

## HOLY WEEK and EASTER SERVICES at ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

❖ Sunday, March 20, Holy Eucharist, 8AM & 10:15AM ❖  
*Sunday of Passion: Palm Sunday with blessing of the palms and reading of the Passion at both services. Congregational Procession at the late service.*

❖ March 24, 7PM ❖  
*Maundy Thursday, Stripping of the Altar.*

❖ Friday, March 25 ❖  
*Good Friday Liturgy, 12 Noon and 6PM; Reserved Sacrament offered in Baptismal Chapel after services.*

❖ Sunday, March 27, 8AM and 10:15AM ❖  
*Easter Sunday: The Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ Holy Eucharist, special music and the children return the Alleluias at the late service.*

***Easter Breakfast between services in the Great Hall!***

## Adult Education Forums for March

**ALL SESSIONS BEGIN AT 9AM IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM**

*Secret Stories in St. Paul's Windows* is the subject of the hour on **March 6**, as **Mary Eagan**, a specialist in medieval art and literature, shares stories behind the windows we enjoy each week.



On **March 13**, the Outreach Committee welcomes two administrators from our neighbor, St. Joan Antida High School, **Paul Gessner**, head of school, and **Joel Cencius**, director of development and communication.

This is a wonderful opportunity to hear about the school's remarkable efforts — just a few doors from St. Paul's — to prepare girls from lower-income, mostly Hispanic families in Milwaukee, for college success and professional leadership. Come with questions!

*There will be no Adult Formation hour on Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday, but we will back on schedule April 3.*

**You are encouraged to bring guests to enjoy the wealth of insight and perspective in each session.**





## From the Rector...

A Year of Gratitude: I hope you continue to look for moments of gratitude daily. As **Jennifer Williams**, Stewardship chair reminds us, “write down your ‘gratitudes’”. Place them in a jar or box.

At year’s end, or periodically, visit them. Then step away from your anxiety and worry, breathe, and remember all you have for which to be grateful.

Another idea is to keep a “Gratitude Journal.” Think back over your day. Even in the more difficult moments can you find something for which to be grateful? Trusting God is present with you in the tough times can be hard. Trusting God anyway can help us see gratitude in places we might otherwise miss.

Knee-deep into Lent now, I am reminded of a saying the **Rev. Jay Sidebotham** recalls this Lent in his Monday blog from “RenewalWorks.” One of his priestly predecessors observed of human nature: “I’ve never met a motive that wasn’t mixed.” Lent is a season to take stock of our motives, words and actions, especially in light of the Baptismal Covenant. As God would nudge me in the words of our sexton at the church in Chapel Hill, “Rev, none of us ain’t no lilies.” Lent is the season when we intentionally come clean with ourselves and God and admit we’re no lilies.

The prophet **Jeremiah** (17:10) writes, “*The heart is hopelessly dark and deceitful, a puzzle that no*

*one can figure out. But I, GOD, search the heart and examine the mind. I get to the heart of the human. I get to the root of things. I treat them as they really are, not as they pretend to be. (MSG)”* God gets to our core, the deep place where we keep our defenses and denials secret. So where is the gratitude in that?

I am grateful to be crazy enough (as **Presiding Bishop Curry** says) to take God at Jesus’ word. At that secret, deep core place where we try to hide “things done and things left undone,” and we don’t love as much as we want others to think, and where we contain our denials, God is there. When we turn toward God, and hold up our sin to God, we need not fear. We have been forgiven already. The cross makes confession possible. Such a gift is to be received with seriousness and honesty. If we keep hiding our secrets from God and ourselves, that transaction of divine love and healing cannot occur.

I am grateful in Lent that sin and death are not the final words. We eventually will journey to Good Friday’s cross, where human evil and divine love meet, and pain and suffering are taken into Jesus’ prayer for human forgiveness. Our motives are mixed, and we fail to love God and others as we should. And God treats the root matters of our lives with divine love and forgiveness. Gratitude seems like too weak a word, or maybe gratitude is the place we begin again and find healing and joy.

*Blessings, Fr. Steve+*

## Preparing for Lent...

In preparation for Lent, St. Paul’s held their traditional pancake dinner.



Members of the Vestry prepared and served the feast.



