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This Week's Readings

Rector's Ramblings

Line of the week, given to me by a friend over lunch: "For Halloween October dressed up as January!"

Now to our regularly scheduled program.

All Saint and All Souls

Over the years these days have been conflated in the liturgical practice of The Episcopal Church, but they are distinct commemorations and worthy of their own celebrations.

All Saints' Day is the commemoration of all those who have received the blessing of full sanctity in this life, but may not be officially remembered in any Church Kalendar of observances. These would be holy women and men who lived lives of service and holiness, and whose passing may have been noticed locally; but escaped the attention of the Church at large. These would also be those who gave the ultimate witness to the faith

The Good News

November 1, 2019



REMEMBER TO "FALL BACK"

Saturday overnight, daylight savings time ends for 2019.

Midweek Activities

We will resume with reading the Didache (The Teaching of the Twelve Apostles) next week.

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.

All Saints & All Souls

All Saints' Day will be celebrated on Sunday 11/3 at both services.

All Souls' will be commemorated on Wednesday, 11/6, with a Requiem Mass. Please let the office know of names you wish remembered this day.

THIS WEEK - Fall Cleaning at St. Matthew's

On Friday, November 8th and Friday, November 22nd the building will be closed so the main Hallway and Sanctuary

through martyrdom, and whose names are now forgotten. All Saints' might appropriately be called the Commemoration of the Anonymous Saints.

All Souls' Day is the day of prayer for all the faithful departed. In other words, all those who are not recognized as saints, but who were united to Christ in Baptism. At the service on this day we remember all who have died, especially those of the last year, and any whose names are given to the clergy.

If you wish to have a particular person commemorated at the Mass on All Souls' Day please let me or Deacon Tim know. Since the celebration is held in the Chapel, all those whose names are recorded at the Columbarium will be remembered as well.

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Ministry Links

St. Matthew's Webpage
The Episcopal Diocese of
Springfield
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floors can be professionally cleaned and sealed. Please plan NOT to enter the building on those days so that the surfaces can properly dry.

Naturally, the office must be closed for these workdays - so the Newsletter will go out 1 day early and if you want anything included it would be best to think ahead.

Thanksgiving Schedule

There will be only one service on Sunday, November 24th. All of the St. Matthew's family will worship together at 9:30 AM and immediately after, celebrate Thanksgiving with a traditional potluck meal. A sign-up is posted in the main Hallway for meal organization.

Visitation Change

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

Qualified Charitable Distributions and Required Minimum Distribution Gifts

The tax law permits anyone 70½ or older to make a direct transfer of IRA balances up to \$100,000 per year to a charity like St. Matthews. For most donors, these qualified charitable distributions (QCDs) make it possible to net an ever-greater tax benefit because those dollars will never hit your adjusted gross income (AGI). Since you would have paid income taxes on that distribution, this strategy offers significant benefit to those who would have given that amount regardless. Added bonus: QCDs go toward satisfying your required minimum distribution (RMD). Bear in mind, though, that QCDs must come from IRAs; they cannot come from 401(k)s. Please contact your tax adviser as to whether this strategy is right for you. They can help advise you on the specific compliance rules to qualify and rollover strategies if your retirement funds are currently held in a 401(k) or similar investment. Also, most brokerage firms will assist you with these transactions and will either disburse the checks directly to the charities, or send the checks to you to pass along.

Outreach Opportunities

Books by the Bag Sale

The Outreach Committee's fall Book/DVD/Bake Sale will be concluding on Saturday, November 2, 8AM to noon. The Outreach Committee needs help restoring the Parish Hall to its normal set-up on Sunday, November 3 from 2-5PM. Any amount of time you can give will be much appreciated.

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](#)

ALSO FROM THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE:

As you go through your coat closet, do you find a jacket that you're tired of wearing but that is still in pretty good condition?

Do your kids' coats no longer fit?

Bring your gently used winter wear to church and put it in the big white box in the hallway opposite the main office. The Outreach Committee will deliver your donations to The Salvation Army for distribution to people in need. Thank you!

