

Rector's Corner

"Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?" *Book of Common Prayer*, 303.

This is the question the priest asks the parents and godparents of each candidate for Holy Baptism that comes through our font. The parents and godparents answer, "We will." And then the congregation pledges, publically, "to support these persons in their life in Christ."

I cannot overstate the importance of St. Mark's, as an entire parish community, to help our children grow. We have a religious imperative for this holy work. And, not to put too fine a point on it, we have an organizational imperative for this holy work. Any way we slice it, the care and formation of our children must be a central part of any conversation we have as a parish—be that budget, staffing, space usage, mission or outreach. The Gospel is a precious gift whose purpose is to be passed along.

To this worthy end, I'm going to need your help.

Our Sunday morning Church School formation will continue, beginning with Church School Registration at Rally Sunday on September 11. If you need to register your child afterward, that's fine—just email me—but it's nice to show some excitement for the Church School on Rally Sunday (also, I hear there will be ice cream...).

Church School breaks down thusly: 0–3, Nursery; K4–2nd, Primary; 3rd–5th, Intermediate. Children in 6th grade and above will meet once a month on Sunday

evenings in my office for Confirmation preparation. This will free the 6th graders for service during worship as part of their formation—acolyting, choir, reading etc.



I need you to teach Church School. Yes, you. Our curriculum includes a short video story, an activity and a craft. The new materials are fun, easy to use, Bible story-based and foolproof. Prep time per class is about 15 minutes. Our teachers this year will serve in four week blocks only. To make this kind of robust rotation work, I need your help. I believe, in my bones, we have many more talented Church School teachers in our midst than we might think at first blush. Four weeks. Change lives. Grow the faith. Serve the church. Think about it and email me. There's also a sign-up sheet going up in the Parish Hall, and I'm going to be talking about our Church School a LOT between now and Rally Sunday.

For most of us, we are in our pews right now because of the faithful teachers and leaders who served us when we were young. Let us give this same gift to our kids.

With great affection for this parish,

Fr. Burch
(Ian+)

Theology Pub at the Movies: Edward Scissorhands

August 18
at 6 p.m.

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Deacon's Corner

One of the hallmarks of a healthy community is its ability to sustain shared values and action while respecting the differences among themselves. I have been thinking a lot about this as I recognize the different practices, personality types, and personal theologies of our members.

Among our church family I see two kinds of folks. One group is the "action members." These are the ones who head up and participate in every outreach and congregational growth activity that we have. The others are the "contemplative members." They are generally involved in quiet ministries of prayer chains, pastoral ministries, and study groups.

The first group seems to express great desires to build the church, combat injustice, or be deeply involved in charitable activities. They are the ones who are usually found on vestries and other activities that give structure and order to our parish. They concern themselves with budgets, are willing to plan and vision, and cook every dinner held at St. Mark's.

Our second group is quieter folk who usually are not in the forefront. They are more often found on Altar Guilds, gardening, being part of study groups, and attending all special services. I think of them as the gentle giants who, in a hidden way, guide the spiritual journey of the community.

Often it seems to me that one group can be critical of the other. We have only to remember the Gospel reading of Mary and Martha to see even Jesus taking sides. I have come to regret this because it truncates the full pattern of gifts offered to our common life.

I say this as an unrecovered member of the action group who can decry the fact that not everyone in the parish is out on the front lines

roasting corn, attending Common Ground meetings, volunteering at The Gathering. In short, being involved in numerous parish and community activities.

I need to look beyond the necessary business that every parish has and needs to be about, to see the value in the more spiritual side. I need to hold up those who quietly go about the business of praying for our people, perhaps reading the daily office, or arranging flowers. I need to see the fullness that each group brings to St. Mark's.

I think I do a pretty good job, as do most of you, in respecting differences between member's theologies and practices. I get that. It is part of what makes St. Mark's such a good place to be. I am often less successful in valuing the gifts that the quieter side of the parish offers. Of that, I am not proud.

A strong parish needs both kinds of members. And, as I have been increasingly aware, it needs parishioners that carry some of both sides into their ministries and leadership roles. I guess I am arguing for contemplative action to be more visible and appreciated in our work together. This, my friends, I believe would be truly a Blessing.

