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Rector's Ramblings

While Fr. Dave is in school, Emily Lavikoff and Karyn Smith will fill the Rector's Ramblings with this important news:

Can you believe Summer is almost over? School has begun and that means Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) begins soon! As you might have heard before, Sunday School is moving to Wednesday night, and CGS is the program we will be providing for children, ages 3 through 12. So what makes CGS special anyway? If you're wondering, we hope you'll come to **CGS**

Sundae Sunday! On Sunday, September 10th, during coffee hour, we would like to invite you to register your child(ren), explore the classroom, the hands on learning environment we have created for children at St. Matthew's, and share a sundae with us during a short presentation. Everyone is invited: the curious, the young, and the young at heart!

CGS

DETAILS: Every Wednesday, please come join us for a potluck dinner in the fellowship hall at 5:30pm, and we will disburse for all classes to begin at 6:00. Children ages 3-8 will need to bring a comfortable pair of socks to wear in the CGS classroom, while 9-12 children may need an old shirt or other clothing which can get messy. Classes will run downstairs most Wednesdays until 7:15, where you can pick up your child from their classroom.

Peace to you,

The Good News

August 26, 2016



Construction Updates

Buzard Organ and Twin City Electric are working on a new organ blower motor.

Emil Frei Company has completed stained window replacement and outside, the new front steps are finished including the new handrails.

The blockage causing so much water damage during recent storms has been located, repaired and the concrete will soon be replaced.

Thanks to all who support these ongoing efforts and thanks too for your patience during the many disruptions.

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.

Christian Education

see Rector's Ramblings for the latest news

Intercessory Prayer - Fall Schedule

Intercessory Prayer is offered at 4 p.m. on Monday, and on Wednesday at noon.

Adult Study

Wednesday at 6PM - is on Fall break, while Fr. Dave is in school. No study on 8/31 or 9/7.

Outreach Opportunities

August-September-October we will continue collecting school supplies for Oakland School, items that will be needed throughout the school year. Here are some suggestions: Crayola crayons packs, baby wipes for hands after having peanuts, chalk, pencils, hard plastic pencil boxes, erasers (big pink ones and pencil-top erasers), markers, pens, Sharpies, highlighters. Also, soccer and playground balls, jump ropes, Lego's, puzzles, games for K--5 kids, such as Connect 4, chess boards, etc. And please continue to collect box top coupons for schools. Father Dave will be delivering supplies and coupons to Oakland School. If you want to donate funds instead, please designate "Outreach" on your envelope or check.

Ministry Links

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

Parish Schedule for the week of August 28 - Sept. 3

Coffee Hour follows worship, in the Parish Hall

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

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

Monday-4:00 p.m.-Intercessory Prayer

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

Tuesday-10:00 a.m.-Quilters

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

Wednesday-12:00 noon-Intercessory Prayer

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

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

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

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 August 28, 2016

Hymns:# 364, # 437, # 670

Proverbs 25:6-7

Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great;
for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

Psalm 112

Beatus vir

1 Hallelujah!

Happy are they who fear the Lord *

and have great delight in his commandments!

2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; *
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, *
and their righteousness will last for ever.

4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; *
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

5 It is good for them to be generous in lending *
and to manage their affairs with justice.

6 For they will never be shaken; *
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; *
their heart is right;

they put their trust in the Lord.

8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, *
until they see their desire upon their enemies.

9 They have given freely to the poor, *
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with honor.

10 The wicked will see it and be angry;
they will gnash their teeth and pine away; *
the desires of the wicked will perish.

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers.

Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Luke 14:1, 7-14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Ministry Assignments for August 28 & September 4

28-August

7:30

Greeters: Doug and Dede Dyson

Lector: Bill Johns

E.M.: Chris Bennett

10:00

Acolytes: Jack & Nolan White

Crucifer: Alex Davingman

Lector: Chrissy Stoffer
E.M.: Shelley Brenneman Carter
Monday Counter: Susan Clark
Coffee Hour: Ann Sokan & Martha Carroll

4-September

7:30

Greeters: Ray Durham
Lector: David Hanck
E.M.: Diane Gardner

10:00

Acolytes: Jack and Nolan White
Crucifer: Sarah Halt
Lector: Robin Levine
E.M.: Robin Levine
Monday Counter: Roy Laws
Coffee Hour: Sandy Kohlhase & Danielle Ward

Birthdays & Anniversaries August 28th - September 3rd

Anniversaries

Sandy & Bob Kohlhase

Birthdays

Charlotte Casperson
Janet Hoffman
Bill Johns
Dede Dyson
Sarah Halt

Collect for Sunday, August 28th, 2016

Lord of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of thy Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contact Information

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