

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

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RECTOR'S CORNER

Hello Church!

As we approach Holy Week and Easter, I want to make sure you all feel warmly invited to participate fully in the life of St. Mark's from the procession on Palm Sunday through the Alleluias of Easter morning. Look for a letter and a schedule of Holy Week services coming in the mail and inviting you personally into the story of the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

It's a bit tricky to transition from the sublime and august topic of our Lord's triumphant entry into Jerusalem to the mundane and slightly boring topic of parish communications, but I'll do my best. As you may have noticed, our parish is growing in both attendance and ministries. We've started to notice new faces, increased use of our spaces, fuller calendars, and a need for stronger communication from the office.

To this end, I think it's important to introduce all the different ways the office communicates with the parish. We use the Lion newsletter, our Facebook group, the Weekly Happenings eblast, our Sunday bulletin, spoken announcements during services, and our website.

We're hoping to continue a process of auditing our communications for audience and for clarity. There are so many great things happening at St. Mark's, we want to make sure the word is out.

To that end, we will be spending some time this summer strengthening our web and Facebook presence, and we will be lessening some of our print materials. You'll notice that our monthly Lion publication will move to an every-other-month publication. It's our hope that we can keep the Lion lively and informative—knowing that it is no longer our primary means of parish communications.

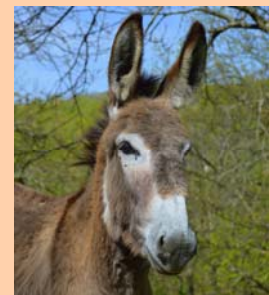
As always, an email or phone call to me or to Sara can get most questions answered if there's something in our communications that's unclear.

Thanks for all that you do to support the mission and ministry of St. Mark's. And thanks for all the support as we try to communicate fully and well with the entire parish community.

Faithfully,
Ian+
(Fr. Burch)



Children's Holy Week Activities



Palm Sunday
Meet a Donkey

Easter
Flowering the Cross
Easter Egg Hunt

DEACON'S CORNER

It is so exciting to be at the altar on Sunday mornings and notice how many new faces I see. And it is even more pleasing for me to observe how many of our visitors are engaged in conversation by the parish at Coffee Hour.

We have a ministry here, the Shepherd Ministry, that helps people who are new to the St. Mark's community become familiar with the life of the parish and help newcomers find ways to use their gifts for ministry. The Shepherds invite newcomers to share in conversation, and provide information about ministries and programs at St. Mark's.

Hospitality to all who come our way is the Christian ideal, and the lively conversations at Coffee Hour each Sunday show that many of us are committed to this ideal. Of course, the clergy and the Shepherds are the point persons in process of integrating new folks into the life of the parish. As you learn from newcomers why they have come to St. Mark's and whether they have some special needs, please let us know.

As we approach Holy Week and Easter, we probably will have even more newcomers in our midst. I hope that you will also greet, sit down with, and really give our visitors a sense of what St. Mark's is all about. I further hope that you will listen carefully to each new guest to understand just why they have chosen us to worship with us.

So, be a good welcomer in the weeks to come. We want St. Mark's to be a beacon on the East Side. To become a truly welcoming church, all of us need to extend ourselves and reach out every Sunday. I believe, and many people tell us, that St. Mark's does a pretty darn good job of this, but it needs consistent effort. Let's all show newcomers and guests that we are a parish that is alive and excited to share the Good News to all who come our way.

Have a lovely Holy Week and Easter, and don't forget to extend the hand of welcome to all who venture to come to us during this especially joyous season.

~Deacon Michelle



RIVERWEST PANTRY WISHLIST

- Low sodium or water-pack tuna or chicken
- Low sodium salad dressings & condiments
- Olive or canola oil
- Toilet paper
- Unsalted nuts

Reusable bags are welcome! We do not accept egg cartons.



ST. MARK'S AT THE GATHERING



THE GATHERING'S SOUTH SIDE SITE

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2016
CHRISTIAN FAITH FELLOWSHIP
CHURCH EAST
724 S. LAYTON BLVD.

St. Mark's is providing all the volunteers for this lunch—cooking, preparing for the meal, serving, and cleaning up. Help The Gathering's guests receive a warm, healthy meal by volunteering as cooks (5 cooks are needed) or meal preparers and servers (13–15 volunteers are needed).