~Michelle Mooney

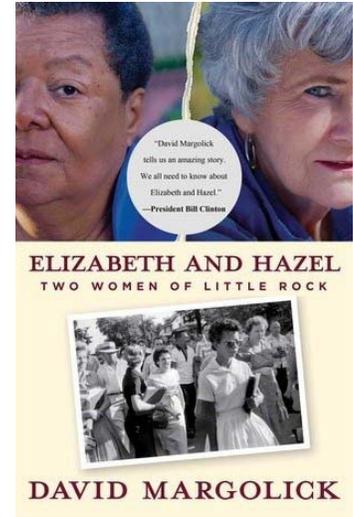


Women's Book Group

The Women's Book Group will be meeting on August 8 at 7 p.m. at the home of Michelle Mooney. The book for this month is *Elizabeth and Hazel: Two Women of Little Rock* by David Margolick. Even though the book is set in 1957, it is very timely due to all the problems we have been having in our country lately. We should have much to discuss.

Books can be purchased at Boswell for a ten percent discount or borrowed from the library. 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



20/30s Group Potluck

Saturday, August 20

6:30 p.m.

Join us for a meal, fellowship, and fun at Brooke Frizzell's place. Bring a dish to share. Contact Brooke or Ian for the address and more details.

ian@stmarksmilwaukee.org

frizzellbrooke@gmail.com



Celebrations

Birthdays

- 8/8 Norman Reynolds, Jr.
- 8/9 Alex Cain
- 8/12 Hannah Kiger
- 8/13 Brad Kirschner
- 8/13 Jackie Adams
- 8/16 Simon Eichinger
- 8/18 Andrew Martin
- 8/18 Meg Edwards
- 8/22 Joan Nason
- 8/23 Kathy Katter
- 8/23 Susanna Mortara
- 8/27 Steve Martinie
- 8/29 Owen O'Hear
- 8/31 Daniel O'Hear

Anniversaries

- 8/4 Randy Miller & Jana Troutman-Miller
- 8/18 Steve & Joan Martinie
- 8/20 Jennifer & Michael O'Hear
- 8/22 Ron & Sandi Tunis

Communication Meeting

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.



Riverwest Pantry Wish List Items

- Low-sodium tomato products
- Baking ingredients and dried herbs
- Low-sodium salad dressings and condiments
- No-added-sugar canned fruits

Egg cartons and reusable bags are always appreciated. Deepest gratitude for your generosity for those we serve at Riverwest!

St. Mark's Coffee Hour

Been avoiding hosting Coffee Hour? Think it's too much work? It's easier than ever in summertime! A pitcher of iced tea and a plate of cookies is all it takes (Quick-brew tea bags are in the church kitchen cupboard, and Sendik's is just across the street.)

Please sign up and take a turn as coffee hour host. It is an important part of St. Mark's ministry to newcomers. There is a sign-up sheet in the Guild Hall, as well as online sign-ups available at SignUpGenius.com (search for stmarkscoffeehour@gmail.com).

I am stepping down from my job as Coffee Hour Volunteer Coordinator this fall. I hope you will consider taking on this important ministry!

~Jane Shero



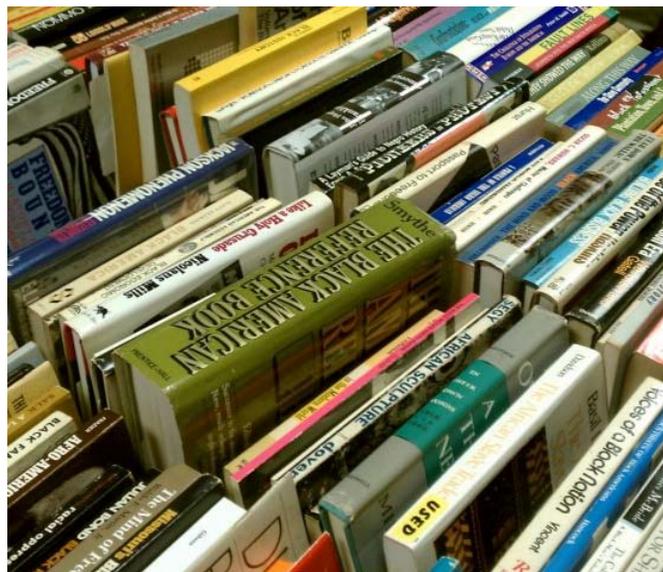
Fabulous Book Bargains at All Saints' Cathedral

