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This week's news is filled with hope and joy. Liam has returned from the hospital, and continues to improve daily. Your prayers for the Halt family are truly welcome and blessed.

Friday and Saturday finds Fr. Dave and several members of the congregation at Synod in Edwardsville, IL. Pray for their safe and successful trip.

Blessings,

Pat, in the office

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The Good News

October 21, 2016



Parish Education

We continue our Christian Formation program this Wednesday. We start with a soup and salad supper at 5:30 with classes for all ages at 6pm. There is no need to bring items to the supper, it will be provided this week. Adults will be studying Hebrews and Trinitarian Theology.

Due to the information in the Rector's Ramblings, Adult Formation may be canceled this Wednesday. Please watch flocknote or special enews for update.

Bishop's Homecoming

Bishop Martins will make his annual homecoming on October 30. He will preach and preside at both services and will be available for conversation after each service. Please greet your bishop on his visit.

Training for Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers

Annual training will be held on November 6 (note change of date) at 8 & 11 AM. All current lectors/Eucharistic Ministers and anyone who wishes to serve in these ministries are invited to training.

Diocesan News

The fall quarterly *Springfield Current* is available in news racks, please help yourself.

Morning Prayer - Standard Schedule

Morning Prayer is offered at 7AM on Monday and Tuesday, 8:30 AM Wednesday and Friday, and at 7:30 AM on Thursday. The fourth Thursday at 7:30 AM is Holy Eucharist.

Intercessory Prayer - Fall Schedule

Intercessory Prayer is offered at 8 p.m. on Monday, and on Thursday at 12:15.

Thanksgiving

Sunday, November 20th, there will be only one worship service, at 9:30 a.m. followed by the annual Thanksgiving pot-luck.

Sign up sheets will soon be available for your participation.

Outreach Opportunities

August-September-October we will continue collecting school supplies for Oakland School. If you want to donate funds instead, please designate "Outreach" on your envelope or check.

Help keep someone warm this coming winter by donating your discarded but gently used coat to the **Salvation Army's annual coat drive**. It's easy - just place the coat(s) and any used gloves, mittens and hats in decent condition into the big white box in the hallway across from Pat's office. The outreach committee will deliver them to the Army's west Washington St. headquarters.

Thank you for helping those in need.

The Outreach Committee will hold its **fall Book/DVD/Bake Sale** on Saturday, October 22, 8AM - 12PM. Please bring your donations of books, DVDs, VHS tapes and other recordings to the parish hall and place them near the bookshelves. If you need assistance getting your donations to the church please contact Debbie Leighton at 662-7478 (H) or 828-7600 (W).

Please bring donations of baked goods to the church during office hours (8 AM to Noon) on Thursday 10/20/16 or Friday 10/21/16, during set-up for the sale on Friday (4-6 PM) or Saturday during the sale (8 AM to Noon). Help is needed to set-up the sale on Friday, October 21 from 4-6 PM. Any amount you can give will be greatly appreciated

Parish Schedule for the week of October 23

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
Tuesday-10:00 a.m.-Quilters
Wednesday-8:30 a.m.-Morning Prayer
Wednesday-5:30 p.m.-Guild of the Holy Rosary
Wednesday-6:00 p.m.-Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
Thursday- 7:30 a.m.-Holy Eucharist
Thursday-12:15 p.m.-Intercessory Prayer
Friday-8:30 a.m.-Morning Prayer
Friday-4:00 p.m.-Book/DVD/Bake Sale set-up
Saturday-8:00 a.m.-Book/DVD Bag Sale

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 October 23, 2016

Hymns: #686, #636, #314, #680

Sirach 35:12-17

Give to the Most High as he has given to you,
and as generously as you can afford.

For the Lord is the one who repays,
and he will repay you sevenfold.

Do not offer him a bribe, for he will not accept it
and do not rely on a dishonest sacrifice;

for the Lord is the judge,
and with him there is no partiality.

He will not show partiality to the poor;

but he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged.

He will not ignore the supplication of the orphan,
or the widow when she pours out her complaint.

Psalm 84:1-6

Quam dilecta!

1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.

3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.

4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place
of springs, *

for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

6 They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

The Epistle

2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Gospel

Luke 18:9-14

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

Ministry Assignments for October 23 & 30

23-October

7:30

Greeters: Doug and Dede Dyson

Lector: Bill Johns

E.M.: Bill Johns

10:00

Acolytes: Shelley Brenneman Carter & Alex Davingman

Crucifer: Christian Pitts

Lector: Robin Levine

E.M.: Shelley Brenneman Carter

Monday Counter: Gary Ploense

Coffee Hour: Cris Embree & Gary Ploense

30-October

7:30

Greeters: Ray Durham

Lector: David Hanck

E.M.: Chris Bennett

10:00

Acolytes: Jack White & Nolan White

Crucifer: Brent Baughan

Lector: John Stoffer

E.M.: Robin Levine

Monday Counter: Gary McGinnis

Coffee Hour: Leightons & Pitts

Birthdays & Anniversaries October 23 - 29

Birthdays

Adrienne Ives

Chris Bennett

Mark Smith

Alley Roberson

Collect for October 23rd

Almighty and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command; 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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