

# THE LION

## RECTOR'S CORNER

Christian friends,

It's probably not a shock to anyone that I tend to associate with the more progressive wing of the church. I'm not particularly dogmatic as a matter of temperament, and I have a hard time losing sleep if a liturgical norm is bent, if candles are lit in a heterodox manner, or if the wrong color accidentally finds itself on the altar. I love the people that make up the church, and I often don't share the same concerns as my more traditionalist brothers and sisters.

That said, I find that Lent is a season when I like to lean into the old traditions of the church. I think it's good for the soul to think and talk about sin — corporate, personal, hidden, obvious. Not sins, as in all the little things a person might do to muddy a relationship with God, but sin, the state of tending to miss the mark and need to be forgiven.

Lent is one of the few seasons in our lives when we are invited in a formal way to reflect on what it is like to be human, to be limited, to be mortal. So much of what the world tries to sell is eternal youth, happiness, and comfort. In the church, we know that simply isn't true. Lent is a time to look into the corners of our souls, our families, our businesses, and our parish to see where the cobwebs are. Perhaps we need to be more in prayer, more in fasting. Maybe, we are being asked to give more of our time or our wealth to create a more just world. I'm not sure what your souls look like, but I know that mine could always use a good dusting.

And so, I find myself turning to the traditional rites of the church — the ashes of Ash Wednesday, the Great Litany on the first Sunday of Lent, the extra services, prayer, and study that accompany the forty days before Easter. And I would invite you to do the same. If you have experienced Lent every year of your whole life, wonderful. You're invited. If you've never taken the opportunity to experience a holy Lent filled with prayer, study, and fasting, then I invite you also into this penitential season.

Let the traditional words and prayers of the church form you in these next forty days. Prepare, study, and pray. Every field that ever produced a mighty harvest first sat fallow. Easter is our harvest, but for now, we sit and wait quietly, allowing the words of the church to prepare us.

Your brother in Christ,

Fr. Burch  
(Ian+)

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## MARCH SUNDAY ADULT FORUMS



### FACES OF EVIL: ON THE NATURE OF WICKEDNESS

All civilizations have recognized that evil is a reality in the world. Using scenes from films to set the stage, these Sunday Lenten classes will explore the varied ways we experience evil and how as Christians we are called to respond. Classes held in the library at 11 am.

**March 10** – “The Devil Made Me Do It” – *The Exorcist*: Satan, demoniacs and dualism

**March 17** – “I Was Just Following Orders” – *Schindler’s List*: The banality of collective evil

**March 24** – “If I’d Only Had A Pony” – *Strangers on a Train*: Psychological explanations of bad behavior

**March 31** – “Hey, It Was in Grandpa’s Genes!” – *Young Frankenstein*: Science, materialism and the doubtful existence of free will

**April 7** – “The Face in the Mirror” – *A Simple Plan*: Personal responsibility and the community’s response

**April 14** – “I Won’t Play That Game” – *No Country for Old Men*: Two different yet distinctly Christian responses to evil

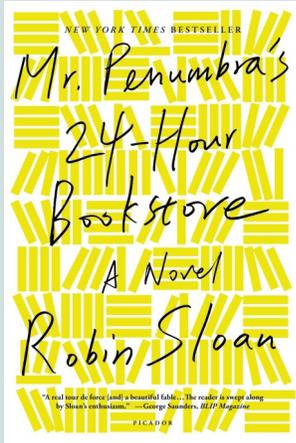
~John Hickey

### Announcing the 8am Eucharist

St. Mark’s will launch its expanded Sunday schedule beginning the first Sunday of Lent (March 10). The 8 a.m. Eucharist will be spoken, alternating between Rite I and Rite II in the Book of Common Prayer depending on the needs of the congregation. The main sanctuary doors will open at 7:40 a.m., and we will conduct the service in The Chapel of the Bread of Life, just dedicated last December. I imagine the Eucharist will be small, quiet, and reverent. If this is a service you would consider attended from time to time, I’d love to hear from you just to get a sense of how an additional 8 a.m. service will meet the needs of our growing parish.

