

Week of June 4, 2017

MONDAY

Tb 1:3; 2:1-8 * Ps 112:1-6 * Mk 12:1-12

TUESDAY

Tb 2:9-14 * Ps 112:1-2,7-9 * Mk 12:13-17

WEDNESDAY 8:00am Mass

Tb 3:1-11,16-17 * Ps 25:2-9 * Mk 12:18-27

THURSDAY 8:00am Mass

Tb 6:10-11; 7:1,9-17; 8:4-9 * Ps 128:1-5 *

FRIDAY Mk 12:28-34

Tb 11:5-17 * Ps 146:1-2,6-10 * Mk 12:35-37

SATURDAY 4:30pm Mass

Tb 12:1,5-15,20 * Tb 13:2,6-8 * Mk 12:38-44

SUNDAY 9:30am Mass (Graduation Mass)

Nursery until the end of June

Ex 34:4-6,8-9 * Dn 3:52-56 * 2 Cor 13:11-13 * Jn 3:16-18



Parish Activities

Thurs., June 8 6:30pm Commission Meetings
7:30pm Parish Council Meeting

The Easter Season comes to an end with the Feast of Pentecost. With a spirit of gratitude, the Worship Commission would like to say Thank You to all who ministered at the Liturgies during Lent, Holy Week thru Pentecost, for their spirit of service. Parishioners, Ministers of Hospitality, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Altar Servers, Easter Vigil fire watcher, Paschal Candle painter, Choir, Cantors.

*"For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body...
and we were all given to drink of one Spirit".*

It takes a community to celebrate and we did just that!

Graduation Mass: All high school & college graduates are invited to attend the Graduation Mass, Sunday, June 11 at 9:30am. Please wear your cap & gown. A reception in your honor will immediately follow. RSVP parish office 662-6861 or parishoffice@auburnac.org.

Parish Food Pantry collection next weekend June 10/11. All your donations are most welcome and appreciated!

Parish Blood Drive: Next blood drive will be June 12, 3-8pm in the social hall. Please make an appointment by calling the Parish Office.

Vacation Bible School: July 31-Aug. 3, 9am-12 noon. Theme will be "Mighty Fortress: In Jesus, the Victory is Won!" Check out the songs at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yP_Rim_3xLk. Information, registration forms & youth volunteer forms are available at the school entrance or on the website www.auburnac.org. Registrations are due by June 26 – any registrations after that date will NOT receive a t-shirt.

Stewardship

Weekly Target: \$11,538.47 * Offering: \$6,154.05

14 new pledges: \$1,905.00

C.S.A. Total pledges: 376 (69% of households)

11th report Total pledged: \$76,594.00 (98% of our target).

Phone calls are now being made by the three chairpersons in hopes of soliciting more donations to enable us to exceed our target.

Fr. Tom



Saginaw Priest's Retirement Fund: The retirement fund that covers the priests of the Diocese of Saginaw is in need of your financial support. Currently there are 51 retired priests in the Diocese

and many of these men continue to provide regular ministry in our parishes. Much of their retirement fund is supported directly by your generosity. Please consider making a donation to the Saginaw Priest's Retirement Plan. This can be a one-time offering or perhaps you would consider including this as part of your estate planning. A special envelope is included in your packet for June 18.

"GRACIAS" for your generous donation of food and household products for the Migrant Food Pantry Program. Your contributions were very much appreciated.

Christian Service Commission-Food Pantry Committee

The Family of Vi Bruzewski wishes to thank Fr, Tom, Sue, Marge, Ann, the choir, Bill, the luncheon committee, those who brought food, and those who offered prayers and words of comfort.

Education/Formation

FAMILY TALK TIME Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families, Sara McGinnis Lee We celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. How can we open our hearts to the Holy Spirit?

