

Downer  
Classic and  
Corn Roast  
2015

Please  
volunteer to  
help on  
Saturday,  
June 27.

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## Deacon's Corner

I have the sense that everybody is getting a little anxious over who our new rector is going to be. We are also wondering, "When will we know? When are they coming?" This is very natural since the people in every institution I know like to have a captain at the helm.

Depending on our particular passions, we are hoping that the new rector will be a whiz at stewardship, committed to children and adult formation, have a passion for pastoral work, and grew their last parish by 200 members in their first five years. And don't forget, they will be also very successful in developing lay leadership, while being a strong leader themselves. In short they will be SUPER PASTOR!

Yes, we all have high expectations for our new rector as leader of the parish. To not have a wish list of gifts that we would like our new rector to bring to us just runs contrary to human nature. But I would like to suggest a new way to anticipate the arrival of a new priest.

Let's turn our eyes on ourselves more than on our next leader. Let's dig deep in ourselves and ask the question, "What kind of gifts can I offer to the parish, and the new rector, that will help guide them in their first year with us?"

Let's not sit passively and wait for something "new" to happen. Rather be ready to begin a partnership with our priest. Decide how and where your gifts



of ministry can best help our rector and the parish. Don't be stingy with your talents and time. Help our new priest develop a sense of who we are and what we want to be in the future.

Remember you may have more years of management experience than our new leader. You may have been on the front lines of Christian formation for two or three decades. You very well could have more years of fundraising under your belt than whatever preparation was given in seminary.

So don't be shy in offering up your dreams for our parish as well as your gifts. Your generosity will be very important in our new priest's beginning years here. Now is the time to act. Discern where you can be a light and a support.

The ball is really in our court as we welcome new leadership into our parish. Your gifts are precious. Commit them today.

*~Michelle Mooney*



# Common Ground at St. Mark's

## Welcome to the Common Ground Watershed Campaign

On Saturday, June 6, we invite you to walk with us to inform our Milwaukee area neighbors that they, as individuals, can be part of a solution. Our message will be simple: During storms, do not shower, bathe, or run water-using appliances. Waiting to use water will reduce how much untreated sewage flows into our rivers and Lake Michigan.



A COMMON GROUND INITIATIVE

After the walk, you can become part of an action group committed to creating a watershed, a turning point, a change-defining moment.

- Date: Saturday, June 6—Rain or Shine!
- Location: First Unitarian Society, 1342 N. Astor St., Milwaukee
- Time: Noon (brief training precedes neighborhood walk)
- Post-walk: Pizza and celebration of a successful start

The afternoon's activities will end by 4:00 p.m. at the latest. Get in on the beginning of this campaign. Let Larry Krolkowski at [larryk@iit-sourcetechnology.com](mailto:larryk@iit-sourcetechnology.com) know if you'll be joining us for the walk.

Thanks for your interest. We hope to see you on June 6 for the walk. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Mooney.

## Ushers Needed

Due to ushers moving, out of town commitments, and extended overseas trips, the Usher Ministry is in need of three persons to fill out its five teams. Please consider volunteering to this important ministry connecting with current and new parishioners when they arrive for Sunday worship.

With five teams, you would be asked to serve just ten times per year, arriving twenty minutes before the beginning of

the service and spending a few minutes after the service to pick up the bulletins and inserts left in the pews. Service is a great way to meet and get to know our parish family and especially new persons who are visiting and perhaps seeking a faith community.

Please contact Harry Moseley at 414-967-0736 or [hmoseley@wi.rr.com](mailto:hmoseley@wi.rr.com) if you can volunteer or you have questions.

# Downer Classic Bike Race and Corn Roast June 27

The Downer Classic bike races offer an opportunity for our parish to re-introduce ourselves to the neighborhood and people who come to view the racing. For the last few years we have used the day to convert the green space into a play area for children and parents, provide some musical entertainment, and roast corn on the cob to raise funds for our Outreach Ministry. I encourage you to be a part of welcoming all to join in the fun by:

- Listening to the wonderful music organized and performed by our music director, Steve Wolff
- Helping with kids activities
- Roasting corn in the front of our church
- Selling hot roasted corn on Downer Avenue
- Bonding with our neighbors
- Enjoying a day full of bike racing and celebrating summer on the East Side

There is a sign-up sheet in the Guild Hall for you to indicate how you would like to participate and help out on Saturday, June 27. Come and join in the fun in our community.

Thanks, as always, for your support of St. Mark's. Please contact Harry Moseley at 414-976-0736 or at [hmoseley@wi.rr.com](mailto:hmoseley@wi.rr.com) if you have any questions.