Fr. Burch [ian@stmarksmilwaukee.org](mailto:ian@stmarksmilwaukee.org)

## WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP



April Book Selection

The Women's Book Group will not be meeting in March but will have their next meeting on April 8, at 7 p.m., at the home of Jayne Heffron. Our book for discussion will be *Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore* by Robin Sloan. The Great Recession has shuffled Clay Jannon away from his life as a San Francisco web-design drone and into the isles of Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore. He discovers the store is more curious than its owner or name. Customers are few and they never seem to buy anything. Clay embarks on a mission to get to the bottom of the shop's real purpose. Come join us for a fun discussion and fellowship.

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 also very welcome.

~Ellie Moseley

## FARMERS MARKET COORDINATOR NEEDED

Last summer, St. Mark's hosted four Farmers & Craft Markets on the North Lawn adjacent to our parking lot. The farmers and craft booth operators make a donation to the parish for each of their booths, and we send the money along to the Haiti Project. It's a fun and easy way to be out in the community and to make some money to support the health clinic and the school in Jeanette, Haiti. I've told the vendors that I'd consider the market again this summer IF someone in the parish would like to be the Farmers Market Coordinator — to liaise among the vendors, unlock the building, and put on the coffee (we sell coffee to help raise money!) as well as solicit baked goods from the parish. It's a job that requires probably 5-6 hours each month of the summer in addition to the 4 hours that the Market happens (typically the last Saturday of June, July, August, and September). If this is the kind of ministry you think you'd like to take on, or if a team of you feel like taking this on, shoot me an email.



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## March Celebrations

### BIRTHDAYS

3/1	Rose Mortara	3/10	Isabella Mortara
3/1	Maren Vila	3/10	Tyler Green
3/2	Tron Patnode	3/16	Emory Farkas
3/3	Jan Rhodes	3/18	TJ Davies
3/5	Mary Ross	3/21	Peter Batchelder
3/8	Kyle Potter	3/24	Cheryl Johnson

### ANNIVERSARIES

3/10 Sue & Steve Rohde  
3/14 Paula Wheeler & James Arndorfer

Don't see your birthday or  
anniversary listed?

Send Sara an email with the details!

[sara@stmarkmilwaukee.org](mailto:sara@stmarkmilwaukee.org)

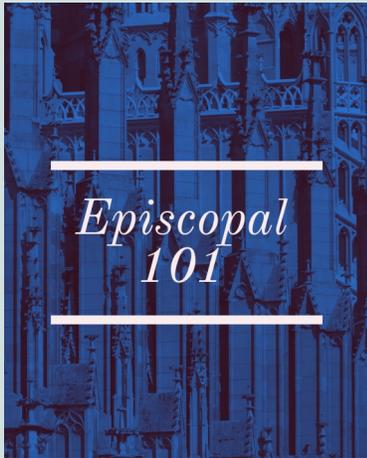
### COFFEE HOUR



A huge thank you to all who have participated in hosting coffee hour in the recent months. I was traveling much of January and was a bit concerned that all the Sundays didn't have hosts. Silly me! Upon returning, I found not only all of January had been taken care of but most of February and March were signed up for too. We have many new hosts which mean many new tasty treats! Lots of people tell me they are willing to help but don't want to head up a coffee hour. If you're willing to host and would like suggestions of people to team up with, please feel free to contact me ([zingpeople@sbcglobal.net](mailto:zingpeople@sbcglobal.net)).

Thanks again to all who host coffee hour. It is a wonderful ministry to all at St. Mark's.

*~Jamie Zingler*



Sundays March 24 & 31 and April 7, at 11 a.m., in the Rector's Office

Why do Episcopalians cross themselves? Are we Catholics or Protestants? Why do we have funny words for everything? You are warmly invited to learn more about the Episcopal faith in a three-part conversation with the rector and each other. Please RSVP to [sara@stmarksmilwaukee.org](mailto:sara@stmarksmilwaukee.org). As much as possible, we would like participants to commit to being at all three sessions.

## SINGERS WANTED



Want to sing in the St. Mark's choir? Join us as we prepare for the season of Lent, culminating in Holy Week and Easter. If you're interested in offering gifts of music during this important season of the church year, please talk to Steve or just show up. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

*~Steve Wolff*

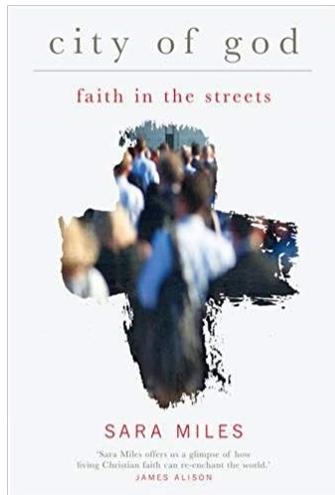
## RIVERWEST FOOD PANTRY



- Low Sodium Tomato Products
- Shampoo, Body Wash, and Deodorant
- Baking Ingredients and Salt Free Seasonings
- Whole Grain Cereal and Oatmeal
- Toilet Paper

Thanks as always for your generosity to our pantry community!

