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## Rector's Ramblings

*We have heard from the Halts - they safely arrived in St. Vincent and are enjoying the time with the wonderful members of that parish.*

These items from Fr. Dave are repeated for your information: Thank you for all your support of this project, and please pray for all who travel and work.

While I should return the evening of July 9, there is always the possibility of travel issues. In the event that I miss a connection or weather interferes with travel, Robin Levine is prepared to lead Morning Prayer on July 10.

Many thanks to Fr. Scanlon, Tim, and Robin for their willingness to lead worship in my absence.

See you soon.

Have a safe and healthy summer.

Dave+

## Ministry Links

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

## The Good News

July 8, 2016



### Breakfast Fellowships

Men's Breakfast will be held on July 16th at 8:00AM.

### Emergency Help

While Fr. Dave is away on the mission trip to St. Vincent, please contact Fr. Mark Evans, of Holy Trinity, Lincoln, IL. He can be reached through the Parish number: 217-732-7609.

St. Matthew's office will be open during regular morning hours (Monday through Friday, 8AM to Noon) for business and communications.

### Construction Update

As you can see, great progress is happening around the front entrance and the stairs will appear soon. We are still waiting for the custom door to be finished and installed. While all these improvements are taking place the main doors of the Nave will only serve as an emergency exit. This should only be for a couple of weeks, and we apologize for any inconvenience. We continue to be thankful that our Diocesan insurance plan is as good as it is!

### Morning Prayer - Standard Schedule

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.

### Intercessory Prayer - Summer Schedule

Intercessory Prayer is offered at 8 p.m. on Monday, and on Thursday at 10 a.m. There is no Wednesday session scheduled for the summer.

## **Adult Study**

Is on hiatus until July 13.

When we resume we will be moving through the New Testament into the Apostolic period. We will be reading together the Epistles of Paul to the Corinthians as well as those of St. Clement to the Corinthians. Copies of St. Clement's work will be passed out on the 13th.

## **Outreach Opportunities**

Outreach Committee next meets on Sunday, July 31st, 8:30 a.m.

Our outreach committee has added another charity for the items of the month. It is The Society of St. Vincent de Paul. This organization was founded in Paris, France in 1833 by a student who saw the needs of the poor going unanswered. It has grown to be international and has been in Bloomington for over 50 years. Its mission is "to seek and find the forgotten, the suffering, or the deprived." St. Vincent has a food pantry, clothing pantry, a garden for fresh vegetables, and offers emergency financial assistance. It is maintained by volunteers. They serve an average of over 8,000 families with 25,000 members each year. They are very grateful for any items we could give them.

Items requested are canned food such as tuna fish, peanut butter, green beans, corn, and lima beans. Boxed goods such as instant oatmeal, rice, macaroni and cheese, cereals, and baby diapers are always in demand.

The Outreach Committee has also decided to collect funds for St. Vincent. These funds will be sent with those traveling this summer and will be used in case of any additional expenses are incurred in the reconstruction work at St. John's, Owia. A bowl has been placed in the aisle of the Nave for this effort. As you come forward to communion, please consider placing donations in the bowl. Cash, Checks, and coins from the couch cushions will be eagerly accepted.

## **Parish Schedule for the week of July 10 - 16**

*Coffee Hour follows worship, in the Parish Hall*

Sunday-8:30a.m. - Guild of the Holy Rosary

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

Monday-8:00 p.m.-Intercessory Prayer

Monday-9 a.m.-8 p.m.-Parish Hall/upper level reserved for  
the Linda Thomas Family

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

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

Wednesday-5:30 p.m. - Guild of the Holy Rosary

Wednesday-6:00pm - Bible study

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

Thursday-10:00 a.m.-Intercessory Prayer

Friday-7:00 a.m.-Morning Prayer  
Saturday-8:00 a.m.-Men's Breakfast

Office Hours: Monday - Friday: Mornings, 8:00 a.m.- noon

*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.*

### **The Guild of the Holy Rosary**

Several of our members have formed a guild for the promotion and praying of the Rosary. The Guild has put together a devotional manual that they are eager to share with anyone who wishes. They meet at 8:30AM each Sunday and 5:30 PM on Wednesday to pray together, and invites all members of St. Matthew's to join them in prayer. Please join the Guild in prayer for our Church, our Parish, our clergy, and each other.

