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## Rector's Ramblings

As we continue to work our way through John 6 during the Sunday Eucharist, I was reminded of this short excerpt from St. Augustine:

You are God's beggar. I mean, we are all God's beggars when we pray. We stand in front of the great householder's gate. In fact we go so far as to prostrate ourselves, we whine and implore, wanting to receive something, and that something is God himself. What does the beggar ask of you? Bread. And you, what do you ask from God, if not Christ, who says, "I am the living bread who came down from heaven"?

Blessings,

Dave+

## Service Schedule for the week of August 9, 2015

**Holy Eucharist (Rite I)**  
7:30 AM

**Holy Eucharist (Rite II)**  
10:00 AM

**Other Services:**

## The Good News

A weekly newsletter of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church  
August 7, 2015



### Morning Prayer

Morning Prayer is offered at 7AM on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and at 7:30 AM on Thursday. The fourth Thursday at 7:30 AM is Holy Eucharist.

### Vacation Bible School For All Ages Concludes This Week

Vacation Bible School is held over a period of five Thursday Evenings beginning on July 16.

Beginning with a light potluck supper at 5:30 PM (St. Matthew's will provide the main and drink, please bring a side to share), followed by the VBS program from 6-7 PM. All ages are welcome to participate!

Our chosen curriculum is called "Praying All the Time" and uses popular children's books to teach the five forms of prayer.

### Outreach Items of the Month-July and August

In July and August, St. Matthew's will be collecting school supplies for foster children supported by Children's Home and Aid. School supplies for all age ranges are needed, especially in light of recent cuts in funding. A list of typical school supplies is noted below, but any school supplies would be welcome. If you prefer, the Outreach Committee will accept monetary donations and we will be happy to purchase supplies on your behalf (we are great shoppers!). Please make checks payable to St. Matthew's and indicate that the donation is for Outreach in the memo line. Children's Home and Aid will make its first distribution of school supplies on August 10th and will then make further distributions throughout the year. Please consider donating to this very worthy cause. If you have any questions, please contact Chrissy

## Morning Prayer

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,  
and Friday mornings at 7 AM  
Thursday morning at 7:30 AM  
(4th Thursday - Holy Eucharist)

## Rosary 5:30 PM Wednesdays.

## Intercessory Prayer

Monday at noon, and Thursday at  
10:30 a.m. in the Chapel

## Ministry Links

St. Matthew's Webpage  
The Episcopal Diocese of  
Springfield  
Rector's Blog

and very worthy cause. If you have any questions, please contact Chrissy Stoffer at [309-663-6450](tel:309-663-6450). As always, thank you for your kindness and generosity.

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Crayola Washable Markers, wide tip, 8ct. (Classic Colors)  
Crayola Color Pencils  
Fiskars 7 or 8" Pointed Scissors  
Pencils (No. 2 Lead) Note: No Mechanical Pencils  
Pencil Box  
Elmer's Glue  
Glue Stick  
Highlighters  
Dividers  
3x5 Index Cards  
Pink Erasers  
Dry Erase Markers (Odor Free)  
12" Wood Ruler (metric/inch)  
3 prong 2 pocket Folders  
Spiral Notebooks (Wide-Ruled preferred)  
Poly Expanding Files w/elastic closure,  
Wide-Ruled Notebook Paper (150 ct.)  
1 1/2" 3 -ring binder  
1" 3 -ring binder  
Post-its  
Handheld Pencil Sharpener  
Composition Notebooks  
Clear Protractor  
Metal Compass, ball bearing w/ pencil  
Spiral Bound Sketch Pad (9" x 12")  
Scientific Calculator, Texas Instrument TI 30XIIS  
Crayola or Prang 16 color watercolor paints (Art)  
Scotch Tape  
Masking Tape  
8 GB Flash Drive  
Backpack

### Fr. Kari Marcelle & Holy Trinity Parish

Fr. Dave will be traveling to Nassau, The Bahamas, August 12-17 for the wedding of Fr. Kari Marcelle. The wedding is in Nassau, as Fr. Kari is Bahamian by birth. Fr. will be concelebrating the nuptial Mass on Saturday and preaching in a parish of the Diocese on Sunday.

Fr. Kari, our guest last summer, and priest of the Parish of the Holy Trinity in St. Vincent is an old friend and is still interested in forming a partner parish relationship. Unfortunately, due to some unforeseen circumstances, the plans for the partnership were not feasible this year, but we will resume planning during the time spent preparing for his wedding.

Currently, Holy Trinity is working on a refurbishment of its leaky roof and Sanctuary and is looking to raise the remaining funds for the project. The majority of funds have already been raised amongst the parishioners of Holy Trinity.

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Fr. Dave, with vestry approval, is asking anyone interested in making a donation to the Parish of the Holy Trinity's renovation to please do so over the next couple of weeks. He will present the gift, on behalf of St. Matthew's, to Fr. Kari and the Wardens, at the reception.

Thank you for your support.

