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This Week's Readings

Rector's Ramblings

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.

Christ is Risen!

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Ministry Links

St. Matthew's Webpage
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The Good News

June 8, 2018



Christian Formation

Is on hiatus this week, as Fr. Dave will be serving at the St. Michael's Conference. Adult Formation will resume on 20 June and the topic will be "Unction".

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.

Ground Breaking is done, now for volunteering

Thank you to all who came out to support Kia and Georgia at their groundbreaking.

We have been asked to provide up to 12 volunteers for construction on 23 June and 28 July from 8AM to noon. All volunteers must be 16 or over. Please sign up by either emailing Fr. Dave or using the sign up sheet in the office.

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

Will meet at 6PM on 17 June.

Men's Breakfast

A special Father's Day Men's Breakfast will take place on Saturday, 16 June, at 8AM.

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.

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

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

17-June

7:30

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

10:00

Acolyte: Alley Roberson
Crucifer: Brad Bauman
Lector: Chrissy Stoffer
E.M.: Robin Levine & Shelley Carter
Monday Counter: Roy 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.

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| 6/10 Liz Gordon | Karyn Smith |
| 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 10th

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

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

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

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

Saturday-8:00 a.m.-Men'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 10, 2018

Hymns: #374, #628, #614, #209, #288

Old Testament

Genesis 3:8-15

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." The Lord God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this,
cursed are you among all animals
and among all wild creatures;
upon your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.

I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and hers;
he will strike your head,
and you will strike his heel."

Psalm 130

De profundis

1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord;
Lord, hear my voice; *
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
2 If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, *
O Lord, who could stand?
3 For there is forgiveness with you; *
therefore you shall be feared.
4 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; *
in his word is my hope.
5 My soul waits for the Lord,
more than watchmen for the morning, *
more than watchmen for the morning.
6 O Israel, wait for the Lord, *
for with the Lord there is mercy;
7 With him there is plenteous redemption, *
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

The Epistle

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture-"I believed, and so I spoke" -we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that

grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

The Gospel

Mark 3:20-35

The crowd came together again, so that Jesus and his disciples could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered. "Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin" - for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit." Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

Birthdays & Anniversaries June 10 - 16

Anniversaries

Debbie & Deacon Tim Leighton
Danielle Ward

Birthdays

Megan Dyson
Alley Roberson

Dedications for this week

*The Memorial Lamp is lit in remembrance of
Joseph Zingone*

*The Sanctuary Lamp is lit in remembrance of
David A. McDaniel
by Phyllis & Dave Halt*

Collect for Sunday, June 10th

O God, from whom all good doth come: Grant that by thy inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by thy merciful guiding may perform the same; 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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