



# The Lion's Tale

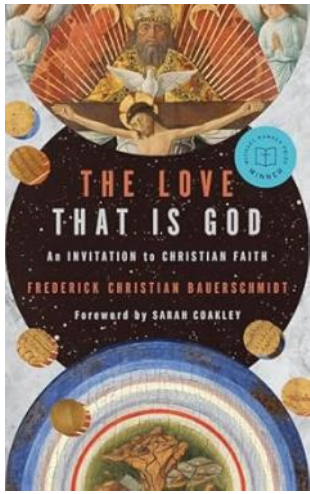
MARCH/APRIL 2025

WELCOME REV. DELANEY SCHLAKÉ-KRUSE



## Diocesan Event

### Lenten Book Study



This Lent, our diocese will gather on Zoom for Tuesday evening discussions of “The Love that is God: An invitation to Christian Faith” by Fredrick Christian Bauerschmidt. Check out the link below for more info, and purchase the book here: [The Love That Is God https://www.eerdmans.com/9780802877956/the-love-that-is-god/](https://www.eerdmans.com/9780802877956/the-love-that-is-god/)

#### Zoom meeting dates:

March 11, 2025 - Chapter One: “God is love.”

March 18, 2025 - Chapter Two: “The love that is God is crucified love.”

March 25, 2025 - Chapter Three: “We are called to friendship with the risen Jesus.”

April 8, 2025 - Chapter Four: “We cannot love God if we do not love each other.”

April 15, 2025 - Chapter 5: “We live our love out from the community created by the Spirit.”

\*\*Please note we will skip Tuesday, April 1, 2025. No joke! <https://diocesemo.org/connect/news/2025-lenten-book-study>



### Daylight Savings Time

Daylight Savings time is March 9th this year. Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour.

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE



*March 5th*

**Ash Wednesday Liturgy**

**12:00 noon and 7:30 p.m.**



*April 18th*

**Good Friday Liturgy**

**12:00 noon and 7:30 p.m.**

Liturgy of Good Friday and Communion from the bread and wine consecrated Maundy Thursday evening. Music at late service only.

*April 13th*

**Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday**

**10:00 a.m. Service**

Liturgy of the Palms, Holy Eucharist, and the reading of the Passion Narrative.

*April 17th*

**Maundy Thursday 5:30 Soup Supper 7:30 p.m. Service**



**Soup Supper**

Proceeds from the supper will go to Food Outreach ([www.foodoutreach.org](http://www.foodoutreach.org)). We strip the altar in preparation for Good Friday and leave the church in silence and darkness.

*April 19th*

**Easter Vigil and First Eucharist of Easter 7:30 p.m.**

We will gather around the new fire on the plaza. Please join us after the service for Bubbly and Bon-Bons

*April 20th*



**Easter Sunday Holy Eucharist**

**10:00 a.m. Service**

There will be a festive reception following the 10:00 a.m. service



## Marvelous Mortality

“Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

These are the words we hear as we move into the season of Lent. A cross of ashes on our foreheads, we wade into this time of penitence, reflection, and intentionality with words of mortality hanging in the air. From 2016-2024, Matt and I lived in Milwaukee. During that time, he served as a pastor at St. Matthew’s Lutheran Church in Wauwatosa, a first ring suburb of the city. Each Ash Wednesday, no matter the weather, Matt and his friend Gary (the neighboring Episcopal priest) would head down the block to Starbucks, ashes in hand. They set up shop in the Starbucks parking lot, offering ashes to anyone who asked, either on foot or from the drivers’ side window of their car. One year, Matt and Gary were accompanied by a new colleague—Jamie, the pastor at Underwood Baptist Church. An American Baptist minister and a native of a much warmer climate, Jamie bundled up and met Matt and Gary in the Starbucks parking lot. Not having been formed by the tradition of Ash Wednesday the way her colleagues had, Jamie joined them in administering ashes, but instead of the traditional sentence about dust, Jamie simply made the ashen cross and said, “You’re gonna die!”

Jamie’s declarative proclamation of mortality tickled Matt. He came home and told me all about it, and we talked together about the hilarity and also the honesty of Jamie’s words. After all, she was simply proclaiming a more direct version of “remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return.” It’s strange, isn’t it, that we start this important season with the clear declaration of the fleeting nature of creaturely life. As we move into the season of Lent, our worship practice gives us the gift of honesty. We begin this journey with the truth that we will, one day, die. The one who made us from the dust of the earth reminds us that we will one day return to that dust. But within this reminder that sometimes feels so heavy, we are also reminded that dust is precious to God. God is able to breathe life into dust, to create whole worlds, the entire cosmos, from the smallest units of life. When we hear that we have been made from dust, or as Jamie put it, that we will all die, we are acknowledging the fragile beauty of life as well as the intentionality of our creator. Even the smallest units of life matter to God. And at the end of this journey, when we gather together at the Great Vigil and again on Easter Sunday, God will greet us with the good news that although life is fragile, the end is not the end. Christ is alive, and there is life beyond the dust of the grave.

