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This Week's Readings

### Rector's Ramblings

Fr. Dave is rambling in school this week. Please pray for him, his classmates, and faculty.

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Christ is Risen!

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## Ministry Links

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

## The Good News

May 18, 2018



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

### Week-by-week Schedule Changes

**\*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.**

### Celebration of Pentecost

It is tradition to celebrate Pentecost by everyone wearing festive red.

### Theology Uncorked

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.

### **Jr. Warden's Corner**

During the coming business week, the north wall of the sanctuary will be painted. Please avoid this area Monday-Friday, so the work may be done safely.

### **The Daily Devotional Reading**

is available by clicking of the link below:

[Good News Daily](#)

## **Serving Schedule**

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

27-May

7:30

Greeter: Ray Durham

Lector: Julie Bennett

E.M.: Chris Bennett

10:00

Acolyte: Christian Pitts & Liam Halt

Thurifer: Bill Jones

Lector: Cris Embree

E.M.: Emily Lavikoff & Jack Pitts

Crucifer: Brad Bauman

Monday Counter: Gary McGinnis

Coffee Hour: Char Wald & Carole Cox

## **St. Matthew's Schedule beginning May 20th**

*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

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**

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.

### **Readings for May 20, 2018**

Hymns: #225, #512, #516, #493

The First Lesson

Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: `In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women,

in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
and they shall prophesy.  
And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.  
The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.  
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be  
saved.' "

Psalm 104:25-35, 37

*Benedic, anima mea*

25 O Lord, how manifold are your works! \*  
in wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.  
26 Yonder is the great and wide sea  
with its living things too many to number, \*  
creatures both small and great.  
27 There move the ships,  
and there is that Leviathan, \*  
which you have made for the sport of it.  
28 All of them look to you \*  
to give them their food in due season.  
29 You give it to them; they gather it; \*  
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.  
30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; \*  
you take away their breath,  
and they die and return to their dust.  
31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; \*  
and so you renew the face of the earth.  
32 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; \*  
may the Lord rejoice in all his works.  
33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; \*  
he touches the mountains and they smoke.  
34 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; \*  
I will praise my God while I have my being.  
35 May these words of mine please him; \*  
I will rejoice in the Lord.  
37 Bless the Lord, O my soul. \*  
Hallelujah!

The New Testament

Romans 8:22-27

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor  
pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves,  
who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we  
wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we  
were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes  
for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we

wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

The Gospel

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Jesus said to his disciples, "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts.

Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

**Birthdays & Anniversaries May 20 - 26**

Anniversaries

Amy & Fr. Dave Halt

Birthdays

**Collect for Sunday, May 20th The Day of Pentecost**

Almighty God, who on this day didst open the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of thy Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, and the unity of the same Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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