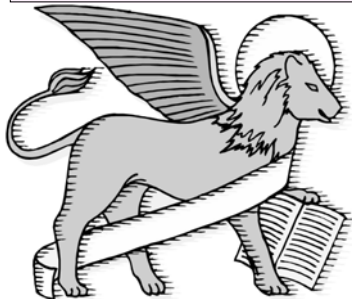


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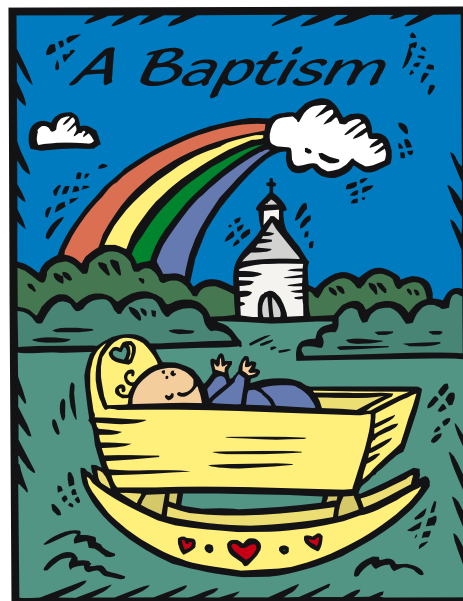
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Rector's Reflections Marked as Christ's own

Dear Friends,

We are getting ready for a special day at our house. On Sunday, July 31, our son Elijah will be baptized.

In the years since my ordination to the priesthood, I have baptized many children and adults. Every time it is a special occasion. Each time I tip my hand full of water over the head of one of God's beloved, I am reminded of God's promises to us, the power of God calling forth creation, the redemption we share in Christ, the Spirit empowering us to share in the work of bringing God's reign near.



The waters of baptism are a sign of God's grace, a grace into which God calls us to move ever more deeply. Baptism is not a simple bath, a washing away of sins. When we are baptized, we are plunged into the chaotic waters of creation, into the pool of tears that is beyond human suffering, into the well of life that sustains us with water deeper than our most desperate thirst. In our baptism, we die with death; we are cast into the deep to surface again as renewed people who share Christ's resurrected life and who bear witness to God's love in beautiful and wonderful ways.

These are big promises for a little child. These are deep waters. And it is our joyful task to teach Elijah how to swim in them. I pray that he will know God's love like he knows his own skin. I suspect that most every parent hopes that their child will have an easy life. But I don't really know what Elijah's life will be like. I will protect him as fiercely as I am able, but I know that I can't protect him from everything. And so I pray for him. I pray for him as I hold him in my arms, as I feel his breath against my neck, as I stand over his crib after putting him to bed.

I pray that Elijah's heart may have enough room in it for those who are hurting and that he will become a person who goes about his daily living with the compassion of Christ. I pray that when he is wounded, in body or in spirit, that he may be surrounded by friends and family who will show him God's

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Rector's Reflections



grace and help him to heal. I pray that he may find ways to use the gifts God will give him and that he may find joy and fulfillment in his calling. I pray that he will be courageous enough to proclaim what is true, and discerning enough to seek the truth. I pray that when he is old, his face may shine with the same little smile that lights his tender face now, and that he may have crinkles at the edges of his eyes from years of sharing holy laughter with beloved friends of his eyes from years of sharing holy laughter with beloved friends. As I listen to Elijah trying out new sounds with his little voice, I pray that he will love to sing.

I hold a lot of prayers in my heart for my son, this tiny, amazing person God has given to Drew and me. Most of all though, I pray that Elijah will grow up knowing that he belongs to God's family, and that he will lay claim to that hope for himself.

That's what we celebrate when we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. We are adopted into life with Christ, we are forgiven and we are loved. We are dead to those things which separate us from the One who made us, and we are made new people and heirs of the household of God.

On Sunday, Elijah's grandmother, an Episcopal priest, will pour water over his head and baptize him in the name of the Trinity. Then she will dip her finger in chrism oil and make the sign of the cross on his forehead, saying, "You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever."

