

Rector's Corner

Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

People who know me well know that I am a stickler about time. I generally start meetings on time and try my darndest to end them likewise. And I do the same with worship on Sunday morning. After I come down at the recessional hymn, I typically give my watch a little look to see if we were able to keep worship between 60 and 65 minutes. I appreciate that this can seem a bit rigid for a priest to be so concerned about time, but as I see it, I'm trying to uphold my end of a contract. I know that the good people of St. Mark's want to see each other at Coffee Hour, and I know that many people also want to be fed by our fantastic Adult Education series. I also know that our youngest members have responsibilities in music, in sports, in homework—the list goes on. So I work hard to make sure that the congregation can rely on our worship beginning at 9:30 a.m. and ending at 10:30–10:35 a.m.

This hour is magical. This sixty minutes is holy. And it's not really holy for the reasons you may think—the prayer, the Eucharist, the sermon. Really, this sixty minutes is holy because it is the window through which a visitor may glimpse our shared life at St. Mark's. If a visitor does us the great honor of walking through our red doors on a Sunday morning, it is absolutely vital that we treat the time as if it's the most important hour of our entire week. The ushers are there to greet—warmly, enthusiastically—every time. The Shepherds are looking around to see if we have the visitor's contact information. The processional is pitch perfect and robust. Our liturgy is smooth and welcoming. Our bulletins are easy to follow for visitors. The sermons are engaging (here's hoping!), and our peace is welcoming.

The staff knows that I'm a stickler for perfection—not for its own sake, and certainly not because I think God wants a seamless floor show (God doesn't care)—rather, I am a stickler because



that holy sixty minutes is a priceless opportunity to show hospitality to the visitor. We are preparing our church, not for ourselves, but for the people who have not come through these red doors just yet. I am priest here at St. Mark's 49% of the time, but I am a priest to the people we haven't met yet 51% of the time. Our Sunday morning observances must be the best and brightest offering we have to God so that we can demonstrate to the entire city radical welcome, radical hospitality, radical and Christ-like presence.

So, I absolutely welcome teasing from staff and parishioners about my rules and regulations for Sunday morning. And I know they can seem a little rigid or even silly. But I promise that there is a method to the madness. Every note, every prayer, every handshake and every word must be in the service of welcoming that next visitor into the family of Christ here at St. Mark's. These sixty minutes every Sunday are how we show the world who we are. And if that's not worth being a little picky about, I'm not sure what is.

In Christ,
Ian+
(Fr. Burch)

Theology Pub
at the Movies:
The Seven
Year Itch

July 21 at 6 p.m.

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Deacon's Corner

Theology Pub is a fun event. Theology Pub is a place where you can explore your faith and what it means to be a Christian in today's world. Theology Pub offers a chance to meet new friends outside of our parish. Theology Pub is awesome.

June's gathering hosted a discussion on evil and how Christians are called to combat it. There were lots of ideas and viewpoints expressed. While munching pizza and having a brew, everyone had a chance to question just how we define evil and evil acts. The discussion went on for about two hours and there were many references to the Orlando event with members struggling with how to understand and react to it.

Not all the topics that Theology Pub discusses are so topical. Many are quite speculative. All have generated discussion that plumbs the depth of our faith and questions about how we form ideas and the relationship they have to our culture.

This all occurs in a nonjudgmental and free-wheeling way that makes thinking about big ideas a delight. Ideas are thrown out, sometimes questioned, but all in a way that never shuts down the person expressing their views. And while

levels of theological education vary, I think it's safe to say that no one is intimidated into silence.

That is why I love Theology Pub. If all this arouses your appetite, come and join us. See how pleasurable thinking about "big thoughts" can be.

Theology Pub meets the second Tuesday of the month from 6–7:30 p.m. at Paddy's Pub on Murray, in the block north of North Avenue. Food such as pizza, nachos, and subs are provided by St. Mark's. You are responsible for your own drinks.

Come share ideas and have a fun night out. I guarantee you won't be bored!

~Michelle Mooney



Outreach Report: Flower Sale 2016

The Outreach Committee wishes to thank Ellie Mixer-Keller for leading this successful effort and the many volunteers who unloaded, sorted, filled orders, watered and sold extra flowers and vegetables this year. Our results included nearly 50 orders and a 34% gain in net proceeds over 2015. Many thanks to Judy Young for offering her purchases as altar flowers for our May 22 service. In addition, there were donations of \$560 for providing flowers to grace our church front yard and courtyard. Finally, thanks to all the parishioners and neighbors whose purchases made this sale a success!



