

Week of May 20, 2018

MONDAY

Jas 3:13-18 * Ps 19:8-10,15 * Mk 9:14-29

TUESDAY 8:00am Word/Communion

Jas 4:1-10 * Ps 55:7-11,23 * Mk 9:30-37

WEDNESDAY 8:00am Mass

Jas 4:13-17 * Ps 49:2-3,6-11 * Mk 9:38-40

THURSDAY 8:00am Mass

Jas 5:1-6 * Ps 49:14-20 * Mk 9:41-50

FRIDAY

Jas 5:9-12 * Ps 103:1-4, 8-9,11-12 * Mk 10:1-12

SATURDAY 4:30pm Mass

Jas 5:13-20 * Ps 141:1-3,8 * Mk 10:13-16

SUNDAY 9:30am Mass

Nursery (NO Children's Liturgy of the Word this summer)

Dt 4:32-34,39-40 * Ps 33:4-6,9,18-20 * Rom 8:14-17 * Mt 28:16-20



Parish Activities

Tues., May 22 10:00am Scripture Study

Wed., May 22 11-noon AACS 4-year-old Preschool Picnic
(at Williams Twp Park or St. A's gym if raining)

6:30pm Parish Grounds Clean-up

Thurs., May 23 11-noon AACS 3-year-old Preschool Picnic
(at Williams Twp Park or St. A's gym if raining)

As the Easter Season comes to an end with the feast of Pentecost, it's time to give thanks to some of the people who made our celebrations complete. Thank you to Becky Houck, our resident artist, for painting our Easter candle; to Pat Drouin for the labels on our Easter Holy Water bottles; to Dick Mapes and Mike Kaczynski for polishing our candlesticks and tabernacle; to Nathan Bock, our resident firefighter, for taking care of the New Fire at the Easter Vigil; to our dedicated choir for all the extra services; to Bill Hintz, Denny Kalinowski and Whitey Hintz for putting up and taking down our Crown of Thorns over the altar. Also, thanks to the gathered faithful for their active participation. Sometimes it takes a village!! *A grateful Worship Commission*

Help! Help! On Wednesday evening May 23, 6:30pm, the parish grounds clean-up is planned. This year we will be sprucing up the mulch, mainly fluffing it up. Please bring rakes, pitch forks, pruners or whatever you think will work. Many hands will make light work!!!



Prayerful Congratulations to Pam Graul-Gwizdala in the Lay Ministry Formation Program in our Diocese. Pam is beginning her 3rd year of study, and on May 10th participated in a formal Commitment Ceremony to minister in our faith community. Be assured of our prayerful support Pam!!

The Mission Trip still needs two chaperones to join us for our mission trip to David, KY. We leave Auburn Wed., June 27 and arrive back Sun., July 1 (that's only 3 days off from work!). Please prayerfully consider if God is calling you to this special opportunity to serve in Appalachia and help make this a meaningful and safe trip for our youth! Contact Christine Sellnow for info at cmjunga@gmail.com.

Time/Talent Survey: We did get some responses to the request for more volunteers in parish ministries – but not nearly the number we need. Please reconsider stepping forward to serve the parish. Extra surveys are available in the main entrances. *Fr. Tom*

K of C Rummage Sale for Toni & Trish House, Thurs., May 24, 9am-6pm at the KC Hall. Donation drop off Wed., May 23, 9am-6pm.

Education/Formation

Family Talk Time Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families, Sara McGinnis Lee
What is the difference between a long-held belief and a stand-alone truth?

► **Reflecting on the Word:** Truth has a power of its own, and when spoken, truth can act as guide and weapon. There is something about the truth, no matter how much people try to deny it, that can shatter any lie or illusion. The truth sets us free and at the same time binds us to right action. But, we must give the truth something to work with. If no one ever has the courage to proclaim it, its power will remain dormant and unused. Through the Spirit we can find the courage to be truth's voice in the world.

► **Living the Word:** Most of us have swallowed a lie, and seen and felt the damage that it caused. This week, have a truth liberation ceremony. Build a fire outside in a grill and have each person write down a lie that they no longer believe. As each person burns the old lie, have them proclaim aloud or to themselves the truth that has now replaced it. Take some time to discuss why we might believe a lie and how the context of community, especially one rooted in the love of God, can lead us back to the truth.

Auburn Area Catholic School

► **A HUGE Thank You** to Mrs. Thompson, our Kindergarten teacher and Mrs. Navy, our school cook. Both will be leaving AACS at the end of this school year. They have both decided to pursue different career paths. We wish them the very best in their future!

► **Spreading the Spirit Program!** This program provides financial assistance to the families who would like to send their child(ren) to Auburn Area Catholic School, but may not be able to afford it. It is also a fund that can be used to assist larger families, with multiple children. If you are interested in donating to this program or would like more information, please call the school office at 662-6431.

Job Openings for Auburn Area Catholic School 2018-19

(1) Kindergarten Teacher (full-time)

Qualifications include:

- Must be a practicing member of a Roman Catholic Church
- BA or BS in elementary education
- State of Michigan valid teaching certificate
- Adhere to Code of Ethical Conduct
- Positive references and recommendations
- Must clear criminal background check and comply with other Diocesan mandates for Protecting God's Children



(2) Kitchen Cook/Manager

The job is approximately 17.5 hrs/week, 9:30-1:00).

A job description is available in the school office.



Please send resume with a letter of interest and 3 letters of recommendation to Jessica Reder, 114 W Midland Rd, Auburn MI 48611.

