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This Week's Readings

Rector's Ramblings

Weather and Cancellations

With the potential of bad weather again this weekend, I think it time to republish our process for making decisions on services and events.

1. Parking Bans

If the city has issued a parking ban, all weekday activities will be cancelled. On Sundays when this is in effect, every attempt will be made to have the 10AM service, but all other activities will be cancelled.

2. Winter Weather Advisories

Sunday Services will be held, but cancellations of other activities may occur. This will be based on timing, radar, and road conditions.

3. Winter Storm/Blizzard Warnings

All weekday activities will be canceled. Attempts will be made to hold 10AM Sunday Service. This will depend on parking lot and road conditions. All other Sunday activities will be cancelled.

4. Snow Emergencies

The Good News

January 18, 2019



2019 Annual Meeting UPDATE

We will meet for Elections at 9AM this Sunday, weather cooperating.

Service Schedule will be the regular cycle of 7:30 and 10AM.

Blessing of Homes during Epiphany

There is a custom of blessing homes during the Epiphany season. If you would like to schedule a Home Blessing please see Fr. Dave and he will ensure that it takes place.

2019 Liturgical Calendars

There are still several copies left on the glass case by the office. Please take one, and if needed we can print more.

Youth Group

This Sunday, January 20th, at 6PM. We will meet for movie night. Pizza, popcorn and soda will be provided.

Breakfast Fellowships

Men's Breakfast will meet off-site at Shannon's Five-Star on Saturday the 19th, 8:00AM.

Soup-er Saturday

The next fellowship night is Saturday 2/2. We will be hosting a Chili/Soup cookoff with entertainment, games,

If a snow emergency is issued that directs us to stay off the roads, then all activities including 10AM service will be cancelled.

I do make every effort to celebrate on the Lord's Day if at all possible, have a 4X4, and grew up in Michigan. I love to drive in the snow. However, you know what conditions are safe for you, and your safety is our first priority.

We make every effort to communicate cancellations effectively using both the e-news and Flocknote. Flocknote is a text messaging system, and if you have not signed up, please do so by texting STMEC to 84576. We will always update in a timely manner.

Blessings,

Dave+

Ministry Links

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

and a small raffle.

Who: All are invited, and we do mean all ages.

What to bring: A pot of chili or soup to share and a spirit of fun and fellowship.

When: 5-8 PM.

We will also have a lucky square game for the Big Game (since the No Fun League has copyrighted the name of the super game that takes place in a bowl shaped stadium the next day). There will be fabulous prizes, and all funds raised will support Outreach.

Bible Study and Midweek Eucharist

The regularly scheduled Eucharist and Bible Study resumes this Wednesday. Eucharist at 5:30PM and Bible Study at 6PM. It is perfectly acceptable to bring your dinner with you to Bible Study.

Outreach Opportunities

Warm Clothing

As the weather cools, The Outreach Committee is again urging you to think about the need for warm coats, hats, gloves, and scarves in our community. Please bring your gently used coats, etc., to church and place them in the big white box in the hallway across from the office. The Committee will take them to The Salvation Army, which will distribute them to the needy through January 16, 2019. Thank you for helping us keep people warm.

The Daily Devotional Reading

is available by clicking of the link below:
[Good News Daily](#)

Worship Serving Schedule

20-January 2019

7:30

Greeter: Ray Durham

Lector: Chris Bennett

E.M.: Chris Bennett

10:00
Acolyte: Liam Halt
Thurifer: John Stoffer
Crucifer: Brad Bauman
Lector: Martha Carroll
E.M.: Emily Lavikoff
Monday Counter: Gary Ploense
Coffee Hour: Nona & Harlan Noel

27-January 2019

7:30
Greeter: Dede & Doug Dyson
Lector: Mark Gibson
E.M.: Bill Johns

10:00
Acolyte: Christian Pitts
Crucifer: Brad Bauman
Lector: Robin Levine
E.M.: Jack Pitts
Monday Counter: Pam Laws
Coffee Hour: Susan Long & Shelley Carter

St. Matthew's Weekly Activities as of January 20th

Coffee hour follows 10AM worship in Parish Hall

Sunday-7:30 a.m.-Rite I

9:00 a.m.-Annual Meeting Conclusion

10:00 a.m.-Rite II (Outreach rescheduled 9:30)

1:00 p.m.-Green Scouts

5:30 p.m.-Evensong

6:00 p.m.-Youth Group

Monday-5:00 p.m.-WMFY classes

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

10:00 a.m.--Quilters

6:00 p.m.-Zumba

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

5:30 p.m.-Holy Eucharist

6:00 p.m.-Adult Bible Study

Thursday-7:30 a.m.-Holy Eucharist & breakfast

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

Saturday-7:30 a.m.-Zumba

Office Hours: Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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 January 20, 2019

Hymns: # 135, #368, #574, #321, #568

Old Testament

Isaiah 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.
The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the Lord will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;
for the Lord delights in you,
and your land shall be married.
For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

Psalm 36:5-10

Dixit injustus

5 Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, *
and your faithfulness to the clouds.
6 Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,
your justice like the great deep; *
you save both man and beast, O Lord.
7 How priceless is your love, O God! *
your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.
8 They feast upon the abundance of your house; *
you give them drink from the river of your delights.
9 For with you is the well of life, *
and in your light we see light.
10 Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, *
and your favor to those who are true of heart.

The New Testament

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

The Gospel

John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Birthdays & Anniversaries January 20 - 26

Anniversaries

Birthdays

Philip Brooks

Megan Holderby

Dedications for this week:

Collect for the 2nd Sunday after Epiphany, January 20th

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that thy people, illumined by thy Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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