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This Week's Readings

### Rector's Ramblings

This Sunday is the Annual Meeting. I am looking forward to seeing you all there.

Each of you minister to our Eucharistic Community in a significant way, and I give thanks for you all on a regular basis.

I would like to especially thank those who have stepped forward to be nominated to serve on the Mission Leadership Team and those who have completed their terms. I look forward to serving with the new members of the MLT who will be elected on Sunday. I know that each brings a unique set of skills that will bless our congregation.

Roger, Matt, and Jeff, you have served faithfully and it was a true joy to have you as a part of our leadership. You each leave a great legacy of service. I look forward to your continued leadership and ministry in other ways over the next years.

Please join me in thanking all those who volunteer to take on the mantle of leadership, and continue to hold us in

## The Good News

January 24, 2020



### Wednesday Evening

Our Wednesday Evening study will focus on "The History of the Episcopal Church" starting this Wednesday. Our topic for this week will be "Consents and Constitutions".

The Eucharist will be a commemoration of St. Isaac the Syrian.

### Annual Meeting-This Week

The Annual Meeting will be held at 8:30 on Sunday, January 26th. A catered breakfast will be provided.

Currently, there are enough candidates to fill the open positions on the Mission Leadership Team and for Delegate to Diocesan Synod.

Nominees for Mission Leadership Team: DeeDee Champion, Susan Clark, and Bill Johns.

Nominees for Delegate: Roy Laws, Matt Matsuda, and Eric Teoro.

Nominations from the floor are permitted, but please bring copies of your bio to the meeting as time precludes us copying those the day of the meeting.

your prayers.

See you Sunday!

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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

## Chili and Soup Cookoff/Trivia Night

Come join the fun on Saturday, February 8 for our 2nd annual chili/soup cook off! Please bring your favorite chili or soup. No need to bring a whole pot - only about 12 servings. If you'd rather, bring any accompaniments (crackers, bread, muffins, etc.) or a dessert, or just come for the fun and some good eats!

There will be a trivia contest so come and have lots of fun on Saturday, February 8 at 6PM!

## Watch for a Great Addition

We are putting a new electronic sign in front of the church; something that has been needed for a long time.

It is going to be such an improvement; no longer will anyone have to be out in inclement weather to change a sign with tiny letters that cannot be read from the street. Lots of announcements can be placed on there, i.e. Book Sale, and other special announcements, approved by Fr. Halt.

After much discussion, the MLT voted to approve the purchase of this sign using memorial funds, which cannot be used for day-day operations of St. Matthew's.

In order to be a good neighbor, we will set it up to turn off at 10pm and resume at 7am.

I was going to announce this during the Annual Meeting, but things moved a lot quicker than we anticipated, this is why I wanted to put it in the newsletter this week. Any questions please see me or one of the MLT members.

If you would like to donate to the new sign, please note New Sign on your check.

