

## ✝ Week of May 6, 2018

### MONDAY

Acts 16:11-15 \* Ps 149:1-6,9 \* Jn 15:26 – 16:4

**TUESDAY 8:00am Word/Communion**

Acts 16:22-34 \* Ps 138:1-3,7-8 \* Jn 16:5-11

**WEDNESDAY 8:00am Mass**

Acts 17:15-22 – 18:1 \* Ps 148:1-2,11-14 \* Jn 16:12-15

**THURSDAY 8:00am Mass**

Acts 18:1-8 \* Ps 98:1-4 \* Jn 16:16-20

**FRIDAY**

Acts 18:9-18 \* Ps 47:2-7 \* Jn 16:20-23

**SATURDAY 4:30pm Mass**

Acts 18:23-28 \* Ps 47:2-3,8-10 \* Jn 16:23-28

**SUNDAY 9:30am Mass**

Children's Liturgy of the Word & Nursery

Acts 1:1-11 \* Ps 47:2-3,6-9 \* Eph 1:17-23 \* Mk 16:15-20



## ✝ Parish Activities

Mon., May 7	6:30pm	Bible Timeline
Tues., May 8	10:00am	Scripture Study
Thurs., May 10	6:30pm	Commission Meetings
	7:30pm	Parish Council Meeting

**Food Pantry** next weekend. Items most needed are: baking powder, shortening, flour, pancake syrup, green beans, corn & rice. All your donations are greatly appreciated! Thank You!!



**Tour the Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum** Wed., May 16. Details/sign-up sheets at the Café kiosk and church entrances, or call the parish office. Advanced registration is needed by May 9.

**Pentecost Celebration:** The Education Formation Commission invites you to an all-parish Pentecost Celebration Saturday, May 19. Join fellow parishioners for a light dinner 5:30-6:15pm in the social hall, Pentecost craft activities and games for kids of all ages, and a bonfire with s'mores (weather permitting). Bring your own lawn chairs and beverages for the bonfire. Please sign up at the main entrances so we can best plan for food and crafts. We hope you can celebrate the end of the Easter Season with our parish family.

**Baptism Preparation Sessions:** First-time parent sessions Aug. 2 or Oct. 4. For parents who have already attended a session, preparation will be June 7 or Sept. 6. All classes meet at 7pm in the Parish Center. Contact Sandy at 662-4335 or [sdesjardins@auburnac.org](mailto:sdesjardins@auburnac.org) to register for a prep session and to set your celebration date.

**Adopt-a-Garden:** Are you are interested in adopting a parish flower bed (meaning you have the responsibility of caring for it throughout the spring and summer)? Call the parish office at 662-6861. It's a great way to volunteer for your parish on your own schedule.

## ✝ Stewardship

Weekly Target: \$11,538.47 \* Offering: \$8,463.05

### CSA 2018 Report Week #6

New responses received: 14 Pledging/donating \$4,075.00  
 Total pledges/donations: 280 (53% of registered families)  
 Total amount Pledged: \$60,267.00 (77% of our \$78,232.00 target)

**A good response** one week is followed by a very small response the next! A second mailing-a friendly reminder was sent out this past week. Hopefully, it produces the needed results. *Fr. Tom*

**Children's Good Deeds: My Good Deed was...**

...I took my cat to the vet. ...I gave my own money away.

## ✝ Education/Formation

**Family Talk Time** Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families, Sara McGinnis Lee  
 What anchors you to God's love? Where have you experienced God's love?

► **Reflecting on the Word:** Remaining in love sounds like a wonderful thing. Why would anyone want to live any differently? So often people choose to see the bad things of this world instead of remaining steadfast in the infinite love of God. It seems like a difficult task with everything going on around us, but instead of calling us to a big change or something totally other, God simply asks us to stay. Stay in the love you were created out of, stay in the infinite vastness of the good within you. Simply remain.