This is the hope that we share. We belong to Christ forever. All of my prayers for my son, and all of my prayers for you, dear friends, are bound together with that promise.

Peace and brightest blessings,

April



Coffee Hosts Needed

Are you a newer member in the church looking for a way to meet others? Do you have exceptional people skills? Do you want to share your party planning talents?

If yes, then you might be interested in hosting coffee hour after Sunday Service. It is a great way to get to know your fellow members better!

Email or contact the church if you have questions, or if you are interested, feel free to sign up on the roster in the Guild Hall.

Deacon's Corner



“The median wealth of White U.S. Households in 2009 was \$113,149, compared with \$6,325 for Hispanics and \$5,677 for Blacks, according to the analysis released Tuesday by the Pew Research Center. Those ratios, roughly 20 to one for Blacks and 18 to one for Hispanics, far exceed the low mark of 7 to 1 for both groups reached in 1995, when the nation’s economic expansion lifted many low-income groups to the middle class.

The white-black wealth gap also is the widest since the census began tracking such data in 1984, when the ratio was roughly 12 to 1.”

By Hope Yen of Associated Press

When I saw this article in the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* on July 26th, I was shocked and saddened. I felt, from all that I was reading and experiencing, that many Americans were dropping from the middle class. But I had no idea that it was so profound and racially divided.

My reading of the Bible and other theological works over the years, has brought me to a point where I believe that it is a deep moral challenge to my faith and practice, to allow this divide in our nations wealth to continue. I believe it is wrong for our nation to follow policies in the private and public sector that cause this distribution of income to further separate us one from another. The gap between the wealthiest and the poorest, needs to be addressed.

This is, of course, part of my personal theology. But I feel it is part of my calling as a Christian and a Deacon to share this with others in my community. How you interpret this information and integrate it into your Christian view is yours. I do not seek to dictate to you what your views should be. But I do think that it is every Christian’s responsibility to not turn from these facts, and to try and discern how this impacts your personal beliefs and this world we all inhabit.

I would be happy to discuss this issue with anyone. All you have to do is call me or catch me on a Sunday after worship. I’d like to listen to your viewpoints and how it impacts on your beliefs. Is it a call to action? Or is it a reflection that “the poor will be always with us” and thus while sad, is not something that we can or should seek to redress. I look forward to your thoughts.

Peace,

Deacon Michelle



Kids! Don't miss out on the "Summer Experience"

Come to church for the opening procession, then join Deacon Michelle and other teaching assistants for a special children's activity outside on the playground just for you. It could be a Bible story, or a crafts project, or just coloring and playing on the playground. Children will return to the service in time for communion. On Sunday, July 31st, children are invited to stay for the whole worship service, as we will have a children’s sermon that day.

Rummage News



Rummage/Craft Fair/Bake Sale...

August 5th and 6th from 8am to 1pm

Tell your friends, family members and neighbors, share it on your Facebook or Twitter account, and help spread the word throughout the community. We have children's clothing, baby items, toys, women's clothing, furniture, household goods, men's clothing, antiques, designer names, sporting goods, jewelry, books. There is something for everyone!

We are accepting donations of your gently used (and clean!) clothes, house wares and other select rummage items this week. Please don't bring things that are broken, clothes beyond cleaning, repair or fashion, tube-type TVs, VCR's, computers more than five years old, or other electronics that don't work (most of these items need to be taken directly to your local recycling/self-help center). The church will be open and accepting donations Wednesday, August 3rd from 10am to 4pm and Thursday, August 4th. If you can help volunteer, please talk to Vince Katter. We still could also use some extra hands during the sale and clean up.

Craft Fair

New to the sale is a special opportunity for local parish artists and crafters to sell their wares. While rummage bargains can be discovered in the basement, art and crafting treasures will be available to purchase in the Guild Hall.

The Craft Sale will offer many varied items for purchase...hand made jewelry and Silpada and Lia Sophia jewelry, note cards, ornamental hand-painted bird houses, sheep yarn in natural colors of black, white, brown, hand-made purses, beach bags, scarves, decorator pillows, framed and unframed photo art, hair ornaments, flower pots, sheep yarn...come check us out in the St. Mark's Guild Hall.