If you can't serve on Saturday, please consider bringing cookies, coffee, or milk to the church kitchen by that Friday afternoon so that we can be sure these items get to the meal. Michelle Mooney and Harry Moseley are serving as coordinators. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall soon. Cooks need to be at the site by 7:00 a.m., and servers need to be there by 9:45 a.m. to prepare beverages, salads, and bread and to set up for the meal, which is served from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. We should be cleaned up and out the door by 1:30 p.m.

Volunteer and enjoy the opportunity to help our guests be nourished and welcomed in our hospitable setting. This is one of two times each year that St. Mark's works at this site. If you have questions, contact Harry Moseley ([414-967-0736](tel:414-967-0736) or hmosley39@gmail.com).

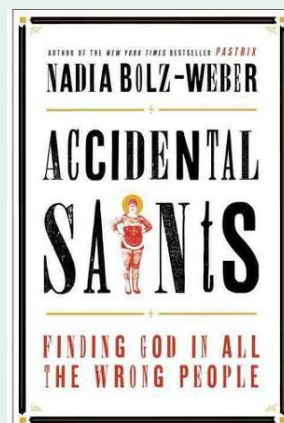


WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP

The next meeting of the Women's Book Group will be April 3 at 7 p.m., at the home of Leslie McCormick. The book we will be discussing will be *Accidental Saints: Finding God in All the Wrong People* by Nadia Bolz-Weber. This story demonstrates what happens when ordinary people share bread and wine, struggle with scripture together, and tell each other the truth about their real lives. It will ring true for believer and skeptic alike.

Books can be purchased at Boswell for a ten percent discount or borrowed from the library. All women of the church are invited. Guests are welcome.

~Ellie Moseley



April book selection

MUSIC AT ST. MARK'S SPRING CONCERT



April 30
4 p.m.

A delightful concert of organ,
cello, voice, and horn from
the St. Mark's Artists in
Residence followed by a
cookie reception

Mark your calendars! The Music at St. Mark's Spring Concert is scheduled for Sunday, April 30, at 4:00 p.m. Music will be performed by the Artists in Residence and by friends of St. Mark's. Come and enjoy the excellent work of our talented artists—musicians that you probably have met and know and that support and contribute to the beauty and breadth of the liturgical life of our community. The concert will be followed by a spectacular cookie reception. Join us!

~Steve Wolff

April Birthdays

- 4/1 Alice Weinert
- 4/3 Andrew Arndorfer
- 4/6 Virginia Schrag
- 4/9 Jana Troutman-Miller
- 4/9 Leslie McCormick
- 4/21 Laura Katter
- 4/23 Anna Katter
- 4/26 Richard Runkel



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY—SUNDAY, APRIL 9

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Everyone meets in the Green Space for the procession with a real live donkey. We will walk with Jesus as he enters Jerusalem, singing “Hosanna to the King of Kings!” Palm Sunday moves into the story of Jesus’ Passion on the cross, read in parts by members of St. Mark’s. Steve Wolff and Terry Smirl, guest percussionist, add texture and leadership to this moving service.

MAUNDY THURSDAY—THURSDAY, APRIL 13

6:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Liturgy and Meal

8:00 p.m. Setting the Watch

The most stunning service of the Christian year, Maundy Thursday begins with a lavish community meal in the Parish Hall, filled with prayer and song, followed by foot washing, a beautiful Eucharist in the Church, the Stripping of the Altar, and then Setting the Watch in the Chapel.

GOOD FRIDAY—FRIDAY, APRIL 14

12–3 p.m. Individual Prayer

6:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy

The Sanctuary will be open from noon until 3 p.m. for private devotions or the Stations of the Cross, and we will observe our full, choral Good Friday Liturgy at 6 p.m. that evening. The evening Liturgy includes the Solemn Collects and the Veneration of the Cross—both ancient and powerful Good Friday observances.

HOLY SATURDAY—SATURDAY, APRIL 15

7:00 p.m. Easter Vigil at All Saints’ Cathedral

All are welcome to attend the Great Vigil of Easter at the Cathedral Church of All Saints, a moving and primal service of readings and music. Experience the lighting of the fire in a darkened tomb.

EASTER SUNDAY—SUNDAY, APRIL 16

9:00 a.m. Flowering of the Cross

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:45 a.m. Festive Easter Coffee Hour

10:45 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt in the Courtyard

Celebrate the Risen Christ with the great stories of our faith and the most worshipful songs of our tradition. The children will gather in the Parish Hall at 9 a.m. to place flowers on the cross. We welcome guest musicians as well as our wonderful choir to help lead us in the holiest morning of the Christian year. A special festive Coffee Hour is to follow the service as well as an Easter Egg Hunt.



