to seeking, knowing, loving and sharing faith in Jesus Christ.

Yes, I am no longer certain as I once was that view is the only right one. At the same time, I find that I am also growing stronger in faith, hope and love. I don't need as many black-and-white answers today. It is more important that I seek to do God's will by doing the next right thing. I try to praise and love God in all I do. I try and remember that when I care for the least among us – the most broken, vulnerable and marginalized, Jesus has promised that I will find Him there, too.

Peace to you. May you continue to grow in the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ.

~Fr. Scott

RT. REV. STEVEN MILLER -On Feb. 12, our Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Steven Miller, will visit St. Mary's. The last time he was with us was on April 11, 2010 when we dedicated our new church building. Part of what the bishop does when he visits a church is to celebrate the sacramental Rite of Confirmation.

Those being confirmed include: Mia Buehler, Noel Bryant-Nanz, Brady Clemmensen, Cameron Goodman, Dan Goodman, Frannie Ruedin, and McKayla Spanton.

Those preparing to be received into the church include: Al and Tricia Clemmensen, Nancy Agne, and Mary-Beth Esser. There are also others involved in learning and discerning at this time. They, too, may choose to be confirmed or received.



LOOKING AHEAD -

Today - St. Mary's Annual Meeting and Pot Luck 11:45 pm

February 4 - Youth Group goes to Repairers of the Breach/Milwaukee 9:00-1:00

February 5 - Youth Confirmation Class-Meeting with students/parents

February 12 - Our Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Steven A. Miller, will be visiting St. Mary's. Six of our youth will be confirmed this day and some of our adult members will be confirmed or received into the church as well.

February 21 - Mardi Gras Dinner - Men Hosting - 6:00 p.m. at St. Mary's

February 22 - Ash Wednesday Services 7:00 am/Chapel and 7:00 pm/Church

ST. MARY'S ANNUAL MEETING AND POT LUCK - TODAY - We will be electing the following:

- Senior Warden
- Junior Warden
- Treasurer
- Alternate vestry member
- Two vestry positions (two 2-year terms)
- Two deputies to diocesan convention this fall (held October 12 & 13 in Racine)



Please plan to attend even if you did not bring a dish to pass. All are welcome.

ST. MARY'S PILOTING ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM - Recently, several St. Mary's parishioners attended a workshop offered by the Rev. Dr. Scott Stoner, founder of The Living Compass Faith & Wellness Ministry. The ministry was created to reintroduce our modern culture to an ancient, faith-based approach to wellness through a curriculum for adult education that inspired all in attendance. This program invites people to explore the vital connection between their faith and their current state of wellness. Reconnecting the fruits of wellness with the seeds of faith helps the church reclaim its identity as the original wellness center.

Beginning Sun., Feb. 26th, we will be piloting the adult education program here **between the Sunday services** for all interested adults. We've put a sign-up sheet in the Narthex so we can estimate the number of workbooks to order. Please give thoughtful consideration to attending these 6 sessions on Sundays **in the Chapel** during Lent. Thank you!

Calendar of Events

Every Week

Mon. at 6:00 PM - Centering Prayer

Wed. at 9:00 AM -Morning Prayer

Sunday Worship

8:00 AM (1st Sun. of Mo. In Chapel)
10:00 AM

Sunday School Adults/Children: 9:00 AM
Choir Practice: - 9:00 AM

Coming Up

January 29 (Sunday)

- Eucharist 8:00 & 10:00 am
- St. Mary's Annual Myg & Pot Luck 11:45am

January 30 (Monday)

- Centering Prayer 6:00 pm
- *Lectio Divina* 6:30 pm

February 1 (Wednesday)

- MP/HC 9:00 am
- Lad Lake AA 11:00 am

February 2 (Thursday)

- Diocesan Standing Committee 2:00pm in St. Mary's Parish Hall

February 3 (Friday)

- Parish Hall Reserved 4:00 pm for Bill Scott and Sue Reimer Wedding -Feb. 4

February 4 (Saturday)

- Parish Hall Reserved All Day until 9 pm for Bill Scott and Sue Reimer Wedding

February 5 (Sunday)

- Eucharist 8:00 (in Chapel) & 10:00 am
- Sunday School-Adults/Children 9am

February 6 (Monday)

- Centering Prayer 6:00 pm
- *Lectio Divina* 6:30 pm



February 8 (Wednesday)

- MP/HC 9:00 am
- Lad Lake AA 11:00 am

February 12 (Sunday) Bishop Visiting

- Eucharist 8:00 & 10:00 am
- Sunday School-Adults/Children 9 am

YOU ARE INVITED to the Celebration of a New Ministry including the institution of **Andrew Joseph Hanyzewski** as Priest-in-Charge, **Thur., February 9, at 6:30 pm** at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 302 Merchants Ave., Fort Atkinson, WI. Reception to follow.

THANK YOU - "Thank you so much for the gift of money for my ordination. It will be put to good use in my ministry. Thank you also for the prayers of support you have offered during my seminary journey. Blessings on all of you. Faithfully, Meredyth."

THANK YOU - Repairers of the Breach community would like to thank St. Mary's for the helpful donations of clothing, luggage, and other goods on December 19th and for our support of their mission.

THANK YOU to **Dave and Ethel Rowen** for the flowers beautifying our altar today. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated!



Blessings to our member with upcoming birthdays.

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Amen.

February

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| 1 -Elizabeth Hoffman | 16-Billy Meyers |
| 3 -Kirsti Haughton | 20-Terry O'Brien |
| 4 -Elizabeth Schroeder | 21-Suzanne Peters |
| 5 -Cole Fredrick | 21-Alyssa Webster |
| 9 -Michael Funk, Jr. | 22-Eric Dietrich |
| 9 -Ken Leinweber | 22-Gary Metzger |
| 11-Alec Kirkpatrick | 23-Nance Horn |
| 11-Fr. Scott Leannah | 24-Janine Voruz |
| 11-Mia Keller | 26-Stacy O'Brien |
| 12-Mike Ruedin | 26-Sunny Turner |
| 14-Aidan Kirkpatrick | |

WE THANK ALL WHO MINISTERED DURING OUR SERVICE

Altar Guild: Nance Horn **Music Director:** Carrie Arndorfer
Counter: Judy Rahn

8:00 am
Greeter: Richard Stephan
Acolyte: Noel Bryant-Nanz
Lector: Carol McConnell
Intercessor: Sandie Perkins
Chalice: Meredyth Albright

10:00 am
Dave & Liz Riedel
Maile Riedel
Jim Hyde
Mary Alice Eschweiler
Trish Van Peurseem
Kathy Mitchell



READINGS NEXT WEEK:

First: Isaiah 40:21-31
Psalm: 147:1-12, 21c
Second: 1 Cor. 9:16-23
Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

Priest: Fr. Scott Leannah **Deacon:** Meredyth Albright

Mission Statement

St. Mary's Church invites and welcomes all people to experience the new life promised in the Gospels. We celebrate faith in Jesus Christ through worship, support of one another, and service to others.
- Adopted by Vestry 8/18/04