### **Good News Daily**

This Week's Good News Daily is [here](#).

### **Readings & Music for July 10th, 2016**

Hymns:# 411, # 620, # 343, # 657

#### Deuteronomy 30:9-14

Moses said to the people of Israel, "The Lord your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the Lord will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, when you obey the Lord your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

"Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe."

#### Psalm 25:1-9

Ad te, Domine, levavi

1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my trust in you; \*

let me not be humiliated,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.  
2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.  
3 Show me your ways, O Lord, \*  
and teach me your paths.  
4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.  
5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.  
6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.  
7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.  
8 He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.  
9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

#### The Epistle

Colossians 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and  
Timothy our brother,

To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in  
Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our  
Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ  
Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of  
the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope  
before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you.  
Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it  
has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you  
heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you  
learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a  
faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made  
known to us your love in the Spirit.

For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased  
praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the  
knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and  
understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord,  
fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and  
as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made  
strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power,  
and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience,  
while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you  
to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has  
rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into

the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

## The Gospel

Luke 10:25-37

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

OR

## First Reading

Joshua 1:1-18

1After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord spoke to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' assistant, saying, 2'My servant Moses is dead. Now proceed to cross the Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the Israelites. 3Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, as I promised to Moses.4From the wilderness and the Lebanon as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, to the Great Sea in the west shall be your territory. 5No one shall be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you. 6Be strong and courageous; for you shall put this people in possession of the land that I swore to their ancestors to give them.7Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to act in accordance with all the law that my servant Moses commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, so that you may be successful wherever you go. 8This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to act in accordance with all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall be

successful. 9I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.'

10 Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people, 11'Pass through the camp, and command the people: "Prepare your provisions; for in three days you are to cross over the Jordan, to go in to take possession of the land that the Lord your God gives you to possess." 12 To the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh Joshua said, 13'Remember the word that Moses the servant of the Lord commanded you, saying, "The Lord your God is providing you a place of rest, and will give you this land." 14Your wives, your little ones, and your livestock shall remain in the land that Moses gave you beyond the Jordan. But all the warriors among you shall cross over armed before your kindred and shall help them, 15until the Lord gives rest to your kindred as well as to you, and they too take possession of the land that the Lord your God is giving them. Then you shall return to your own land and take possession of it, the land that Moses the servant of the Lord gave you beyond the Jordan to the east.'

16 They answered Joshua: 'All that you have commanded us we will do, and wherever you send us we will go. 17Just as we obeyed Moses in all things, so we will obey you. Only may the Lord your God be with you, as he was with Moses! 18Whoever rebels against your orders and disobeys your words, whatever you command, shall be put to death. Only be strong and courageous.'

## Second Reading

Mark 1:21-27

21 They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. 22They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. 23Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, 24and he cried out, 'What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.' 25But Jesus rebuked him, saying, 'Be silent, and come out of him!' 26And the unclean spirit, throwing him into convulsions and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. 27They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, 'What is this? A new teaching-with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.'

## **Ministry Assignments for July 10 & July 17**

10-July

7:30

Greeters: Ray Durham

Lector: David Hanck

E.M.: Chris Bennett

10:00

Acolytes: Alex Davingman, Jack & Nolan White  
Crucifer: Brent Baughan  
Lector: Ann Sokan  
E.M.: Robin Levine  
Monday Counter: Pam Laws  
Coffee Hour: Cris Embree & Gary Ploense

17-July

7:30

Greeters: Doug and Dede Dyson  
Lector: Mona Johnstone  
E.M.: Bill Johns

10:00

Acolytes: Shelley Brenneman Carter, Liam Halt, Christian Pitts  
Crucifer: Sarah Halt  
Lector: Alex Davingman  
E.M.: Jack Pitts  
Monday Counter: Gary McGinnis  
Coffee Hour: Cooper Family

### **Birthdays & Anniversaries July 10th -17th**

#### Anniversaries

Linda & Craig Baughan

#### Birthdays

Conner Bennett

Tori Roberson

### **Collect for Sunday, July 10th, 2016**

O Lord, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people who call upon thee, and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfill the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### **Contact Information**

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