The 35th Annual Great Hunger Book Sale
All Saints' Cathedral, 818 E. Juneau Ave., Milwaukee

Opening Night, Thursday, August 4, from 6–9 p.m. (\$5 donation)

Friday, August 5–Tuesday, August 9, from 11 a.m.–6 p.m. daily

- Books go to half-price starting Sunday, Aug. 7, with further reductions each day including a box and bag rate late Tuesday, Aug. 9.
- Books include fiction, nonfiction, children's/young adult, religion, philosophy, art, plays, foreign language, poetry, music, sets, reference, CDs, and DVDs.
- Rare/collectors' books, \$30 and up
- All proceeds go to local, national, and world hunger funds.
- Contact Judy Young with any questions.



Education for Ministry is Returning to St. Mark's

Two new Education for Ministry classes are starting in September in the Diocese of Milwaukee. The first is a Tuesday daytime class held at St. John's on the Lake from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. The second is a new Monday night class held from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., here at St. Mark's. Education for Ministry (EfM) is the lay adult formation program of the Episcopal Church created by the University of the South (Sewanee) and used by over 85,000 students around the world. All members of the Diocese are welcome.

Each year is an exploration of the Bible, theology, and church history with an emphasis on discovering and nurturing your ministries to family, friends, community, and the Church. Structured like a college course, but without exams or papers, EfM meets weekly for worship, discussion, and fellowship. Completion of one year earns 18 Continuing Education Units (CEUs), and a certificate is awarded for completing four years.

Please go to the EfM website <http://efm.sewanee.edu/> or contact the EfM Mentor, Bill Stotts, at wmmex@aol.com or (414) 456-0847 for additional information.

Education for Ministry Application

I would like to enroll in EfM for the 2016–2017 academic year.

Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Daytime Tuesday class from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. at St. John's on the Lake

Monday Night class from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., at St. Mark's

There are breaks for all major holidays and we are off for the summer. Regular attendance is required, but unavoidable absences can be accommodated. A check made out to Education for Ministry for the reduced tuition of \$350 must be sent to William Stotts by August 14, 2016 in order to have the texts and study materials for the first meetings during the week of September 12, 2016.



Thrift Shop Facelift

If you haven't been down in the basement recently, take a look. Sue Rohde and her Thrift Shop crew, along with help from the youth who stayed with us from Episcopal Church of Reconciliation in San Antonio, have worked tirelessly getting the Thrift Shop scaled back and spruced up.

Going forward, we'd like you to keep a few things in mind:

1. Donations are accepted during regular Thrift Shop hours. If you need to arrange a drop-off at another time, please contact Sue Rohde. Do not leave items here without checking with Sue first, especially by the back door. This is our only handicap accessible entrance into the building. When items are placed there, people who need an entrance without steps cannot get into our building.
2. The Thrift Shop is only able to accept gently-used clothing and small household goods.
3. Sue is always looking for volunteers to help run the shop. Contact her if you'd like to help out.
4. Thrift Shop Hours: Tuesday and Saturdays, from 10 a.m. to noon



Adult Formation

Our Adult Education offerings for fall are tremendously exciting. You'll see a continuation of our 11 a.m. Sunday Adult Forum—engaging such topics as heresy, the prophets, the life and letters of St. Paul and then, special for Advent, the theology of hymns. Grab your coffee and come into the library each Sunday of the fall beginning September 18. It promises to be a robust and engaging time for learning about our shared faith.



In addition to the Sunday morning offerings, stay tuned for two Theology Pub at the Movies evenings—one in September and one in November. Titles and times to be announced. Stay tuned also for a Mark's Bistro event sometime in October; we're in the process of securing a guest speaker for what promises to be a wonderful evening of learning and fellowship.

