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This Week's Readings

Rector's Ramblings

Today and tomorrow is the meeting of the Annual Synod of the Diocese. This year we are in Alton.

Please pray for Deacon Tim, Gary Ploense, Shelly Carter, Matt Matsuda and me as we take our share in the council of the Diocese.

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The Good News

October 18, 2019



Midweek Activities

We will resume with reading the Didache (The Teaching of the Twelve Apostles) on the 23d.

Copies of the Didache will be available on Sunday.

Breakfast Fellowships

Men's Breakfast will not meet on October 19 due to the Diocesan Synod. However, we will meet on the 26th at Shannon's 5Star if agreeable to the men of the church. Please let Fr. Dave know if that date does not work.

Special Forum

October 20th at 9AM.

John and Chrissy Stoffer will present on their recent trip to Kenya in support of Midwest Food Bank. You will not want to miss hearing about their amazing experience and the work that is being done by this local ministry in Africa.

Adult Forum

An Adult Forum will be held at 9AM each Sunday during the time for Children's Catechesis. This is an informal gathering to answer questions and have discussion about the Church and its life in the world.

Visitation Change

Bishop Daniel's annual visitation date has changed to 10 November.

Thank You Note Received

To the church of St Matthews,

On behalf of myself and all of the Zumba members, we'd like to thank you for letting us use your beautiful church for classes. You were all so welcoming, kind and accommodating. We also appreciate your flexibility in letting us work around your schedule as well as the many other groups who use your building. This type of outreach and relationship is what makes a church commendable in the eyes of God. Thank you again and may God bless all of you abundantly.

:) Tex Kahle

Outreach Opportunities

Fall Book/DVD/Bake Sale

The Outreach Committee's fall Book/DVD/Bake Sale will be Saturday, October 26, 8AM to 1PM. Donations of books, DVDs and other recordings may be brought to the parish hall and placed near the bookshelves. Bake sale items may be brought during parish office hours on Thursday (Oct 24) and Friday (Oct 25), as well as during sale set-up on Oct. 25, 3-6PM or during the sale on Oct. 26. We welcome help with the set-up. For any further information please call Debbie Leighton, 826-7390.

ITEMS-OF-THE-MONTH for October & November 2019.

MIDWEST FOOD BANK is asking for the following items for "The Big Give," its Thanksgiving meal giveaway for local residents in need:

Boxed stuffing mix, boxed mashed potatoes, pie crust mix; canned green beans, cranberry sauce, cream-of-mushroom soup, evaporated milk; envelopes of gravy (no jars, please); regular size cans of French fried onions; large cans of pumpkin pie mix, containing all sugar and spices.

Overall, 20 churches are collecting these items because so many are needed, for instance, 5,000 cans each of green beans and mushroom soup. Hy-Vee and Schnuck's are ready to assist

people shopping for The Big Give. They also sell turkey cards.

Please help The Outreach Committee provide St. Matthew's response to this vital community need. THANK YOU!

If you can, please bring your non perishable donations early in October so that MFB volunteers will have plenty of time to pack individual and family boxes for distribution.

Thanks again! The Outreach Committee

Updated ways to assist Oakland School are found on their [PTO News](#)

The Daily Devotional Reading

is available by clicking of the link below:

[Good News Daily](#)

Worship Serving Schedule

20-October 2019

7:30

Greeters: Doug & Dede Dyson

Lector: Bill Johns

E.M.: Bill Johns

10:00

Acolyte: Shelley Carter

Crucifer: Brad Bauman

Thurifer: Emily Lavikoff

Lector: Amy Halt

E.M.: Bob Kohlhase

Monday Counter: Susan Clark

Coffee Hour: Robin Levine & Karyn Smith

27-October 2019

7:30

Greeter: Ray Durham

Lector: Chris Bennett

10:00

Acolyte: Jack Pitts

Crucifer: Christian Pitts

Lector: Sandy Kohlhase

E.M.:

Monday Counter: Shelley Carter

Coffee Hour: Kia & Georgia Griffin

St. Matthew's Weekly Activities as of October 20

Coffee hour follows 10AM worship in Parish Hall

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

9:00 a.m.-Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (for Children)

10:00 a.m.-Rite II

5:30 p.m.-Evensong

6:00 p.m.-MLT meeting

Monday-9:00 a.m.-Home School Ed Classes *

11:00 a.m.-Private Music Lessons *

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

10:00 a.m.-Quilters

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

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

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

6:00 p.m.-Adult Study

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

9:00 a.m.-Moms in Prayer *

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

Friday-3:00 p.m.-Book Sale set-up

Saturday-8:00 a.m.-Men's Breakfast at Shannon's 5 Star

8:00 a.m.-Book/DVD/Bake Sale

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 October 20, 2019

Hymns: #401, #632, #680

Old Testament

Genesis 32:22-31

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Psalm 121

Levavi oculos

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?

2 My help comes from the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.

3 He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;

5 The Lord himself watches over you; *
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.

7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.

8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming
in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

The Epistle

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from

childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

The Gospel

Luke 18:1-8

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Birthdays & Anniversaries October 20 - 26

Anniversaries

Lynn & Kelly Gray

Birthdays

Adrienne Ives

Chris Bennett

Dedications for this week:

Collect for 19th Sunday after Pentecost, October 20th

Almighty and everlasting God, who in Christ hast revealed thy glory among the nations: Preserve the works of thy mercy, that thy Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of thy Name; through the same 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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