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## Rector's Ramblings

"He who sings prays twice."--St. Augustine of Hippo.

Q: What is the saying in the Apostle, "I shall sing with spirit, and I shall sing with the mind" (1Cor 14.15)?

Someone "sings with the spirit" whenever he or she conveys only the sound of things sung with the tongue, and "sings with the mind" whenever he or she is delighted, understanding by contemplation the power of the things that are sung.--Maximos the Confessor "Questions and Doubts" I.2.

Let us endeavor, week by week, to raise our song in both spirit and mind.

Blessings,

Dave+

## Ministry Links

St. Matthew's Webpage  
The Episcopal Diocese of  
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## The Good News

August 5, 2016



### Construction Update

The temporary wall has been removed from the Nave!

We are simply awaiting the arrival of the capstone for the new ledges, cork flooring for the stairs to the loft, hand rails for outside, and the installation of the stained glass window.

Thank you to Roger Thomas, Gayle Thomas, and Bob Kohlhasse for all their work.

### 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

We are doing something new this Fall! Sunday School is moving to Wednesday evening, and while the adults are studying with Father Dave, children, ages 3 through age 12, will be in [Catechesis of the Good Shepherd](#) (click for more information). This wonderful program is a hands-on, developmentally appropriate way for them to discover Scripture, Liturgy, and Prayer. We have been working hard to create a special space for the children to meet God; we call it an "atrium"-the name used by the Early Church for the place where catechumens studied. For this year, children 3 through age 6 and 6 through 9 will be together, though working separately, and our 9 through 12 year-olds will be in another room, building, painting, and creating materials to help them discover their faith.

We are launching this program on Wednesday, September 14th, and we need your help to be ready! Please [click here](#) to view a

list of donation items which you may no longer use at home or which may be found at thrift stores. PLEASE mark off items you are providing on the bulletin board so we know how complete our list is and to avoid getting too many of any certain thing.

### **Men's Breakfast**

Will gather at 8AM on August 20th.

### **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.

### **Thank You Fun**

**Dear Sisters and Brothers serving in ministries for the people of St. Matthew's**

Please join on Friday evening, August 19 at the Corn Crib for a fun evening of fellowship to thank you for your dedicated service. You and a guest are invited for baseball, hot dogs, popcorn, pop, and fun. Gates at the ballpark open at 5:35pm.

An anonymous donor is providing tickets. Dutch treat for food and beverage.

Please sign up on the bulletin board. Include your name, email address, phone number and name of your guest.

For any questions, comments, concerns and suggestions in the meanwhile, please contact Tim Leighton at [tim.leighton@gmail.com](mailto:tim.leighton@gmail.com) or 309/826-7391.

Thank you for helping share the Good News of Christ in us.

### **Adult Study**

Wednesday at 6PM.

We are 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.

### **Outreach Opportunities**

Many thanks for your fine generosity to our Items-of-the-Month program from The Outreach Committee! Unfortunately, our work is never done. August-September-October we will collect 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.

Please Volunteer to help serve at the Midwest Food Bank -Monday, August 15 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. See Chrissy Stoffer for details and to sign up.

### **Parish Schedule for the week of August 7 - 13**

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

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-6:00 p.m.-Bible study

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

Thursday-10:00 a.m.-Intercessory 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 7 , 2016**

Hymns:# 364, # 68, # 637

### Genesis 15:1-6

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

### Psalm 33:12-22

Exultate, just

12 Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord! \*  
happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

13 The Lord looks down from heaven, \*  
and beholds all the people in the world.

14 From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze \*  
on all who dwell on the earth.

15 He fashions all the hearts of them \*  
and understands all their works.

16 There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; \*  
a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.

17 The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; \*  
for all its strength it cannot save.

18 Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon those who fear him, \*  
on those who wait upon his love,

19 To pluck their lives from death, \*  
and to feed them in time of famine.

20 Our soul waits for the Lord; \*  
he is our help and our shield.

21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, \*  
for in his holy Name we put our trust.

22 Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us, \*  
as we have put our trust in you.

### Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the

same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Luke 12:32-40

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

### **Ministry Assignments for August 7 & 14**

7-August

7:30

Greeters: Ray Durham

Lector: David Hanck

E.M.: Chris Bennett

10:00

Acolytes: Shelley Brenneman Carter and Liam Halt

Crucifer: Christian Pitts

Lector: Brad Bauman

E.M.: Robin Levine

Monday Counter: Gary Ploense  
Coffee Hour: Kathryn Morris

14-August

7:30

Greeters: Doug and Dede Dyson  
Lector: Mona Johnstone  
E.M.: Diane Gardner

10:00

Acolytes: Liam Halt & Christian Pitts  
Crucifer: Alex Davingman  
Lector: Dedee Champion  
E.M.: Jack Pitts  
Monday Counter: Pam Laws  
Coffee Hour: Linda Thomas & Ann Sokan

### **Birthdays & Anniversaries August 6th - 13th**

#### Anniversaries

Susan & Jeffrey Clark

#### Birthdays

Emily Lavikoff  
Mary Kaufman  
Dave Kaufman  
Brent Davingman

### **Collect for Sunday, August 7th, 2016**

Grant to us, Lord, we beseech thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as are right, that we, who cannot exist without thee, may by thee be enabled to live according to thy will; 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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