

Week of June 3, 2018

MONDAY

2 Pt 1:2-7 * Ps 91:1-2,14-16 * Mk 12:1-12

TUESDAY

2 Pt 3:12-15,17-18 * Ps 90:2-4,10 * Mk 12:13-17

WEDNESDAY 8:00am Mass

2 Tm 1:1-3,6-12 * Ps 123:1-2 * Mk 12:18-27

THURSDAY 8:00am Mass

2 Tm 2:8-15 * Ps 25:4-5,8-10,14 * Mk 12:28-34

FRIDAY

Hos 11:1-3,4,8-9 * Is 12:2-6 * Eph 3:8-12,14-19 * Jn 19:31-37

SATURDAY 4:30pm Mass

2 Tm 4:1-8 * Ps 71:8-9,14-17,22 * Lk 2:41-51

SUNDAY 9:30am Mass

Nursery (NO summer CLOW)

Gn 3:9-15 * Ps 130:1-8 * 2 Cor 4:13 - 5:1 * Mk 3:20-35



Parish Activities

Mon., June 4 6:30pm Cantor Practice

Thurs., June 7 7:00pm Baptism Prep

🎵 **Cantor Practice** and scheduling for June 17-September 16 will be held on Mon., June 4, 6:30pm. If you are unable to attend, please email your available dates to sevasseur@auburnac.org. Thank you.

Thank You to the 6 people who showed up for the Parish Clean-up. After 1½ hours we really made a dent!

Thank You to the commission members from Worship, Christian Service and Administration, and the Youth Ministry volunteers who helped out at the Pentecost Celebration. It was wonderful to see the many St. Gabriel families who attended enjoying dinner, crafts, games and the bonfire.
Sascha Rivet, Education Commission

Congratulations to our Graduates!!

"For I know the plans I have for you;," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."
Jeremiah 29:11

May your minds be filled with God's thoughts...

May your bodies be filled with God's strength...

May your hearts be filled with God's dream for you!



The Toni & Trish Hospice House on 11 Mile Road is looking for volunteers to water the outdoor planters for the summer. If you can help, please call Kevin or Jo-Ellen at 662-6400.

Stewardship

Weekly Target: \$11,538.47 * Offering: \$7,330.22

CSA: We received 8 new pledges of \$1,240.00 bringing our total to \$70,142.00 (90% of parish target; total pledges 342 from 65% of parishioners). Calls have been made to those who have not yet responded. All we can do is hope people will accept the responsibility of being the Church. Patience is indeed a virtue.
Fr. Tom

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

...taking care of Buscia. ...sorted clothes for Mom.
...helped Mom open up the pool. ...rake grass.

Fiedler's Forecasting Rules: 1. It is very difficult to forecast, especially about the future. 2. He who lives by the crystal ball soon learns to eat ground glass. 3. The moment you forecast, you know you're going to be wrong, you just don't know when or how. 4. If you're ever right, never let them forget it.
Edgar R. Fiedler, economist

Education/Formation

Family Talk Time Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families, Sara McGinnis Lee
Why is the sacrament of Eucharist so central to our faith?

▶ **Reflecting on the Word:** The Body of Christ can take many forms and we experience it in many ways. When we gather as the church, we are the living Body. When we receive Communion, we participate in the Body, and when we live out our baptismal call, we are being the Body of Christ in the world. In each of the ways that the Body of Christ takes shape, we consider the presence of Christ. When we share Christ with others, we should be mindful of our *presence* in that moment of sharing.

▶ **Living the Word:** "We come to share our story, we come to break the bread" begins the Communion hymn "Song of the Body of Christ." Story and community are linked because in community we share our story and in community we act as the Body of Christ. Suggest that the family contact grandparents, other relatives, and close friends for a story-sharing circle. Relatives who are far away can be part of the circle by phone. Ask each person to share an important story from their life and end by together telling a story all of you know.

▶ VBS

Splash Canyon:

God's Promise on Life's Wild Ride

July 30 – August 2 for children in grades K-5th (fall of 2018).

Help is needed from youth in grades 6th-12th.

Registration forms & youth volunteer forms available at the west entrance of the church.

➔ **Registrations forms are due by Mon., June 25.** ◀

Auburn Area Catholic School

▶ **Congratulations to our 5th grade class!!** They celebrated their years of success and accomplishments with Mass and a reception last Friday. We wish them many blessing as they continue in their promising futures.

▶ **Last Day of School!! Thursday, June 7.** The school office will remain open 8am-4pm through June 13. Mrs. Reder will be in and out of the building through June 21.

▶ **2018-2019 School Year:** Have you considered all your options for your child's preK-5th grade education? AACCS offers smaller class sizes with individualized attention, before & after school care, organized sports starting in preschool, and of course the Catholic Christian values that are instilled on a daily basis. For more information, call the school office at 662-6431 or check out our website www.auburnacschool.org.

➔ 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.

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

Paige's Rule: Don't look back - something might be gaining on you!
Satchel Paige

From Father Tom's Desk

Feast of Corpus Christi (Body and Blood of Christ)

Sr. Mary McGlone, [Celebration](#)

Today's Liturgy of the Word guides us through the religious developments that led to our Eucharist. We begin as Moses leads his people in a spectacular liturgy of sacrifice. In what was almost participatory theater, the people renewed their covenant with the God who had led them out of Egypt and gave them commandments to assure a good life. The people listened and kept silence while Moses wrote. At the climax, he sprinkled them with blood representing the life they shared with God and would lose if they were unfaithful.