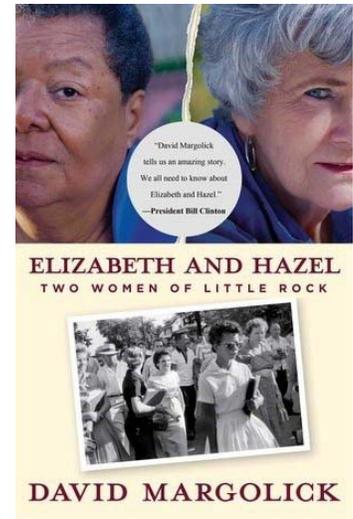
~The Outreach Committee

Women's Book Group

The Women's Book Group will have their next meeting on August 8 at 7 p.m. at the home of Michelle Mooney. We will discuss *Elizabeth and Hazel: Two Women of Little Rock* by David Margolick. Elizabeth Eckford and Hazel Massery's names may not be well known, but the images of them from September 1957 surely are: a black high school girl dressed in white, walking stoically in front of Little Rock Central H.S. and a white girl standing directly behind her, face twisted with hate, screaming racial abuse. Come join in this important discussion.

Books can be purchased at Boswell for a ten percent discount. If you need directions to Michelle's, please call the church office. All women of the church are invited. Guests are also very welcome.

~Ellie Moseley



Garden Guild

St. Mark's gardens have had some big changes in the last few months. Four trees were cut down over the winter—three dead or dying trees on the south side, and the large Norway maple near the office entrance because of safety concerns (large branches were breaking off and falling).

The good news is that the Garden Guild already has planted replacements. We have three redbuds along the Belleview side of the church, chosen for their delicate branching and the beautiful spring display of bright pink flowers. Redbud trees are native to North America and will make a good home for our birds, butterflies and pollinators.

We also planted a bur oak, a native that will provide shade and be a great host for birds, butterflies, etc. And when it grows up, the oak also will multi-task as a large carbon sink!

Many thanks to Ron Zingler and Bob Julian, who provided a truck and trailer to transport these trees. We couldn't have done it without you!

We look forward to these trees enhancing the beauty of St. Mark's for many decades! For more information on the trees, call or email me.

~Jane Shero



Celebrations



Birthdays

- 7/3 Michael Williams
- 7/5 Sophie Parker
- 7/6 Demetria Cain
- 7/7 Jamie Zingler
- 7/8 Frank West
- 7/9 Bruce Jacobs
- 7/18 Marie Arndorfer
- 7/21 Elizabeth Jacobs
- 7/21 Marj Bjornstad
- 7/22 David Kiger

Anniversaries

- 7/17 Mary Ross & Bill Davies
- 7/25 David & Joan Kuehl



Save the Date

The next Communication Meeting for all Ministry Leaders will be on Sunday, August 21. We will meet at 11 a.m. in the Rector's Office. We will be discussing programming for the fall through Advent. If you are unable to attend, please send a representative from your ministry area.

Door Codes

The door codes have changed. After mid-July only the new codes will work. If you need access to the building, please contact your ministry group's leader or a member of the Vestry.

Riverwest Pantry Wish List Items



- Toothpaste
- Low-salt nuts and dried fruit
- Whole grain low-sugar cereal
- Low-sodium or regular canned tuna
- Shampoo and deodorant

Egg cartons and reusable bags are always appreciated. We are very grateful for your continuing support of all those served by Riverwest Food Pantry!

Sunday Flower Sponsors Needed

The Flower Chart in the Guild Hall to the left of to the Library doors has a lot of blanks from July 9 through October 1!

Please consider sponsoring flowers for church by signing up on the chart. Close to your chosen date you will receive a reminder with a sheet to complete. You may indicate what occasion you would like to have remembered (e.g., a birthday, anniversary or thanksgiving), and it will appear in that Sunday's service bulletin. The fee is \$50, which is tax-deductible and will appear on your giving statements. Please write "Flowers" on the memo line of your check.

Thanks in advance for helping to make St. Mark's beautiful for the Sunday service. Please contact me if you have any questions.

