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RECTOR'S CORNER

These last few weeks have given me a bit of whiplash. The office is humming along with its usual efficiency. The staff is working harder than ever to meet the logistical needs of a growing, thriving parish. Your vestry are concerned with innumerable tasks having to do with the health and safety of our physical plant and its many years of deferred maintenance. St. Mark's is full of energy, and it's almost a little hard to keep up.

Mercifully, the church in its wisdom offers an antidote to freneticism. The great rites of church force us to stop, to attend, to those things in life that are most important. In the last few weeks, I've had the pleasure to bury one parishioner, marry another, and plan the baptism of a third. In each of these cases, the church demands that we stop and pay attention to Christ in our midst.

The wedding was, of course, beautiful—a young couple beginning a new part of their life with the blessing of God and of family. The funeral gave St. Mark's the opportunity to tell one of our own, "well done, good and faithful servant." We cried together and told stories of the goodness of God and the faithfulness of God's people. And I'm really looking forward to the baptism. I can't wait to ask God to welcome this little baby into the Body of Christ and to seal upon her head the sign of the cross.

These rites tell us who we are. These rites stop us. These rites demand that we acknowledge that time is holy and a gift of God. We mark time differently inside the church than outside it, and that is a good thing. The business of this crazy world can eat us alive if we let it. The church pushes back to remind us that God's time is sacred; the time on our cell phone is an illusion.

Be sure to thank the staff and the vestry for all they are doing to provide the scaffolding for the ministries that you are accomplishing in the world. And, if they look a little tired, bring them a cup of tea or a snack. And if they are looking REALLY tired, help them remember that the important stuff—the real stuff—are the moments when God breaks into our world and requires our special attention. When we bless a baby. When we bind two people together in marriage. When we ask for God's mercy on the departed.

As any honest author will tell you, I write these words for myself as much as for you.

Blessings,
Fr. Burch (Ian+)

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Ministry Leaders

The next
Communications
Meeting is Dec. 10,
at 11 a.m., in the
Rector's Office.
Come prepared to
discuss the calendar
through April 8,
2018.



DEACON'S CORNER

November and December have two of the most important holidays in America—Thanksgiving and Christmas. They are times that our culture says should bring joy and thanksgiving into our lives. Sometimes however, we seem to miss some of the promised good cheer.

As I get older, I think a lot about Christmases and Thanksgivings in years past. They seem to stand out, for me, as times that brought more cheer and happiness than they do now. I want to bring back those special and sacred feelings to my holidays.

Joy and thanksgiving around these celebrations can become lost in holidays too packed with parties, shopping for those perfect gifts, and all the “ho, ho, hos” of a commercial Christmas. I want to put the joy and simplicity back into my celebrations, and I hope that you do, too.

First, I would suggest that you as an individual or family do some charitable acts together. Find a charity to donate some money to so that others may find their holiday a little brighter. Or better yet, find someplace to volunteer that would benefit from your help, bringing cheer and joy to all.

Don't try to pack in too many parties and over the top festivities into the season. Think about how you might simplify your celebrations into a few cherished ones. Spend time really searching where you can bring joy into other folks' lives.

Small presents for senior citizens distributed through Eastside Senior Services, whose office is right in our St. Mark's building could be a great start. It isn't just children who enjoy a special gift on Christmas.

Baking a turkey for The Gathering's special Thanksgiving dinner could bring home just how much we have to be thankful for in our friends and families. Getting the children involved is a great way to start them on a thankful heart.

I am sure you can think of many places where a donation or some volunteer hours would bring joy to someone in need—and bring a sense of happiness as well, both for them and for you.

Keep on the lookout for opportunities to bring more joy and thanksgiving into the world through your efforts. I know your payment will return many times over. I know mine will.

~Michelle

RIVERWEST PANTRY WISHLIST

- Turkey gravy
- Low sodium chicken broth
- Low sodium canned tuna/chicken
- Canola/olive oil

Thanks as always for your generosity to our pantry community!



COLLECTING HOLIDAY GIFTS FOR EASTSIDE SENIOR SERVICE

Coffee hour on December 3, the first Sunday of Advent, will feature a gift-wrapping station where everyone can pitch in to wrap small donated gifts for clients of Eastside Senior Services, our upstairs neighbor in the parish hall. Between now and then, please bring your donations of small (around \$5) items to the church office. For ideas, see the box at the bottom of this page.

ESS has been helping older adults on the east side of Milwaukee for over 40 years. The goal is to help seniors (60+) live independently and stay connected to their community. ESS provides the following services:

- Transportation to medical appointments, grocery shopping, errands
- Friendly phone calls
- Home visits
- Advocacy and information/referrals
- Minor home repairs and outdoor chores

A phone call to the ESS office puts the client in touch with one of over 35 volunteers. Some of the clients live on limited incomes or have few family members available to help. There is, however, no income restriction.