ADULT FORMATION CLASSES

**ADULT
FORMATION**

**SUNDAYS
11 A.M.**

LIBRARY



“Eat This, Not That”—A Whimsical Look at the Biblical Diet Sunday, April 23

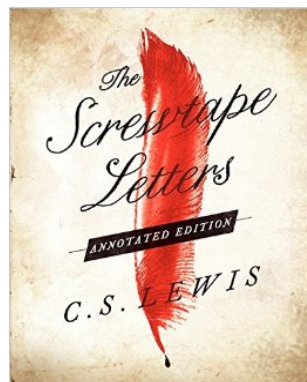
If you want to tune up your soul for summer, just follow this simple(?) diet recommended in scripture. And be sure to stay away from that bottom feeder buffet. Complete with recipes and tasty samples!

Phenomenal Women of the Bible—Miriam, Esther, Jael, and Lydia Sunday, April 30

The powerful stories of these four faithful women offer a challenge to the seemingly male dominated world of the Bible. Moreover, they are not only faithful; they are equal actors in the drama of God’s creation.

“I am the vine, you are the branches”—The Haiti Project Sunday, May 7

A presentation from the Haiti Project, an outreach ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Milwaukee that partners with others from all walks of life who share the belief that education, clean water, access to medicine, and compassion are basic human necessities to the people of a small mountain village.



We’ve got one more session of our *One Book, One Parish* series, Thursday, April 6, at 6 p.m. You are welcome to join us in the Parish Hall for a simple soup supper followed by small group conversations about *The Screwtape Letters* by C. S. Lewis.

~John Hickey

COMMON GROUND AT ST. MARK'S



BUILDING PEOPLE POWER

Spring Delegates' Assembly

Tuesday, April 25th, 2017

7:00 - 8:30 PM

St Adalbert's Church

1923 W Becher Street, Milwaukee

Parking: *Enter lot just south of Becher on S. 20th Street*

Mark Your Calendars Now

You will not want to miss this historic assembly—our first on the South Side—to be held at the South Side's biggest Catholic church.

What's your vision for our city? Come share it and hear others' visions. Meet new people, hear about their ideas for safer neighborhoods and more responsive government.

This will be our first assembly since November 2015—come to catch up with your CG friends, make new ones, and hear stories about the progress of our organizing

work since we were last all together. Common Ground's efforts to ignite positive change have had positive effects in a growing number of neighborhoods.

One of the highlights will be hearing about the successes of St. Mark's parishioner Jennifer O'Hear, CG's new director of United Parents. Her team has a new contract to hold Parent Cafés at selected Milwaukee Public Schools. At least 14 additional cafés are scheduled through the spring, including several schools and churches within the Catholic Archdiocese as well as Stellar Collegiate Charter School on the South Side, where the café will be bilingual.



At City Hall last fall for the mayor's budget talk:

L-R: Organizer John Eshun, Andy & Janet Martin

Carpools will leave
St. Mark's at 6 p.m.

Will you be hungry?
Sign up in the Parish Hall for a 5:15
sandwich supper.

APRIL 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
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ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

St. Mark's is a growing, welcoming parish on Milwaukee's Eastside. We are a vibrant community of sojourners and seekers. We are young and old, families, singles and couples, gay and straight, from a variety of races and ethnic backgrounds. Together we represent a diverse array of perspectives and life experiences. We believe that the Holy Spirit is at work in our lives and in the world and that we are called, both as individuals and as a community, to share Christ's love with our neighbors. We hope that the community at St. Mark's will help you to grow deeper in your faith and that you will find yourself enlivened by service to God and to God's world.

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
Stephen Wolff, Director of Music
Virginia Chappell, Senior Warden
Ron Tunis, Junior Warden
Bruce Jacobs, Treasurer
Sara Bitner, Parish Administrator
Bill Davies, Bookkeeper
Jyoti Bratz, Housekeeper
Skrauss, Sexton

Vestry Members
Jackie Adams
Marian Byers
Paula Wheeler
Tom Lacy
Ellie Mixer-Keller
Brooke Frizzell
Cheryl Johnson
Michael O'Hear

Sunday Eucharist 9:30 a.m.

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

Wednesday Eucharist 6:00 p.m.

Office Hours

Tuesday and Wednesday 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Friday 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

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