~Judy Young



Hunger Book Sale at All Saints' Cathedral

- **Needed:** books, cds, dvds (no magazines, ex-library or textbooks over five years old, please)
- **Drop off:** Mondays–Thursdays, 9 a.m.–1 p.m. at back door of All Saints' Cathedral, 818 E. Juneau Ave., or call 414 271-7719 for a pick up
- **Sale runs:** Thursday, August 4, 6–9 p.m.; Friday, August 5–Tuesday, August 9, 11 a.m.–6 p.m.

Contact Judy Young with any questions.



Art Gallery—Suzanne Garr

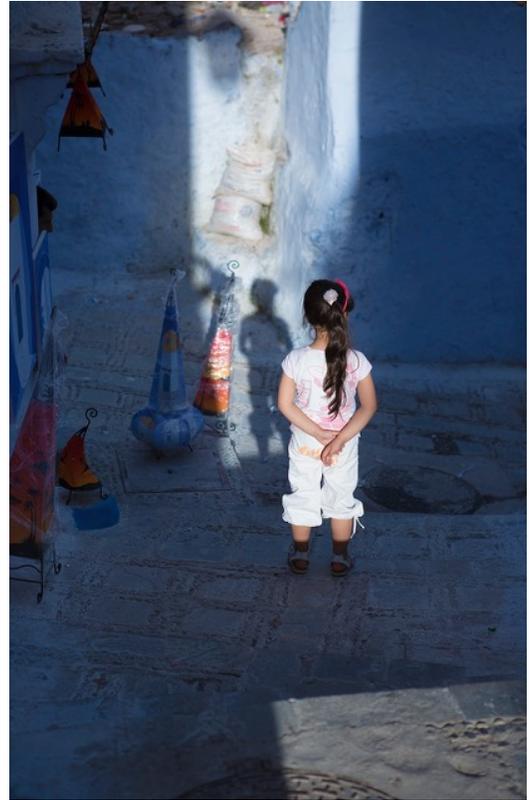
Suzanne’s photography is a glimpse into her intuitive and sensitive nature. Her images reflect a world infused with stories and snippets in time that speak to the human spirit. Suzanne has a wanderlust and passion to travel, explore and simply be the seeker, the observer. She has traveled to such diverse locations as the mountains of Bhutan, and Nepal, the cities of Europe, such as Prague, Paris, Rome, Dublin, Florence, London, and the red-dirt roads of Uganda, as well as the cityscapes of North America and Canada. Suzanne just recently returned from a two-week photographic expedition to Mongolia. She often travels solo so that she can walk the streets as though she is invisible, with her camera in hand, searching and observing what unfolds in front of her.

Originally from the East Coast, she migrated to Milwaukee some 27 years ago and is now home until she packs up and hits the road again. Photography is her natural way to interpret the world. The expressions and gestures she observes are the ones that come from a place deep within. Thatcher Hullerman Cook, a photographer familiar with Suzanne’s work, describes her style as, “quiet and sensitive with a keen sense of observation. She seeks out the small gestures that express deep emotion whether it’s an image of someone’s hard working hands or an expression of simple joy, deep sadness or a dream-like state.”

A quote by an unknown author sums up Suzanne’s photographic philosophy, “You don’t *take* a photograph, you ask, *quietly*, to *borrow* it.” To capture that emotion inside a frame is to be present in the moment and see. Suzanne credits photographers Dorothea Lange, Helen Levitt, and Robert Frank as having the greatest influence on her and the expression of her art through the lens.

She is currently working on a book that will uniquely tell the story of the children, in their own words, from St. Mary Kevin of Motherhood Orphanage in Uganda, where Suzanne has traveled for the past five years as a volunteer with Change the Truth Foundation.

Next Stop Photography ~ suzanne.garr@gmail.com
nextstopphotography.com



The St. Mark’s Art Gallery is open Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon, Sundays from 9 a.m. to noon, and by appointment by calling (414) 962-0500.

Outreach Spotlight—Eastside Senior Services

Eastside Senior Services was started in 1974. In 2005 the organization moved to the second floor of St. Mark's. Directed by Jane Raymer and a dedicated group of volunteers, they provide help to older adults age 60 and over, who live in our geographic neighborhood. Our area includes Downtown, Riverwest, Eastside, and the UWM area. Services are offered at no charge to our clients. Transportation to doctor appointments, grocery shopping, friendly visits, information and referral advocacy are all done on an as-needed basis. Additionally ESS sends birthday cards to over 350 older neighbors. St. Mark's provides gifts at Christmastime that are distributed to those who live alone. A large part of funding is provided by the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, Old St. Mary Parish, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Three Holy Women Catholic Parish, Our Lady of Divine Providence Catholic Parish, Plymouth United Church of Christ, and Immanuel Presbyterian Church. Fundraisers provide additional monies. To volunteer or receive services, call 414-961-0661. Donations are gratefully accepted.