► **Reflecting on the Word:** There was awe but probably fear, too, when Jesus appeared to his disciples, despite locked doors. We take note of Jesus' greeting, "Peace be with you," because the disciples were so troubled about the Jews. It resonates with hope for good health, prosperity and calmness. The image of Jesus breathing on the disciples is reminiscent of the 'holy breathing' that the bishop does when he consecrates the chrism every year. That "breath" represents the indwelling of God, breaking into our present.

► **Living the Word:** Gather the family to prepare Pentecost cookies or cupcakes today. Red is the liturgical color for the day, so the cupcakes could be covered with red frosting. Pentecost is a day of images of wind and fire (the breath of God is the wind, and the tongues of fire appeared over the disciples' heads). Let the children create outdoor streamers with colored tissue or purchase pinwheels for everyone. Decorate the porch or yard with a windsock or a billowy fabric that catches the wind and supports the image. Encourage everyone to wear clothing that is "Pentecost red."

Auburn Area Catholic School

► **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL** will be on Fri., June 9. The school office will remain open 8:00am-4:00pm through June 15. Mrs. Reder will be in and out of the office through the 21st of June.

► **Nine AACS students** had their Festival of Banners submission selected to be displayed on the light posts along Midland Rd in Auburn. This year's theme was "Colors of the Seasons".

Congratulations to Aaron Anderson, Jada Bragiel, Emilee Doty, Breanne Grzegorzcyk, Chloe Leaman, Skylar Pichan, Adrianna Maziarz, Christopher Walter and Alex Wishowski.

► **2017-2018 School Year:** Have you considered all your options for your child's preK-5th grade education? AACS offers smaller class sizes with individualized attention, before and after school care, organized sports starting in preschool, and of course the Catholic Christian values that are instilled on a daily basis. Call the school office at 662-6431 or check out our website www.auburnacschool.org for more info.



from Father Tom's Desk

Feast of Pentecost

Sr. Mary McGlone, [Celebration](http://www.auburnac.org)

A little noticed detail in the Pentecost accounts is that the Spirit descends on community groups, not individuals. When Luke tells the story of Pentecost, he starts with the detail that everybody had come together. When John depicts Jesus bequeathing his Spirit to the

disciples it is again in a communal setting. Jesus conferred his Spirit on the community, in fact, on the community who were gathered in fear, trying to protect themselves from the rest of the world.

Luke and John offer two very different renditions of the gift of the Spirit to the community of faith. In Luke, it happens after 50 days: a final 40-day tutorial during which the risen Lord appeared to disciples until the day of his ascension. After a 10-day period of retreat, the Spirit dramatically invades the gathered community with the result that they cannot help but share their gospel.

John paints quite a different picture. In his depiction, on the very day of the resurrection, the risen Jesus breaks into the midst of the closed-off and fearful disciples to offer them peace. Before all else, this gift of peace comes in the form of forgiveness. This is the first encounter of the risen Lord with the disciples who had abandoned and betrayed him. Their locked doors are one more sign of their lack of faith. Yet, Christ breaks through it all with the offer of peace. This is a profoundly humbling moment, a replay of sorts of Jesus washing their feet. As he greets them with peace they know all too well that they don't deserve his acceptance. They have proven themselves cowards and traitors, and he's proclaiming his love for them just as they are. The risen Lord appears in their midst in the most unexpected way. He shows them his hands and his side, signs of an irrevocable past. Nothing can change what happened. But just as truly as he is free from death, he offers them freedom from being determined by their past.

Challenged to forgive Sr. Mary McGlone, Celebration

In his book *Breathing Under Water*, Richard Rohr says that forgiveness implies letting go "of our hope for a better or different past." Both the forgiver and the forgiven acknowledge the reality of what has happened between them, but they will not let themselves be bound by it. They know the hurt but they refuse to replay it again and again, pressing the bruise so it will never fade away. Forgiveness is not a judicial process or a market exchange through which there can be a correctly calculated payback that evens the score. Forgiveness is an encounter of love. Forgiveness springs from the belief the past can be redeemed and its effects can be redirected from a passive acceptance of injustice or the vengeful arithmetic of "an eye for an eye."

