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This Week's Readings

Rector's Ramblings

Adult Formation held its last session for the summer on Wednesday. The topic was Holy Unction, AKA Anointing of the Sick.

This sacrament is often understood to be for those who are in need of "Last Rites", but that is a misunderstanding. While a part of the last sacramental rites of the Church, Unction is open to all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit.

With this in mind we will be offering a monthly Mass with Unction starting in September. However, you do not need to wait until the formal service, or until you are in hospital, to receive Unction. The clergy are very happy to provide this sacramental ministry as needed. Just let me know that you desire to be anointed.

However, also note that Hospitals no longer call us to let us know of your presence there. So, if you are going to, or have a loved one in, hospital and desire a visit from the clergy and Unction, please call the office or my mobile number.

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Ministry Links

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

The Good News

June 22, 2018



Christian Formation

Is finished for the Summer.

The sessions on the Sacraments have been recorded and are on DVD. If you would like to view them from the comfort of your home, please see Fr. Dave.

Habitat Build

We are asked to provide volunteers for 23 June and 28 July. Both days are 8AM to Noon. We are limited to a total of 12 volunteers on both dates. If you wish to volunteer, or have already signed up on our sign up sheet, please click on this [link](#) to confirm you status and fill out your waiver.

Thank you to all who will work on this project.

Bishop Elias Visit

Bishop Elias and Lucy will be visiting with us on the weekend of June 24th.

He will be bringing us greetings from our Anglican brothers and sisters in Tabora, Tanzania. Bishop Elias will be our preacher and con-celebrant for both services on 24 June, and we will be hosting a potluck dinner for him and Lucy following the 10AM service. All are invited, and this would be a wonderful opportunity to invite a friend to Church to hear how God is moving in East Africa today.

We will also be taking Bishop Elias and Lucy on a tour of PrairieErth Farm and meeting with Midwest Food Bank. If you have other ideas, or want to take them on an excursion during their couple of days with us, please let me know.

Theology Uncorked

Will meet at 6PM on 14 July.

Men's Breakfast

Will take place on Saturday, 21 July, at 8AM.

General Convention

Fr. Dave will be heading to General Convention as a Deputy from the Diocese of Springfield. Convention this year is in Austin, Texas and runs from 4-12 July. Please pray for this national gathering and for our Deputies.

The Thursday following General Convention Fr. and Amy will be taking a trip to Ireland to celebrate (belatedly) their 25th Anniversary. They will return on 2 August.

Services in July are as follows:

July 1 Regular Schedule (Fr. Halt--Celebrant)

July 8 Morning Prayer (Deacon Tim--Officiant)

July 15 Regular Schedule (Fr. Halt--Celebrant)

July 22 Morning Prayer (Deacon Tim--Officiant)

July 29 Regular Schedule (Fr. Wells--Celebrant)

Outreach Opportunities

Due to the increased need of all local food pantries, the Outreach Committee is adding the month of July for our collections, which go to St. Vincent de Paul. Your generosity continues to be greatly appreciated.

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

24-June

7:30

Greeter: Ray Durham

Lector: Mona Johnstone

E.M.: Chris Bennett

10:00

Acolyte: Sarah Halt

Crucifer: Brad Bauman

Lector: John Stoffer

E.M.: Bob Kohlase

Monday Counter: Gary Ploense

Coffee Hour: Potluck Celebration with honored Guests

1-July

7:30

Greeter: Doug & Dede Dyson

Lector: Chris Bennett

E.M.: Bill Johns

10:00

Acolyte: Liam Halt

Crucifer: Brad Bauman

Lector: Jim Cooper

E.M.: Shelly Carter

Monday Counter: Pam Laws

Coffee Hour: White family

Summer Lector's Serving Schedule

Lector's are scheduled by a fixed rotation that sometimes does not fit with their family plans. Please look ahead and trade with one another if you are unable to serve. Thanks.

6/17 Bill Johns

Chrissy Stoffer

6/24 Mona Johnstone

John Stoffer

7/1 Chris Bennett

Jim Cooper

7/8 Julie Bennett

Brad Bauman

7/15 Mark Gibson

Ann Sokan

7/22 Liz Gordon

Martha Carroll

7/29 Bill Johns

Amy Halt

St. Matthew's Schedule beginning June 24th

POTLUCK 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-6:30 a.m.-Morning Prayer
Tuesday-7:00 a.m.-Morning Prayer
Thursday-7:30 a.m.-Holy Eucharist 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.

Readings for June 24, 2018

Hymns: #427, #658, #347

Old Testament

Job 38:1-11

The Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind:

"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

Gird up your loins like a man,

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

Who determined its measurements-surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone

when the morning stars sang together

and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

"Or who shut in the sea with doors

when it burst out from the womb?-

when I made the clouds its garment,

and thick darkness its swaddling band,

and prescribed bounds for it,

and set bars and doors,

and said, "Thus far shall you come, and no farther,

and here shall your proud waves be stopped'?"

Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32

Confitemini Domino

1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, *
and his mercy endures for ever.

2 Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim *
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.

3 He gathered them out of the lands; *

from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.
23 Some went down to the sea in ships *
and plied their trade in deep waters;
24 They beheld the works of the Lord *
and his wonders in the deep.
25 Then he spoke, and a stormy wind arose, *
which tossed high the waves of the sea.
26 They mounted up to the heavens and fell back to the depths;
*
their hearts melted because of their peril.
27 They reeled and staggered like drunkards *
and were at their wits' end.
28 Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress.
29 He stilled the storm to a whisper *
and quieted the waves of the sea.
30 Then were they glad because of the calm, *
and he brought them to the harbor they were bound for.
31 Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy *
and the wonders he does for his children.
32 Let them exalt him in the congregation of the people *
and praise him in the council of the elders.

The Epistle

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

As we work together with Christ, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see-- we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return-- I speak as to children-- open wide your hearts also.

The Gospel

Mark 4:35-41

When evening had come, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

Birthdays & Anniversaries June 24 - 30

Anniversaries

Birthdays

Christian Pitts

Sarah Pitts

Jennifer Jordan

Josephine Brooks

Liz Gordon

Dedications for this week

*The Memorial Lamp is lit in remembrance of
Charlie Gee*

Collect for Sunday, June 24th

O Lord, we beseech thee, make us to have a perpetual fear and love of thy holy Name, for thou never failest to help and govern those whom thou hast set upon the sure foundation of thy loving-kindness; 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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