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## Rector's Ramblings

In German speaking countries today is also known as *Stiller Freitag* (Silent Friday).

Take time to embrace the silence this day and meditate on the depth of God's love for humanity in the work of Christ upon the cross.

In Christ,

Fr. Dave  
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## Ministry Links

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

## The Good News

April 14, 2017



### Holy Week Schedule

April 14, Good Friday: Morning Prayer at 7AM and Good Friday Liturgy at 7PM. Evening service will be joint service held at Christ the King.

April 15, Holy Saturday: Liturgy at 9AM and Easter Vigil at 7PM. Easter Vigil is joint service held at St. Matthew's.

April 16, Easter Day: Rite I at 7:30AM and Rite II at 10AM. Continental Breakfast Fellowship held 8:30-9:45. Please bring an item to share for the Fellowship.

### Parish Education

Resumes this Wednesday at 6PM. Light supper served at 5:30.

### Mission Leadership Team

Meeting is scheduled for April 24th at 7PM. All Mission Leadership Team meetings are open meetings.

### St. Michael's Conference

The St. Michael's Conference will be held June 11-17 at St. Michael's Church in O'Fallon. The conference is designed to be both formational and fun. It is open to all youth between the ages of 13-19. If you are interested, please see Fr. Dave for more information. The cost is \$100 for the week.

### Church Camp

The Episcopal Church camp of Illinois will be held at East Bay Camp from July 2-8. Camp is open to rising 1st Graders to High School Seniors. Brochures are available [here](#) and the registration site is [open](#). Camp is \$250 for the week, and scholarships are available.

### **Sign-Up Now**

*Sign-Up Sheets are always posted on the bulletin boards outside the office, and across from the Parish Hall.*

Please help those homebound members with a meal. If you might be available to share in this occasional ministry, please sign up today. For questions contact Phyllis Halt.

### **Movie Night**

Join us Saturday Evening, April 29, for the movie "Queen of Katwe". This is the true story of Phiona Mutesi, the slums of Uganda, opportunity, tenacity, and chess. A truly uplifting film.

Movie will begin at 6:00 PM. Pizza, popcorn, and drinks will be provided.

### **Morning Prayer - Standard Schedule**

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

### **Intercessory Prayer**

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

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

Meets immediately after the 10:00 service on Sunday morning and Wednesdays at 5:30pm.

### **Outreach Opportunities**

#### **March & April Items of the Month**

As we continue 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 personnel have suggested the following necessary supplies for the shelter and its residents: women and children who arrive with literally the clothing they have on their backs and nothing else need comfortable pajama/lounge-like clothes, in a

variety of sizes along with t-shirts, underwear, socks, and diapers (of all sizes). In addition, personal hygiene items such as: bath soaps, lotions, shampoos/conditioners, toothpaste and brushes are always in short supply. Cleaning supplies for the bathroom and kitchen along with paper products (especially toilet paper) are always needed. Please help by providing nonperishable canned goods and boxed meals for the pantry. Grocery store gift cards also assist in helping provide fresh produce, dairy and other perishable items for the kitchen.

Keep in mind some children may arrive having left a favorite toy or book behind because of the need to leave quickly. Please consider providing some small (new or gently used) toys and books that may provide some comfort to a child who has been removed from all they have previously known.

And lastly, because of the ongoing unsolved problems with the transit situation, any monetary gifts would be appreciated to assist in transporting residents to doctor appointments, job interviews, and/or their children to school/daycare.

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 for your continued generosity to those in need in our community.

The Outreach Committee will hold its **spring Book/DVD/Bake Sale** on Saturday, April 22, 8 AM - 12 Noon. Please bring your donations of books, DVDs, VHS tapes and other recordings to the parish hall and place near the book shelves. If you need any help getting donations to the church, please call Debbie Leighton at 662-7478.

### **Parish Schedule for the week of April 16th**

*Brief Coffee time is between services*

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

Monday-Office Closed

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-7:00 a.m.-Morning Prayer

Wednesday-5:30 p.m.-Guild of the Holy Rosary

Wednesday-5:30 p.m.-light supper for participants

Wednesday-6:00 p.m.-adult bible study and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Thursday-7:30 a.m.-Morning Prayer & Breakfast  
Thursday-6:00 p.m.-Cub Scouts meeting  
Thursday-7:00 p.m.-Maundy Thursday  
Friday-7:00 a.m.-Morning Prayer  
Friday-6:00 p.m.-Book/DVD/Bake Sale set-up  
Friday-6:00 p.m.-Brownie troupe meeting  
Saturday-8:00 a.m.-Book/DVD/Bake Sale

Office Hours: Tuesday through Friday: 8:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.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.*

### **Good News Daily**

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

### **Readings & Music for April 16, 2017**

Hymns: #199, #208, #335, #207

First Reading  
Acts 10:34-43

The Epistle  
Colossians 3:1-4

The Gospel  
John 20:1-18

### **Ministry Assignments for Easter & April 23rd**

16-April Easter

7:30

Greeters: Ray Durham

Lector: Liz Gordon

E.M.: Chris Bennett

10:00

Acolyte:

Crucifer: SB Carter

Thurifur: Sarah Halt

Lector: Ann Sokan

E.M.: Jack Pitts

Tuesday Counter: Shelley

Coffee Hour: everyone - between services

23-April

7:30

Greeters: Doug & Dede Dyson  
Lector: Bill Johns  
E.M.: Diane Gardner

10:00

Acolyte: Alley Roberson  
Crucifer: Sarah Halt  
Thurifur: Chris Bennett  
Lector: Martha Carroll  
E.M.: Bob Kohlhase  
Monday Counter: Roy Laws  
Coffee Hour: Whites

**Birthdays & Anniversaries April 16 - 22**  
Anniversaries

Birthdays  
Sue Jones  
Morgan Kimmerling

**Collect for Easter**

O God, who for our redemption didst give thine only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection hast delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through the same thy Son Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**Contact Information**

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