## Garden Guild

St. Mark's Garden Guild meets on Tuesday evenings at 6 p.m. to work in the church gardens. You don't have to have a lot of garden experience to join us, and we always have time to chat and eat a snack at the end of the evening.

Hope to see you soon!

*~Jane Shero*

## Coffee Hour

Iced tea and cookies! That's all it takes to host coffee hour in the summertime. It's the perfect time to try your hand at this ministry of welcome and hospitality. There is a sign-up sheet in the Guild Hall (near the library doors), and another one online at [SignUpGenius.com](http://SignUpGenius.com) (search for [stmarkscoffeeshour@gmail.com](mailto:stmarkscoffeeshour@gmail.com)).

Questions? Ask Jane Shero or Barbara Costanzo. Thanks!

*~Jane Shero*

## Thanks for Serving at The Gathering—May 9, 2015



# Sunday School

Hello! There are two important dates to remember in June.

June 7 is Sunday School Recognition Day. We will recognize the hard work of teachers and students during the service. We will not be meeting in the classrooms.

June 14 is Youth Sunday and the Sunday School Picnic. The Sunday Exploration Group will be in charge of the service. Please bring a dish for the picnic buffet. A sign-up sheet is in the Guild Hall. The Sunday Exploration Group will serve ice cream sundaes.

With a sad heart I want to let everyone know that I will no longer be involved with Sunday School after this school year. Thanks to all the families that participated in Sunday School. You and your children have been blessings, and your children are truly God's greatest gifts.

~Mary Ross

**Sunday School Recognition—June 7**

**Sunday School Picnic—June 14**



**A Thank You from the Haiti Project:**

**Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**

**Thank you for your generous donation from the St. Mark's Haiti Relief Bake Sale. Your donation comes at a time when the school is renewing teacher contracts and adding the final grade to the secondary school in the village. These educational opportunities would not be possible without the faithful commitment of parishes like yours. Thank you. Mesi!**

**Your Sister in Christ,  
Heidi Ropa**

# Youth Sunday—June 14



We're very excited that our youth are going to lead the congregation in worship on Sunday, June 14.

Andrew and Daniel met with Rev. John Hickey to learn about writing the Prayers of the People. They brought their knowledge back to the group, and together with Marie and Cat, they have written the prayers for the morning. Lauren is working with Deacon Michelle to write a sermon. We have musicians working with Steve. They will share their talents with us, too.

Please be sure to join us for this very special service! Also, please stay after the service for the Sunday School Picnic.

~Jackie Adams and Jane Shero

## Further Thoughts on Intercessory Prayer



*“Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words.”*

*Romans 8:26*

Recently I needed to use a hospital Emergency Services Unit (usually referred to as the ER) twice in one week. If you’ve been a patient in the ER, you know it’s a wonderful place to be when you need those services; but it’s not the place for all medical services, and you usually go home wondering why they couldn’t do things a little faster. My visit included waiting time before being taken to a room for care and waiting time between getting the necessary tests and CT scan done and receiving the results. I was sick and apprehensive about what might happen to me.

What I saw happening around me on both occasions is that some patients who go to the ER use it instead of using the services of a primary care physician. Some patients check in and leave before their care is complete, or have issues with waiting for prescription medications to arrive or going through the necessary diagnostic tests. This all took place while many patients arrived by ambulance or by car.

The ER staff members were kind, respectful, good at their jobs, and provided everyone with all the information they needed. Their treatment of those who complained, left against medical advice, or refused care was just as good as my treatment was.

Because I was worried, of course I prayed for God to be present whatever might happen to me. My husband’s prayers for me were already assured. While I waited, I considered turning on the TV but quickly rejected that as a waste of time and brain power. It occurred to me, I’m sure because God put it in my mind, that I could use intercessory prayer on behalf of all the ER patients I’d seen or overheard. (“Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words.” Romans 8:26) Knowing what to pray wasn’t difficult because God already knew the needs of all those people. I just held up each one and asked God for all things to work together for good in their lives. (Romans 8:28, paraphrased)

By the time my ER doctor arrived with the results of the lab work and CT scan, I had stopped fretting about how long I had to wait. I felt I had accomplished something useful for the other patients. Intercessory prayer is never without effect for those for whom we pray, and it has good effects on the ones who do it as well.

*~ Sue Rohde*

# Congratulations 2015 Graduates!

## Laura Katter

Having already earned her BA in Sociology at UW, Laura Katter went to Western Kentucky, where she attended Henderson Community College and earned her RN. She will be moving back up to Madison this summer, where she has been hired to work in the ER at St. Mary's Hospital.