### **Faith in Action Seeks Volunteers**

If you have wanted to reach out to assist our senior neighbors in need, Faith in Action can help connect you. Even if you only have a few hours per month, you can make a difference in the lives of a senior in need of transportation to get to the doctor or to the grocery store. Do you miss having an older adult in your life or do you just find older adults interceding? Become a friendly visitor one or twice a month. We also have need for handyman service for light home maintenance chores. Or you can also make difference by working on special projects, answering the phone, doing data entry or helping with our fundraisers.

Join the Faith in Action Team of volunteers who work together to meet the needs of over 500 senior care receivers in Bloomington-Normal and Towanda. By sharing the responsibility among a team, no one volunteer is over committed. Using a Ride Scheduler program, you choose the ride that fits your schedule. Call Doretta Herr at 827-7780 to see how you can utilize your talents to assist our senior neighbors in need.

Do you know an older adult age 60 or over who needs assistance? Call Faith in Action. Each potential care receiver will be visited by one of our nurses to discuss how Faith in Action may help them stay independent. There is no charge for our services thanks to our volunteers.

### **Bible Study and Adult Sunday School**

Wednesday Evening Bible Study will resume on September 2 at 6PM. We will be spending time in Genesis. Feel free to bring your dinner with you. If you wish to arrive early the Rosary is prayed a 5:30 in the Chapel, followed by silent meditation.

Adult Sunday School will begin on September 13th at 9AM. The subject for the Fall will be the Catechism of the Episcopal Church. All are invited, but a special invitation is extended to all who wish to be confirmed during Bishop Daniel's next visit.

**CALLING ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS!!!**-We have a training date of August 22nd from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at St. Matts. This will equip you with lots of information on our upcoming Sunday School season. Your classes begin Sunday, September 13th.

## **Fall Music News**

Calling all JOYFUL NOISE MAKERS and SINGERS!!!

Choir will begin on Sunday, September 13th! Our regular practices will be on Sunday mornings from 9-9:45 a.m.

We will have a social (with some singing) gathering on Wednesday, September 9th to kick off the season at Amy Halt's home (19289 Deerhaven Drive, Bloomington, 61705) Please bring a dessert and your voice. ALL are welcome!!

## **Breakfast Fellowships**

Fall Ladies Breakfast will be Saturday, September 12th from 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. Please sign up in the church hallway or email Amy Halt at [adhalt@gmail.com](mailto:adhalt@gmail.com). We hope to see you there!

## **Good News Daily**

Each week we are glad to offer a set of daily devotional readings from the Bible Reading Fellowship. These are short devotionals include references to the readings from the Daily Office Lectionary, and can be customized for each parish. Currently, we are adding the Anglican and Diocesan prayer cycles, and will be adding a parish prayer cycle in the future.

Copies may be picked up in one of the entrances or get this week's [here](#) or next [week's](#).

## **Evening Prayer**

Evensong will resume on September 14th at 5:30 PM.

## **Readings & Music for August 9, 2015**

Hymns:#398, #711, #335, #438 (and others printed in bulletin)

### **1 Kings 19:4-8**

Elijah went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

Psalm 34:1-8 Page 627, BCP           Benedicam Dominum

- 1 I will bless the LORD at all times; \*  
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- 2 I will glory in the LORD; \*  
let the humble hear and rejoice.
- 3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; \*  
let us exalt his Name together.
- 4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me \*  
and delivered me out of all my terror.
- 5 Look upon him and be radiant, \*  
and let not your faces be ashamed.
- 6 I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me \*  
and saved me from all my troubles.
- 7 The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, \*  
and he will deliver them.
- 8 Taste and see that the LORD is good; \*  
happy are they who trust in him!

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

John 6:35-51

Jesus said to the people, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day."

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me

them, 'Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

### **Ministry Assignments for August 9 & 16**

9-August

7:30

Greeters: Ray Durham

Lector: Mona Johnstone

Lector: E.M.: Diane Gardner

10:00

Greeters:

Lector: Alex Davingman

Acolytes: Shelley Brenneman Carter, Christian Pitts, Alley Roberson

Crucifer: Alex Davingman

Shadow: Hally

E.M.: Bob Kohlhase & Robin Levine

Monday Counter: Susan Clark

Coffee Hour: Stoffers

16-August

7:30

Greeters: Doug & Dede Dyson

Lector: Mona Johnstone

Lector: E.M.: Bill Johns

10:00

Greeters:

Lector: Amy Halt

Acolytes: Shelley Brenneman Carter, Christian Pitts, Alley Roberson

Crucifer: Sarah Halt

Shadow: Hally

E.M.: Shelley Carter

Monday Counter: Roy Laws

Coffee Hour: Shelley Carter & Susan Long

### **Birthdays & Anniversaries August 7 - 23**

Mary Kaufman

Dave Kaufman

Brent Davingman

Susan & Jeffrey Clark

Bill Jones

Megan Larson

Susan Long

Susan Long  
Hannah Lucey  
John Stoffer

### Collect for Sunday, August 9th

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

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