

Week of June 18, 2017

MONDAY

2 Cor 6:1-10 * Ps 98:1-4 * Mt 5:38-42

TUESDAY

2 Cor 8:1-9 * Ps 146:2,5-9 * Mt 5:43-48

WEDNESDAY 8:00am Mass

2 Cor 9:6-11 * Ps 112:1-4,9 * Mt 6:1-6,16-18

THURSDAY 8:00am Mass

2 Cor 11:1-11 * Ps 111:1-4,7-8 * Mt 6:7-15

FRIDAY

Dt 7:6-11 * Ps 103:1-4,6-8,10 * 1 Jn 4:7-16 * Mt 11:25-30

SATURDAY 4:30pm Mass

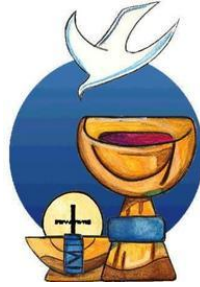
Is 49:1-6 * Ps 139:1-3,13-15 * Acts 13:22-26 * Lk 1:57-66,80

SUNDAY 9:30am Mass

Nursery until the end of June

Jer 20:10-13 * Ps 69:8-10,17,33-35 * Rom 5:12-15 * Mt 10:26-33

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



Parish Activities

Mon., June 19 3-8pm Parish Blood Drive

Tues., June 20 6:30pm Quilters-St. Gabriel West

Parish Blood Drive: June 19, 3-8pm in the social hall. There is still time to make your appointment by going to miblood.org.

Notice: The Diocese of Saginaw Priests' Pension Fund is significantly underfunded. We are trying to address this issue in a number of ways in order to insure that sufficient funds are available for present and future pension payments. One of the ways we are addressing pension fund income is by having a collection on Father's Day weekend. This collection was approved by Bishop Cistone.

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 due by June 26** – registrations after that date will NOT receive a t-shirt.

Education/Formation

FAMILY TALK TIME Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families, Sara McGinnis Lee
If we eat Jesus' Body and drink his Blood, we will live forever. Why would anyone not receive Communion?

► **Reflecting on the Word:** We can only live forever if we eat Jesus' "Flesh" and drink his "Blood." This disclosure of John's on the Bread of Life points to the life that receiving the Eucharist provides to us. "Feeding" on Jesus comments on his sacrifice on the Cross, and our celebration of this sacrifice at Mass. We are invited to receive Holy Communion in its "fuller form" of consecrated bread and wine. Jesus expects us to become what we eat, so that we can truly live forever.

► **Living the Word:** Sing the refrain of the song "One bread, One Body" (J. Foley, OPC). Discover the prayer Anima Christi and share it with family members. Composed around the fourteenth century, this prayer is most often used as a thanksgiving prayer after receiving the Body and Blood of Christ. Some people memorized this prayer as children, and still remember it as adults. Receiving Jesus' Body and Blood can transform us.

Auburn Area Catholic School

► **School Office:** Mrs. Chris and Mrs. Reder will be in and out throughout the summer to check messages. Please leave a message at 662-6431 or email Mrs. Reder at jreder@auburnac.org.

► **Script:** During the summer, scrip will be available in the parish office M-Th, 8:30-4:30 and Fri, 8:30-12pm.

► **Hiring – Preschool Aide:** We are looking for a Preschool Aide for our 4 year old Extended-Day Program. The position is for M,W,F 11:30am-3:20pm. You must be 19 yrs. or older, have a H.S. diploma or equivalent, and have experience working with school-age children. The closing date for applications is Mon., July 10, 2017. Applications can be mailed to Attn: Mrs. Reder, 114 W Midland Road, Auburn MI 48611. For more information, call the school office at 662-6431 or email Mrs. Reder at jreder@auburnac.org.

► **AACS** is looking for a **Preschool volunteer** for Monday mornings. Hours will be 9:30-11am. For more information, please contact Jessica Reder at jreder@auburnac.org or call 662-6431 and leave a message.

► **2017-2018 School Year:** Have you considered all your options for your child's elementary education? AACS 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 or check out our website www.auburnacschool.org.

► **AACS will have a float in the CornFest Parade** on Sunday, July 9 at 1:00pm. If you would like to help with the float or walk with us in the parade, please contact Sarah Pope at sarah.pope08@gmail.com.



Stewardship

Weekly Target: \$11,538.47 * Offering: \$8,348.25
Food Pantry: \$130

6 new pledges: \$1875.00

C.S.A. Total pledges: 389 (71% of households)

12th report Total pledged: \$79,319.00 (102% of our target).

We had six new pledges/donations which carried us over the target! Because of possible shortfall in pledges being paid, and because whatever we receive over the target is returned to the parish, we will remain "open" to receive additional donations. In a few words, all I can say is Dio gratias.
Fr. Tom

Dad's Advice...

Happy Father's Day!!!

From Father Tom's Desk

Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ

Sr. Mary McGlone, Celebration

Between the 13th and the mid-20th centuries, Catholics often celebrated this feast with elaborate public processions that focused on Christ's miraculous presence in the consecrated host carried aloft. The readings the church has chosen for this feast change our focus from the symbolic procession to a contemporary Exodus. Today's Scriptures lead us to realize that celebrating the Eucharist calls us to go out of ourselves, to move beyond our preferences and appetites, and to take up Jesus' offer of communion with him. This is a journey that will be every bit as frightening and grace-filled as the one on which Moses led his people. Our advantage over our Israelite ancestors is that we can learn from their experience and go beyond it. Christ promises us not just his presence, but the communion that gave him life.