Stewardship

Weekly Target: \$11,538.47 * Offering: \$11,096.25
Food Pantry: \$25.00

CSA We are moving ever so slowly toward our target. But, we are moving! Another 41 responses have been received bring our total to date to \$66,827.00 (that's 85% of our target). Last year 384 participated. So far this year we've only heard from 321. Next week, calls will be made to remaining persons/parishioners. *Fr. Tom*

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

- ...help my brother be safe.
- ...helping Daddy clean the truck.
- ...making Mom breakfast.
- ...helped Mom plant our flowers.
- ...making a special card for my Mom on Mother's Day.



From Father Tom's Desk

Feast of Pentecost

Sr. Mary McGlone, [Celebration](#)

Luke's story-telling ability sparkles in the Pentecost story. He narrates it in what we might call the "energetic superlative." Luke portrays all of Jesus' disciples gathered when *suddenly* the sound of a wind (like the Creator Spirit of Genesis) fills the air and balls of fire hover like tongues over each of them. They are *all filled* with the Holy Spirit who leads them to proclaim their message in languages they had never studied, but happened to be those the pilgrims who heard them could understand. The two key elements of the story are the extraordinary influence of God's Spirit on the community and the breadth of the mission they were given the ability to accomplish. That helps us interpret Jesus' promise to send the Spirit to the disciples.

Luke's rendition of the Pentecost story gives an overview of the Acts of the Apostles and the mission of the Church. It relates how the Spirit can enable disciples to touch hearts and build communities of faith among people all over the world. The Spirit who enflames disciples reveals how, as Gabriel had told Mary at the beginning of Luke's Gospel, nothing is impossible for God.

Today, we are invited to join with the disciples who gathered in Jerusalem after Jesus' return to the Father. The world around them seemed to be the same as it had been two months before, but they were different enough to allow themselves to be set on fire by God's Spirit. If they had not been open to God's goading Spirit, Christianity would have died at its birth. Instead, they carried the message of God's relentless love throughout the world and for 2,000 years others have continued to carry it forth.

The readings present Pentecost as, what I would call, the "Feast of Limitless Possibilities." Pentecost challenges us to ask ourselves if we are courageous enough to harbor the open-ended expectations demanded of anyone who prays, "Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth." The feast asks if we are generous enough to give ourselves to spreading the fire of God's love in a world as needy as it has ever been.

We have been promised the Spirit who can renew the face of the earth. When we invite that spirit into our world, we must do it with our whole heart or not at all. God is goading us, but we have to decide if we are willing to carry fire.

Luke's Account

Sr. Mary McGlone, [Celebration](#)

Luke pulls out all the stops to tell us about Pentecost. This was a pilgrimage festival that brought large crowds to Jerusalem. Like a breathless, wide-eyed messenger, Luke describes how the wind/sound came *suddenly* and *filled the entire house*. He adds that *all the disciples* were filled with the Holy Spirit and appeared before a *large crowd* of Jews from *every nation*. It seems that only such an excess of enthusiasm could convey what he wanted people to understand.

It all begins with the disciples waiting together, just as Jesus had told them to do. Luke describes a sound like wind, knowing full well that the word "wind" also recalls the word for spirit. He's reminding his readers of the creating Spirit of God found in Genesis. As that noise filled the house he says that the disciples saw fire alighting on each of them in a form that looked like tongues (*glossa*), a symbol of the power their speech would have. With that, they were all filled with the Holy Spirit.

In spite of what we might expect, this group, the church's first mission team, didn't go out preaching, but was sought out by an amazingly diverse crowd of people who heard the commotion. What astonished the multitude whose attention was drawn by the Spirit was not the sound that had originally attracted their attention but the fact that they could understand what the Galileans were saying.

Luke goes to great pains to name the places from which the people in the crowd hailed. Coming from the Roman Empire and beyond, indicated that Jews from all over the diaspora were included among the first witnesses of what God was doing in Jerusalem.

The events of the day of Pentecost foretold the rest of the story. Luke gives us the theological history of the beginnings of the Christian movement – he lets us know that it was a fulfillment of God's promises and that it would always be a communal experience. And, as it was instigated by the Holy Spirit it would always be inclusive of women and men from every nation.

Psalm 104

[Celebration](#)

This psalm praises God whose Spirit created the universe, who holds it in being. Singing that the earth is full of God's creatures acknowledges God as the only God, proclaiming that all other things are under God's rule. Above all else, Psalm 104 keeps us aware that all of creation is dependent on God. God is not only the source of our life but also calls us into ongoing creativity. We ask God to renew the face of the earth and God the liberator asks us if we are willing to be a part of it.

*"Send forth your Spirit, Lord,
and renew the face of the earth."*



Need to be "Out-going"

Cele Breen, [Celebration](#)

Do you ever think of yourself as being sent? Sure, we've been sent to the store or to take out the garbage. But in today's Gospel, Jesus says that he sends us just as the Father sent him. We are sent to be like Jesus. The Gospels portray Jesus most often going out to people in the surrounding towns and villages. He didn't wait for people to come to him. For us that might mean going out of our comfort zone? To greet a stranger, to sit with a sick or dying person. Parishes are so often used to people coming to them to join their community. What would it mean for parish communities to go out seeking others in their towns and neighborhoods – sent as the disciples were sent?

The Parish in the Community

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AMEN CORNER:

The parish is now conducting a feasibility study that seeks feedback from parishioners to determine whether sufficient support exists to implement the plan to address current needs. The study involves a survey mailed parish-wide as well as some individual confidential interviews. This week, you will either receive a survey to complete or be invited to personally meet with a member of the Breton Group, a development consulting firm, for a confidential personal interview. All parishioner feedback is confidential and only viewed by the Breton Group who will provide a summarized final report of all feedback regarding the proposed plan. PLEASE take this opportunity very seriously so parish leadership can continue making wise decisions. Let's all continue to pray that God's will be done at St. Gabriel.