## Bailey Bjornstad

Marj Bjornstad's grandson, Bailey Bjornstad, is graduating from Pacific Ridge School in Carlsbad, California, on June 11. Marj is very excited to be attending the ceremony. He will be a freshman at Northwestern University in Evanston, this fall.



## Ashley Green

Ashley Green graduated Sunday, May 17, from the UW-Milwaukee with honors and received a BS degree in Kinesiology with a minor in psychology. She played Division 1 Basketball for UW-M for 4 years and served as co-captain in her senior year. This year she received the UW-M Female Student-Athlete Player of the Year Award. She has been accepted to the University of Wisconsin in Madison to its three-year doctoral Physical Therapy program in the School of Medicine. She starts June 5, 2015.

## Riverwest Pantry Wishlist Items

- Pasta or rice side dishes, or mac 'n' cheese
- Brown or white rice
- Dried or canned beans
- Tuna in water

Riverwest Food Pantry also needs empty egg cartons.

Thank you for all of your donations.



# Celebrations



## Birthdays

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|------|-------------------|------|-----------------|
| 6/1  | Alice Nelson      | 6/22 | Greta Holt      |
| 6/4  | Susan Rohde       | 6/23 | Mary Huntington |
| 6/5  | Bjorn Akerblom    | 6/26 | Lauren O'Hear   |
| 6/5  | Catherine Lacy    | 6/27 | Bill Stotts     |
| 6/8  | Steve Wolff       | 6/28 | Jane Lacy       |
| 6/11 | Chris Berg        | 6/28 | Andrew Muriuki  |
| 6/12 | Virginia Chappell | 6/29 | Todd Domenget   |
| 6/12 | Sara Bitner       | 6/29 | David Platcow   |
| 6/13 | Barb Franczyk     |      |                 |

## Anniversaries

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|------|--------------------------------|
| 6/11 | Molly and Bob Canary           |
| 6/14 | Mark and Amy Diliberti         |
| 6/15 | Richard and Karen Mollenhauer  |
| 6/17 | Andy and Janet Martin          |
| 6/23 | Nick and Mary Weckman          |
| 6/23 | Jane Shero and Michael Weinert |
| 6/24 | Tom and Sandra McLellan        |
| 6/25 | Ralph and Jessica Newcomb      |
| 6/28 | Bill and Mimi Wainwright       |
| 6/29 | John and Georgia Cain          |
| 6/30 | Harry and Ellie Moseley        |

# Men's Retreat





June 5–7

The retreat will take place at Harry Moseley's cottage in northwest Sauk County. Ryan Hemmer will present about the Problem/Nature of Good and Evil. The recommended book to read is *The Doors of the Sea: Where Was God in the Tsunami?* by David Bentley Hart. Steve Wolff has ordered books for us. They cost \$10 and are available from Steve. If you have questions or plan to attend, please contact Frank West.