► **Living the Word:** One of the main ways we experience love is through the power of appropriate touch. A hug from a friend, a hand on the shoulder for support, or snuggling on a cold day. As a family, create a circle of love and each take a turn being in the middle while everyone else has a hand on you. Feel the support of remaining in the love of God through your family. As you surround each person, pray a special prayer for the individual, either aloud or in your heart.

► **Mark Your Calendar: Vacation Bible School:** July 30 – August 2 for children in grades K-5<sup>th</sup> (fall of 2018). Registrations will be taken beginning in May. Help is needed from youth in grades 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>.

## ✝ Auburn Area Catholic School

► This coming week celebrates **Teacher Appreciation Week**. We would like to take this time to say Thank You to our amazing staff of teachers! AACs is blessed by your gifts and talents!

► **AACS** would like to congratulate all of the students celebrating their **Confirmation and First Eucharist** this weekend!

► **AACS Restaurant Day at O's Pub & Grill** Tues., May 8. Please present the coupon below when you pay your bill.

► **AACS Flower Delivery** Fri., May 11, 1-5pm on the east side of the church parking lot. Thank you for your orders!

► **Open Enrollment:** Registration for 3 & 4 yr. old Preschool and Kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup> grade. If you are interested in learning more about our school, please contact Mrs. Reder at 662-6431. She would love to give you a tour. Info also at our website [www.auburnacschool.org](http://www.auburnacschool.org).

## ✝ From Father Tom's Desk

### 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Sr. Mary McGlone, Celebration

The Gospel presents Jesus reminding us that his one command to us is to love. He adds to that command the promise that, as we do so, we will share in his own joy.

Today's readings call us to widen our circles and learn about diverse ways of living and loving and expressing our faith. Our most important consideration comes from Jesus' dual message in the Gospel: We are called to believe that Christ loves us in the same way that the Father loved him, and the purpose of Christ's coming into the world was to share with us the joy of living in unbounded love. That summarizes the Christian vocation and mission.

The reading from Acts puts a concrete focus on that when it challenges us to open our minds and ask ourselves, "Who in God's creation could legitimately be considered a foreigner?" As we hear the story of Peter and Cornelius, today's liturgy invites us to be attentive to the wondrous diversity of God's self-revelation through nature, cultures and diverse faith traditions. It might just be time to pay attention to how God might be trying to entice us into an unexpected encounter that can open our eyes, our minds, and most of all, our hearts.

After all, this is the Easter season, our 50 days of celebrating God's infinite surprises.

## Peter's Awakening (Acts)

Celebration

Peter launched into a theological reflection on what was happening. He began the three-step process of see – judge - act. He summarized the situation in which they found themselves-his dream and Cornelius' vision-by confessing that he was discovering that God doesn't play favorites; neither in food nor in nationalities. He was discovering that there are no requirements for receiving God's favor beyond recognizing God's greatness and acting with justice. That was Peter's first step.

In the second step, Peter tried to tie what he was seeing into what his faith tradition had taught him. He began one of his typical homilies, showing the connections between the Jewish tradition and what God had revealed in Jesus, then going on to explain the mission of Christ's disciples. It was a well-rehearsed speech, leading as always to the promise of the forgiveness of sin. Apparently neither God nor Cornelius needed to hear Peter's entire spiel; even as he was preaching the Holy Spirit came over the listeners in the same way the original disciples had experienced at Pentecost.

That experience doubled down on Peter's perception that God acts freely, being absolutely independent of preachers, rituals or the religious or social status of a person. Peter's third step was to baptize the group, recognizing that for Cornelius' household, the ceremony was not so much a sign and sacrament of conversion, but a ritual recognition of what God had already accomplished in them.

## John on Love

Celebration

Now, when we have moved past the half-way mark of our Easter season, this selection from 1 John invites us to remember that the power of Christ's risen life can grow in us to the extent that we open ourselves to the grace of greater loving. John's insight is as old as God's proclamation through the mouth of the prophet Jeremiah: "I will place my law within them" (31:33), and as modern as commentators on the thought of Teilhard deChardin, who proclaim that love is the energy of evolution, drawing all of creation forward into God's future.