Welcome to Lent, my friends. May this be a meaningful season of reflection, intentionality, and opportunities to recognize the wonder of a God who is able to make all this beauty out of the dust of the earth.

Delaney+



## Please Take our Survey

St. Mark’s is conducting a survey for information into possible upcoming programs at St. Mark’s. We are requesting that everyone give their input so that the programs created are available and best suited to the most people here at St. Mark’s. Everyone is invited to fill out the survey, not just one per household. Here is the link

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HRHDDRM>

## 2025 ST.MARK’S DIRECTORY-NOW AVAILABLE



The new directory is now available! There are copies in the back of the church. If you would like a copy of the directory mailed or emailed to you, contact Melissa at the Parish Office [parishoffice@saintmarks-stl.org](mailto:parishoffice@saintmarks-stl.org) or call 314-832-3588.

# St. Mark's Events

## Pancake Supper



The Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be March 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. All are welcome. Vegetarian and Gluten Free options are available. Sign-up sheet is in the Parish Hall. We are also looking for more volunteers to help with the cooking! Sign-up sheet is also in the Parish Hall. Or email [parishoffice@saintmarks-stl.org](mailto:parishoffice@saintmarks-stl.org).

## Morning Prayer and neighborhood walks



This year, St. Mark's is marking Lent with time spent in our neighborhood. Every Thursday at 10am, beginning March 6, we will meet in the historic sanctuary for Morning Prayer before heading outside for a neighborhood walk. Meet in the church.

Join Delaney+ in noticing God's activity in our community. All are welcome to join St. Mark's in our Lenten discipline!

## Pipes for Parkinson's

On Monday, March 17, at 7:30 pm St. Mark's will host an organ recital co-sponsored by the St. Louis chapter of the American Guild of Organists and the American Parkinson's Disease Association. The concert will feature six members of the American Guild of Organists performing a varied program of organ music. The recital is open to the public, and admission is free. There will be an opportunity to make a donation to the American Parkinson's Disease Association. Please come and hear beautiful music played on our wonderful organ, and bring your friends and family. It will be an enjoyable evening!

## Maundy Thursday Soup Supper April 17th at 5:30 p.m.



Soup  
Supper

Join us in the Parish Hall from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. April 17th for the annual Maundy Thursday Soup Supper. Soups and bread will be served before the service. Please sign up on the sheet in the Parish Hall if you plan to attend so we know how many to prepare for. The meal and fellowship are free, but donations to benefit St. Mark's outreach programs will be accepted.

If you would like to help by making soup or with set-up or clean-up, please contact Susan Goen at [susangoen@sbcglobal.com](mailto:susangoen@sbcglobal.com) or 314-374-2152.

## Take me out to the Ballgame



St. Mark's is having a group outing to the St. Louis Cardinals vs. Milwaukee Brewers on Sunday April 27th. Game starts at 1:15pm. The first 20,000 fans 16 and older will take home a City Connect golf umbrella and Ice Cream Sundays has free frozen treats in Ford Plaza at Prairie Farms Ice Cream Sundays! Tickets will be \$20 per person. Sign-up sheet is in the Parish Hall. Contact Margaret Hvatum for more information.

## Choir Call



If you enjoy singing but aren't able to sing with the choir on a regular basis, please consider joining us for Holy Week and Easter. We rehearse on Thursday evenings from 7:30-9:00 p.m. and will sing for the services on Palm Sunday (4/13), Maundy Thursday (3/4/17), Good Friday (4/18), Easter Vigil (4/19) and Easter (4/20). If you'd like to sing with us for some or all of these services, please be in touch with Barbara Raedeke ([braedeke@aol.com](mailto:braedeke@aol.com)). We would be delighted to have you join us!



## From your Deacon...

After feasting on gourmet pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, we begin the season of Lent with our liturgy including imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday. In this liturgy we are invited “in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God’s holy Word.”

With these words, we are invited to the task of reflection about what it means to follow Jesus to the cross prior to the Easter resurrection. The journey of forty days toward the cross of Christ engages us as individuals and as a community in deeper reflection about what it means to live as children of God in today’s messy world. Rather than being simply a time of stricter discipline or of denying oneself of treasured creature comforts, Lent is a concentrated reflection on the life we are called to live throughout the year. And as a follower of Jesus, this is a life of compassion.

