

ST. MARY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, April 14, 2019



LENT SHOULD BE DIFFERENT: All parish members are reminded that Lent is a time when we are invited to take on an extra spiritual practice, sacrifice in some way to heighten our awareness of our need for the peace that only God can give, and to give generously to those in need.



EASTER FLOWERS: This Sunday is that day to donate towards flowers for Easter, please fill out the form provided in the pews, note your memorial or thanksgiving and be sure to include your check payable to St. Mary's. You may place both in the offering basket during the offering or email your information to the parish office.



USED BOOK SALE CANCELLED: St. Mary's *Annual Used Book Sale* that was to be held on June 5th through June 8th *has been cancelled*. There will be a small selection of books for sale at Strawberry Fest. Please be advised that we are no longer taking book donations at this

time.



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 wish to volunteer, there is a sign-up sheet in the parish hall. For more information, contact our junior warden, **Mary-Beth Esser** at 262-490-8156 or at 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.



BIKE BLESSING: St. Mary's will hold its annual **Bike** 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!



OUTREACH LENTEN PROJECT: A huge "**thank-you**" to St. Mary's for the generous response to our Lenten Project. We were able to purchase 10 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. 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 A Service of Tenebrae

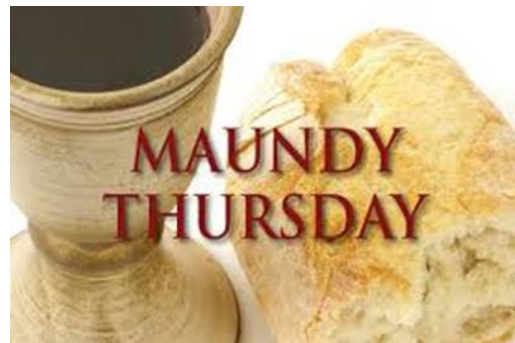
Wednesday, April 17th
Led by The Rev. LaRae Rutenbar
7:30 pm Candlelight Service in the Chapel
(after Lenten Soup & Bread Fellowship)



About the service of Tenebrae

The name *Tenebrae* (the Latin word for "darkness" or "shadows") has for centuries been applied to the ancient monastic night and early morning services (Matins and Lauds) of the last three days of Holy Week, which in

medieval times came to be celebrated on the preceding evenings. The Office of these three days was treated as a sort of funeral service, or dirge, commemorating the death of Jesus Christ. There can be no reasonable doubt that it was from the extinguishing of lights that the service came to be known as Tenebrae though the name itself seems to have arisen somewhat later. The visible symbols of the office are the candles that are arranged in candle stands (called, appropriately, a hearse). After each reading a candle is extinguished until there is one candle of light remaining. This light is then processed from the church as a symbol of the crucifixion of the Christ. The church is left in total darkness symbolizing the mourning of the faithful and the consequence of violence. A loud sound is made in the darkness symbolizing the opening of the gates of hell where, according to tradition, Christ went to preach the good news to the lost souls. The sound has also been used to represent the earthquake that reportedly took place at the time of the resurrection (Matthew 28:2).



HOLY WEEK



Palm Sunday - April 14th: Eucharist at 8:00 & 10:00 am
(services start in the Chapel)

Wednesday - April 17th: Evening Prayer 6:00 pm
Soup & Bread Fellowship 6:30 pm
Tenebrae Candlelight Service led by The Rev. LaRae Rutenbar 7:00 pm

Maundy Thursday - April 18th: Eucharist at 7:00 pm followed by all-night
Prayer Vigil in the Chapel

Good Friday - April 19th: Services at Noon & 7:00 pm

Holy Saturday - April 20th: The Great Vigil of Easter at 7:30 pm at the
Chapel at St. John's Northwestern Military Academy in Delafield

Easter Sunday - April 21st: Holy Eucharist at 8:00 & 10:00 am
(followed by Easter Day fellowship after each service)



GOOD FRIDAY AND EASTER OFFERINGS: At St. Mary's we give away our Good Friday and Easter offerings. The Good Friday offerings will be given to **The Episcopal Church in the Holy Land**. 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 provide 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.



SACRAMENTAL RITE OF RECONCILIATION: During the season of Lent, it is appropriate and a good idea to take stock of one's relationship with god, neighbor, and oneself. Sharing that personal inventory and celebrating God's love, mercy and forgiveness can be a very healing experience. Father Mark and Mother LaRae will be available for the **Sacramental Rite of Reconciliation also known as confession**. Take this opportunity for a fresh start on your faith journey. Send Father Mark or Mother LaRae an e-mail or call the Parish Office at 262-965-3924 to schedule a time with them. Contact information can be found below.



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**. Proceeds will go to the Milwaukee Diocese Haiti Project. 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.



THE GATHERING VOLUNTEER CELEBRATION:

"Motown Comes to the Gathering" will be held on Friday, April 26th from 5:30 to 8:00 pm at St. Mark's Episcopal Church at 2618 North Hackett Avenue. The awards program will start at 6:45 pm. The event is sponsored by Direct Supply. RSVP by April 19th to soulfood@thegatheringwis.org or 414-272-4122.

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**
- For pastoral concerns or emergencies: **262-581-5093**
- Mother LaRae Rutenbar: motherlaraer@milwpc.com
- Father Mark Rutenbar: fathermarkr@milwpc.com



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Al & Diana	Gus	Susie
Amy's family	Harlow	Terry
Ann	Jon	Tom
Bart	Josh & Carly	Ty
Bill's Family	Julie	Yaakov
Bob & his daughters	Kate	Landyn
Bob	Kristin	Barbara
Bob G.	Leonard & his family	Brad
Carol J.	Lori	Jazmine
Cobbie	Micki	Julie M.
Derek	Pat	Shannon
Edmond (Ted)	Sam	Janet
Greg	Sunny	

- All active duty military and our veterans
- All children in foster care and awaiting adoption
- All police officers, firefighters, EMT's, and all public servants
- The Haiti Project
- The Kids at Lad Lake
- Those from St. Mary's in college, technical school and the active military
- Those unemployed, underemployed or lonely