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Going dark.

On Good Friday, I simply encourage you to meditate on the deep mystery and "eucatastrophe" of the Crucifixion.



Dave+

## Holy Week Service Schedule

- Good Friday
  - 3/25/16
  - 7:00pm
- Easter Vigil (Saturday)
  - 3/26/16
  - 7:00PM

## Ministry Links

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## The Good News

March 25th, 2016



### 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.

### Pastoral Letter

Bishop Daniel has released a pastoral letter calling for a wave of prayer in the Diocese of Springfield. Here is a link if you would like to read it.

<http://www.episcopalspringfield.org/6015-2/>

Plans for our implementation of this plan will be announced in the near future.

### Easter Brunch

The annual Easter Brunch will be held between services on Easter Sunday. All are invited to attend and break the Lenten Fast. A sign up sheet is in the hallway by the office. We will also need volunteers to help clean up following. Ham and drinks will be provided.

### Bible Study

Will continue this Wednesday at 6PM.

### 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 5:30 PM each 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.

### St. Michael's Conference

The second annual St. Michael's Conference for youth 13-19 will be held from June 12-17th at Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville, IL. Registration forms are available in the Church Office or from Fr. Dave.

Highlights of this years conference:

Mo. Beth Maynard will teach on the sacraments.

Fr. Dave will teach on Genesis 1-3.

Fr. Ian Wetmore will lead a conference on the Parables.

Fr. David Baumann will teach on practical prayer.

Also, afternoon trips for rock climbing, a Cardinals game, and a pool party.

Ask any Michaelite from last year to find out how exciting and transforming this conference is.

### **Parish Mission**

We have a group of seven who will be travelling to St. Vincent this summer (26 June-9 July) to work on repairs to a small church. We will be joined by six members of St. John's, Lancaster, Ohio.

Please pray for those who will give of their time, energy, and treasure to assist our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Currently, we have \$3250 towards our goal of \$5000 for repairing the roof at St. John's, Owia. Please consider making a small donation to help our fellow Anglicans worship in a safe and secure building.

### **Tabora Update**

Over \$14000 was sent by the ECW of the Diocese of Springfield for the construction of the girl's dormitory/hostel at St. Peter's Secondary School. This will cover about half of the building, and construction is set to begin in the near future.

### **Local Mission Opportunities**

ITEMS FOR THE MONTH FOR MARCH AND APRIL 2016 - As we progress into the New Year please consider assisting those in our community who are seeking help to escape the abuse of domestic violence. Mid Central Community Action's (MCCA) emergency shelter, Neville House, provides safe harbor, assists and provides families in crisis situations with individual and group counseling for adults and children, and serves as a community resource providing awareness, advocacy, and education on the issue of domestic violence. Neville House has suggested some necessary supplies for the shelter and its residents: laundry and dish soap, paper products (paper towels and toilet paper), and cleaning supplies/products. In addition, personal hygiene items such as (bath soaps, lotions, shampoos, toothpaste and brushes) are always needed along with gift and gas cards. Please place supplies in the Outreach baskets in the narthex and the hallway beside the fireplace. We bless and thank each and every one of you.

The Outreach Committee will hold a Book, DVD, and Bake Sale on Saturday April 23 9:00AM-12:00PM. Please bring your donations of Books, DVDs,

April 25, 8:00AM-12:00PM. Please bring your donations of books, DVDs, CDs, LPs, and other recordings and place them near the Bookshelves. If you need help getting your donation to church, please call Debbie Leighton at Home (309)-662-7478 or at Work (309)-828-7600

On Easter Sunday: Children are welcome to participate in an Easter egg hunt following the service Easter Sunday, please bring your own baskets!

### **Good News Daily**

This Week's Good News Daily is [here](#).

## **Readings & Music for March 20th, 2016**

Hymns: #207, 335, 210

Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Psalm 118:1-2,14-24

1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; \*  
his mercy endures for ever.  
2 Let Israel now proclaim, \*  
"His mercy endures for ever."  
14 The Lord is my strength and my song, \*  
and he has become my salvation.  
15 There is a sound of exultation and victory \*  
in the tents of the righteous:  
16 "The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! \*  
the right hand of the Lord is exalted!  
the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"  
17 I shall not die, but live, \*  
and declare the works of the Lord.  
18 The Lord has punished me sorely, \*  
but he did not hand me over to death.  
19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; \*  
I will enter them;  
I will offer thanks to the Lord.  
20 "This is the gate of the Lord; \*  
he who is righteous may enter."  
21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me \*

and have become my salvation.  
22 The same stone which the builders rejected \*  
has become the chief cornerstone.  
23 This is the Lord's doing, \*  
and it is marvelous in our eyes.  
24 On this day the Lord has acted; \*  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

#### 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

#### Luke 24:1-12

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women who had come with Jesus from Galilee came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

### **Ministry Assignments for Holy Week March 25th-April 3rd**

#### Good Friday

03/25/2016 @7:00pm:

- Lector: Chrissy Stoffer

#### Easter Vigil

03/26/2016 @7:00pm

- Acolytes: Shelly Breneman Carter and Hally, and Liam Halt
- Crucifer: Sarah Halt
- Lector: Sandy Kohlhase
- E.M.: Bob Kohlhase

#### Easter Sunday

03/27/2016

7:30am

- Greeters: Doug and Dede Dyson
- Lector: David Hanck
- E.M.: Bill Johns

10:00am

- Lector: Julie Bennett
- Acolytes: Christian Pitts, Jack and Nolan White
- Thurifur/Boat: Bill Johns and Daniel
- Crucifer: Brent Baughan
- E.M.: Jack Pitts
- Monday Counter: TBD
- Coffee Hour: Easter Brunch

04/03/2016

7:30

- Greeters: Ray Durham
- Lector: Mona Johnstone
- Lector: E.M.: Chris Bennett

10:00

- Greeters: Brad Bauman
- Lector: Chuck Palm
- Acolytes: Shelley Breneman Carter, Alley & Devan Roberson
- Thurifur/Boat: Bill Johns and Georgia
- Crucifer: Sarah Halt
- E.M.: Bob Kohlhase
- Monday Counter: Pam Laws
- Coffee Hour: Roger & Debbie Thomas

**Birthdays & Anniversaries March 25th- April 9th**

Anniversaries

Chris and Julie Bennett

Birthdays

Jimmy Bray  
Gus Mather  
Pam Laws  
Patty Pitts  
Michael Dean  
Martha Carroll  
Ann Sokan  
Debbie Thomas

**Collect for Sunday, March 27th**

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

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