Handmade purses by Nikki Domenget and Kay West are looking for a home and can be purchased at the Craft Sale.

A Taste of the East Side

Mark your calendars for September 17th

Planning for the next TOES event is in the early stages, but we could use your help. The success of past events is largely due to the collaboration of the whole parish sharing time, talents, skills and resources. We have a lot to accomplish, and working on the TOES committee is a great way to get to know other St. Mark's members better—plus, it is fun and rewarding! Our main focus now is secure donations for the auction, but we have plenty of opportunities to volunteer for people with all skill sets and available time commitments.

How you can contribute? Last year we had some wonderful volunteers who went to community businesses and asked them to donate services, certificates and desirable items. We had talented members who donated their skills with gift certificates and handmade treasures. We've auctioned vacation getaways, dinner certificates, theater tickets and art work. We've had a "Taste" of everything, and we are always looking for additional interesting donations. Do you have a connection with a business or person who would be interested in donating? We have request letters and informational letters you can use to approach these potential generous contributors. Or maybe you have a skill or item you would be willing to auction off? If you can help with this, or are interested in getting involved, contact Vince Katter or Patty Buckley.



Bakers Still Needed

St. Mark's will hold a two-day Bake Sale along side the Rummage and Craft Sale on August 5th and 6th. We need volunteers contribute treats and help set-up, price and work the sale. Please deliver baked goods on Thursday, August 4th from noon to 6pm to the Library. If this is not convenient, Saturday morning at 8am will be okay. Contact Sandy Boltz at 962-2671 or 847-293-2971 to leave a message.

Outreach Ministry Spotlight

Sojourner Family Peace Center Spotlight by: Marj Bjornstad



www.familypeacecenter.org

Recently, I sat down with Angela Mancuso, Co-Executive Director with Carmen Pitre of Sojourner Family Peace Center (SFPC) to talk about the state of support services and programs for victims (and perpetrators) of domestic violence in Milwaukee. St. Mark's, as well as many of our parishioners individually, has supported Sojourner over the years when it was known as Sojourner Truth House. In 2008, Sojourner merged with the Task Force on Family Violence in order to better serve families in the Milwaukee area who are affected by domestic abuse. Our Milwaukee community is very fortunate to have this combined organization because it provides a single, strong organization in our community dealing with the variety of needs arising from domestic violence and it provides one place to go to for help.

Today, the programs of Sojourner Family Peace Center assist over 30,000 women, men, and children annually through services that provide safety, support, education, advocacy, healing, and resources to keep people safe. SFPC is committed to the goal of serving women, men, and children in order to break the cycle of family violence and create communities where people live peacefully.

How are these goals accomplished? Sojourner has defined their services as broadly falling in the following areas:

SHELTER – providing a safe place to go.

JUSTICE – making resources available to survivors throughout the legal system.

RESPECT – programming to create peaceful communities.

HOPE – helping children who have witnessed family violence

Shelter: Sojourner Truth House (the actual building) is a 42-bed wheelchair accessible emergency shelter, offering a safe haven for women who are victims of domestic violence and their children. A caring and compassionate staff offers confidential, individual counseling and safety planning 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. All groups and services are available free of charge.

Justice: Sojourner Family Peace Center Advocates are confidential and DO NOT work for the court system, District Attorney's office, or the Milwaukee Police Department. Programs and services include Restraining Order Clinic-Courthouse Advocacy Program; Community Domestic Abuse Advocacy Program (SFPC advocates are located at Milwaukee Police Districts 2,3, 5, and 6); Domestic Abuse Victim Advocates Program (SFPC advocates located in the County DA's office). All "advocates" are part of SFPC.

Respect: All services are confidential and are provided free of charge. Interpreters are available in Spanish, Russian, and Hmong. Programs include Family Advocacy and Support Services; Emergency Domestic

Sojourner Family Peace Center



Violence Shelter; Community and Survivor Education; Beyond Abuse program to help participants learn to eliminate abusive and controlling behaviors from their relationships; and Criminal and Civil Systems-Based Advocacy.