After all of the guests had their fill of pancakes, sausage and all the trimmings, they were invited by the children to help banish the Alleluias to the tower until Easter Sunday.



*Alleluia!*

~~*Alleluia!*~~

**Needed...a few good men!**  
 Traditionally the men of St. Paul's are the chefs for the Easter Sunday breakfast served between services. The Paris Life Committee is calling for volunteers for this year's event. If you can help, please contact Bill Fry at [williamlawsonfry@gmail.com](mailto:williamlawsonfry@gmail.com).




**Our New Technology Fund**

The recently announced "Technology Fund" is now open and operating, having met its opening goal amount.

It is ready to accept contributions of any size. Contributions of \$50 or more will put your name on our 2016 list of BUILDERS AND DREAMERS.

One of our first contributors expressed a hope that his gift would encourage others to follow suit.

Contributors to date recognize the importance of this type of fund as we go forward with our mission to "spread the word" in the future, especially among the younger people.

Should you make a contribution, please indicate that it is for the Technology Fund.



**St. Paul's Book Club**

will meet in the library on Tuesday, March 8, at 7:15PM to discuss *The Agile Church: Spirit-Led Innovation in an Uncertain Age* by Dwight Zscheile

**Thank you from Our Next Generation...**

Members of Our Next Generation's Teen Connection program are very pleased with their sweatshirts that were purchased with donated funds from St. Paul's Jesse Tree.



**FLOWERS TO THE GLORY OF GOD**

As is the tradition at St. Paul's Church, parishioners are invited to contribute to the Easter flower fund in thanksgiving for personally significant occasions in their life, to honor a living family member or friend, or to celebrate the life of a deceased family member or other significant person.

Please attach this form, with your donation, and give it to an usher, place it in the collection plate, put it in the Parish Office mailbox in the kitchen or mail it to the church. All donations must be received by **Thursday, March 17.**

Please print your name(s) and intention as you wish it to appear in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

Donor(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Please keep my gift anonymous

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In thanksgiving for \_\_\_\_\_



# Making Sense of the American Spiritual Landscape

The high-tide denominationalism of the fifties and sixties quickly gave way to a new American spiritual landscape at the end of the Twentieth Century...or so it seems.

- ❖ What are the dominant trends on that landscape?
- ❖ What do they tell us about the church's future?
- ❖ How do we orient ourselves spiritually in this new world order?

**A WORKSHOP at ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, MILWAUKEE  
SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 9AM - 3PM, LUNCH \$10**

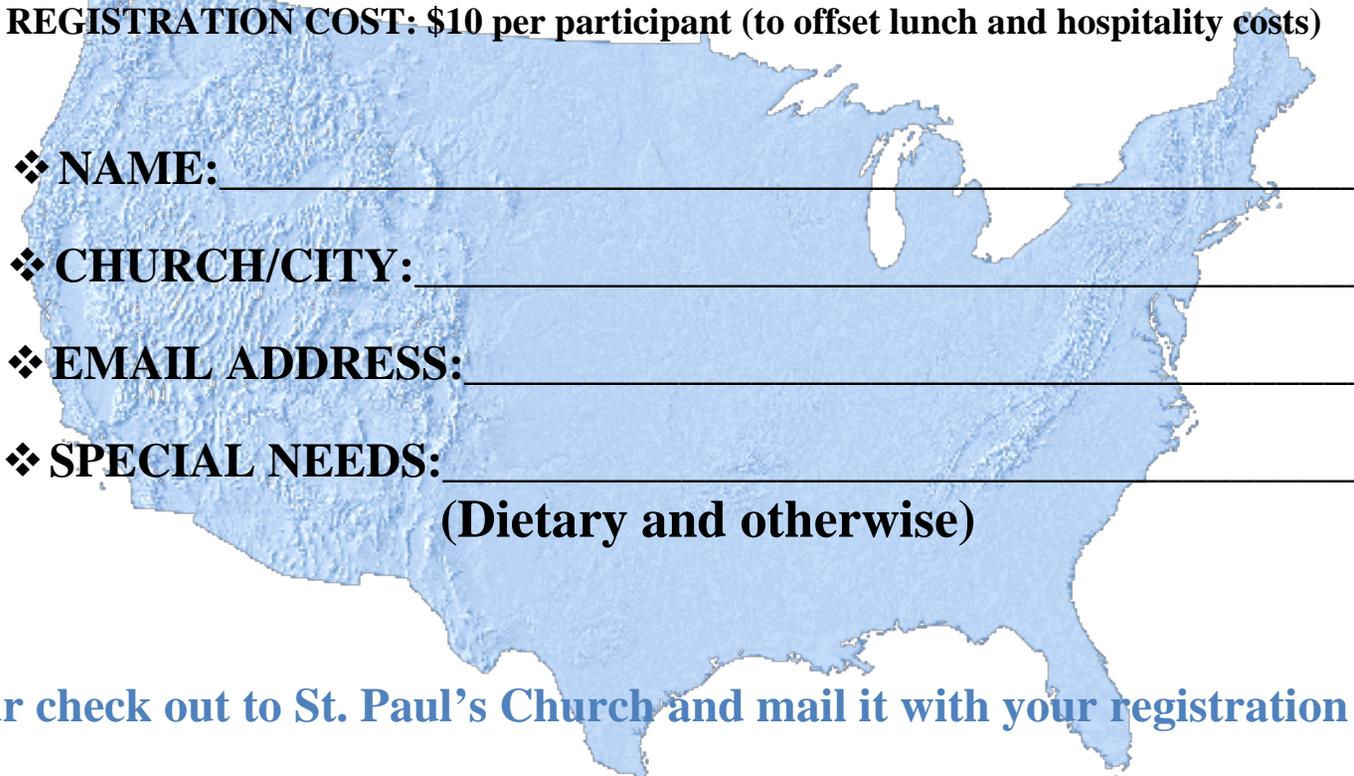
If you are a spiritual leader or you are simply trying to make sense of your own faith in conversation with those around you, this workshop is designed for you.