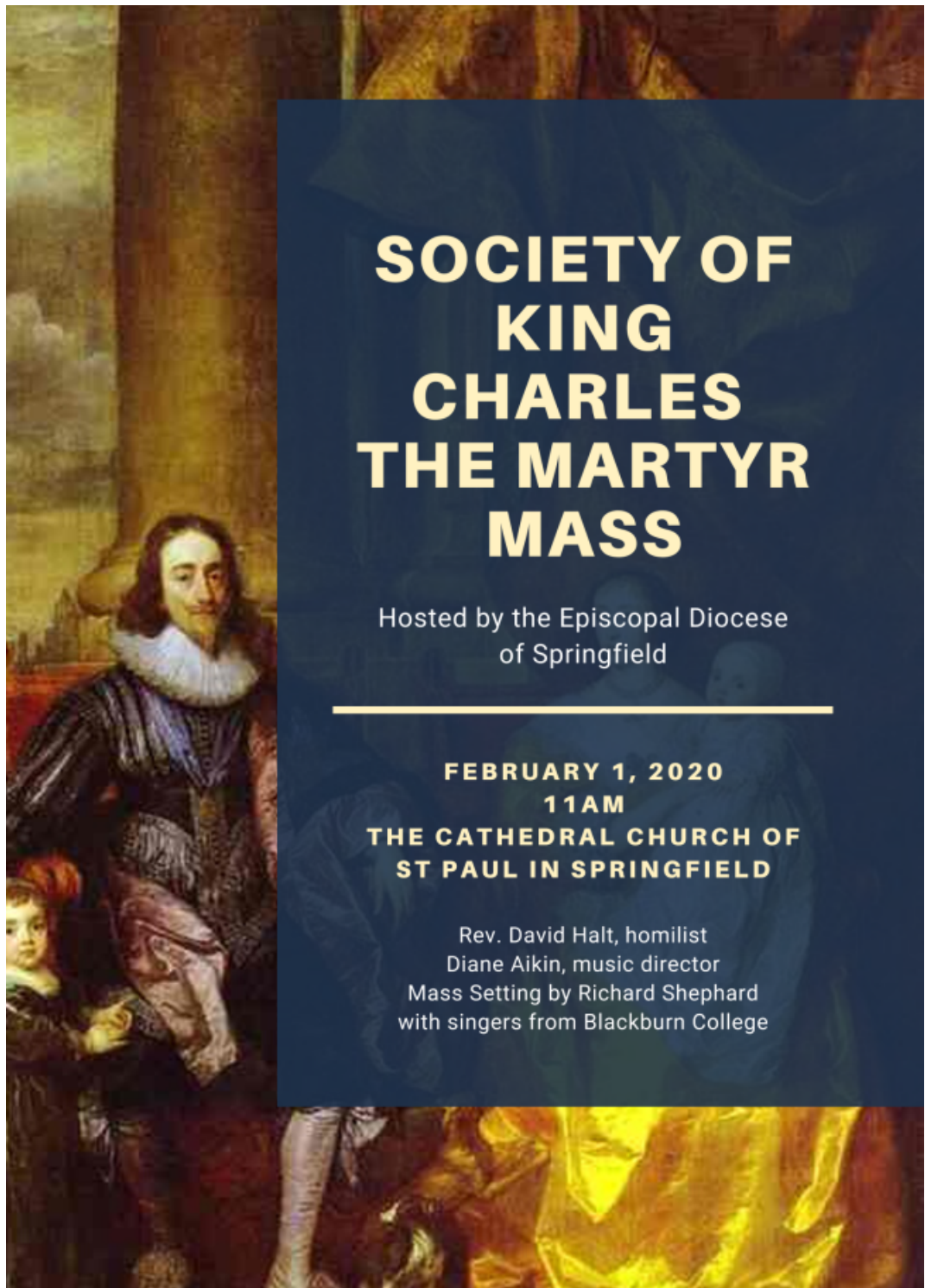
Yours in Christ,

Gary Ploense, Junior Warden

## Society of King Charles the Martyr

The Diocese of Springfield is hosting the annual Mass for the Society of Charles King and Martyr. The service will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral in Springfield. Bishop Daniel will be the Celebrant and Fr. Halt will be the Homilist for the service.

Mass begins at 11AM and a lunch will follow. You can RSVP for the lunch by calling St. Paul's at 217-544-5135.



# SOCIETY OF KING CHARLES THE MARTYR MASS

Hosted by the Episcopal Diocese  
of Springfield

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**FEBRUARY 1, 2020  
11AM  
THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF  
ST PAUL IN SPRINGFIELD**

Rev. David Halt, homilist  
Diane Aikin, music director  
Mass Setting by Richard Shephard  
with singers from Blackburn College

## **The Book of Common Prayer**

We have received our new copies of *The Book of Common Prayer*. Some of our original copies have been lovingly "used up" and replacements were ordered. Might you be interested in donating \$20 to help defray costs of a replacement copy of the BCP, and have a bookplate included to honor or memorialize someone dear to you?

If you wish to participate, please put your funds, along with the name of your honoree, in a separate envelope in the offering tray, marked: BCP. Thanks



## **2019 Giving Statements**

Your annual giving statements are printed and available in the hallway outside the parish hall. Please help us avoid the high cost of postage by remembering to collect your statement before tax season gets in full swing.

## **Bishop Election**

As was announced after our last Diocesan Synod, Bishop Daniel has called for the election of a new bishop for the Diocese and announced his own retirement in June of 2021. The Standing Committee of the Diocese, who is responsible for holding the election, has published a letter updating us on the process to elect the XIIth Bishop of Springfield.

That letter can be found [here](#).

