THE MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Rev. Orin Cummings Rector

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> Jim Minzey Sexton

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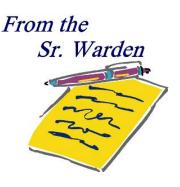
David Macey Treasurer

Linda Gerding Secretary

Dave Chullino George Miller Clerk of the Works

SERVICE TIMES

Sunday Services Cancelled due to Coronavirus. Will notify when resuming Service.



Dear Fellow Parishioners:

I am sure that you have heard about the decision of our Bishop to close all Episcopal churches in the Diocese of West Missouri until further notice. This notice comes at one of the most important times of the year when we

celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus. We realize that this may be a hardship for all of us who look forward to this celebration of his resurrection and ascension. This is the basis of our hope for the future and it will be difficult for all of us. But keep in mind that we can worship where ever we happen to be.

Sunday April 12 is the last day that we will have Fr. Orin with us. We had planned to have a celebration of his ministry on March 29, but with the Bishop's announcement that all churches in our diocese will be closed until further notice, those plans may have to be changed. At this time we are trying to think of an appropriate send off for the Cummings family. If you have any suggestions, please let me know.

It is also with sadness that I come to you with news that our Parish Musician Ron Stockton has decided to resign his position. I am sure that all of you will join with me in wishing Ron well and that he will find joy and happiness in the future. We wish him all the best that life has to offer.

Thank you all for your service to God and to your parish and I am sure that we will emerge from this crisis stronger and more vibrant than ever.

Bill Noone, Sr. Warden



NEW GIVING OPTIONS

COMING SOON

abundant

eGiving Helps You and ST.MATTHEW'S

BENEFITS FOR YOU:

- 1. Give from anywhere using a computer, tablet, or smartphone.
- 2. No need to find a check or stop by the ATM.
- 3. Use your Checking / Savings Account or your Debit / Credit Card.
- 4. Schedule gifts to occur automatically.
- 5. Give to one or more funds at any time.

BENEFITS FOR YOUR CHURCH:

- 1. Reduces administrative work allowing more time to focus on the ministry.
- 2. Helps streamline receivables.
- Increases stewardship by providing members and guests easier ways to give.
- 4. More regular and predictable giving makes planning easier.

St. Matthew's will be implementing online giving around the second week of April, perhaps sooner. Please watch your emails for all the information and links you will need to sign up if you wish to use online giving for your tithe.

Of course, you can still mail checks to the church or have your bank issue a check and send for you.

Even though we are not able to attend, there are still bills to be paid. We hope having different options will make it easier for everyone to continue to send their tithe.

RAYTOWN SUMMER LUNCH MINISTRY-2020 COVID-19 STRATGEY

Dear Parish Family,

Again, this year St. Matthew's has the opportunity to participate in The "Raytown Summer Lunch Ministry". This program currently involves local congregations working together to share the love of Jesus by feeding hungry children in Raytown during summer vacation.

This year the program is starting early and stepping up to help during school closures due to the Corona Virus pandemic. Grocery sacks of food will be distributed to the community starting on April 24th, from the parking lot of Raytown Christian Church. Distribution times will be 4:00-6:00pm. Three volunteers will pack the sacks inside and younger adult volunteers will distribute the sacks in the parking lot. They are limiting volunteers and not allowing any children.

The Service & Outreach Commission would like to ask St. Matthew's Parish to help with supplies that will be greatly needed again this summer when lunches will again be provided. If you make an emergency run to the grocery store and can pick up one of the following to add to the box in the Narthex **WHEN WE GET BACK TO CHURCH**, it will be greatly appreciated:

1.Napkins

2.Brown lunch bags



3. Ziplock bags (no store brands, name brands only: Glad, Ziplock, etc.)

The deadline for supply delivery is May 4th. If we begin collecting the above items now, we will have 9 Sundays to fill up the box in the Narthex marked "Summer Lunch Ministry".

