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This Week's Readings

Rector's Ramblings

Help Needed

As you can tell from the links below this box, St. Matthew's now has Twitter and Instagram accounts. Whoever the ubiquitous "they" are tell us that we have to use these social media to get the word out and raise our profile. Having a website and Facebook account are no longer trendy, though still necessary.

Personally, I am not a big fan of social media, and do not even use Facebook much anymore. I don't like the silo-ing that occurs, or the need based search for "likes" and "reactions". With my natural propensity to be a luddite in terms of social media, I need your help to keep these accounts "fresh".

How?

1. Follow St. Matthew's and "Retweet" or "like" us.
2. If you are involved in a ministry group send me quotes, pics, articles that can be posted.
3. Email me articles or other things of interest that I can use to make Tweets and Instagram

The Good News

August 16, 2019



Men's Breakfasts

The next Men's Breakfast will take place on August 17th at 8AM in the Parish Hall. We will enjoy breakfast, fellowship, and a special work project (wear grubby clothes that day).

Free to a Good Home

Or any home, really. Or even an office...

As we rearrange the lower level to accommodate our expanded Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program, we have uncovered several items that are in excess of requirements. So you all have first pick before they are removed from the building.

We have available: a four-drawer letter sized file cabinet, a two-drawer legal sized file cabinet, a wall mirror, a large bulletin board, and a kind of wobbly bell table.

If you want one of these, just take it or reserve it with Fr. Dave, before the 11th of August.

Midweek Enoch

Midweek activities resume on 21 August in the Book of Enoch.

Outreach Opportunities

Items of the Month

In August and September the Outreach Committee will be collecting school supplies for Oakland School. The supply list includes items for individuals for grades Kindergarten through

messages. (I do have one rule--we do not do partisan politics as a Eucharistic Community).

Anything can be emailed to me at rector (at) stmattsblm.org.

Thanks for helping to keep us "fresh".

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Ministry Links

St. Matthew's Webpage
The Episcopal Diocese of
Springfield

[Rector's Blog \(new\)](#)

Find us on Instagram--stmattsblm
Twitter--@BloomingtonSt

5th grades. For example, the First grade list includes: Elmer's white glue, large box of facial tissues, large washable classic Crayola markers and backpack (no wheels). Please see the complete list for supplies for all grades. The supply lists will be posted on the bulletin board outside the church office and near the collection baskets (in August). Place your supplies in the baskets in the vestibule between the sanctuary and the parish hall. Thank you for helping the Outreach Committee with this important project.

The Daily Devotional Reading

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

Worship Serving Schedule

18-August 2019

7:30

Greeter: Ray Durham

Lector: Mark Gibson

10:00

Acolyte: Alley Roberson

Crucifer: Brad Bauman

Thurifer: Emily Lavikoff

Lector: Cris Embree

E.M.: Bob Kohlhasse

Monday Counter: Gary Ploense

Coffee Hour: Char Wald & Martha Lakin

25-August 2019

7:30

Greeters: Doug & Dede Dyson

Lector: Julie Bennett

E.M.: Bill Johns

10:00

Acolyte: Sarah Halt

Crucifer: Brad Bauman

Lector: Valarie Jones

E.M.: Emily Lavikoff

Monday Counter: Pam Laws

Coffee Hour: Debbie Leighton & Patty Pitts

St. Matthew's Weekly Activities as of August 18

Coffee hour follows 10AM worship in Parish Hall

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

10:00 a.m.-Rite II

5:30 p.m.-Evensong

6:00 p.m.-MLT meeting

Monday

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.-Holy Eucharist & breakfast

2:00 p.m.-Private Music Lessons *

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

Saturday-8:00 a.m.-Zumba *

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

** Authorized Group--St. Matthew's guests*

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 August 18, 2019

Hymns: #7, #437, #555

Old Testament

Jeremiah 23:23-29

Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back-- those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

Psalm 82

Deus stetit

1 God takes his stand in the council of heaven; *
he gives judgment in the midst of the gods:

2 "How long will you judge unjustly, *
and show favor to the wicked?

3 Save the weak and the orphan; *
defend the humble and needy;

4 Rescue the weak and the poor; *
deliver them from the power of the wicked.
5 They do not know, neither do they understand;
they go about in darkness; *
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
6 Now I say to you, 'You are gods, *
and all of you children of the Most High;
7 Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, *
and fall like any prince.'
8 Arise, O God, and rule the earth, *
for you shall take all nations for your own.

The Epistle

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets-- who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented-- of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

The Gospel

Luke 12:49-56

Jesus said, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it

were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son
and son against father,
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

Birthdays & Anniversaries August 18 - 24

Anniversaries

Birthdays

John Stoffer

Dedications for this week:

Collect for 10th Sunday after Pentecost, August 18th

Almighty God, who hast given thy only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin and also an example of godly life: Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavor ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reignth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Contact Information

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