Beginning March 9 and on the second Sunday of every month, the St. Mark’s community will have an opportunity to make that compassion concrete. During coffee hour, we can grab our snacks and coffee and then huddle together to discuss and write to our legislators decrying the injustice, oppression, and poverty which exist in our society. St. Mark’s will provide the pen, paper, envelopes, legislator addresses, and stamps. All you have to do is commit your compassion to paper.

I invite you to make this “Advocacy Sunday” part of your observance of a holy Lent.

In Christ,

Deacon Jerre

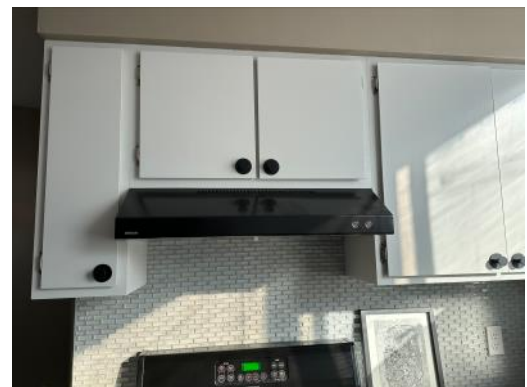
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## Buildings and Grounds Report

I am happy to say that today I was able to complete the kitchen knob replacement in the rectory. I expect to apply the final coat of paint in the basement half bath over the weekend. I think the new contemporary black knobs look very nice and they cover the scratches on the kitchen cabinet faces. I also met with Jimmy Haguwood, the new handyman, of Covenant Maintenance Services. He has given us an estimate of \$300 labor plus parts to finish the work that I haven't finished yet in the rectory, which includes installing additional smoke detectors including two CO detectors, new cordless blinds, and the baseboards and towel rack in the basement half bath. I have also contacted Jeremiah Vasquez, the electrician whom Andrew trained, about completing the required electrical work. This work consists of installing a pendant light over the dining room table area, a Ring doorbell at the front door, and a light over the front door, along with redoing the basement wiring that was moved during the water remediation work. We expect all of the rectory projects to be completed by the end of next week so we can put the property up on the rental market.

Margaret Hvatum

Junior Warden



## Godly Play

The Godly Play class created a farewell card for Michael and enjoyed presenting it to him at his reception, after his last service on January 19th. The class also created valentine cards for a few of their special friends. Lou was delighted to receive his fold-out card. The card had a photo of Lou watching the church being built and a photo of Lou in the same place, about 80 years later.





The Godly Play class enjoyed Delaney's first service at St. Mark's and the festive reception that followed. They presented Delaney, Matt and Milo with a welcome card they created and were fascinated by the artistic pancakes that were custom designed for them.



In November, there was a flood of water that entered the Godly Play room from the outdoors. A few carpet tiles were removed to inspect the damage. Most of the carpet tiles needed to be removed, dried, and replaced. Thanks to many parishioners who helped remove the items on the floor that were destroyed. Also, thanks to some of the parents, plus Kim and Scott, who replaced the carpet tiles so the floor looks as good as new. We are grateful for everyone's help! The room is almost back to normal. Classes were held in the parish hall, but now the kids are happy to return to their Godly Play room.

# Upcoming Events

**Wednesdays 7:00pm**

**Thursdays 7:30pm**

**Fridays 7:00pm**

**March 4th**

**March 5th**

**March 6th**

**March 9th**

**March 13th**

**March 17th**

**March 18th**

**March 20th**

**March 27th**

**April 3rd**

**April 10th**

**April 13th**

**April 16th**

**April 17th**

**April 18th**

**April 19th**

**April 20th**

**April 22nd**

**April 27th**

AA Meeting in Parish Hall

Choir Practice in Choir Room

SMART Recovery Group in Parish Hall

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 5:30pm

Ash Wednesday Services noon and 7:30pm

Morning Prayer and Neighborhood Walk (see page 4)

Daylight Savings Time (Spring Forward)

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Pipes for Parkinson at St. Mark's Church (see page 4)

Vestry Meeting (Zoom)

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Palm Sunday Service and Passion Reading 10:00 am

Holy Week Choir Practice 7:30pm

Maundy Thursday Supper 5:30pm Service 7:30pm

Good Friday Service noon and 7:30pm

Easter Vigil Service 7:30pm (Bon-Bons & Bubbly after)

Easter Day Service 10:00 am Egg Hunting after

Vestry Meeting (Zoom)

St. Mark's Day at the Ballpark (see page 4)



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