Chime Choir Class & Performance

Thanks to the gracious hosting of our St. Matthews congregation, I'm pleased to announce the very first

performance of our new co-op's chime choir! We will perform November 10th at the 10:30 am mass along with guitarist Michael Hull, professor of guitar at Bradley University.

Our homeschool co-op, (called Bloomington-Normal Community Co-op) began this past September and meets every Monday at 9:30 am at St. Matthews. We have 40 kids registered between the ages of 4 years old and 6th grade! Our purpose is to provide courses for homeschooled children that are difficult to execute at home. This year we provide music (taught by myself) and science (taught by Amy Hertel).

The chimes come into play (pun intended!) with the older group (3rd through 6th graders) where we use the chimes of St. Matthews as a vehicle to teach music literacy and develop strong rhythmic skills. Due to the size of the group we are also fortunate to have an entire set of donated chimes from my husband Justin's home church, Maple Avenue Christian Church!

Some of these children have other music instruction, (choirs, individual lessons), some have none whatsoever! The strength of chime choir shows itself in that each child is essential to the whole piece of music. Chime playing requires a high concentration out of every single student as each is responsible for one to two essential notes to the piece! Out of this large group of 22 children, 13 have signed up for the performance of my arrangement of the hymn "Morning has Broken" on November 10th.

We are so grateful for this opportunity to provide good classroom experience, community and wonderful extremely low cost courses to the homeschooling community of Bloomington-Normal!

Heidi Brooks

The Daily Devotional Reading

is available by clicking of the link below:

[Good News Daily](#)

Worship Serving Schedule

3-November 2019

7:30

Greeters: Doug & Dede Dyson

Lector: Mark Gibson

E.M.: Bill Johns

10:00

Acolyte: Liam Halt

Crucifer: Brad Bauman

Thurifer: Emily Lavikoff

Lector: Shelley Carter

E.M.: Shelley Carter

Monday Counter: Roy Laws

Coffee Hour: Susan Long & Shelley Carter

10-November 2019

7:30

Greeter: Ray Durham

Lector: Julie Bennett

E.M.: Bill Johns

10:00

Acolyte: Jack Pitts

Crucifer: Brad Bauman

Lector: Cris Embree

E.M.:

Monday Counter: Gary Ploense

Coffee Hour: DiAnne Wunderle & Martha Lakin

St. Matthew's Weekly Activities as of November 3

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

Coffee hour fellowship follows worship in the Parish Hall

2:00 p.m.-Book Sale tear-down

5:30 p.m.-Evensong

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

1:30 p.m.-Private Music Lessons *

5:30 p.m.-Requiem Mass for All Souls

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

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

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

Friday-ALL DAY-Building Closed

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

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

Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 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 November 3, 2019

Hymns: #287, #232, #620, #558

Old Testament

Daniel 7:1-3,15-18

In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: "As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom for ever-for ever and ever."

Psalm 149

Cantate Domino

1 Hallelujah!

Sing to the Lord a new song; *

sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

2 Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; *

let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

3 Let them praise his Name in the dance; *

let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

4 For the Lord takes pleasure in his people *

and adorns the poor with victory.

5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; *

let them be joyful on their beds.

6 Let the praises of God be in their throat *

and a two-edged sword in their hand;

7 To wreak vengeance on the nations *

and punishment on the peoples;

8 To bind their kings in chains *
and their nobles with links of iron;
9 To inflict on them the judgment decreed; *
this is glory for all his faithful people.
Hallelujah!

The Epistle

Ephesians 1:11-23

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The Gospel

Luke 6:20-31

Jesus looked up at his disciples and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

"Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

"Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude

you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets."

"But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

"Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

"Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

"But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

Birthdays & Anniversaries November 3 - 9

Anniversaries

Valerie & Rex Schaeffer

Birthdays

Sandy Kohlhase

Dedications for this week:

Collect for All Saints' Day

O Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord: Grant us grace so to follow thy blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys which thou hast prepared for those who unfeignedly love thee; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, in Glory everlasting.
Amen.

Contact Information