## ONE BOOK, ONE PARISH | LENTEN BOOK STUDY



This Lent, come and enter into a parish-wide discussion on Sarah Miles' marvelous book *City of God: Faith in the Streets*. A former atheist and founder of a daily food pantry in the Mission District of San Francisco, Miles writes with strength and passion about what it is to see God in the faces of those she serves. Publishers Weekly describes the books as, "A convincing Lenten adventure into a dynamic Christian view of faith in the streets, of repentance and blessing, life and death, in the cracked sidewalks and fractured realities of the city of God."

There are several ways to participate. Each Thursday of Lent, beginning March 14, we will gather in the Parish Hall for a simple soup supper at 6 p.m., followed by small group conversations on the book. If Thursday nights are difficult for you, we will post study questions on our Facebook page as well as some teaser questions in the bulletin. You may come for one or all the Thursday night sessions. It should be a thoughtful and meaningful series.

The church has 25 copies. Feel free to take one from the back of the church and kindly put \$10 in the basket provided. You're welcome to use your own copy as well. Or, if we run out, we'll order more! RSVP to [ian@stmarksmilwaukee.org](mailto:ian@stmarksmilwaukee.org), and we look forward to our One Book, One Parish supper and conversation program for Lent.

## LENTEN MOVIE NIGHT

March 31, 5 p.m. Save the Date. In addition to our Lenten Book series and expanded opportunities for worship, we have added a Lenten Film to our observance this year. This year's film is *Antonia's Line* winner of the Oscar for Best Foreign Language Film in 1995. It's a lush and moving film that tackles themes of religion, family, and power — all accompanied by peerless acting and a lush score. The film is rated R and contains some violence and adult themes. If parents are interested in bringing little ones to the movie night, I'll have a more appropriate film going in my office for the kids. It might be nice to turn the film night into a potluck, so if there's anyone who would like to coordinate that, let me know.



~Fr. Burch [ian@stmarksmilwaukee.org](mailto:ian@stmarksmilwaukee.org)



## **A Father Brown Mystery**

**March 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10**

**at St Mark's Episcopal Church  
2618 N. Hackett Ave.**

**Solve the mystery in this  
charming "whodunnit"**

**Tickets - \$12**

**[morningstarproductions.org](http://morningstarproductions.org)**

## **LENTEN PRACTICE FOR FAMILIES | UTO BLUE BOXES**



Lent is often a season when people try to pay less attention to the many things they find around them and focus more on the one who gave us everything: God. Every year, the United Thank Offering (UTO) invites Christians to thank God for each and every blessing they are given and to make an offering using a UTO Blue Box. Beginning Sunday, March 10 and throughout this Lenten season, your family can count and give thanks for your blessings by collecting change in your Blue Box to be donated at church on Easter Sunday!

UTO is a ministry of The Episcopal Church for the mission of the whole church. 100% of donations collected by UTO are distributed to support innovative mission and ministry throughout The Episcopal Church and Provinces of the Anglican Communion in the form of Grants. Grants have recently been awarded to Bridges Reentry of Arizona, which provides long-term housing and support for formerly incarcerated women, and San Francisco de Iglesia Episcopal and their Food Ministry, serving a large Hispanic immigrant and refugee community in the surrounding low-income apartments of East Dallas, Texas.

*~Matt Phillips*

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY

### RESPOND: YOUTH GROUP

All youth in grades 7-12 are invited to join RESPOND, our Youth Group! Join us right after church in the Gathering Room (2nd floor) every 2nd Sunday of the month from 11 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. as we share lunch, sing songs, play games, and respond to God's call for us to love and serve our neighbors.

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, March 10 where we will begin planning and preparing for our Pie/Bake Sale on Easter Sunday! To register or to learn more about RESPOND, please email Matt Phillips ([matt@stmarksmilwaukee.org](mailto:matt@stmarksmilwaukee.org)) today.



