

# Week of April 30, 2017

## MONDAY

Acts 6:8-15 \* Ps 119:23-24,26-27,29-30 \* Jn 6:22-29

## TUESDAY 8:00am Word & Communion

Acts 7:51 - 8:1 \* Ps 31:3-4,6-8,17,21 \* Jn 6:30-35

## WEDNESDAY 8:00am Mass

1 Cor 15:1-8 \* Ps 19:2-5 \* Jn 14:6-14

## THURSDAY 8:00am Mass

Acts 8:26-40 \* Ps 66:8-9,16-17,20 \* Jn 6:44-51

## FRIDAY

Acts 9:1-20 \* PS 117:1-2 \* Jn 6:52-59

## SATURDAY 4:30pm Mass

Acts 9:31-42 \* Ps 116:12-17 \* Jn 6:60-69

## SUNDAY 9:30am Mass

Nursery & Children's Liturgy of the Word

Acts 2:14,36-41 \* Ps 23:1-6 \* 1 Pt 2:20-25 \* Jn 10:1-10

\*All events take place at St. Gabriel East Campus unless otherwise noted.

## Parish Activities

Tues., May 2 10:00am Scripture Study

6:30pm Confirmation-St. Agnes

Thurs., May 4 7:00pm Baptism Prep

**Sacraments of Initiation:** On Tues., May 2, our parish children who are preparing to complete their Sacraments of Initiation will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Then at Masses on May 6/7 & May 20/21 they will receive their 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist. If you have been praying for one or more of our children and would like to give them a card or gift, there will be a table in the social hall for those items. Please pray for our children as they complete their Sacraments of Initiation.

**Food Pantry May 13/14:** Special collection for the Migrant Program and we need the following items:

**FOOD:** (not-expired): pinto beans (dry or in jar), rice, corn, green beans, pancake mix & syrup, cereal, white flour, shortening, cooking oil, baking powder, salt and black pepper. **HOUSEHOLD:** diapers, dish detergent, laundry detergent, lotion, hygiene items, toiletries.

**Blood Drive:** Thank you to everyone who donated blood last week! Our goal was 15 donations and we had 16 donate!! Our next drive will be June 19. You can schedule your appointment at [miblood.org](http://miblood.org).

**New Lights:** We are enhancing the parking lot lighting with four new poles on the west driveway. This is in response to parishioners' requests for greater lighting in the parking area, especially in winter.



**Position Open:** Shelley Helmreich has resigned her position as a parish musician. As a result, we are looking for a replacement. Ideally, we would like to have someone adept at both piano and organ, and also skilled at directing a choir. Job description is available at the Parish Center. Resumes are welcomed.

**Lost & Found:** A diaper bag was left at church last week. Please claim it at the Parish Office if it is yours.

### Baptism...

"Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you;  
Before you were born, I dedicated you." Jeremiah 1:5

**Bennett Michael Lynch**  
son of Troy & Michelle Lynch  
**Congratulations!!**

## Stewardship

Weekly Target: \$11,538.47 \* Offering: \$8,242.44

Easter Flowers: \$5.00 \* Food Pantry: \$20.00

Rice Bowl: \$45.00 \* Catholic Relief Services: \$15.00

20 new pledges: \$3,715.00

C.S.A. Total pledges: 288 (53% of households)

6<sup>th</sup> report Total pledged: \$63,164.00 (81% of our target).

We are now at crunch time with respect to reaching our \$77,000 target. There should be almost 100 people who have given before, who have not yet been heard. A "friendly reminder" will be sent to those who have not yet responded along with a C.S.A. envelope (in case the original form has been lost).  
*Fr. Tom*

## Education/Formation

**FAMILY TALK TIME** Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families, Sara McGinnis Lee  
Have you ever met someone, and immediately known that you wanted to befriend that person?

► **Reflecting on the Word:** In Luke's account of the journey to Emmaus, the Risen Jesus joins the disciples as they walk along the road. The disciples only recognize him in the breaking of the bread. This story has more than one theme. We hear the disciples' hospitality as they invite Jesus to dine with them. Jesus blesses the bread, breaks it, and gives it to the disciples. With this, their eyes were opened and they recognized him. How does the Eucharist open your eyes?

► **Living the Word:** We have lived another Lent, and now we are in a great "procession" through the season of Easter to the time of eventual eternity. Talk about processions with the family: are they formal or informal? Do people carry things in procession? Do processions have or need music? Next Sunday, find and name the four processions that happen during the Mass (Hint: Entrance, Presentation of Gifts, Communion & Recessional.) Take a springtime walk (mute the electronic devices) and make it a procession in search of new life of spring.

## Youth Ministry



► **Youth Ministry Trivia Night:** This Sunday (April 30), at 6pm, parish youth will gather with up to six family members each for trivia night! Topics will range from religion to general knowledge. Pizza and pop will be provided and gift cards will be awarded to the winners!

## Auburn Area Catholic School

► This past week wrapped up **Volunteer Appreciation Week** and this upcoming week celebrates **Teacher Appreciation Week**. We would like to take this time to say **Thank You!** AACs and St. Gabriel Parish are blessed with giving parishioners, families and staff!

► **Flower Sales now through May 1:** Pick-up will be Friday, May 12, just in time for Mother's day! If you are interesting in ordering, please contact a school family or call the school office at 662-6431.

► **AACS Restaurant Day** at O's Pub & Grill, Wed., May 3. Present this coupon when you pay your bill. Thank you for supporting AACs!