As always, our Theology Pub conversations will continue on the second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m., at Paddy's Pub, 2339 N. Murray Ave. We provide the food; you bring the conversation.

Growing in faith as adults is a fantastic way to engage with God, the Church, and the community. All are welcome! If you have any questions, please contact the Rev. John Hickey at rostovdog@aol.com.

~The Adult Education Committee

Theology Pub at the Movies Presents

Edward Scissorhands

August 18

6 p.m.

St. Mark's Guild Hall

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



Mass on the Grass
Wednesday Evenings
6 p.m.



Sunday School
Teacher Orientation

Thursday, August 25
6-8 p.m.

Rector's Office

Music Corner

By the time you are reading this announcement in *The Lion*, the first choir practice of the St. Mark's Choir will be only one month away, and many St. Mark's parishioners perhaps will have begun thinking about joining our happy group. Many of you, of course, have been gently cultivating an inclination to become members of the choir, and are only steps away, it may be, from talking to me or to one of the choir members about an initial commitment. Those of you who have sung in choirs in the past have remembered the great joy that singing in a group creates and those of you who like to sing but have never been involved in a singing group are imagining the joys and delights of discovering this unique experience. Many of you have, in fact, contemplated with anticipation the free voice lessons when you start; and for some of you these lessons will have become a "deal maker." And

further, I imagine your curiosity and interest becoming suddenly an overwhelmingly wholesome urge and you reach for your phone, call 414-881-1454, and burst out confidently, **"Steve, count me in! I want to sing in the choir! It's just the thing for me at this time! I need to sing in the choir!"** To which I, with kindness, respond, "Wonderful! I can't wait for you to start! You will be welcomed without reservation by the good-hearted people in the choir." Then I'll talk about the particulars: choir starts this year on Wednesday August 31, from 7 to 9 p.m., in the



choir room and occurs regularly on Wednesdays thereafter. We sing at the 9:30 a.m. Sunday service from the Sunday after Labor Day (our first choral service is on September 11) until Trinity Sunday, usually in June (this year, June 11, 2017), and at various special feasts not on Sunday, for example, Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, and Good Friday. There is a warm-up of an hour, before every service.

Singing in the choir is a wonderful way to experience and, at the same time, contribute to the Sunday morning liturgies at St. Mark's. Please, consider joining the choir because it is good for you! Music will help your spiritual life; music will strengthen your faith and draw you closer to our worship, and it will serve to expand your understanding of Christian joy in the resurrection. If you have any talent at all or any desire to open up your floodgates of joy and happiness, why not consider making music with us for the glory of God? The people in our group are kind and generous, and our times together are exercises in spiritual harmony.

Let me repeat: we sing at the 9:30 a.m. Eucharist and the various feasts of the church calendar. We have an hour rehearsal before each service. There is a Wednesday evening rehearsal of two hours, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Please do consider joining us. Our first rehearsal is Wednesday, August 31, at 7:00 p.m.

~Steve Wolff

August 2016 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 6 PM SWEATnDANCE	2 7:30 AM Yoga 8:15 AM Breakfast Fellowship @ Hollander 10 AM–12 PM Thrift Shop 3:30 PM Yoga	3 6 PM Mass on the Grass	4 7:30 AM Yoga 3:30 PM Yoga 8 PM AA	5 Rector's Day Off 8 PM AA	6 10 AM–12 PM Thrift Shop
7 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist 9:50 AM Bible Story Time 11 AM Adult Formation Series	8 6 PM SWEATnDANCE 6:15 PM Finance Committee 7 PM Women's Book Group	9 Elections—All Day 7:30 AM Yoga 10 AM–12 PM Thrift Shop 3:30 PM Yoga 6 PM Theology Pub	10 6 PM Mass on the Grass	11 7:30 AM Yoga 3:30 PM Yoga 5:30 PM Common Ground Core Team 8 PM AA	12 Rector's Day Off 8 PM AA	13 10 AM–12 PM Thrift Shop
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The calendar is available on our website:
www.stmarksmilwaukee.org

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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: 414-210-5881

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

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