~Ron Zingler

A Note About Your Quarterly Giving Statement

For reasons of economy and efficiency, second quarter giving statements will not be prepared and sent out this year. If you have questions about whether you are up to date with your pledge, or if you need to document your giving so far this year, please email Bill Davies, our bookkeeper, at stmarksbookkeeper@sbcglobal.com.

In October, statements through the year's third quarter will be available as usual, as will full year statements in January.

20s/30s Bowling Event!



**Saturday, July 9
at 1 p.m.**

**Koz's Mini Bowl
2078 S. 7th St.
Milwaukee**

**RSVP:
ian@stmarksmilwaukee.org**

**St. Mark's Episcopal Church
2618 N. Hackett Ave.
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Vacation Bible School

We held Vacation Bible School this year with our friends at Lake Park Lutheran. The kids explored our neighborhood and engaged with our neighbors at the Hillel Center, the Islamic Society, Corner House, Eastcastle Place, and Alice's Garden. What a wonderful four days of fun! Thanks to all the kids who participated and the volunteers who helped out!



Downer Classic and Corn Roast



Thanks to all who helped set up, roast and sell corn, and clean up. What a great day of fun all while raising money for our Outreach Ministries! We couldn't do it without you.

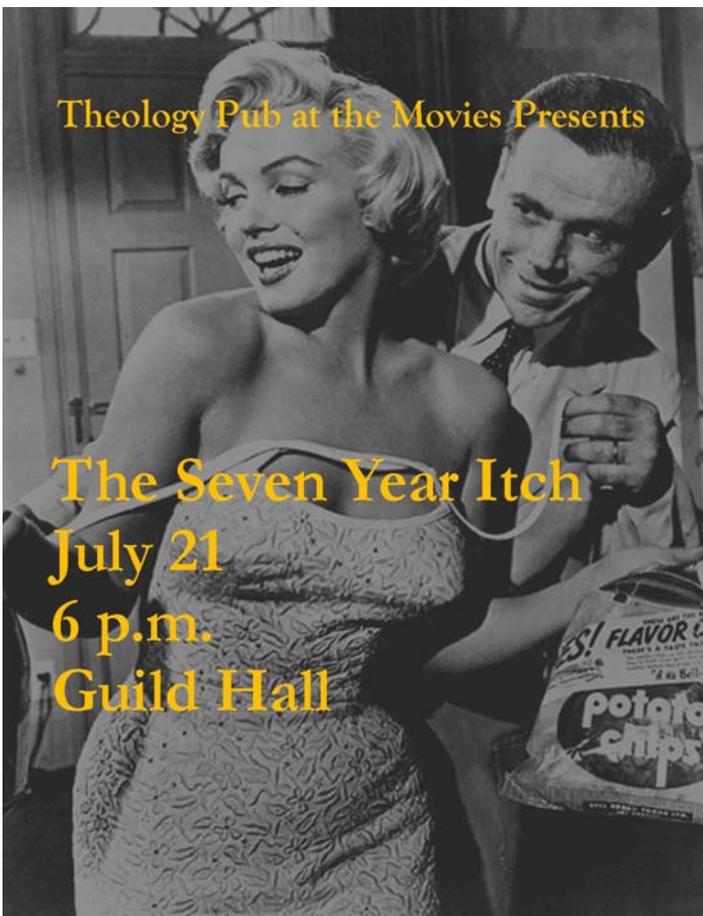


Theology Pub at the Movies

Does “true love” really conquer all? How do we treat the strangers in our neighborhoods?
And can one ever resist Marilyn Monroe?

To engage with these and other weighty theological issues, you are invited to
The Inaugural St. Mark’s Theology Pub Summer Film Series!

- Big screen
- Come for film and discussion
- Snacks provided



Summer 2016 Mass on the Grass Wednesday Evenings

Adult Formation Series: Embracing a Complicated Faith



Sunday Mornings at 11 a.m.

Our faith may come in a blinding moment of insight, be nurtured in the arms of loving family, or lie dormant until forced into the open by a crisis. But once born, faith needs to be sustained, not only for it to live in our lives, but to serve and witness to others. An important block in the building of faith is continued engagement with others in the exploration of what our faith means.

