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This Week's Readings

## Rector's Ramblings

New Leadership for 2018.

At our annual meeting the following individuals were elected to the Mission Leadership Team: Jim Cooper, Gary Ploense, and Kathryn Morris.

I have also appointed Jim Cooper to serve as Senior Warden. The MLT elected Gary Ploense to serve as the Junior Warden.

We also announced at the annual meeting that Mark Smith has had to resign as Treasurer. Mark has served incredibly faithfully in that office, but has found that his growing family needs more of his time and energy. Thank you Mark for your faithful service!

Rex Schaeffer will be taking Mark's place as the Treasurer of St. Matthew's. Thank you Rex for stepping forward.

In addition to the Wardens, our Diocesan Synod representative will be Rose Adams and Sandy Kohlhasse will continue to serve as our Deanery Representative.

Finally, the following individuals have expressed an interest in serving on the Parish Mission Council: Emily Lavikoff, Mark Gibson, and Justin Brooks. If anyone else is interested in serving, please let me know.

I think that we have an incredibly exciting 2018 before us, and that we have excellent leadership in place.

In Christ's love,

## The Good News

January 26, 2018



### Adult Formation

For Lent we will try something just a little bit different. We will study Hymns and Prayer. Each night we will discuss a couple of hymns from our Hymnal, different types of prayer, and spend time in quiet practicing prayer.

### Time to Update the Directory

In early 2018, we need to publish a new Congregational Directory, and so it is time to gather updates and new information. We will leave 1 copy of the old directory out for you to examine - if your information is incomplete, inaccurate, or missing we ask that you fill out the reporting sheets provided. If you have a photo (.img format) to include, send it to the Office ([office@stmattsbloomington.org](mailto:office@stmattsbloomington.org)) and if you want to have a photo taken at no charge, see Gary Ploense.

### The Daily Devotional Reading

is available by clicking of the link below:

[Good News Daily](#)

### Revised Financial Sheets

As noted at the annual meeting, the way the bookkeeping software tracks the income and expense from the Mary Gridley-Bell Trust resulted in showing a significant deficit that did not reflect the actual expenses for 2017. The report has been updated and is available in the Parish Office.

### Mardi Gras & Ash Wednesday

The Men of St. Matthew's will be serving a Pancake Supper on Mardi Gras (2/13). Dinner will be served from 6PM-7PM. We will even attempt heart shaped pancakes for Valentine's Day. Prep will begin at 4:30.

 **Ministry Links** 

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

Ash Wednesday services will be held at 7AM and 7PM. The 7AM service will be a quiet Rite I and the 7PM will be a Sung Rite II.

### **Serving Schedule**

28-January

7:30

Greeter: Doug & Dede Dyson

Lector: Mark Gibson

E.M.: Bill Johns

10:00

Acolyte: Christian Pitts

Lector: Robin Levine

E.M.: Jack Pitts

Monday Counter: Gary Ploense (sub)

Coffee Hour: Coopers

4-February

7:30

Greeter: Ray Durham

Lector: Liz Gordon

E.M.: Chris Bennett

10:00

Acolyte: Christian Pitts

Lector: Amy Halt

E.M.: Jack Pitts

Monday Counter: Gary Ploense (sub)

Coffee Hour: Pam & Roy Laws

### **Outreach Opportunities**

#### **ITEMS-OF-THE-MONTH**

In January and February of the new year, let's help The Salvation Army collect nonperishable food items to help needy people get through the winter. Here are suggestions:

Canned fruits & vegetables

Canned soups

Peanut butter

Canned meats (tuna, chicken, etc.)

Macaroni & cheese boxes

Box dinners

Any nonperishable food items

We will continue to collect and deliver gently used coats and other winter items to The Salvation Army through January. Thank you all so very much for your continuing generosity.

The Outreach Committee

## **Faith In Action**

Join us for a fun filled evening at -  
FIA's Annual Gala Auction & Dinner!!  
February 10, 2018, 5:00-9:00  
Raddison Hotel, 8 Traders Circle, Normal  
Dinner, Games, Raffles, Live Auction plus a cash bar  
Dinner choices : Asiago Chicken, Pork Loin,  
or Eggplant Parmesan  
Tickets: \$65 e. or \$585 for a table of 10  
For tickets, contact Linda Thomas, FIA Liaison  
(lthomasheyworth7@gmail.com, 309-242-7160),  
or RSVP to public.bnfia.org, 309-827-7780  
Request seating at St. Matt's tables

## **St. Matthew's Schedule for the week of January 28th**

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

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

Sunday-5:30 p.m.-Evensong

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 for participants

Wednesday-6:00 p.m.-Adult Formation & Catechesis of the  
Good Shepherd

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

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

Saturday-noon-10 p.m.-Private Dinner

*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 for January 28, 2018**

Hymns: #616, #448, #437, #339, #493

Old Testament

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Moses said: The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet  
like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a  
prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at  
Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the  
voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this  
great fire, I will die." Then the Lord replied to me: "They are

right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak-that prophet shall die."

Psalm 111

*Confitebor tibi*

1 Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, \*  
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

2 Great are the deeds of the Lord! \*

they are studied by all who delight in them.

3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, \*  
and his righteousness endures for ever.

4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; \*  
the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

5 He gives food to those who fear him; \*  
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

6 He has shown his people the power of his works \*  
in giving them the lands of the nations.

7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; \*  
all his commandments are sure.

8 They stand fast for ever and ever, \*  
because they are done in truth and equity.

9 He sent redemption to his people;  
he commanded his covenant for ever; \*  
holy and awesome is his Name.

10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; \*  
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;  
his praise endures for ever.

The Epistle

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him.

Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth-as in fact there are many gods and many lords- yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since



some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. "Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

### The Gospel

Mark 1:21-28

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and 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." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They 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." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

### **Birthdays & Anniversaries January 28 - February 2**

#### Anniversaries

Charlotte & Charlie Casperson

#### Birthdays

### **Collect for January 28th**

Almighty and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of thy people, and in our time grant us thy peace; 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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