This is the Gospel the Spirit impels the disciples to preach. They can preach forgiveness only because they have experienced it. If it was humbling to be forgiven by the risen Christ, it was also empowering.

The community born out of Pentecost is a community of the forgiven who are commissioned to forgive. These are people who must never forget either their origin or their destiny: They are a gathering of the frail and failing called to strengthen one another.

When we greet each other with peace today, we are challenged to remember the meaning Jesus gave that word. "The peace of Christ be with you" is the greeting of sinner to sinner. Christian to Christian as forgiven forgivers. It is a blessing that calls us to humility and generosity in equal measure. It is a blessing that we can make real only in communities enlivened by the breath of the Spirit.

Without Borders Celebration

By telling us that Jerusalem was home to "devout Jews of every nation under heaven," Luke brings a new crowd into the story. In his Gospel he had spoken primarily of the disciples, unsophisticated Galileans, the leaders with their underlings and with a few other characters. Now the focus is on a crowd that represents chosen people from the entire known world. The horizon has become limitless.

Luke doesn't tell us what the Spirit-filled disciples preached. That

will come later. Instead, he points out that their message made sense to a multitude of people – all in their own languages. This is not, as some say, the reversal of Babel but its transformation, the sign that the Gospel can flourish in every culture and tongue. It has nothing to do with uniformity of expression but rather blesses the multiplicity of ways faith can be expressed in word and faith.

Throughout history it has been too easy for the Church to forget that from our beginnings our community knew no boundaries. Jesus broke open closed systems by forgiving anyone who sought it, reaching out to the untouchables, commissioning women as disciples and privileging the poor. The first gift the Spirit gave the disciples impelled them beyond the limits of their own cultural background. The Acts of the Apostles is the story of their struggles to carry out that vocation, to make the Gospel knowable to the whole world.

June Wedding Anniversaries

60 years or more.....	William & Carol Majeske
50 years or more.....	John & Evelyn Schultz
	Jerome & Patricia Knieper
	Robert & Patricia Bashaw
	Michael & Karen Dziurka
	Dale & Diane Hunt
40 years or more.....	Ralph & Connie Brisbois
	Keith & Kathy Charbonneau
	Patrick & Anne O'Laughlin
	James & Brenda Leland
	Harry & Susan Shinkel
30 years or more.....	Joseph & Linda Czyzewski
	Daniel & Michele Wittbrodt
	Robert & Deborah Cherry
	Stephen & Barbara Kaczynski
	William & Nancy Ignash
	Brian & Melody Raab
	James & Christine Sharp
	Ed & Dolores Cieslinski
20 years or more.....	Thomas & Joan Holtschlag
	Joseph & Deboral Knochel
	Ronald & Teresa Jenkins
	Steven & Beth Schoenherr
	David & Gretchen Kendziorski
	Michael & Christine Kaczynski
10 years or more.....	Garrett & Jami Doty
	Henry & Lisa Warren
	Scott & Jill Harrison
	Jason & Brandi Lykins
	John & Patricia Wojciechowski
	Matthew & Jennifer Squires
Less than 10.....	William & Jillian Grzegorzcyk
	Joshua & Ranae Ratajczak
	Michael & Kelly Krzysik



Bless our marriage, O God, with peace and happiness.

"The only reason for time is so that everything doesn't happen at once." Albert Einstein

AMEN CORNER:
 The following correspondence was received this week from Bishop Cistone:
 Dear Father Sutton,
 I wish to acknowledge your letter of May 3, 2017 in which you request permission to retain an architect and liturgical design consultant in order to have a firm estimate of construction costs.
 I am pleased to approve this request. As you note in your letter, this is not a permission to build. Rather, it will provide better information in order to determine the feasibility and scope of any project undertaken.