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This Week's Readings

## Rector's Ramblings

*This article is repeated for those who had a chance to attend the forum(s) of last week, and for those who will attend this week.*

McLean County Parish

Several years ago the Diocese in Synod adopted a vision statement that proclaimed that the Diocese is organized for mission into Geographic Parishes.

Last year the Diocese in Synod changed the Canons to reflect this vision with new terms for Parishes and other congregations.

This year, Bishop Daniel is taking a special interest in bringing the vision to reality here in McLean County.

To that end, in March Christ the King hosted a joint meeting for the Mission Leadership Teams, Bishop, and clergy of both Eucharistic Communities. On 14 October, St. Matthew's hosted a follow-up meeting with the Mission Leadership Teams of Christ the King and St. Matthew's, Bishop Daniel, and yours truly. The point of these meetings was to discover ways in which the vision for joint mission in the Parish of McLean County could move forward.

At the conclusion of the October 14th meeting, a way forward was charted, and conversations have continued. These conversations had to remain confidential until leaders who were not present were brought up to speed. That has finally happened, so we are relieved to be able to share our observations at the fora (forums?)

## The Good News

November 10, 2017



### **Fora (Forums?)**

This week after each service a forum will be held in the Parish Hall for those interested in conversation about the information in the Rector's Ramblings. All are invited to participate.

### **Parish Education**

Parish study of the Book of Judges on Wednesday evenings - 6:00 p.m. We begin with a very light meal at 5:30 if interested.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for children meets at 5:45 after the supper.

All are invited.

### **Theology Uncorked**

A new ministry for young adults meets this Sunday in the Rector's study immediately following Evensong. Invite your friends and anyone who might be interested.

### **Thanksgiving**

Our annual Thanksgiving celebration will be held on 11/19 immediately following our worship service. A sign up sheet is in the hallway by the office. All are welcome and guests are encouraged.

**There will be only one service at 9:30AM that day (11/19). Please mark your calendars!**

### **Youth Evening**

Will be held after Evensong on 11/19. Invite a friend for an evening of food, games, and conversation.

mentioned in the right column.

In Christ,

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## Ministry Links

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

### **Breakfast Fellowships**

Women's Breakfast will meet at 8:30 AM on 11 November in the Parish Hall.

Men's Breakfast will meet at 8AM on 18 November in the Parish Hall.

There will be no Breakfast fellowships in December.

### **The Daily Devotional Reading**

is available by clicking of the link below:

[Good News Daily](#)

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

Meets immediately after the 10:00 service on Sunday morning.

### **Serving Schedule**

12-November

7:30

Greeters: Ray Durham

Lector: Liz Gordon

E.M.: Chris Bennett

10:00

Acolyte: Alley Roberson

Lector: SB Carter

E.M.: Emily Lavikoff

Monday Counter: SB Carter

Coffee Hour: Chrissy & John Stoffer

19-November

7:30

Greeter: Doug & Dede Dyson

Lector: Bill Johns

E.M.: Bill Johns

10:00

Acolyte: Christian Pitts

Lector: Cris Embree

E.M.: Bob Kohlhase

Monday Counter: Roy Laws

Coffee Hour: Nona & Harlan Noel

## **Outreach Opportunities**

### ITEMS-OF-THE-MONTH

Why the big white box in the hallway across from the office?  
That's where we're asking you to place clean, gently used coats you no longer wear. We will deliver them to The Salvation Army's local headquarters for distribution to needy people this fall and winter. We'll also collect other gently used winter wear (gloves, hats, scarves). THANK YOU! The Outreach Committee

## **Parish Schedule for the week of November 12th**

*Coffee Hour follows 10:00 a.m. worship in the Parish hall*

Sunday-7:30 a.m.-Rite I

Sunday-10:00 a.m.-Rite II '

Sunday-11:00 a.m.-Guild of the Holy Rosary

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

Monday-5:30 p.m.-Brownies

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

Tuesday-10:00 a.m.-Quilters

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

Wednesday-5:30 p.m.-Light supper

Wednesday-6:00 p.m.- Adult formation & CGS

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

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

Saturday-8:00 a.m.-Men's Breakfast

Office Hours: Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.

*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.*

## **Readings & Music for November 12, 2017**

Hymns: #11, #58, #312, #561

The First Reading

Wisdom 6:12-16

Wisdom is radiant and unfading,

and she is easily discerned by those who love her,

and is found by those who seek her.

She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her.

One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty,

for she will be found sitting at the gate.

To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding,

and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care,

because she goes about seeking those worthy of her,

and she graciously appears to them in their paths,

and meets them in every thought.

Psalm 70

Deus, in adiutorium

1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; \*

O Lord, make haste to help me.

2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed  
and altogether dismayed; \*

let those who take pleasure in my misfortune  
draw back and be disgraced.

3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back,  
\*

because they are ashamed.

4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; \*  
let those who love your salvation say for ever,  
"Great is the Lord!"

5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; \*  
come to me speedily, O God.

6 You are my helper and my deliverer; \*  
O Lord, do not tarry.

### The Epistle

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

### The Gospel

Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went

with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

## **Birthdays & Anniversaries from November 12 - 18**

### Anniversaries

#### Birthdays

Dedee Champion

### **Collect for Sunday, November 12th**

O God, whose blessed Son was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant us, we beseech thee, that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that, when he shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, he liveth and reigneth ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

### **Contact Information**

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