Lesson of the Exodus

McClone, Celebration

Moses gave his people one command in two forms: "Remember" and "Do not forget." What Moses wanted the people to remember was that in their wandering when they were fed up with God and afraid they would die, God remained with them, putting up with their complaints and seeing to it that both their basic and their deepest needs were met.

In those days our ancestors in the desert gradually became fearful that they had let their hopes and dreams carry them too far. Freedom had sounded great when they were in Egypt under the thumbs of their taskmasters, but when the road ahead appeared interminable the vision in the rear-view mirror looked better than it ever had before. They had left slavery, but for what? Hope was not solid enough to calm their hunger nor wet enough to slake their thirst.

Moses reminded them that in spite of their fears, they didn't die. The water from the rock was not as good as Perrier and the mysterious manna might have been as insipid as it was nourishing, but they didn't perish just because they didn't have everything they wanted. In fact, they learned that God could be counted on to take care of them, never leaving them to face their perils alone. They came to recognize God's loving presence through their times of trouble.

Moses did more than hint that the Israelites had needed every one of the 40 years of that trial in order to learn faith. Their want slowly led them to understand what was truly important. Eventually, the vision in the rear-view mirror lost its luster, and they understood that they could survive with very little as long as God was with them. If they hadn't learned that important lesson, they might have remained forever unable to distinguish between what gives life and what simply satisfies an appetite.

Hunger for What?

McClone, Celebration

From the days of Exodus we fast-forward a few centuries to see a crowd pressing Jesus to keep them miraculously supplied with free bread. The problem Jesus faced was that the people who sought him remembered the story of Moses in the desert, but they didn't remember what their ancestors had learned there. Jesus was offering them bread, but it was the bread of life, the bread of commitment, the bread of following him through suffering into the real life of union with God. Instead of allowing themselves to comprehend that he was offering his life for them, they refused to go beyond the level of the literal. They mocked him. Perhaps afraid to take him seriously, they jeered as others would at the Crucifixion: "How can this man give us his flesh (his mortal self) to eat?" Like a new Moses, Jesus was

inviting them into his own exodus through death to life. He was inviting them to receive him as the Father's gift and become one with him, but they only had an appetite for a miraculous supply of bread.

Need for Nourishment

Deacon Dick Folger, Celebration

How long can a human live without food? Given various circumstances, it varies greatly. At age 74, Mahatma Gandhi, the famous advocate for India's independence, survived 21 days of total starvation. He allowed himself only sips of water. A Northern Ireland prisoner endured a 66-day hunger strike before he died. Illusionist David Blaine had no food for 44 days in a stunt where he was sealed in a Plexiglas box which was suspended over the Thames River in London. A Japanese hiker who was lost went without food for 24 days and survived. In the desert, Jesus went without food for 40 days.

Going without water is another matter altogether. The rule of threes says you can't live without air for three minutes, without water for three days and without food for three weeks.

In today's Gospel Jesus tells us, "My flesh is true food and my blood is true drink." He adds, "Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever."

Most Basic Need

Heather Neds, Celebration

Allow yourself to become a part of Jesus and he a part of you. All too often we receive the true food and the true drink but don't allow it to transform us. We take the gift for granted.

Our Holy Communion is not just a symbol, but the true presence of the one who satisfies what we crave. The hunger is within each of us, and there is only one way to truly satisfy it. Go to the source – to the Father who feeds us bread from heaven.

"Lord, satisfy my hungry heart."

AMEN CORNER:

Following Bishop Cistone's permission to hire an architect to pursue costs of a new church, the Planning Group and Building Committee informed the Parish Council of plans to solicit bids from at least five architects or design & build contractors. Those who express interest in the project will be interviewed.

Fr. Tom

At the same time, Bishop Cistone presented a decree indicating the parish intent to sell the St. Anthony Church property (from sacred to profane but not sordid use!). The decree is posted in the two main entrances. Along with the decree, the bishop has directed the following statement appear in the church bulletin for two consecutive weeks:

After extensive discussion, the Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils requested that St. Anthony Church in Auburn be closed. The parishioners were notified of their recommendation in the bulletin over 4 weekends. The Pastor submitted the resolution of the Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Council, copies of the bulletin announcements, and his own recommendation to Bishop Joseph R. Cistone, who reviewed the pertinent information and consulted the Diocesan Presbyteral Council. Bishop Cistone has signed the Decree relegating St. Anthony Church to Profane but not Sordid Use. Parishioners have 10 days from the notification of the Decree to appeal to Bishop Cistone for reconsideration. At the time of sale, sacred objects of St. Anthony Church will be removed from the Church.

Shhh!! It's a surprise!!! All are welcome to gather in the social hall after Mass on June 24 & 25 for a reception in celebration of Fr. Tom's 75th birthday (July 5) and the 48th anniversary (June 28) of his ordination. Gifts are not necessary. Call the parish office with any questions, and don't mention anything to Fr. Tom!!!