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This Week's Readings

### Rector's Ramblings

Thank you for making last week such a success for St. Matthew's, the Diocese of Springfield, and the Diocese of Tabora. Our mission goals and partnership grew in powerful ways.

Thanks to all who participated in any way making Bishop Elias' visit so meaningful. Special thanks to those arranging meetings at Midwest Food Bank and PrairieErth Farm. These experiences were great for all attending.

Bishop Elias and Lucy were deeply honored and send their own thanks. Your generosity of support, means their dream of sending their son, Advent, to school is now a reality. It was nearly overwhelming for them, seeing God's love presented in such an extraordinary fashion.

Well done, sisters and brothers of the Church!

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## Ministry Links

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

## The Good News

June 29, 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 Continues

We are asked to provide volunteers for 28 July, from 8AM to Noon. We are limited to a total of 12 volunteers. 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.

### 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.

### **The Daily Devotional Reading**

is available by clicking of the link below:

[Good News Daily](#)

### **Serving Schedule**

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: Gary Ploense for Pam Laws

Coffee Hour: White family

8-July

7:30

Greeter: Ray Durham

Lector: Julie Bennett

E.M.: Chris Bennett

10:00

Lector: Brad Bauman  
E.M.: Emily Lavikoff  
Monday Counter: Gary McGinnis  
Coffee Hour: Susan & Eric Teoro

### **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.

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|------|---------------|----------------|
| 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 July 1st**

*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-6:30 a.m.-Morning Prayer

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

Wednesday--Building closed for 4th of July

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  
(closed Wednesday)

*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 July 1, 2018**

Hymns: #525, #637, #686, #359, #719

The First Reading

Wisdom of Solomon 1:13-15; 2:23-24

God did not make death,

And he does not delight in the death of the living.

For he created all things so that they might exist;

the generative forces of the world are wholesome,

and there is no destructive poison in them,

and the dominion of Hades is not on earth.

For righteousness is immortal.

God created us for incorruption,

and made us in the image of his own eternity,  
but through the devil's envy death entered the world,  
and those who belong to his company experience it.

### Psalm 30

#### *Exaltabo te, Domine*

1 I will exalt you, O Lord,  
because you have lifted me up \*  
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.  
2 O Lord my God, I cried out to you, \*  
and you restored me to health.  
3 You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead; \*  
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.  
4 Sing to the Lord, you servants of his; \*  
give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.  
5 For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, \*  
his favor for a lifetime.  
6 Weeping may spend the night, \*  
but joy comes in the morning.  
7 While I felt secure, I said,  
"I shall never be disturbed. \*  
You, Lord, with your favor, made me as strong as the  
mountains."  
8 Then you hid your face, \*  
and I was filled with fear.  
9 I cried to you, O Lord; \*  
I pleaded with the Lord, saying,  
10 "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? \*  
will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?  
11 Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; \*  
O Lord, be my helper."  
12 You have turned my wailing into dancing; \*  
you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.  
13 Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; \*  
O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

### The Epistle

#### 2 Corinthians 8:7-15

As you excel in everything-- in faith, in speech, in knowledge,  
in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you-- so we want you  
to excel also in this generous undertaking.

I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the  
genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. For  
you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that  
though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that  
by his poverty you might become rich. And in this matter I am  
giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year  
not only to do something but even to desire to do something--  
now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by  
completing it according to your means. For if the eagerness is

there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has-- not according to what one does not have. I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. As it is written, "The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little."

## The Gospel

Mark 5:21-43

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live." So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well."

Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'" He looked all around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were

overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

**Birthdays & Anniversaries July 1 - 7**

Anniversaries

Shelley Carter & Brad Brenneman

Birthdays

Phyllis Halt

Dave Halt

Abigail Bray

**Dedications for this week**

**Collect for Sunday, July 1st**

O Almighty God, who hast built thy Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of Spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made an holy temple acceptable unto thee; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contact Information**

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