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This Week's Readings

Rector's Ramblings

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

This Sunday, in the secular calendar, is Mother's Day. It is a time set aside to remember, honor, and thank our mothers for all that they have done for us.

So, say "Thank you" and "I love you" to your mother, this weekend.

This is also a time to remember, honor, and say "Thank you" and "I love you" to all those women in your life who have helped you become a person of faith. Each of these, within the Church, has served as a mother in nurturing your faith.

On this day, also honor Mother Church, who continues to nourish and nurture.

Finally, rejoice, give thanks, and love our Mother, who is the Mother of our Lord, for her devotion, strength, and willingness to bear He who saves us.

He is risen indeed!

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The Good News

May 10, 2019



Griffin House Blessing

The official Habitat House Blessing for Kia and Georgia's new home will be Saturday, May 11, at 12:00 p.m.

All are invited to celebrate the end of one chapter, and the beginning of a new one.

Their new address is 806 S. Madison Street, Bloomington, IL 61701.

Women's Breakfast

Usual Day, second Saturday, May 11 at 8:30AM.

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, May 18, at 8:00AM. This will be the last Men's Breakfast until the fall. However, look to this space for a special invitation in June.

The Old House Society

St. Matthew's has been asked to participate in the Old House Society Tour on 8 June. The Society is interested in the architecture and history of the Nave.

We have gladly accepted the request to have our doors open from 10-4 that day, and we need willing volunteers present to greet visitors on the tour. Shifts would be two-hours and we would like to have two people for each shift.

This is a wonderful opportunity to open our doors to the community, exhibit our beautiful space, and show how warm and welcoming St. Matthew's is.

If you are interested in volunteering, please see Gary Ploense.

Ministry Links

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

Ascension Service

The Feast of the Ascension will be celebrated on 30 May at 7:30AM.

Rogation Day

The Blessing of Waters for Rogation Days and a Rogation Day procession will take place at the 10AM Eucharist on 26 May.

Vacation Bible School

A VBS will be offered at the end of July. Emily Lavikoff and Justin Brooks will be leading this endeavor and will be looking for volunteers to make this a success.

What can you do now? Please pray for this program and its launch.

Save these Summer Dates

More information will follow.

Church Camp

Episcopal Church Camp dates for 2019: June 30-July 6 at East Bay, Lake Bloomington. Camp sessions are available for children finishing 1st grade through those finishing 11th grade. Registration forms are available on the bulletin board or [here](#).

St. Michael's Conference

A youth conference for those between the ages of 13 to 19. The dates this year are June 16-22. Registration information is in development.

Travel Plans

Fr. Halt will be leaving after services on 5/12 for week of continuing education to finalize his Dissertation Proposal at the Antiochian House of Studies.

He and Amy will also be participating in a Pilgrimage and Theological Conference in Greece from 30 May to 14 June.

Morning Prayer with Eucharist will be celebrated on 2 June and Fr. David Wells will celebrate on 9 June.

Musical Note

Please keep Fr. Joe in your prayers as he has to take an unplanned hiatus from the organ bench due to an emerging

medical condition.

Heidi Brooks will serve in Fr. Joe's place during this time.

Outreach Opportunities

Items of the Month

During the months of May and June the Outreach Committee will be collecting items for St. Vincent dePaul food pantry. St. Vincent's provides assistance to the homeless and working poor of our communities. We at St. Matthew's can actively help by contributing items like those listed here:

canned vegetables

peanut butter

tine fish, and other canned meats

rice and cereals, especially cereals individually
wrapped in packets

beans, both dry and canned

water and fruit juice

baby diapers and baby wipes

Contributions may be placed in baskets in the narthex or the hall.

Thank you from volunteers at the pantry, as they are very grateful.

Junior Warden's Corner

For your information we have changed cleaning services for St. Matthew's effective 1 June. We have contracted with Kia Griffin to provide these services for our Church from that date. If you have any questions, or concerns, please direct them to me.

Gary Ploense, Jr. Warden.

The Daily Devotional Reading

is available by clicking of the link below:

[Good News Daily](#)

Worship Serving Schedule

12-May 2019

7:30

Greeter: Ray Durham

Lector: Kathryn Morris

10:00

Acolyte: Sarah Halt
Crucifer: Christian Pitts
Lector: Sandy Kohlhasse
E.M.: Emily Lavikoff & Jack Pitts
Monday Counter: Shelley Carter
Coffee Hour: Susan & Eric Teoro

19-May 2019

7:30

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

10:00

Acolyte: Alley Roberson
Crucifer: Liam Halt
Thurifer: John Stoffer
Lector: Shelley Carter
E.M.: Emily Lavikoff
Monday Counter: Roy Laws
Coffee Hour: Julie & Jim Cooper

St. Matthew's Weekly Activities as of May 12

Coffee hour follows 10AM worship in Parish Hall

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

9:15 a.m.-Sunday School for Children

10:00 a.m.-Rite I I

1:00 p.m.-Green Scouts

5:30 p.m.-Evensong

6:00 p.m.-Theology Uncorked

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-7:30 a.m.-Morning Prayer

2:00 p.m.-Private Music Lessons

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

2:00 p.m.-Private Music Lessons

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

Saturday-8:00 a.m.-Zumba

8:00 a.m.-Men's Breakfast Fellowship

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 May 12, 2019

Hymns: #180, #645, #708, #353, #182

The First Lesson

Acts 9:36-43

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Psalm 23

Dominus regit me

1 The Lord is my shepherd; *

I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.

3 He revives my soul *

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I
shall fear no evil; *

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who
trouble me; *

you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days
of my life, *

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

The Epistle

Revelation 7:9-17

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,
"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and

to the Lamb!"

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,
"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever!
Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The Gospel

John 10:22-30

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

Birthdays & Anniversaries May 12 - 18

Anniversaries

Liz & Ron Gordon

Birthdays

Dedications for this week:

*The Memorial lamp is lit in loving memory of
David A. McDaniel
by Dave & Phyllis Halt*

Collect for 4th Sunday of Easter, May 12th

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of thy people; Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calleth us each by name, and follow where he doth lead; who, with thee and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contact Information

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