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Rector's Ramblings

ABD

I want to thank each of you for your support over the past two-years as I have done the course work for a PhD in Patristics. Your patience and sacrifices have been a blessing to me, and I hope in some small way my continuing studies have made a contribution to our life together.

In some ways this feels much longer than two years, and in others, much less. I know that the program has been everything that I had hoped, and more. It has been a blessing to study with first class scholars, as well as, men and women with a strong commitment to the Gospel of Christ. The time spent in intensive courses surrounded by prayer both locally and from this congregation has always been a time of refreshment and renewal of mind and soul. (The body is another story).

So, I have been granted ABD (All But Dissertation) status. This is a very big step, but obviously there is much left to do. I will complete two papers this summer, and then have to choose a dissertation topic. Please continue to pray for me as I do so.

Again, thank you for all your support and your welcoming those who celebrated with you in my stead. Having such talented people who can step in is one of the beautiful things about our Church. So, thank you Frs. Joe and Richard for your help. Thanks as well to Jim, Gary, and the MLT who make it so easy for me to leave without worry.

The Good News

June 1, 2018



Christian Formation

All formation activities meet this Wednesday, 6 June. Dinner will be served at 5:30 PM. Formation classes begin at 6PM. Adult topic this week will be Holy Orders.

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 Saturday, 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.

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-

 **Ministry Links** 

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

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.

Mission Strategy Report

A special thanks to the Parish Mission Council (Jim Cooper, Gary Ploense, Mark Gibson, Rex Schaeffer, Emily Lavikoff, Sandy Kohlhase, and Justin Brooks) for their faithfulness and work throughout this spring.

Thank you to all who participated in the Survey published in April. Your comments and insights were very helpful to us in our work.

Without further ado here is what we discovered.

*We describe ourselves as: Introverted, Prudent, Far-Sighted, Theologically Convicted, Discerning, and Committed.

*Our passions are: Education (both in service as well as in personal development), Liturgy & Music, Outreach, Teaching, Cooking & Feeding.

* Our Gifts are: Liturgy, Outreach, Caring, Teaching, Theological Knowledge, Service work, Music, Feeding, Receptivity, Organizing, and Balance.

*The contents of our Mission Strategy this year are: 1) Continuing to develop our community and identity through intentional activities, such as Foyers, Discussion Groups, and informal gatherings; 2) Continuing to have the Parish Mission Council develop a long-term strategic mission plan.

If you wish to help with the first please see Jim Cooper. The PMC is very excited about this opportunity.

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

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

10-June
7:30
Greeter: Ray Durham
Lector: Liz Gordon
E.M.: Chris Bennett

10:00
Acolyte: Christian Pitts
Lector: Karyn Smith
E.M.: Jack Pitts
Crucifer: Brad Bauman
Monday Counter: Shelley Carter
Coffee Hour: Chrissy & John Stoffer

St. Matthew's Schedule beginning June 3rd

Coffee Hour follows 10:00 worship in the Parish Hall

Sunday-7:30 a.m.-Rite I
Sunday-9:00 a.m.- Outreach Committee meeting
Sunday-10:00 a.m.-Rite II
Sunday-11:00 a.m.-Guild of the Holy Rosary
Monday-6:30 a.m.-Morning Prayer
Tuesday-7:00 a.m.-Morning Prayer
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-8:30 a.m.-Women'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.

Readings for June 3, 2018

Hymns: #48, #632, #567, #309, #380

Old Testament

Deuteronomy 5:12-15

Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the Lord your God commanded you. Six days you shall labor and do all your

work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work-you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the Lord your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.

Psalm 81:1-10

Exultate Deo

1 Sing with joy to God our strength *
and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.
2 Raise a song and sound the timbrel, *
the merry harp, and the lyre.
3 Blow the ram's-horn at the new moon, *
and at the full moon, the day of our feast.
4 For this is a statute for Israel, *
a law of the God of Jacob.
5 He laid it as a solemn charge upon Joseph, *
when he came out of the land of Egypt.
6 I heard an unfamiliar voice saying *
"I eased his shoulder from the burden;
his hands were set free from bearing the load."
7 You called on me in trouble, and I saved you; *
I answered you from the secret place of thunder
and tested you at the waters of Meribah.
8 Hear, O my people, and I will admonish you: *
O Israel, if you would but listen to me!
9 There shall be no strange god among you; *
you shall not worship a foreign god.
10 I am the Lord your God,
who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said, *
"Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it."

The Epistle

2 Corinthians 4:5-12

We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always

being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

The Gospel

Mark 2:23-3:6

One sabbath Jesus and his disciples were going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?" And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions." Then he said to them, "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath."

Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

Birthdays & Anniversaries June 3 - 9

Anniversaries

Birthdays

Dedications for this week

*The Sanctuary Lamp is lit in celebration of the
Birthdays and Anniversary for
Patty & Jack Pitts*

Collect for Sunday, June 3rd

O God, whose never-failing providence ordereth all things both in heaven and earth: We humbly beseech thee to put away from us all hurtful things, and to give us those things which are profitable for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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