Jane Raymer Szecsy is the Executive Director and the only paid employee. The Board of Directors has members from the churches and the community at large. All services are provided by Jane and volunteers. ESS is financed by annual contributions from ten local churches, sponsorships from St. John's on the Lake and Suminski Funeral homes, annual fund raisers, and contributions from many individuals.

St. Mark's has been instrumental in the success of ESS. An annual contribution is made from the outreach budget and office space is provided on the second floor. Two parishioners serve on the Board of Directors and several volunteer drivers are from St. Mark's. Each Christmas parishioners donate and wrap small gifts that are delivered to ESS clients.

The impact of the services provided is best stated by grateful clients:

“Thanks for helping me when I need it.”

“I'm hanging in there with help.”

“You have eased my mind and made my heart smile.”

For further information, call or email the office (414-210-5881 or essmilw@gmail.com), visit our website (essmilw.org), or talk to Ron Zingler or Carolyn Davies

New volunteers are welcome. Request a volunteer application where you can indicate the frequency of your availability. Some volunteer once a month, others weekly. You decide what works for your schedule.

~Carolyn Davies

The gift items most requested and most appreciated by the clients are gift cards to local businesses, nonperishable foods, gloves, hats, scarves, small pine trees, wreaths, and greeting cards/stationery with postage stamps. You may drop items off at the church office. Thank you so much!



THEOLOGY PUB

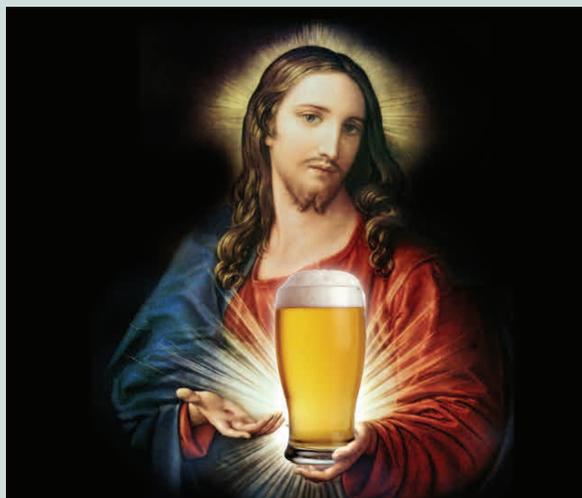
Second Tuesdays of the Month
6:30 p.m.
Paddy's Pub
2339 N. Murray Ave.

November 14—*Be Fruitful and Multiply and Fill the Earth and Subdue It*

Is this still part of our job description?

December 12—*Death Shall Be No More*

What does the promise of heaven look like?



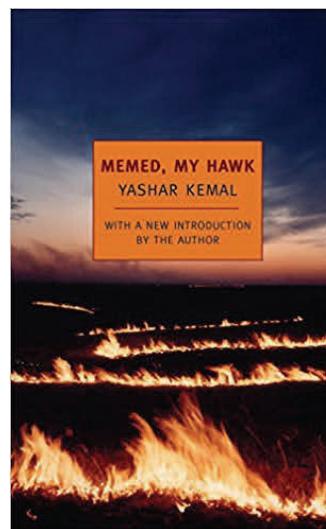
WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP

The Women's Book Group will be meeting on November 13, at 7 p.m., at the home of Judy Young. This is our book selection night for 2018. Please come with a short list of books you'd like to recommend. They should be books that you have read and scheduled for publication in paperback in 2018. If you cannot attend, please send your book titles with someone coming to the meeting.

We will also be meeting on December 11, at 7 p.m., at the home of Barbara Costanzo. Our book for discussion will be *Memed, My Hawk* by Yashar Kemal. The setting for this book is southeast Turkey. It is about a young man at war with feudal authority. The book was first published in the 1950s. Please join us for a lively discussion.

Books can be purchased at Boswell Book Company for a ten percent discount or borrowed from a library. If you need directions to either of these meetings, please email Sara in the church office (sara@stmarksmilwaukee.org). All women of the church are invited. Guests are very welcome.