The workshop presenter, **The Reverend Dr. Frederick W. Schmidt, Jr.**, holds the Rueben P. Job Chair in Spiritual Formation and directs the Rueben P. Job Institute for Spiritual Formation at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, Illinois. An Episcopal priest, spiritual director, and retreat leader, he has written seven books, including *When Suffering Persists*, *What God Wants for Your Life* and his most recent *The Dave Test: A Raw Look at Real Faith in Hard Times*. He also served as Canon Educator and Director of programs in Spirituality and Religious Education at the National Cathedral. Having divided his time between the church and the academy he has thought at length about the challenges facing the church and has grappled with them in “the real world.” Additional information on Rev. Schmidt can be found on [www.patheos.com/Frederick W. Schmidt](http://www.patheos.com/Frederick W. Schmidt).

# Making Sense of the American Spiritual Landscape

**REGISTRATION COST: \$10 per participant (to offset lunch and hospitality costs)**

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- ❖ **NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_
  - ❖ **CHURCH/CITY:** \_\_\_\_\_
  - ❖ **EMAIL ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_
  - ❖ **SPECIAL NEEDS:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**(Dietary and otherwise)**

**Make your check out to St. Paul's Church and mail it with your registration form to:**

*St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
Making Sense Workshop  
914 E. Knapp St.  
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**We will confirm your registration by email.**

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**SUNDAYS**

8AM, Holy Eucharist

10:15AM,

Holy Eucharist with music

Nursery service available at

10AM

**WEDNESDAYS**

7:30AM, Eucharist

12 Noon, Eucharist & Lectionary

Study

**MISSION STATEMENT**

*We are a community of faith being transformed through Christ to*

*embody the*

*healing presence of God's*

*love to one another, our city*

*and the world.*

## A great volunteer opportunity...



St. Paul's again has the opportunity to volunteer at The Gathering on Saturday, April 2, from 9:45AM to 1:30PM. Many hands make light work! The signup sheet is in the Information Center.

Please bring ground coffee, milk or cookies for the guests' meal. We are again at St. James Episcopal Church, 833 W. Wisconsin Avenue, downtown. Hope you can make it.

**A REMINDER:** Sunday, March 6, is the half-way point of Lent and your "Lenten Discipline" offering accumulation should approximate 50% of the amount that you would like to bring to Church on Easter Sunday as a contribution to the St. Paul's Outreach Endowment Fund. It is not too late to start putting money aside for this cause. Who else but you will know that you didn't start exactly on Ash Wednesday?

Thanks for your participation in this outreach effort!