

## ST. MARY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, April 21, 2019



**HAPPY EASTER & WELCOME:** Whoever you are, wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, we welcome you to St. Mary's Church. We are glad that you are here. We invite you to join us in prayers and in receiving Holy Communion. This is God's house, and so it is your house, because you are a child of God. Kindly sign our guest book located on the table as you enter the church so that we can keep in touch with you. You are always welcome here!



**EASTER OFFERINGS TODAY:** At St. Mary's we give away our Easter offerings. The Outreach Committee has determined that this year's Easter offerings will be divided three ways. **Exploit No More**, a local organization that works to help young women who are victims of human trafficking in the Greater Milwaukee region and provides a wide variety of support and advocacy services. **Lake Country Cares Cab**, which provides reduced transportation to the elderly and ambulatory disabled and, the **Oconomowoc Dental Clinic**, for free/reduced services for the uninsured.

*For those who are giving toward their annual pledge today, please be sure to mention on the memo line of your check "Pledge" donation to help the Counters differentiate between the two offerings.*



**THANK YOU:** to our Music Director, **Carrie Arndorfer**, our Choir members **Allen Arndorfer, Tom Arndorfer, Ted Bryant-Nanz, Sue Eng, Mary Alice Eschweiler, JR Faivre, Pam Ferguson, Elizabeth Hoffman, Karen Hyde, Kathy Mitchell, Barb Riek, Rod Riek** and **Trish Van Peursem**. Also, a special thanks to our guest musician **Brie Atwater** on the trumpet at the 10:00 am service.



**OUTREACH LENTEN PROJECT:** A huge "**thank-you**" to St. Mary's for the generous response to our Lenten Project. We were able to purchase ten car seats and five booster seats to be used by the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department for transportation of children in emergency situations. Our generous parish donated **\$1,737.00** towards this outreach program of which a balance of **\$730.86**, not used for car seat purchases, will be donated to the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department for projects they do with children throughout the year. Once again, thank you for your overwhelming support of this project. St. Mary's is truly a caring community. God Bless! **St. Mary's Outreach Committee**



**BEDS & BUSHES VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** We are looking for volunteers to help spruce up and maintain St. Mary's flower beds and bushes after a long winter. If you would like to volunteer, there is a sign-up sheet in the parish hall on the bulletin board. For more information, contact our junior warden, **Mary-Beth Esser** at 262-490-8156 or at [mbireland2000@yahoo.com](mailto:mbireland2000@yahoo.com).



**LAWN MOWING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Lawn mowing season is quickly approaching. We need folks to help keep our grounds looking beautiful. Volunteer to mow the St. Mary's lawn. Experience the power of our John Deere Z915 commercial zero-turn 54-inch deck lawn mower. For more information or to be placed on the lawn mowing schedule, please contact our junior warden, **Mary-Beth Esser** at 262-490-8156 or at [mbireland2000@yahoo.com](mailto:mbireland2000@yahoo.com).



**THE GATHERING VOLUNTEER CELEBRATION:** "Motown Comes to the Gathering" will be held on Friday, April 26th from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm at St. Mark's Episcopal Church at 2618 North Hackett Avenue in Milwaukee. The awards program will start at 6:45 pm. The event is sponsored by Direct Supply. For more information, contact [soulfood@thegatheringwis.org](mailto:soulfood@thegatheringwis.org) or 414-272-4122.



**BIKE BLESSING:** St. Mary's will hold its annual **Bike Blessing** on **Sunday, May 5th at 9:10 am** by The Rev. Thomas Ackerman in St. Mary's parking lot on Hwy. 67. Come join in with the members of the Rock River HOG (Harley Owners Group) chapter for a blessing. Motorcycle, bicycles, skateboards... if it's a mode of transportation, we'll bless it!



**SPRING CLEANING SUNDAY, MAY 19th:** Each year on the Sunday between Mother's Day and Memorial Day, we all pitch in to give the church and parish hall a deep cleaning. Wear your work clothes to church and stay after the service to complete a task or two. No special skill is needed, just a little time and willingness to help. If there is anything you feel needs attention, please let our Junior Warden, **Mary-Beth Esser**, know about it. Many hands make light work, plus refreshments will be provided, so please join us!



**STRAWBERRY FEST - SAVE THE DATE:** This year's annual Strawberry Fest will be held on **Sunday, June 23rd** from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. Proceeds will go to the Milwaukee Diocese Haiti Project. There will also be books available for purchase. Please think about how you can help this year. For more information, to give input and ideas, or to offer to join in on the activities this year, call or email **Kelly Noles** at 262-719-7245 or at [kellynoles@wi.rr.com](mailto:kellynoles@wi.rr.com).



**AMAZON.COM SMILES PROGRAM:** St. Mary's is now part of the Amazon.com Smiles program. If you shop at Amazon.com you can sign up for the Smiles program and choose St. Mary's Episcopal as the recipient of a small percent of your purchase. It adds up.

How can you help to get donations for St. Mary's? You can select St. Mary's by going to the site: [smile.amazon.com/ch/39-1464914](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/39-1464914) and choose St. Mary's for your account. In order for St. Mary's to receive the donation you must choose St. Mary's Episcopal on Amazon Smiles and log in to AmazonSmiles.com when shopping on Amazon. Please join and help us make use of this program.



**FATHER MARK'S & MOTHER LARAE'S LAST SUNDAY NEXT WEEK:** Next Sunday, we will have the opportunity to celebrate and thank Father Mark and Mother LaRae for their ministry to us over the past seven and a half months.

Coffee hours (at both services) will give parishioners a time to say, "Thank you!" to both of them for leading us through our time of mourning, and preparation for a new beginning. They are, indeed, very gifted and faithful servants of God. We have been kept vital by their presence and prayers. We will miss them and cherish the opportunity to give them a proper send-off and blessing prior to their departure back to their Michigan home. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

**PASTORAL INFORMATION:**

We are here to serve you. If you are hospitalized, scheduled to be, or for any other reasons you are in need of visitation by one of our long-term priests, please contact Father Mark, Mother LaRae or the church office.



- Tuesdays and Wednesdays during office hours: **262-965-3924**
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