~Ellie Moseley



December book selection

CELEBRATIONS

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

11/7 Barry Eichinger
11/7 Michael O'Hear
11/10 Don Green
11/13 Helen Brewer
11/27 Joan Kuehl
11/27 Ron Tunis

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

11/12 Janice Rhodes and Greg Burce
11/15 Norm and Elaine Reynolds

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

12/1 Barbara Costanzo
12/2 John Dudek
12/2 Jyoti Bratz
12/10 Ellie Moseley
12/11 Georgia Cain
12/13 Maja (Akerblom) Hassinger
12/15 Justin Mortara
12/18 David Huntington
12/19 Kris Kreuziger
12/20 Joan Blaicher
12/20 Judy Young
12/21 Amy Diliberti
12/22 Kate Johnson
12/29 Russell Graef

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

12/3 David and Mary Huntington



TURKEY CHEFS NEEDED

The Gathering Meal Program will serve Thanksgiving Dinner to 550–600 guests on Saturday, November 18, at three Milwaukee locations.

You can be a part of that celebration by cooking one of the 90 turkeys needed. St. Mark's will have 20 of these turkeys for volunteers to take home and cook available in the Parish Hall after the service on Sunday, November 5. Disposable pans, cooking instructions and zip-lock freezer bags come with each turkey. We ask that you bring them back to the church—cooked, deboned and frozen—on Sunday morning, November 12. Whether you have never cooked a turkey before or you have cooked hundreds, this is a simple way to put your faith into action.



The Gathering also needs pies for the event. If you would like to bake a pie, please bring it to church on November 12 as well. It will be greatly appreciated! For further information, contact Ginny Schrag at vrschrag@thegatheringwis.org or at 414-803-1806.

Turkey pick-up is Sunday, November 5, after the service.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Students from UWM, Marquette, and MSOE gather regularly to worship God, serve our neighbors, and to simply have fun together. If you are interested in joining our Campus Ministry Group or would like to learn more of what we're up to, please email our campus minister, Matt Phillips at matt@stmarksmilwaukee.org.



Campus Ministry group at a baseball game in September.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

More Church School Teachers Needed

Thank you to all of our fall semester Church School teachers! Our young people have had so much fun and are so blessed to have such wonderful stewards of the church to guide them as they learn and find the foundations of their faith.

We are still in great need of teachers for all of our spring semester teaching blocks. If you are interested in serving in this vital ministry, please email Matt Phillips at matt@stmarksmilwaukee.org or sign up in the Parish Hall.



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Advent Wreath Making

Join us on Christ the King Sunday, November 26, for our intergenerational Advent Wreath Making Day! After worship and during Coffee Hour, all are invited to prepare for a holy Advent by creating their very own Advent wreath.

Advent is a season about preparing the world as well as our hearts for the arrival of Christ. Christians have used Advent wreaths for centuries to set their hearts ablaze with anticipation as they measure the weeks leading up to Christmas. We hope you can join us to share in this beautiful tradition!

Christmas Pageant

Our annual Christmas Pageant returns on Sunday, December 17, during our 9:30 a.m. worship service. Children of all ages are welcome to participate in this year's pageant. Rehearsals will be Sunday, December 10, and Saturday, December 16. If you are interested in joining or want to learn more about our pageant, please email Matt Phillips at matt@stmarksmilwaukee.org.



DONORS FOR ADVENT GREENS NEEDED



The Flower Guild would like your help decorating St. Mark's for Advent. You are welcome to donate any amount to go toward purchasing greens for the season of Advent. We use greens to make bouquets, adorn the Advent wreath, and decorate the roof of our crèche with fir boughs. We will list donor names in service bulletins.

Rose Sunday, December 17, is available for the usual donation of \$50. We purchase pink roses to include in the bouquets and the Advent wreath. For Rose Sunday, your name and the occasion you would like to have recognized will appear in the service bulletin. You may sign up on the flower chart in the Parish Hall near the Library doors.

The deadline for donating towards Advent greens is Sunday, November 26. You may pay by check (write "Advent greens" on the memo line) or electronically (click DONATE on our website, and choose "Advent greens" from the drop-down menu). As usual, all donations are tax deductible. Thanks for your help from all of us of the Flower Guild.

~Judy Young

Open Doors + Bold Future

On Sunday, November 19, we will gather to give thanks to God for the generosity of St. Mark's members as we conclude our 2018 Stewardship Open Doors + Bold Future Campaign with a Wrap-Up Party during Coffee Hour.

WHY YOU SHOULD TRY COMING TO MIDWEEK EUCHARIST

I was glad when they said to me; Let us go to the house of the Lord Psalm 122: 1

Midweek Eucharist is held each Wednesday evening at 6:00 p.m. at St Mark's, either in the Chapel, or as "Mass on the Grass" outside during the summer months. These services are presided over by either the Rev. Ian Burch or the Rev. John Hickey, who may also preach. Coming just when we need to recharge, the services provide us with a second opportunity during the week to worship God in fellowship with each other, to pray for forgiveness of our sins and to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion as we remember that Christ died for us. Then each service there is time to share snacks, wine and cheese as we get to know each other better.