Hope: Sojourner Family Peace center provides an extensive array of programs and services for children affected by family violence. All groups and services are available free of charge for children ages 3 ½ to 17 years old.

Also, childcare is available during the women's group sessions. Programs are provided both to children residing at Sojourner Truth House (emergency domestic violence shelter), and for children throughout the community who have been exposed to domestic violence.

As you must have gathered if you have read this far in this article, Sojourner Family Peace Center plays an enormous social service and support role in the Milwaukee community – responding with a broad spectrum of programs and activities to accomplish the goal of bringing healing and peace to individuals and families affected by domestic violence.

How can we help this organization continue to do what needs to be done in this area of social service? Obviously, our monetary support is critical – from St. Mark's and with individual giving if possible. The cost of carrying out these programs continues to rise like everything else in our lives. So financial support is an imperative and the broader the base of support, the better – from organizations and from individuals, from memorials and honorariums, to gifts in kind. Our Outreach Committee here at St. Mark's annually makes a significant donation to Sojourner and is committed to continuing that support.

VOLUNTEERS

BUT, all of these programs and services could not be carried out without the willing, committed, dedicated, and trained service of volunteers. SFPC has volunteer programs that depend on both long-term volunteer commitments as well as short-term volunteer programs in order to serve their clients.

Long-term:

Courthouse Advocacy Program
Family Advocacy & Support Services
Children's Programming & Advocacy
24-Hour Domestic Violence Crisis Hotline
Beyond Abuse
Domestic Abuse Victim Advocates in the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office
Special Events
Public Relations and Marketing



Short-term:

Domestic Violence Emergency Shelter
Children Programming & Advocacy
Special Events

If you are interested in becoming an SFPC volunteer in some capacity, the next volunteer training will take place on September 13, 15, 20, 22, and 27 from 5:30 to 8:15 each evening. Call Melinda at (414) 933-2722 for additional information. If your interests fall in the area of fund-raising, call Courtney at (414) 276-1911.

Sojourner Family Peace Center's administrative offices have recently moved to the Germania Building in downtown Milwaukee and this is where the training takes place. Parking is available. Visit the Sojourner website at www.familypeacecenter.org or call their office at 414-933-2722, for more information.

August 2011 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist - with Holy Baptism 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM Creative Circle	1 5:30 PM Adult Formation Committee 6:15 PM Fundraising Meeting	2 7:15 AM - 8:15 AM Yoga 8:15 AM Breakfast Fellowship @ Hollander 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Thrift Shop 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM Yoga 5:30 PM Common Ground Health Coop 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Garden Guild 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous-Gathering Room	3	4 7:15 AM - 8:15 AM Yoga 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM Yoga 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous	5 Bake Sale Rummage Sale and Craft Fair  7:30 PM - 8:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous	6 Bake Sale Rummage Sale and Craft Fair  7:30 PM - 8:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous
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Important Dates

Cookbook Update

BIRTHDAYS

- 8/02 Robin Coffman
- 8/08 Norman Reynolds
- 8/08 Alex Cain
- 8/13 Brad Kirschner
- 8/13 Jackie Adams
- 8/16 Simon Eichinger
- 8/17 Ruth Corddry
- 8/18 Andrew Martin
- 8/18 Meg Edwards
- 8/19 Nicholas Corddry
- 8/22 Joan Nason
- 8/23 Kathy Katter
- 8/23 Susanna Mortara
- 8/25 Ron Foster
- 8/27 Steve Martinie
- 8/29 Owen O'Hear



ANNIVERSARIES

- 8/04 Randy Miller and
Jana Troutman Miller
- 8/08 John Boyland and
Joyce Tang-Boyland
- 8/18 Steve and Joan Martinie
- 8/20 Jennifer and Michael O'Hear
- 8/22 Ron and Sandra Tunis
- 8/31 Dennis and Kris Devitt

We received so many wonderful recipes—many more than originally anticipated—so it is taking extra time to format the St. Mark's Cookbook.

In the meantime, we have a recipe submitted from John Boyland to share. It is the perfect recipe for the season and a refreshing way to use the bounty of cucumbers making their way to gardens and farmer's markets near you.

John, thank you for sharing this "taste" of your experience in Germany.