### HOLY MOLY | ST. MARK'S CHURCH SCHOOL



All children from K4 through 5th grade are welcome to attend Holy Moly, our church school here at St. Mark's. Join us as we learn a new bible story each Sunday morning through video, reading, discussion, and engaging crafts!

St. Mark's Church School gathers upstairs every week for the first part of Sunday worship beginning at 9:30 a.m., and ends in time for students to join their families in church for Communion.

Periodically throughout the year, we'll have special events in place of Church School, such as Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday (April 14 and 21). To register or learn more about Holy Moly and our Church School, or to receive our weekly children's ministry newsletter, email Matt Phillips ([matt@stmarksmilwaukee.org](mailto:matt@stmarksmilwaukee.org)) today.

## CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS



We are still in need of Church School teachers for March, April and May. Not only is teaching Church School important, but it's easy, spiritually nourishing, and fun too! The Holy Moly Curriculum is easy to follow as it gives step-by-step instructions on how to facilitate class each week. Then the students do the rest.

If you would like to volunteer to teach Church School for a four-week block this fall or this spring, please add your name to our sign-up sheet, located next to the kitchen in the Parish Hall, or email Matt Phillips ([matt@stmarksmilwaukee.org](mailto:matt@stmarksmilwaukee.org)) today.

## CAMPUS MINISTRY

### WEEKLY EVENING PRAYER | JOAN OF ARC CHAPEL

All college students and faculty are invited to attend weekly evening prayer at Marquette University's Joan of Arc Chapel. Join us every Thursday evening during the school year from 4:30-5 p.m. for Evening Prayer with music, and stick around after prayer as Marquette's Canterbury Fellowship will have dinner together locally. For any questions about evening prayer, or to request a ride to and/or from evening prayer, email Matt Phillips ([matt@stmarksmilwaukee.org](mailto:matt@stmarksmilwaukee.org)) today.



## CAMPUS MINISTRY CAFE | STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Every Friday during the school year, college students are invited to attend our free Campus Ministry Cafe! Join us from Noon to 3 p.m. for a cup of hot coffee or tea and great snacks: Gluten Free options available. During Lent, each Friday's Cafe will begin at Noon with a brief liturgy for Stations of the Cross in the Sanctuary.

## DINNER & DIALOGUES | MARCH 13 & 27

St. Mark's is partnering with The Corner House and Better Together to bring Dinner & Dialogues. All college students and adults in their 20s and 30s are invited to join an evening full of great food and great discussion about our faith and the world. This semester, we are discussing Timely Topics: Hot-Button Issues facing our country from an interfaith perspective. Dinner & Dialogue meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 5:30 p.m. at The Corner House (3074 N Maryland Ave.) For more information, please email Matt Phillips



## CAMPUS MINISTRY WORSHIP & DINNER | MARCH 10

Every second Sunday of the month during the academic year, students are invited to worship and eat together at St. Mark's, starting at 5:30 p.m. Join us as we worship together, and share great food and fellowship! To RSVP or to share any dietary restrictions, please email Matt Phillips at [matt@stmarksmilwaukee.org](mailto:matt@stmarksmilwaukee.org).

## MARCH 2019

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3 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist Church School 11 AM Adult Education 1 PM A Father Brown Mystery	4 5 PM The Choristers Rehearsal 6 PM SWEATnDANCE 6:30 PM UWM: Healthy Foods	5 8 AM Yoga 8:15 AM Breakfast Fellowship @ Hollander 10 AM–12 PM Thrift Shop 8 PM Reclaiming Jesus	6 7:30 AM Ash Wednesday Eucharist 12 PM Imposition of Ashes 4 PM Bible Study 6 PM Midweek Eucharist Zao MKE 6 PM Ash Wednesday Eucharist	7 8 AM Yoga 6 PM Lenten Series: One Book, One Parish 8 PM AA	8 Rector's Day Off 6 PM A Father Brown Mystery 8 PM AA	9 10 AM–12 PM Thrift Shop 1 PM A Father Brown Mystery
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For the most current update, please view  
our calendar on our website:  
[www.stmarksmilwaukee.org](http://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 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  
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### Sunday Eucharist

9:30 a.m.

Childcare is provided

from 9:15-11:00 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