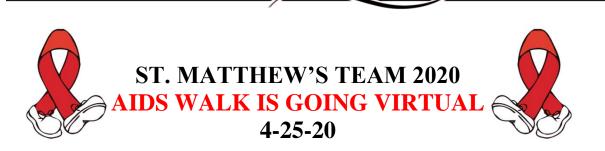
If you want to help NOW, they need cash donations for sacked food being distributed NOW. You can send a check, in any amount (\$5.00?), to the following:

Raytown Christian Church %Summer Lunch Program 6108 Blue Ridge Blvd. Raytown, MO 64133 In the memo line of the check write "Summer Lunch"

Thank you for your support. Linda Gerding, Service & Outreach Commission







The 32nd annual AIDS WALK-Kansas City will be held virtually on Saturday April 25, 2020, due to the COVID-19 virus.

This year's tag line is **"WALK 2 Stop HIV Stigma**. This stigma begins with fear and misinformation and leads to discrimination. This stigma fosters both shunning, marginalization, and feelings of shame, isolation, and despair. Banish the stigma and arrest the spread of HIV.

This will be the fourteenth year St. Matthew's has registered as a Team. Registration is always FREE but if you are interested in participating as a supporter of the event with a donation, please go on line to St. Matthew's Team and register as a virtual participant and donate; or you can also give your donation to Linda and she will register it for you. Aidswalkkansascity.org

Linda Gerding Service & Outreach Commission

Daughters of the King

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and staff—they comfort me.-Psalm 23:4

Easter I recognize the risen Christ in shared experiences with family, friends, and my spiritual community. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight.-Luke 24:31

Daughters of the King

Linda Batson





Brenda Laney





Jeannie Miller



Front: Virginia Sembower Back: Linda Batson

God is our hope and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Psalm 46:1

Information from the Diocesan Website

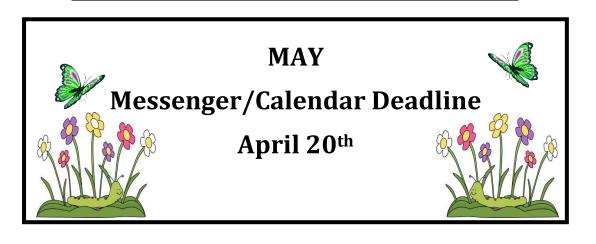
We are continually monitoring the situation with regard to the spread and impact of the Novel Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and we are updating our content accordingly. Please use the links below to find resources to inform and assist you, your family, and your church in worship and prayer during our temporary abstinence from in-person worship.

https://www.diowestmo.org/covid-19.html

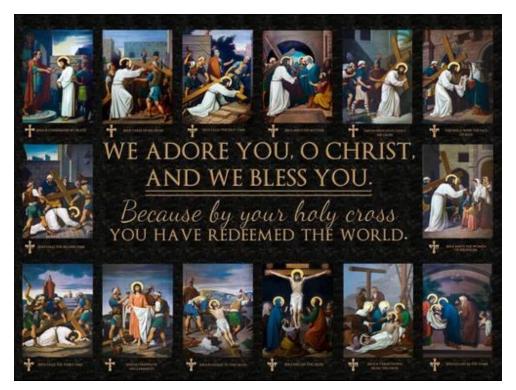
Key Resources

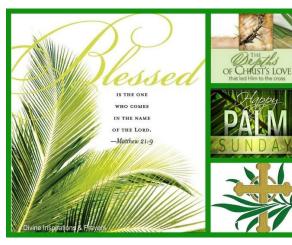
- Diocesan COVID-19 News Page.
- Online Worship & Prayer Resources
- Praying and Learning at Home
- The Episcopal Church's COVID-19 Resources
- CDC's Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) webpages
- CDC's COVID-19 Page for Places of Worship

Please make sure to check your email regularly, for any important updates on the status of the church closing or other information.



Stations of the Cross

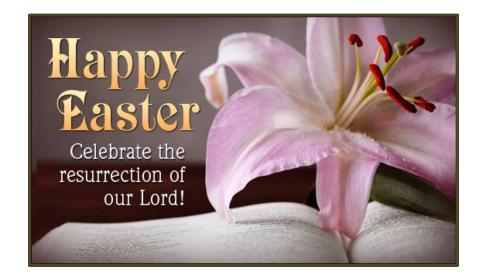






- John 13:34





John 20:1-18

The Resurrection of Jesus

20 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴ The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷ and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples returned to their homes.

Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look^[a] into the tomb; ¹² and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴ When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew,^[b] "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.