Cucumber Salad - John Boyland

When I lived in Germany in the 80s, I noticed there were many varieties of oil-free salads, including cucumber salad. This recipe is my attempt, many years later, to duplicate a simple cucumber salad.

Typically a German cucumber salad would use vinegar, but limes add a lovely citrus-y taste and are often available. Red bell pepper or red onion will give a pink color to the salad dressing. Fresh dill is recommended but dried dill is satisfactory.

- 3 medium cucumbers, peeled, sliced
- ½ sweet onion (red or white) sliced into paper-thin half-rings
- 1 red bell pepper sliced into thin long slices (optional)
- 1 Tb fresh finely chopped dill weed, or 1tsp dried
- 1 tsp granulated sugar
- ½ tsp salt, or to taste
- ¼ tsp freshly ground pepper
- 3 limes



Peel and slice cucumbers and place in large bowl, slice onions and optional bell pepper and add to bowl. Season with dill, salt and pepper. Juice limes and pour on top. Either serve immediately or chill for an hour and then serve.

If you are interested in purchasing a St. Mark's Cookbook, please contact Kay West.

The Women's Book Group

The Women's Book Group will be meeting on August 8th at 7 pm at the home of Janet Martin. We will be discussing *God on the Rocks* by Jane Gardam. This is a charming novel that comes to us from England. *God on the Rocks* was a finalist for the Booker Prize in 1978.

Books can be purchased at Boswells for a ten-percent discount. If you have questions, please contact Janet at (414)961-2465. All women of the church are welcome.

PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A CHANGE IN LOCATION.



Join the St. Mark's Choir

Choir rehearsals begin on Wednesday, September 11th at 7pm

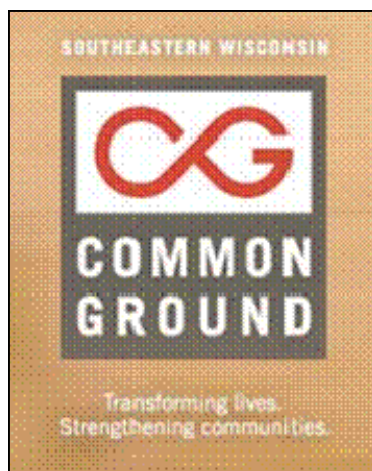
The first choir practice is only a month away and it is not too early to begin thinking about joining our happy group. If you have any inclination at all to become a member of the choir, please talk to Steve Wolff or to one of the choir members. If you have sung in choirs in the past, you will remember the great joy that singing in a group can create. If you like to sing but have never been involved in a singing group, now is a good time to discover this unique experience. Free voice lessons are available when you start. Singing in the choir is a wonderful way to experience and contribute to the Sunday morning liturgies at St. Mark's. All voice parts are welcome. Consider making singing in the choir a part of your weekly spiritual exercise.

The 30th Annual Hunger Book Sale

The Hunger Book Sale raises funds for mostly local and some national and international hunger causes such as the Gathering, Interchange Food Pantry, Heifer International, Our Next Generation (snacks at Homework Club), food for Sojourner Family Peace Center, the Open Door Cafe at St. John's Cathedral and St. Ben's Community meals among others.

The 30th Anniversary Hunger Book Sale will open Thursday night, August 4th from 6-9pm for a preview (\$5 donation at the door) and run Friday, August 5th through Tuesday, August 9th from 11am to 6pm.





Common Ground Celebrates Success

Common Ground passed an important Milestone this month. On August 15th, in the Sherman Park neighborhood of Milwaukee, the first foreclosed home, rehabbed by Towne Reality, the City of Milwaukee, and the efforts of Common Ground, was celebrated with speakers and a picnic.

The crowd of over 50 officials, Common Ground volunteers, and neighbors heard speakers talk about the proud day that this represented. It was a diverse group that clearly was joyful in seeing the seemingly impossible happening.

Deutsche Bank and Wells Fargo were also praised for their participation in what is forecasted to be over 100 houses returned into the housing stock.

These newly refinished houses will bring stability and hope back into Sherman Park. Another major national bank is expected to be announcing its participation this week.