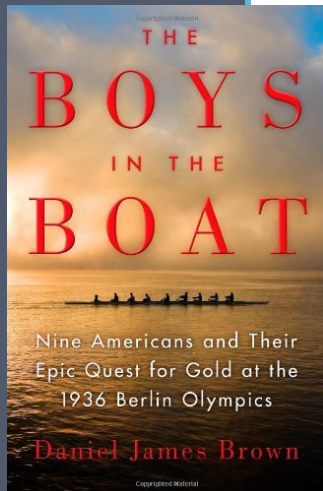




# June 2015 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> <b>6 PM</b> SWEATnDANCE <b>7 PM</b> Women's Book Group	<b>2</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Yoga <b>8:15 AM</b> Breakfast Fellowship @ Hollander <b>10 AM-12 PM</b> Thrift Shop <b>12:30 PM</b> EfM/St. John's <b>3:30 PM</b> Yoga	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Yoga <b>3:30 PM</b> Yoga <b>8 PM</b> AA	<b>5</b> Men's Retreat <b>8 PM</b> AA	<b>6</b> Men's Retreat <b>10 AM-12 PM</b> Thrift Shop
<b>7</b> Men's Retreat <b>9:30 AM</b> Holy Eucharist with Sunday School Recognition	<b>8</b> <b>6 PM</b> SWEATnDANCE	<b>9</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Yoga <b>10 AM-12 PM</b> Thrift Shop <b>12:30 PM</b> EfM/St. John's <b>3:30 PM</b> Yoga <b>7 PM</b> Outreach Committee	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Yoga <b>3:30 PM</b> Yoga <b>8 PM</b> AA	<b>12</b> <b>8 PM</b> AA 	<b>13</b> <b>10 AM-12 PM</b> Thrift Shop
<b>14</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Holy Eucharist/ Youth Service <b>11 AM</b> Sunday School Picnic <b>3 PM</b> Zoya Mahklina-Goldenberg's Students' Concert	<b>15</b> <b>6 PM</b> SWEATnDANCE <b>6:15 PM</b> Finance Committee	<b>16</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Yoga <b>8:15 AM</b> Breakfast Fellowship @ Hollander <b>10 AM-12 PM</b> Thrift Shop <b>3:30 PM</b> Yoga <b>6 PM</b> Theology Pub <b>6:30 PM</b> Vestry	<b>17</b> 	<b>18</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Yoga <b>3:30 PM</b> Yoga <b>8 PM</b> AA	<b>19</b> <b>3:30 PM</b> Nordstrom/ Nielson Wedding Rehearsal <b>8 PM</b> AA	<b>20</b> <b>9 AM</b> Men's Fellowship Breakfast <b>10 AM</b> Quilting Circle <b>10 AM-12 PM</b> Thrift Shop <b>2 PM</b> Nordstrom/ Nielsen Wedding
<b>21</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Holy Eucharist	<b>22</b> <b>6 PM</b> SWEATnDANCE	<b>23</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Yoga <b>10 AM-12 PM</b> Thrift Shop <b>3:30 PM</b> Yoga	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Yoga <b>3:30 PM</b> Yoga <b>8 PM</b> AA	<b>26</b> <b>8 PM</b> AA	<b>27</b> Downer Classic Bike Race and Corn Roast  <b>10 AM-12 PM</b> Thrift Shop 
<b>28</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Holy Eucharist	<b>29</b> <b>6 PM</b> SWEATnDANCE	<b>30</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Yoga <b>10 AM-12 PM</b> Thrift Shop <b>3:30 PM</b> Yoga				

## Women’s Book Group



July Book Selection

Join the Women’s Book Group June 1, at 7 p.m. at the home of Ellie Moseley. The book to be discussed is *The Golem and the Jinni* by Helene Wacker.

The Women’s Book Group will meet again on Monday, July 6, at 7 p.m., at the home of Barbara Costanzo. The book to be discussed is *The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics* by Daniel James Brown. He has created an unforgettable portrait of an era, a celebration of a remarkable achievement, and a chronicle of one extraordinary young man’s personal quest.

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

~Ellie Moseley

Drop off books  
at All Saints’  
Cathedral  
starting June 15.

Sale runs  
July 31–Aug. 4

## 34th Annual Hunger Book Sale

Gather the books you have finished reading this year and those you no longer want to keep, then donate them to a great cause: the Hunger Book Sale at All Saints’ Cathedral. The sale raises funds for local, national, and international hunger causes (e.g., The Gathering, St. Ben’s Community Meals, St. John’s Cathedral Open Door Café, Sojourner Family Peace Center, and Episcopal Relief and Development).

The 2015 deadline for donating is July 22.

The 2015 Hunger Book Sale will open Thursday night, July 30, from 6–9 p.m. for a preview, and run Friday, July 31, through Tuesday, August 4, from 11 a.m.–6 p.m.

Starting Monday, June 15, you may drop off your books, CDs or DVDs (no magazines, x-library or textbooks over five years old, please) at All Saints’ Cathedral, 818 E. Juneau Ave., Monday–Thursday, at the back door (there will be a sign) or call the Cathedral at 271-7719 for a pick up anytime now.





*People in community feeding the hungry*

# THE 2015 GATHERING GOLF CLASSIC

**Monday, June 22nd, 2015**

*Proceeds benefit The Gathering's Meal Programs for Milwaukee's hungry and homeless*



N6246 US Hwy 12 Elkhorn, WI

## Schedule

- 12:00** Registration/Raffle
- 12:30** Lunch
- 1:30** Shotgun Start
- 6:00** Dinner and Raffle

## \$125 per golfer

(\$60 tax deductible)  
Price includes lunch, golf cart, 18 holes, 2  
drink tickets & dinner

## Registration Information

You may register:  
online at [www.thegatheringwis.org](http://www.thegatheringwis.org), by calling  
The Gathering at 414-272-4122 or  
by e-mail at [soulfood@thegatheringwis.org](mailto:soulfood@thegatheringwis.org)



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**Sunday Service 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.

**Deacon Michelle's Office Hours:**

Monday 1:00–3:00 p.m.  
Thursday 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

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**The Rev. Michelle P. Mooney**, Deacon  
**The Rev. John Hickey**, Priest Associate  
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