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This Week's Readings

### Rector's Ramblings

Fr. Dave is almost done 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 25, 2018



All formation activities resume this Wednesday, 30 May. Dinner will be served at 5:30 PM. Formation classes begin at 6PM. Adult topic this week will be Confession.

### Ground Breaking

Habitat for Humanity has invited our Parish to a ground breaking ceremony for the building of a new home for Kia Griffin and Georgia. The ceremony will take place on 2 June at 11AM. The address is 806 S. Madison in Bloomington. Please come out and support Kia and Georgia at this important time.

### 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.**

### Theology Uncorked

A decision was made to postpone this months meeting to June.

### Memorial Day Weekend is Here

Sunday during the 10AM service, Fr. Joe Dulap will include an Organ Solo: "A Memorial Piece" in remembrance of the 100th anniversary of WWI, honoring all Veterans and families.

Thank you to our parish choristers and director Amy Halt, and

organ accompanists for their ministry of music at worship, as the Choir takes a summer "hiatus." Well done, all!

Father D. Joe Dunlap, Organist and Director of Liturgical Music

And the children's week-night program - Catechesis of the Good Shepherd will wrap-up for the summer on Wednesday, 5/30. Thank you to all those who gave of their time, energy, and resources to make this year of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd a success. We would especially like to thank Roy and Pam Laws, Susan Teoro, and Shelly Carter for their contributions to materials. We couldn't keep growing without our St. Matthews family! Emily Lavikoff

### **May Rector's 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.

### **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**

As a gentle reminder: we have had some spill accidents around the Sanctuary. Please remember our policy - only covered or capped water containers should be brought into our worship space. This is one of the reasons we offer Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall each week.

### **The Daily Devotional Reading**

is available by clicking of the link below:

[Good News Daily](#)

### **Serving Schedule**

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: Shelley Carter  
E.M.: Bob Kohlhasse & Jack Pitts  
Crucifer: Brad Bauman  
Tuesday Counter: Gary McGinnis  
Coffee Hour: Char Wald & Carole Cox

3-June

7:30

Greeter: Doug & Dede Dyson  
Lector: Mark Gibson  
E.M.: Bill Johns

10:00

Acolyte: Liam Halt  
Crucifer: Brad Bauman  
Lector: Valarie Jones  
E.M.: Emily Lavikoff  
Monday Counter: Susan Clark  
Coffee Hour: Sandy Kohlhasse & Danielle Ward

### **St. Matthew's Schedule beginning May 27th**

*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-Office Closed for the holiday

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

Tuesday-10:00 a.m.-Quilters

Wednesday-5:00 p.m.-Evening Prayer

Wednesday-5:30 p.m.-Light Supper for participants

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

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

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

Saturday-Habitat Groundbreaking

Office Hours: 9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Tuesday 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.*

### **Readings for May 27, 2018**

Hymns: #366, #366, #559, #310, #371

Old Testament

## Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory."

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

## Psalm 29

### *Afferte Domino*

1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, \*  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; \*  
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders; \*  
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; \*  
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.

5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; \*  
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;  
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; \*  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe \*  
and strips the forests bare.

9 And in the temple of the Lord \*  
all are crying, "Glory!"

10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; \*  
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.

11 The Lord shall give strength to his people; \*  
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

## The Epistle

### Romans 8:12-17

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

### The Gospel

John 3:1-17

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God."

Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?"

Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?"

Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

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**Birthdays & Anniversaries May 27 - June 2**

*Anniversaries*

Kim & Harry Bray  
Heather & Gus Mather

*Birthdays*

Penny Smith  
Martha Pitts

**Collect for Sunday, May 27th Trinity Sunday**

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast given unto us thy servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the Divine Majesty to worship the Unity: We beseech thee that thou wouldest keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see thee in thy one and eternal glory O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contact Information**

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