Common Ground's Education Committee and the Cooperative Health Project are both still in the research and initial action phases. More information about their progress will be available in the September Lion.

Anyone interested in joining other parishioners who are involved in Common Ground should contact Janet Martin, Harry Moseley, or Michelle Mooney.



Blessings from Above

Congratulations to former St. Mark's Office Manager, Joanna Woodbury, and her husband, Chris Tiling, who recently adopted Netsanet Leigh, a beautiful daughter from Ethiopia. Netsanet was brought home on June 5th.

Joanna was employed at St. Mark's for a number of years. She earned her social work degree from UWM and left St. Mark's to take a job within that field. She is also a very talented photographer, which will come in handy with such a cute blessing around for subject matter.

If you would like to send a congratulatory card or a note, please call the church office for their contact information.

Finance Report

2011 Budget to Actuals Comparison						
July 24, 2011						
			2011 Budget	6 Month	Actual Jan. - June.	Deviation
INCOME						
	<i>Pledges and Offerings</i>		205,221	102,611	106,445	3,835
	<i>Other Income</i>		13,535	6,768	16,484	9,717
	<i>Fundraising Income</i>		15,000	7,500	1,770	-5,730
	<i>Fundraising Match</i>		15,000	7,500	0	-7,500
	<i>Investment Income</i>		0	0	7,948	7,948
	<i>Capital Campaign</i>		9,470	4,735	3,285	-1,450
	Total Income		258,226	129,113	135,932	6,819
EXPENSES						
	<i>Personnel</i>		172,446	86,223	81,118	-5,105
	<i>Property</i>		53,658	26,829	23,926	-2,903
	<i>Office</i>		13,673	6,837	4,678	-2,159
	<i>Program</i>		4,900	2,450	1,983	-467
	<i>Diocese</i>		45,047	22,524	22,326	-198
	<i>Other</i>		1,000	500	313	-187
	Total Expenses		290,724	145,362	134,344	-11,018
	NET GAIN/-LOSS		-32,498	-16,249	1,588	17,837
Legend:						
	2011 Budget	The full amount for 2011 approved by the Vestry and presented at the January Annual Meeting				
	6 Month Budget	The proportional amount of the budget for the period reported				
	6 Month Actual	The actual amount of income and expense for the period reported				
	Deviation	Difference between budget and actual.				



A message from
the Treasurer

Above is a summary of our performance against budget as of June 30, 2011. As you can see, we are ahead of plan in aggregate at this point in time. This is due to a number of one time events that we would not have budgeted for – a significant undesignated memorial, a grant from the Diocese to support the second floor renovation post roof repair, an appreciable gain in the value of the funds invested in the Episcopal Diocese Combined Fund, and payments from UNUM to support the parish during April's maternity leave which more than covered the costs to St. Mark's for supply priests, etc., that we incurred during her absence. That being said, we are only halfway through 2011 and the picture could change as we proceed through the year.

Sandi Tunis

Fair Trade Coffee Sponsors Needed



Are you looking for an alternative way to help make a difference and sponsor a service at St. Mark's? Why not sponsor the Coffee Hour following the Sunday Service?

A special contribution of \$25 goes to purchasing the delicious, fairly-traded Equal Exchange gourmet coffee used at coffee hour. It couldn't be an easier way to help the church, support family farms that use organic methods, and contribute to worker co-operatives and Fair Trade to a more equitable, democratic and sustainable world.

Sponsorships are monthly, and there is a sign up sheet on the Guild Hall bulletin board (next to the altar flower sign-up sheet) to sponsor the coffee purchased for coffee hour and all church functions. Similar to flower donations, coffee hour can be dedicated to memorials, celebrations and anniversaries. Just contact the church office to make certain your dedication is included in the weekly bulletins. Unlike the weekly flower dedications, your coffee dedication will be included in the bulletin for one whole month!

Sign up to receive the Diocese newsletter

The diocese's would like to expand the readership of their electronic newsletter. Many of our St. Mark's events are publicized in the Diocese Newsletter, as well as other news and happenings. It is a great way to keep abreast of all the different events happening throughout the wider diocese.