I have found these midweek services to be thoroughly enjoyable—they have truly been a blessing to me. Wednesday services are less formal than our traditional Sunday Mass with several opportunities for members of the congregation to participate. Members select the songs, read the scripture passages, and participate in the Prayers of the People, including a time for personal prayers, which may be done either silently or aloud. All are invited for midweek blessings, so "Let us go to the House of the Lord" each Wednesday, at 6:00 p.m.

~Genevieve Vassell

TREASURER'S REPORT



Our parish ran a small operating deficit in the third quarter, which includes the late summer vacation months. However, we received substantial grant revenue that more than covered the deficit and supported the Campus Ministry and other activities.

On a year-to-date basis, we continue to have a surplus of revenue over expenses and a strong balance sheet with short term investments, endowment funds, and relatively few outstanding liabilities.

Our challenge will be to enter 2018 with increased stewardship pledges to sustain a bold program of service within and without the parish.

~Bruce Jacobs

MUSIC CORNER

I invite any singers who are unable to make a long-term commitment to singing at St. Mark's to join us for the time during which we prepare for the Advent Lessons and Carols and the Christmas Eve Eucharist. If you're interested in offering gifts of music during this joyful season, please contact me at 414-881-1454 or stephen_j_wolff@yahoo.com. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings from 7 to 8:30 p.m. You will be most welcome.

~Steve Wolff



Advent Lessons and Carols
Sunday, December 10, at 4 p.m., at St. Mark's

ART GALLERY: JORDAN ACKER ANDERSON

ARTIST STATEMENT

Jordan Acker Anderson's imagery is motivated by her interest in social justice. She uses personal iconography to explore intentions for peace and reconciliation. The process of painting allows her to explore our impermanence and legacy. She brings observations of unjust social systems into her studio practice to create hopeful rebuttals and petitions.



Rebuttal: 20 Minutes of Action x Twenty

The work serves as a reminder, through personal interpretation, of cultural struggle that we collectively know, feel, and experience, and yet as individuals, we have limited ability to bring about change. Social activism is a slow path and change is hard to observe in the present tense; the work helps mitigate the impatience one experiences in the face of oppressive statistics, behaviors, and politics.

BIOGRAPHY

Currently, Jordan Acker Anderson lives in Wauwatosa, where she serves as Associate Professor of Art, along with Chair of Art and Graphic Design, for Mount Mary University. She graduated from the University of Nebraska Omaha in 2002 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in painting. She did her graduate research at the University of Iowa in painting and drawing, receiving a Masters of Art in 2006 and a Masters of Fine Arts in 2007. Her work revolves around universal themes of service, soul, life force, breath, instinct, survival, nature, time and ritual.



One in Four: Immortal Equality

GALLERY HOURS

Tuesday—9 to 5
Wednesday—9 to 5
Friday—9 to 1
Saturday—10 to noon
Sunday—9 to noon

Also by appointment;
Call 414-962-0500 to
arrange.

Join us for an
opening reception
on November 5
at 11 a.m.

Special note about the Art Gallery: Todd Domenget has decided to step down as head of the Art Gallery. He has sought out engaging artists, coordinated the hanging of the artwork, and celebrated the art by offering receptions to meet the artists and their work. We thank him for his years of service bringing interesting and colorful artwork exhibits to our parish. Jackie Adams will be stepping into the role. The artwork in the gallery brings much life and interest to our building, and we're delighted that this ministry will continue.

HAITI ART SALE

The Diocese of Milwaukee continues to support the community in and around Jeannette, Haiti through the work of the Haiti Project. We will have art work and craft objects from Haiti for sale during Coffee Hour on December 3, just in time for Christmas shopping. All proceeds will go to the Haiti Project. We will have lots of information about the project as well as information about donating to support it, including sponsorships of individual children.

The photos here will give you a taste of the kinds of items our parishioners have purchased in support of Haitian artists over the years. For more information, and lots of photos, please visit haitiproject.org. You can also donate directly to support the Jeannette schools (now including secondary school) and the community's water purification project.

~Virginia Chappell



Three panels tell the Nativity and Epiphany stories in what's called *fer forjé*— metal cut and pounded from steel drums



Paper maché model of a *tap-tap*—public transportation for people and market goods



Once again we will be gathering on the evening before Thanksgiving, November 22, at 6 p.m. for a Eucharist followed by a pie social. Stay tuned to the Friday eblasts for details about how you can help contribute.

