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This Week's Readings

### Rector's Ramblings

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

This week our Adult Formation conversation was on Holy Matrimony.

Let us just say it was a lively conversation, and I enjoyed the back and forth very much. I look forward to more of these as we learn together.

The take away from the conversation is that the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony is given to the Church as a witness to the love of Christ and the surrender of our wills to be formed according to the mind of Christ.

In marriage, a couple is called to live like Christ in the world, and through their marriage to show that in Christ unity overcomes estrangement, and love overcomes hatred. The merging of two individual lives, committed to each other for life, is a powerful statement in a world that continues to be divided along various fault lines.

A Christian marriage is a vocation, a calling, in which the Husband and Wife mutually die to their own passions, desires, wants, and wills, in order to be obedient to Christ and to be like Christ. In this mutual "self-emptying" there is no thought of an "I" or a "Me", but an "Us", no "mine" or "yours", but "Ours". This is the living out of love, in the same way that Christ gave himself for us. Could anyone fail to be moved when Christian marriages live up to their high calling?

Marriage, however important, is

## The Good News

May 11, 2018



**Adult Formation is on hiatus while Fr. Dave is out of town for his continuing education.**

### Schedule Changes

**As we approach summer and my last intensive for Continuing Education the following changes will be effective next week.**

**\*Evensong is on hiatus until the first Sunday in August.**

**\*Morning Prayer on Mondays will move to 6:30AM when I am in the Parish.**

**\*Instead of Morning Prayer on Wednesdays, Evening Prayer will be offered at 5:00 when I am in the Parish.**

**Thank you for your patience over the next couple of months, as I finish coursework and fulfill Diocesan and "National Church" obligations.**

### Congratulations to our Graduates

Johnathan (Jack) Schaeffer, son of Rex and Valerie Schaeffer, graduates from Bloomington High School on 5/27/18. He will be attending Heartland Community College with an emphasis in Computer Technology.

Sarah Halt, daughter of Fr. Dave and Amy, graduates Summa Cum Laud, and with Honors, from Illinois State University on 5/11/18. She has a major in Actuarial Science, and minors in Economics and Insurance. She is employed as an Actuary at COUNTRY Financial in Bloomington.

### Theology Uncorked

just one possibility among the states of Christian life. The Church has always honored those who remain single for whatever reason. In fact, the Church has affirmed that the single state is called to the same self-emptying love as those who are married. The body of Christ is enriched when both the married and the single live out that love for each other, and the world.

Pray for those who are married.  
Pray for those who are single.  
Celebrate with one another the self-emptying love of Christ and encourage one another in this.

Christ is Risen!

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## Ministry Links

St. Matthew's Webpage  
The Episcopal Diocese of  
Springfield  
Rector's Blog

A decision was made to postpone this month's meeting to June.

### **Cursillo**

The Diocesan Cursillo weekend for adults will be 22-24 June at Toddhall. This is a renewal and growth weekend for anyone over the age of 18. It is a powerful experience and life-changing.

If interested, please see Fr. Dave for more information.

### **St. Michael's Conference**

**The annual Diocesan St. Michael's Conference will be held 10-16 June at St. Michael's Church in O'Fallon. The conference is open to youth ages 13-19 as "Michaelites" and young adults who wish to serve as counselors.**

The topic for this year is "Called, Consecrated, and Commissioned" and will focus on the meaning and discernment of vocation and ministry. There will be lay and clerical presenters from across the Diocese, the daily cycle of Mass and Office, as well as, fellowship and recreational activities.

The cost of the conference is \$100 and scholarships are available.

Please see Fr. Dave for registration information.

### **Outreach Opportunities**

Outreach Opportunities for May and June - St. Vincent de Paul

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, an international organization, has been in Bloomington for over 50 years. Its mission is "to seek and find the forgotten, suffering and the deprived." It is maintained entirely by volunteers. This past year they served around 1000 households a month.