## AACS Restaurant Day at O's Pub & Grill

123 E. Midland Road, Auburn

Wednesday, May 4, 2016

Please eat at O's Pub & Grill on May 3.

Redeem this coupon and AACs will receive a portion of your food & non-alcoholic beverage purchase.

Valid for dine-in or take-out, lunch or dinner.

## *From Father Tom's Desk*

### *3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter*

Biagio Mazza, [Celebration](#)

The Gospel reading from Luke takes us on the road to Emmaus, the path on which we face both the struggles and doubts of life, along with the insights and connections that Jesus offers. Two of Jesus' disciples, mostly likely a husband and wife, are returning to their home in Emmaus. Discouraged and distraught about all that happened to Jesus in Jerusalem, their messianic hopes were shattered when he suffered and died a cruel death.

When the risen Lord encounters the disciples on the way, their doubts and disappointments prevent them from recognizing him. In response to their concerns, Jesus unpacks the Jewish Scriptures showing them why the Messiah would suffer and die. Giving of self for others – even to the point of death – becomes the path to glory for Jesus as well as for any who choose to follow him.

The Emmaus search for wisdom continues as they invite the yet unrecognized Jesus into their home. As they share a meal, he takes bread, blesses it, breaks it, and gives it to them. In that very moment, they recognize Jesus but he quickly vanishes. In reflecting upon their experience on the road and at table, they realize two things. Their hearts were burning within as he unpacked the Scriptures for them. They recognized him in the breaking of the bread. Knowing such wisdom and connection had to be shared, they immediately return to the other disciples to tell their amazing story.

The Emmaus narrative is a very clear reminder of the Christian reality that we are nourished by the Lord from two tables: the table of the word and the table of the Eucharist. Both actions lead us to Jesus' path of life.

### *Easter Continues*

Mazza, [Celebration](#)

On these Sundays of Easter, our Easter Celebration continues as we reflect on the presence of the risen Christ among us. The Easter season invites us to enter more deeply into the meaning of the Paschal Mystery which we celebrate at every Eucharist. Each Eucharist is called a "little Easter" as it directs our attention to the Paschal Mystery which we celebrate. Christ's paschal mystery – his life, passion, death and resurrection—are at the heart of our faith, continually offering faith and hope in God who is always faithful and responsive to the needs of all. Today's reading capture the essence of the Easter season which we celebrate for 50 days. The readings provide us with guideposts along the way of life which the risen Christ has forged for us.

The first reading from Acts recounts Peter's speech delivered after the Spirit of Jesus had been poured out on the disciples. Peter narrates how Jesus was commended to us by God, to show us the path of life, a path that eventually brought death at the hands of those alien to God. Yet, God raised up Jesus from the throes of death and exalted him, making him our path to eternal life. The path that Jesus forges continues to be available to those who open themselves up to the abundance of the Spirit.

The second reading from 1 Peter asks us to conduct ourselves with reverence as we sojourn to God. Jesus has ransomed us for God not with any perishable goods but by the unblemished offering of his very life. Because Jesus was willing to give so totally of himself, God raised him and made him the eternal source of our faith and hope in God. We are called to model our lives on Jesus' life style of love and concern for others.

*"Lord, help me recognize your presence."*

### *On Seeing Christ*

Deacon Dick Folger, [Celebration](#)

When Helen Keller was not quite two years old she had a high fever which caused her to become deaf and blind. Unable to see nor hear, she felt lost. She would hang on to her mother's skirt to get around. She could recognize people only by feeling their faces or their clothes. In today's Gospel Cleopas and his friend, walking on the road to Emmaus encountered Jesus. Even though their vision and hearing was not physically impaired, they did not recognize Jesus until the breaking of the bread. This scriptural passage reminds us to look for Jesus present in our lives. The words from another Gospel, Matthew 25, haunt us: "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or away from home or naked or ill or in prison and not attend to your needs?"

### *On Being Fed*

[Celebration](#)

Through the Emmaus narrative Luke's community proclaims that the risen Christ can only be recognized whenever one seeks nourishment from the Scriptures and the Eucharist. Without such nourishment and our willingness to share it with others, no matter the cost, we will never recognize the risen Lord who constantly draws near and always walks with us. The risen Christ and his path of life is found whenever we feed on God's revealed word and break bread together. As often as we do this in memory of Jesus, we delve deeper into the Paschal Mystery and affirm it as our God-given path to life.

### *Recognizing Him*

Judy Esway, [Celebration](#)

Encounters with the risen Christ still happen to ordinary people like us. Think about it. Have you ever struggled with an issue when all of a sudden you meet a stranger who teaches you something important or simply consoles you? Has Jesus ever turned up in your life, perhaps in a "distressing disguise," as St. Teresa of Calcutta puts it?

Jesus can hide in anyone when he wants to teach, enlighten, explain, comfort, console, heal and love. So when your heart begins to burn within you, pay attention, listen and give thanks.



**Funeral Pre-planning:** If you are interested in learning about the options for planning a funeral, join us Tues., May 9 at 10am in the Parish Center. Options will be presented on Scripture readings, music and other details pertaining to funerals. Questions? Contact Sandy at 662-4335.

### *The Parish in the Community*

**Fish Fry:** Auburn K of C Hall, Fri., May 5, 3-7pm.  
All you can eat buffet. \$11 adults, \$5 children 5-12, under 5 free. Take-outs available. All are welcome.