The last idea we find in today's reading from 1 John reassures us that the love we know, the love we can share, has its origin in God and its finest demonstration in Christ's coming as God's expression of mercy for sinners.

We can appreciate this selection in the simplest way possible by just letting its obvious message wash over us. We can also meditate on it, study its implications for the moral and spiritual life and see how it grounds everything else we would teach and preach in Christian theology. Most of all, this reading assures us of God's love for us and of our innate ability to love; it promises that the more we love, the more we will know of God.

## The Great Commission

Celebration

Unlike what we hear in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, Jesus does not give disciples a mission job description. There's no command to preach, baptize or heal. All Jesus tells us to do is bear the fruit that springs from love. That, of course, is a job description without limits. But he also gives us an unlimited promise of support, assuring us that when we ask the Father anything in his name, in other words, whenever we desire to unite ourselves more deeply to him and his purpose, the father will grant our petition. In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus left with the promise that he would always be with us. Here he promises not just to be with us, but that his life can flourish in us.

## Most Basic Message

Ted Wolgamot, Celebration

The Gospel for this Sunday addresses the issue of love head on: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you." This statement sums up the entirety of all the Gospels and all the epistles and all the spiritual

writings and all the church teachings that have ever been produced through the centuries.

If we truly "get" this one statement – "As the Father loves me, so I also love you" – then everything else becomes mere window dressing.

Because what Jesus is telling us in this profound and dazzling Gospel reading is that you and I are loved in the same way and to the same extent that Jesus is loved by God the Father! It's breathtaking when you stop to think about it.

## Call You "Friends"

GraceWorks, Dallas TX

"From now on I call you my friends," Jesus said on the last night of his earthly life. As undeserved as it is, as overwhelming as it is to ponder this gift, this is exactly what we most need. Because what is friend, really? A friend is someone who has your back, who knows you and loves you anyway, someone who guards your secrets and shares your deepest joys and sorrows. A friend is someone you can call upon in the middle of the night without having to apologize. Perhaps you have a friend like that, or several friends like that. If so, you are truly blessed and rich. But how much more to know that all of us who love and follow Christ have that kind of friend in Jesus himself! What a friend we have in Jesus – indeed!

*"May I grow, Lord, in an awareness of your love."*

**Appointment:** I received a call this week telling me that I have been reappointed for another year. They used to ask if you wanted to stay, now they just tell you! *Fr. Tom*

## May Wedding Anniversaries

- 70 years or more..... Leo & Louise Schick
- 60 years or more..... Joseph & Lorraine Fournier  
George & Eileen Rivard  
Frank & Rose Ann Barber
- 50 years or more..... Gordon & Mary Wegener  
Thomas & Gertrude Finnegan  
James & Roseann Holka
- 40 years or more..... Claude & Bonnie Vachon  
Paul & Roseann Schubert  
Frank & Sally Czabala  
Dan & Josie Harrison  
Michael & Marilyn Marczak  
Gary & Caryn Lesley  
Mark & Shirley Bernhardt
- 30 years or more..... Gerard & Sharon Grzegorzczuk  
Kenneth & Sandy DesJardins  
Rick & Marie LaRocque  
Mark & Barbara Schick (to be continued)



We thank you, O God, for the love You have implanted in our hearts. Bless our marriage, O God, with peace and happiness. Amen

*Smile at your wives, at your husbands, at your children, at all. Let mutual love for others grow each day in all of you."*

*Mother Teresa*

## AACS Restaurant Days

at O's Pub & Grill

Tuesday, May 8, 2018

**Redeem this coupon at O's and AACS will receive 10% of your food & non-alcoholic beverage purchase.**

**Valid for dine-in or take-out.**

**Valid for breakfast, lunch or dinner.**