Specifically, the following supplies are needed:

- Canned foods, especially those with protein as peanut butter and tuna fish
- Vegetables of all kinds
- Boxed foods as rice and varieties of rice and beans
- Macaroni and cheese
- Instant oatmeal
- Dry cereals
- Drinks as Gatorade and water
- Baby diapers and wet wipes

Please place supplies in the baskets in the Narthex and in the hallway by the fireplace. If you prefer to give money, make your check out to St. Matthew's and in the memo line write

"outreach.' Place these in the plate offering, not the baskets.

The volunteer workers of St. Vincent de Paul are most grateful for all we give and the Outreach Committee thanks you for your continued generosity in helping those in need.

### **BOOK/DVD/BAKE SALE**

The Outreach Committee has set a new record high income, all for the work of local missions! Congratulations.

### **The Daily Devotional Reading**

is available by clicking of the link below:

[Good News Daily](#)

### **Serving Schedule**

13-May

7:30

Greeter: Ray Durham

Lector: Mona Johnstone

E.M.: Chris Bennett

10:00

Acolyte: Liam Halt

Lector: Sandy Kohlase

E.M.: Sarah Halt

Crucifer: Brad Bauman

Monday Counter: Gary Ploense

Coffee Hour: Phyllis & Dave Halt

20-May

7:30

Greeter: Doug & Dede Dyson

Lector: Chris Bennett

E.M.: Bill Johns

10:00

Acolyte: Alley Roberson & Shelley Carter

Thurifer: Liam Halt

Crucifer: Brad Bauman

Lector: Shelley Carter

E.M.: Bob Kohlase

Monday Counter: Pam Laws

Coffee Hour: Cris Embree & Gary Ploense

**St. Matthew's Schedule beginning May 13th**

*Coffee Hour follows 10:00 worship in the Parish Hall*

Sunday-7:30 a.m.-Rite I

Sunday-10:00 a.m.-Rite II

Sunday-11:00 a.m.-Guild of the Holy Rosary

Monday-5:30 p.m.-Brownies

Tuesday-7:00 a.m.-Morning Prayer

Tuesday-10:00 a.m.-Quilters

Wednesday-6:00 p.m.-Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Thursday-7:30 a.m.-Morning Prayer and breakfast

Friday -7:00 a.m.-Morning Prayer

Saturday-8:00 A.M.-Men's Breakfast

Office Hours: 9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday through Friday

*If you have anything you would like added to the schedule or announcements in the bulletin and news letter please send an email reply to the newsletter, or call the office.*

### **May Schedule**

May 13th--Graduate Recognition at 10AM service. Please provide information on graduates to the Office by May 10th.

May 20th--Pentecost. Fr. Joe will be Celebrant that day.

May 27th--Trinity Sunday. Supply Priest will Celebrate.

Fr. Dave will be attending his last PhD intensive 14May-26th May. He will leave immediately at the conclusion of Mass on the 13th and be back in the office on the 29th of May. On Sunday the 27th he will be attending the retirement Mass of his former National Guard Chaplain, mentor, and friend in Lancaster, Ohio.

### **From the Junior Warden**

In an effort to improve lighting and provide space for a cry room that allows continued participation in the liturgy for parents, we will be removing several of the panels separating the narthex from the nave. This will be done before the Feast of Pentecost.

This is an experiment to see if their removal and replacement with glass is feasible in terms of glare, light, and general appearance.

After these are removed, please share your opinions with either a Warden or member of the Mission Leadership Team.

**Readings for May 13, 2018**



Hymns: #494, #334, #304, #616

The First Lesson

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus-- for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us-- one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Psalm 1

*Beatus vir qui non abiit*

1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, \*

nor lingered in the way of sinners,  
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, \*  
and they meditate on his law day and night.

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; \*  
everything they do shall prosper.

4 It is not so with the wicked; \*  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, \*

nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, \*  
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

The Epistle

1 John 5:9-13

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God

does not have life.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

The Gospel

John 17:6-19

Jesus prayed for his disciples, "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth."

**Birthdays & Anniversaries May 13 - 19**

*Anniversaries*

*Birthdays*

**Collect for Sunday, May 13th**

O God, the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven: We beseech thee, leave us not comfortless, but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Savior Christ is gone before; who liveth and reigneth with thee, and the same Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

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