To sign up to receive the weekly updates, go to www.diomil.org and on the right of the screen you will find a "Quick Links" box. Select Diocesan E-News and it will take you to the newsletter. To ensure you continue receiving the newsletter, click on the "Join Our Mailing List" icon.

If you have any challenges, contact Stacy in the St. Mark's office. She can help walk you through it.



Congratulations to our graduates

Susan Willets granddaughter, Emily Susan Smith graduated on May 24 from Palmer High School in Colorado Springs, CO. This fall, she will attend Hamlin University in Minneapolis, MN with a track scholarship. (Hamlin is her first choice and Susan is so proud of her!)

Kris Devitt's daughter, Caroline Devitt, graduated from Shorewood High School. She'll be attending UW-Madison in the fall.

Ashley Carlynn Green graduated from Nicolet High School on Sunday, June 19, 2011 and will be attending the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee to study sports medicine in the School of Kinesiology. Ashley was also awarded an athletic scholarship to play Division 1 Women's Basketball with the Panthers.

The Downer Classic



Pleasant weather served as a great stage for St. Mark's participation in the day long activities at the Downer Classic community event on Saturday, June 25th. Beginning with a Treasure Hunt in the morning for young people along Downer and Hackett Avenues, St. Mark's volunteers shared their

many talents and skills. Together we raised needed funds for our outreach programs, supported the community by sponsoring the "St. Mark's Sprint," a race for the kids, and enjoyed the fellowship of parishioners and our neighbors.

Once again, St. Mark's members raised funds by selling corn to hungry spectators at the Downer Classic Bike Race to support outreach ministries that serve people in need in our community and around the world. Helpers prepared the corn, fed the roaster and sold wonderful, tasty, hot roasted corn to spectators and people in the neighborhood.

According to Harry Moseley who coordinated the Corn Roast sale, "it was an unqualified success on all fronts."

The Corn Roast sale grossed \$1,285 to benefit our many outreach groups, and the booths were so popular that we actually sold out of corn!

An Enjoyable Day for All!



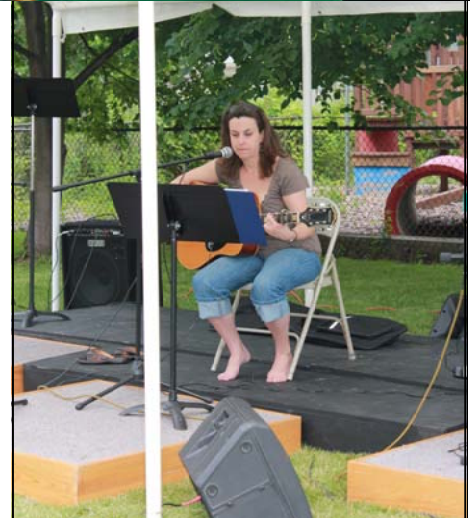
This year, We also added another exciting feature to the Downer Classic events. Inspired by the need for a family area at the bike race, St. Mark's worked in concert with our neighbor, Church in the City, to provide an Family Zone in our green space.

Tables were available for bike spectators to take a moment from the busy crowds, eat delicious corn and listen to music featuring the St. Mark's Jazz Quartet along with other musicians affiliated throughout the East Side. Our playground was open for business, and our arts and craft table and face painting booth delighted children of all ages.

A special thank you to Marquita Edwards, who tirelessly made endless balloon animals and "clowned around" our Family Zone for hours on end, and Amy Diliberti, Gaby Mlengana, Katie and Ally Meadows and Patricia and Melinda Davies who helped with the arts and crafts booths. Stacy Roller, St. Mark's Parish Administer, also face painted throughout the afternoon.

We are also especially grateful to all of the talented musicians who graced us with their talent. Not only did Steve Wolff, St. Mark's music director, kindly entertain us for hours, along with other various bands, but Steve also helped coordinate the musicians for the day. Jana Troutman Miller graced us with her beautiful voice. And a special thank you goes to Randy Miller, the mastermind behind the sound system.

Thank you to the many volunteers who helped set-up, tear-down, and dogged the heat of the corn roaster. All in all, it was a great day.



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