This summer the Adult Formation Committee will host a Sunday discussion series to discuss issues raised by some of the leading thinkers in the Episcopal Church, such as Marcus Borg, Diana Butler Bass, Barbara Cawthorne Crafton, Phyllis Tickle, and others. The series will be held in the Library at 11 a.m., after the Sunday worship service.

In this “down time” for the church, we encourage you to sample this too often neglected part of faith. You may discover more about yourself and your faith and your community. And you may even discover that you actually like talking about God!

Music Corner—Organ Work Update



Joe Poland and Steven Hoover, organ technicians for Bergaus Organ Builders, the firm which has been contracted to refurbish and rewire our organ console, have been hard at work on our organ. Although they had hoped to finish on June 17, as it so often goes (perhaps I should say always goes—I have never been involved in a construction project that didn't go over the intended deadline) the work simply hasn't been completed. (You know the drill: this part didn't come in, the shop lost electricity for three days, a routine extension of wiring should have taken an hour, but took half a day, etc.) I'll spare you the sordid details now, but after a week on another project (an absolutely necessary organ console pull out at another church), Joe and Stephen will be back and should finish in the first part of July. Better that an excellent job be done over a few more days, than that the work be sped up for the sake of meeting a deadline and the work be less than exacting.

~Steve Wolff

Bidding Farewell to the Kirschners— Special Coffee Hour on July 17

The Kirschner family—Kirstin, Hannah, Sophie, Katherine, and Brad—is moving across country this summer to Brad's hometown of Vashon Island, Washington, in the southern part of Puget Sound, where it stretches from Seattle to Tacoma. His parents still live on Vashon and are members of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit there.

St. Mark's will bid the family farewell on Sunday, July 17, in a brief leave-taking ceremony during the 9:30 service, then at coffee hour turned into a Cinnamon Roll Festival. When asked about favorite brunch-y kinds of treats, Katherine said "cinnamon rolls." So we are sending out an **all-call for cinnamon rolls**—different types, different recipes. The family can freeze the leftovers (if there are any) for their cross-country road trip a few weeks later.

The Kirschners have been members of St. Mark's since 2006. As Brad puts it, "We came because it was Episcopalian, came back because of how David Pfaff ran after us so he could meet Katherine, and kept coming because of the community/people of St. Mark's." (In those days, Katherine was a fast-running two-year-old.) Since then, Brad has served on the two Vestries that called our most recent rectors, April and Ian, and has led the Kirschner Acolyte Team, which has often provided torchbearers for special Eucharists.

Brad will be joining a pediatric practice in Tacoma (a short ferry ride from Vashon), and Kirstin will join a private practice in Tacoma, where she will practice pediatric, adolescent, and adult psychiatry. As for their daughters: Hannah, 20, will return for her third year at Northwestern University, where she studies French Horn Performance and Environmental Sciences; Sophie, 18, will be starting her first year at Lawrence University, where she plans to study "something in the sciences"; Katherine, 12, will attend seventh grade on Vashon, the third generation of Kirschners to attend the Vashon Island school district.

Brad's and Kirstin's e-addresses will remain the same (see the parish directory), and they will let us know their USPS address once they find just the right house on Vashon.



Will you be bringing cinnamon rolls? Please let Virginia Chappell or Jackie Adams know!

~Virginia Chappell

July 2016 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Rector's Day Off 8 PM AA	2 10 AM-12 PM Thrift Shop
3 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist 9:50 AM Bible Story Time 11 AM Adult Formation Series	4 Office Closed 	5 7:30 AM Yoga 8:15 AM Breakfast Fellowship @ Hollander 10 AM-12 PM Thrift Shop 3:30 PM Yoga	6 1 PM Growing Old in America 6 PM Mass on the Grass	7 7:30 AM Yoga 3:30 PM Yoga 8 PM AA	8 Rector's Day Off 8 PM AA	9 10 AM-12 PM Thrift Shop 1 PM 20s/30s Bowling Event
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Sunday Eucharist 9:30 a.m.

Childcare is provided from 9:00–11:00 a.m.

Office Hours

Mon., Tues., Fri. 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Eastside Senior Services: 414-961-0661

The Rt. Rev. Steven A. Miller, Bishop of Milwaukee

The Rev. Ian C. Burch, Rector

The Rev. Michelle P. Mooney, Deacon

The Rev. John Hickey, Priest Associate

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