This celebration evolved into the Temple liturgies that kept Israel conscious of her covenant relationship with God. They provide the context for the portrayal of Christ as the final high priest in the Letter to the Hebrews, showing how he accomplished once for all what Moses and his successors celebrated with their people. Hebrews explains that the priests used animal blood to cleanse a defiled people, but Christ who shed his own blood, cleansed or transformed people's consciences. Christ gave them new access to God whose reason for creation was to share life with them.

Mark's account of Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples brings this theology down to earth through a poignant story. When the disciples talk to Jesus about his [own] Passover, he reminds them that eating that meal together pledges them to share the same commitment and fate. While they were at supper, Jesus shockingly altered their ritual prayers. Instead of simply thanking God for the saving actions of the past, Jesus added his own name to the traditional litany of blessing. By doing so, he bade his friends to partake in his own self-giving.

On Being Sprinkled

[Celebration](#)

Because the human community needs ritual as well as words to express a solemn commitment, Moses led them in an impressive two-part ceremony. First, he arranged to build a worship space representing the 12 tribes and their God. He had young men offer holocausts and peace offerings: burnt offerings for God alone and also sacrificial food to be symbolically shared by the people and God. Then, stepping up the drama a few notches, Moses collected the blood of the sacrificed animals and splashed half on the altar in the sight of the people. After he read the words of the covenant, the people reiterated their commitment and Moses sprinkled the rest of the blood on them with the words, "This is the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you."

It was an unforgettable spectacle designed to allow every single person in attendance to be caught up in the ritual of commitment. While sprinkling blood may sound gruesome to modern ears, it was a holy and solemn sign to the participants. Blood, the symbol of life, communicated the sense that God shared existence with the people. When they shouted their assent, this people who had involuntarily belonged to the Pharaoh proclaimed that they desired to belong to the God who had freed them. Being sprinkled with blood that had also been sprinkled on the altar indicated that this people belonged to God in a unique way.

The Perfect Sacrifice (Hebrews)

[Celebration](#)

The Letter to the Hebrews is not as much a letter as a sermon that describes God's action in the world. Its guiding theme is that all the good God has done for Israel is surpassed and fulfilled in Christ. This selection from the letter describes Christ as the ultimate high priest who offers the eternally efficacious sacrifice.

The ancient Hebrews considered the Temple as the center of creation. The holy of holies in its center was God's dwelling, mystically outside the limits of creation. As the place from where God entered creation, it was concealed from the people by the veil of the Temple. On the Day of Atonement, the high priest would enter the Temple and emerge from the holy of holies. He was representing God who was

coming to restore all of creation. The atonement that happened was God's work, carried out completely by divine initiative.

In the temple ceremonies, the high priest spent a day preparing himself before entering the holy of holies. Once inside, he spread the blood of a lamb, the symbolic blood of God, on "the Mercy seat and others parts of the holy place... (symbolizing) YHWH offering himself in self-sacrifice for the people as a priestly gesture." The Letter to the Hebrews explains that through Christ, the gestures that had been symbolic became real and eternal. The high priests used to spread sheep's blood which represented God's self-sacrifice, but Christ shed his own blood. Before he did so, Christ explained to his disciples that it was "for you and for all." Christ saw his sacrifice as for all people and all time.



The New Passover Meal (Mark)

[Celebration](#)

At that supper, Jesus revised the traditional Passover ritual. The changes he made revealed how the Passover was being newly enacted, now not ritually or in remembrance, but concretely through the events that had begun to unfold. The traditional Passover meal celebrated the memory of the last meal the people of Israel ate as slaves. They ate it on the night that the blood of a lamb saved them from death and enabled them to escape into freedom. At the Last Supper, Jesus said the traditional prayer of thanksgiving as he broke the bread. But as he recited the ritual prayers and blessings recalling God's saving actions in their history, he added himself to the story. In what had to be an unforgettable, shocking addition to the ceremony, he invited his disciples to eat the bread he had prayed over as communion with him. He was offering himself to them and inviting them to do the same.

When he took the cup, he reinforced his teaching as he again reinterpreted their traditional ritual. Jesus equated the cup with his blood poured out like the blood Moses sprinkled on the people when they ratified the covenant. It was like the blood the high priest would sprinkle on the people on the Day of Atonement, the blood which represented God's offer of communion with the chosen people. And they drank that cup with him.

The Last Supper scene sums up the meaning and message of Jesus' life. It revealed him as God's self-offering to humanity and taught how humanity can accept divine life.

*"Lord, may I always hunger
and thirst for your Presence."*

AMEN CORNER:

The surveys have been sent out and a return is requested by June 15. They can be returned to the parish and the parish will forward them to the consulting firm. Calls have been made to schedule personal interviews with 46 individuals/couples between June 1-14. Our concern remains the "silent majority". Naysayers will be quick to respond. We are hopeful that all will recognize their right and their responsibility to advise parish leadership on the direction for the future. *Fr. Tom*