More importantly they have asked that we keep this election in our prayers, and they suggest the following prayers for our use. We will use one of these each Sunday as part of the Prayers of the People.

*Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a bishop for this Diocese, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. - BCP page 818, #13*

*Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel for the choosing of a bishop for this Diocese. Teach them in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide them to perceive what is right, and grant them both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. - Adapted from BCP page 818, #12*

## **Outreach Opportunities**

### **ITEMS-OF-THE-MONTH**

#### **HEARTLAND HEADSTART PANTRY DRIVE**

Heartland Head Start works to educate children and empower families. The goal of our family work is to help our families be

as independent as possible. When families are trying to move from dependence on Government help to independence, we try to fill in the gaps as they grow. For example; As family income increases government help decreases, leaving the family still in need. We provide what we can so that their paychecks go farther while they are making this transition. Our families use Snap cards (that diminish with rising paychecks) and food pantries. We try to make available items that cannot be obtained at these sources, often coming out of the pockets of our staff members. This is where I ask for your help. We try to maintain a small pantry of non- food items for our families, I am asking St. Matthew's outreach committee to hold a drive for our family pantry. Thank you so much for your consideration.

Patty Pitts

Heartland Head Start Home Educator

Shampoo

Soap/bodywash

Deodorant

Children's bath products

Toothpaste

Toothbrushes

Toilet paper

Paper towels

Diapers (all sizes) (NO NEWBORNS)

Baby wipes

Laundry detergent

Dryer sheets

Cleaning supplies

Hand soap

Dish soap

Kitchen garbage bags

Gas card

Wall mart gift cards

### **Winter Needs**

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!

## **The Daily Devotional Reading**

is available by clicking of the link below:

[Good News Daily](#)

### **Worship Serving Schedule**

26-January 2020

7:30

Greeters: Doug & Dede Dyson

Lector: Kathryn Morris

E.M.: Bill Johns

10:00

Acolyte: Harlan Noel & Jack Pitts

Crucifer: Christian Pitts

Lector: Robin Levine

E.M.: Robin Levine

Monday Counter: Roy Laws

Coffee Hour: cancelled for Annual Meeting Breakfast

2-February 2020

7:30

Greeters: Ray Durham

Lector: Bill Johns

10:00

Acolyte:

Crucifer:

Thurifer:

Lector: Amy Halt

E.M.: Bob Kohlase

Monday Counter: Gary Ploense

Coffee Hour: Pam & Roy Laws

### **St. Matthew's Weekly Activities as of January 26**

*Coffee Hour fellowship follows worship in the Parish Hall.*

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

8:30 a.m.-Annual Meeting (Catered Breakfast)

10:00 a.m.-Rite II

5:30 p.m.-Evensong

Monday-9:00 a.m.-B-N Community Co-operative\*

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

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

10:00 a.m.-Quilters

Wednesday-1:30 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-

Saturday-

*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 January 26, 2020**

Hymns: #7, #550, #304, #551

Old Testament

Isaiah 9:1-4

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness--  
on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation,  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden,  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Psalm 27:1, 5-13

*Dominus illuminatio*

1 The Lord is my light and my salvation;

whom then shall I fear? \*  
the Lord is the strength of my life;  
of whom then shall I be afraid?  
5 One thing have I asked of the Lord;  
one thing I seek; \*  
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my  
life;  
6 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord \*  
and to seek him in his temple.  
7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter;  
\*  
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling  
and set me high upon a rock.  
8 Even now he lifts up my head \*  
above my enemies round about me.  
9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation  
with sounds of great gladness; \*  
I will sing and make music to the Lord.  
10 Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; \*  
have mercy on me and answer me.  
11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." \*  
Your face, Lord, will I seek.  
12 Hide not your face from me, \*  
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.  
13 You have been my helper;  
cast me not away; \*  
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

### The Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its



power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

## The Gospel

Matthew 4:12-23

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles-

the people who sat in darkness

have seen a great light,

and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned."

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea-for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

## **Birthdays & Anniversaries January 26 - February 1**

### Anniversaries

### Birthdays

Teddy Smith

Rachael Kimmerling

## **Dedications for this week:**

*The Memorial lamp is lit today in loving memory of*

*Robert Howl & Cynthia Kuilema*  
*by Their Parents*

**Third Sunday after Epiphany, January 26th**

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and all the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contact Information**

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