DIAPER DRIVE

What better way to help prepare our hearts for the arrival of the baby Jesus than helping families in our community care for their own babies?



Like last year, this Advent and Christmas season, St. Mark's will be collecting diapers and wipes. Donations will be given to Robyn's Nest, a part of Children's Hospital of Wisconsin Community Services. Robyn's Nest is located in the City of Milwaukee and serves approximately 2,000 foster families per year, as well as families identified by Children's Hospital as having unmet need.

Please bring unopened packages of diapers and wipes to church beginning December 3 through January 7, and place

them in the crib in the Parish Hall. All sizes of diapers are appreciated, but larger sizes (4-6) are particularly needed. On January 7, the first Sunday after the Epiphany, we will bless the donations.

Why diapers?

- As many as 1 in 3 families in the U.S. experience diaper need at some point.
- Diapers cost as much as \$1,200 per year.
- 29 percent of residents in the City of Milwaukee live at or below the federal poverty line, and the majority of births in the city are to single mothers.
- Funds from programs such as SNAP (food stamps) and WIC cannot be used on diapers.
- Leaving children in soiled diapers can cause serious health problems.
- Inability to afford diapers prevents women from working or attending school because most childcare providers require parents to provide diapers.

Why not cloth diapers?

While cloth diapers can be a great option for many families, many childcare facilities do not accept cloth diapers. Many laundromats do not allow the use of their machines to launder cloth diapers. For the clients served by Robyn's Nest and other diaper pantries, disposable diapers are the most practical option.

Last year we collected 4,089 diapers and 4,598 wipes. That was enough for Robyn's Nest to provide diapers to its clients for nine months!

Questions?

Contact Brooke Frizzell at frizzellbrooke@gmail.com or 414-477-1270.

~Brooke Frizzell

FLOWERS, WREATHS AND BRASS FOR CHRISTMAS



St. Mark's Flower Guild is planning to have a big red and green Christmas season, with poinsettia-filled urns and poinsettia trees, cut flowers all in red, several varieties of seasonal greens plus wreaths and trees. A special feature of our late service on Christmas Eve will be a trumpet player.

We will place envelopes in the service bulletins for you to make a contribution towards flowers and brass for St. Mark's holiday services. There will be a form included in the envelopes for you to indicate dedications (e.g. memorials, thanksgivings) that will be printed in the holiday service bulletins. The deadline for having these included in holiday bulletins this year is Sunday, December 17. Contributions may be made after this date, but due to the busy season, the office will not be able to include those details in holiday bulletins. You may pay by check (mark "Flowers/Brass" on the memo line) or electronically (click DONATE on our website, and choose "Christmas Flowers and Brass"). As always, contributions will appear on pledge statements and are fully tax-deductible.

Thanks in advance from the Flower Guild and St. Mark's musicians for your contributions.

~Judy Young



Advent and Christmas Services

December 10, 4 pm	Advent Lessons and Carols
December 17, 9:30 am	Christmas Pageant
December 24, 9:30 am	Morning Prayer
December 24, 4 pm	Christmas Eve Eucharist
December 24, 11 pm	Christmas Eve Eucharist with Brass
December 25, 9:30 am	Christmas Day Eucharist

NOVEMBER 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 4 PM Bible Study 6 PM Midweek Eucharist 6:30 PM UWM: International Foods 7 PM Choir	2 7:30 AM Yoga 3:30 PM Yoga 8 PM AA	3 Rector's Day Off 5 PM Schroeder/Behrend Wedding Rehearsal 8 PM AA	4 10 AM–12 PM Thrift Shop 4 PM Schroeder/Behrend Wedding
5 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist 11 AM Adult Education 11 AM Art Gallery Opening Reception	6 12:30 PM EfM 3:30 PM UWM: Healthy Foods 6:15 PM SWEATnDANCE 6:30 PM UWM: Healthy Foods 7 PM Women's Book Group	7 7:30 AM Yoga 8:15 AM Breakfast Fellowship @ Hollander 10 AM–12 PM Thrift Shop 3:30 PM Yoga 7 PM Parent Wellness	8 4 PM Bible Study 6 PM Midweek Eucharist 6:30 PM UWM: International Foods 7 PM Choir	9 7:30 AM Yoga 3:30 PM Yoga 8 PM AA	10 Rector's Day Off 8 PM AA	11 10 AM–12 PM Thrift Shop 4 PM Phillips/Szontagh Wedding Rehearsal
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For the most current update, please view our calendar
on our website: www.stmarksmilwaukee.org

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.

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Brooke Frizzell
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Michael O'Hear

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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.

Eastside Senior Services:
414-210-5881