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This Week's Readings

Rector's Ramblings

A Practical Matter

I wrote the title with tongue firmly planted in cheek as prayer is incredibly practical in the life of a Christian. However, there is a need to move from the sublime to the more secular side of things at St. Matthew's.

There is an important change happening in our community. After many years of hearing "where is that?" when I mentioned St. Matthew's, we are being noticed by the wider Parish. This means that we are getting more and more requests to use the building. It is good to be noticed, but it does create challenges.

My belief is that the more a building is used the better it is for the Church. Each person who resides in our Parish and enters our facility for a function not directly tied to our ministry, is at one and the same time an honored guest, a contact in the network of evangelism, and potentially a future member of the Eucharistic Community. And so I, along with the MLT, believe the doors should be open as much as possible, even with two or more activities at the same

The Good News

August 2, 2019



Evensong

This Sunday at 5:30 p.m.

Evensong on August 11th is tentatively scheduled. Announcement will be made on Flocknote *if* it will be cancelled.

Theology Uncorked

Will without a doubt meet at 6PM on August 11th. Topic for discussion will be the Eucharistic Prayers.

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).

CGS Volunteer Work Night

CGS (Cateshesis of the Good Shepherd) invites you to participate on Thursday August 8th, from about 6-8 pm. We are having a materials making night; inviting volunteers in this effort to bless youngsters in holy development. Emily has formed a project/task list to give to volunteers when they arrive. We will set up two additional tables in the basement area to help with the work. Men are especially welcome to help as there will be wood pieces to glue and construct.

We scheduled from 6-8 p.m. giving volunteers a solid hour or two come and and go.

time.

Of course, priority is always granted to ministries and activities of our Eucharistic Community. The MLT has also decided that any "rental" funds for the use of the Parish Hall are to be set aside in an MLT outreach fund for further ministry.

Now to the very practical: with this new found visibility we have to keep the calendar of building use centralized and current. While copies of the current month's calendar are put on the bulletin board, these are informational only. If you wish to add, or change, times or events, please let Pat or me know by phone, text, note, or email. This way we can ensure that the information stays current and can avoid potential calendar conflicts. This will also ensure that the calendar on the website stays current as well.

A busy building is a sign of life and it is good to be noticed. So, as the program year begins don't be surprised if you see strangers in our midst, just smile and welcome them to St. Matthew's. Who knows we might be entertaining an angel unawares (with apologies to St. Paul for borrowing without attribution).

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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

There will be a 5:30 Eucharist followed by Adult Study this week. We will be reading 1 Enoch (from the Deuterocanonical Books). Copies are available on the table next to the copy room.

There will be no Midweek activities on 14 August as Fr. Halt will be attending a Basic Training Graduation for one of our youth.

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 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:

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Ministry Links

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Springfield

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Worship Serving Schedule

4-August 2019

7:30

Greeter: Ray Durham

Lector: Bill Johns

10:00

Acolyte: Christian Pitts

Crucifer: Brad Bauman

Thurifer: John Stoffer

Lector: Sandy Kohlase

E.M.: Jack Pitts

Monday Counter: Shelley Carter

Coffee Hour: Sandy Kohlase & Danielle Ward

11-August 2019

7:30

Greeters: Doug & Dede Dyson

Lector: Kathryn Morris

E.M.: Bill Johns

10:00

Acolyte: Christian Pitts

Crucifer: Brad Bauman

Lector: Amy Halt

E.M.: Emily Lavikoff

Monday Counter: Susan Clark

Coffee Hour: Kia Griffin & Georgia

St. Matthew's Weekly Activities as of August 4

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

Monday

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

10:00 a.m.-Quilters

5:30 p.m.-Eucharist, Feast of the Transfiguration

6:00 p.m.-Zumba *

Wednesday-7:30 a.m.-Morning Prayer

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

4:00 p.m.-Recovery Starts Today *

5:30 p.m.-Mid-week Holy Eucharist

6:00 p.m.-Adult Study

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

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

6:00 p.m.-CSG Volunteer Work night

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

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

8:30 a.m.-Women's Fellowship breakfast

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

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 4, 2019

Hymns: #377, #610, #LEVAS 89

Old Testament

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me -- and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

Psalm 49:1-11

Audite haec, omnes

1 Hear this, all you peoples;

hearken, all you who dwell in the world, *

you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.

2 My mouth shall speak of wisdom, *

and my heart shall meditate on understanding.

3 I will incline my ear to a proverb *

and set forth my riddle upon the harp.

4 Why should I be afraid in evil days, *

when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,

5 The wickedness of those who put their trust in their goods, *

and boast of their great riches?

6 We can never ransom ourselves, *
or deliver to God the price of our life;
7 For the ransom of our life is so great, *
that we should never have enough to pay it,
8 In order to live for ever and ever, *
and never see the grave.
9 For we see that the wise die also;
like the dull and stupid they perish *
and leave their wealth to those who come after them.
10 Their graves shall be their homes for ever,
their dwelling places from generation to generation, *
though they call the lands after their own names.
11 Even though honored, they cannot live for ever; *
they are like the beasts that perish.

The Epistle

Colossians 3:1-11

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things-- anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

The Gospel

Luke 12:13-21

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for

many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

Birthdays & Anniversaries August 4 - 10

Anniversaries

Debbie & Roger Thomas

Birthdays

Jenny Pitts

Zach Davingman

Emily Lavikoff

Jack Schaeffer

Dedications for this week:

The Memorial candle is lit in loving memory of

Ann and Robert Tussing

by Melody & Chuck Palm

Collect for 8th Sunday after Pentecost, August 4th

O Lord, we beseech thee, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church, and, because it cannot continue in safety without thy succor, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness; through 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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