

Week of September 10, 2017

MONDAY

Col 1:24 – 2:3 * Ps 62:6-7,9 * Lk 6:6-11

TUESDAY 8:00am Word & Communion

Col 2:6-15 * Ps 145:1-2,8-11 * Lk 6:12-19

WEDNESDAY 8:00am Mass

Col 3:1-11 * Ps 145:2-3,10-13 * Lk 6:20-26

THURSDAY 8:00am Mass

Nm 21:4-9 * Ps 78:1-2,34-38 * Phil 2:6-11 * Jn 3:13-17

FRIDAY

1 Tm 1:1-2,12-14 * Ps 16:1-2,5,7-8,11 * Jn 19:25-27

SATURDAY 4:30pm Mass

1 Tm 1:15-17 * Ps 113:1-7 * Lk 6:43-49

SUNDAY 9:30am Mass

Children's Liturgy of the Word & Nursery

Sir 27:30-28:7 * Ps 103:1-4,9-12 * Rom 14:7-9 * Mt 18:21-35

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



Parish Activities

Mon., Sept. 11	6:00pm	Religious Education Catechist Training
Thurs., Sept. 14	6:30pm	Commissions Meetings
	7:30pm	Parish Council Meeting

► **Growing Up Catholic – Family Matters:** All parents, grandparents and parish adults are invited to attend our CAFÉ (Catholic Adult Formation & Education) offering beginning in October, *Growing Up Catholic – Family Matters*. These group sessions are about where the rubber meets the road - the challenges and joys of raising our children today. This 6-wk series will begin Mon., Oct. 9, through Mon., Nov. 13, 6:15-7:30pm in either the parish center or social hall depending on the response and will take place during the regular time frame of the children's weekly Faith Formation sessions. Topics are independent of each other so it's not necessary to attend all of them. If interested, call the parish office at 662-6861 or email Connie Kaczynski at adulted@auburnac.org no later than Mon., Oct. 2. There is no cost to attend but advanced registration is needed in order to have enough materials prepared and determine the meeting space needed. For a list of the weekly topics, pick up a flier located on the Café Kiosk in the church.

Baptism...

"Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you; Before you were born, I dedicated you." Jeremiah 1:5

Austin Tyler Waibel

son of Tyler & Katie Waibel

Ryker Patrick Miller

son of Patrick & Jill Miller

Eli Thomas Dallas

son of Ryan & Jessica Dallas

Congratulations!!

Education/Formation

FAMILY TALK TIME Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families, Sara McGinnis Lee
Can you recall a time when you did not feel listened to? How did it make you feel?

► **Reflecting on the Word:** It is hard when we feel that someone is not listening to us, especially when we have been hurt. It is important to remember we are not alone when something like this happens. We can go to people who will help and support us. When people hurt others, they are usually hurt themselves. When we can bring them

into the love and support of the community, often they are able to see things differently.

► **Living the Word:** Gather your family and discuss how you can each try harder to listen this week. Suggest that they resolve to listen, even if someone is telling a story they have heard before. They can try to see why the story is important. They can listen more to family members and seek to understand the other person when they disagree. Listening can even include going outside and being present in nature. Provide pencils and paper for everyone to make a list of or draw ways they can listen better.

► **Elementary Religious Education Registration** taken at the Parish Center until Mon., Sept. 18 in order to attend the first evening of religious education which begins Mon., Sept. 25, 6:15-7:30pm. All 1st graders will participate in *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* this year. The atrium is located in the Parish Center for this program. Forms are available at the parish website www.auburnac.org. Questions? Contact Sandy at 662-4335 or sdesjardins@auburnac.org.

► **Youth Ministry:** Registrations will be taken at the Parish Center. Forms are available at the parish website www.auburnac.org. For any questions, contact Stephanie Schacher at sschacher@auburnac.org.

► **Sacramental Preparation:** Applications will be available in the Parish Center. Please read carefully – prayerful consideration should be given as to the suitability of committing your child to sacramental preparation.

Auburn Area Catholic School

► **The 1st week of school** for K-5 has been a SUCCESS!! It is wonderful seeing the students. We are looking forward to a school year of amazing academic and spiritual growth!!

► **Thank You** to the Lijewski family for letting the school use their tent during our family picnic and curriculum night.

► **We have an amazing staff at AACs.** They are dedicated to providing the best academic & faith-filled experiences for your child(ren). They teach from a place of faith & love. We are blessed to have them on our team!



Stewardship

Weekly Target: \$11,538.47 * Offering: \$11,437.80

Some "Good Deeds" listed on children's contribution envelopes:

My "Good Deed" was...

"I organized all of my hotwheel cars and put away my other toys."

The Parish in the Community

► **The Sultan and the Saint** (film premiere) Thurs., Sept. 28, 6pm at the Temple Theater, 203 N. Washington Ave., Saginaw. Call the Parish Office for tickets.

From Father Tom's Desk

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sr. Mary McGlone, Celebration

The Lord told Ezekiel: "I have appointed you watchman for the house of Israel." It would be one thing if that simply meant that Ezekiel was to tattle on the people. That conversation could have stayed between God and him, leaving God to handle the consequences. Ezekiel could also have taken the watchman role as the license to gossip, telling everybody but the perpetrators how bad the bad guys were.

But, no, his role was to speak directly to the offenders. We can well imagine that Ezekiel didn't expect that to make him Mr. Popularity.

The prophetic vocation is one way of understanding what Paul was calling the Romans to do. Prophets are called to make profound love of God and neighbor the underpinning of their everyday activities. Prophets have to love God in a way that leads them to listen so deeply that they share God's heart. Prophets must also love others enough to risk their own comfort and even their well-being on behalf of all of them. They show their love for the oppressed by speaking out for them; they act on their love for the oppressors by calling them to conversion.

Today's Gospel speaks of how to achieve reconciliation within the community. Jesus is not simply offering a mediation technique, he is teaching the community how dealing with their dissensions can deepen their integrity and participation in his mission.

Owe No Debt Except... McGlone, Celebration

Jesus presents a four-step methodology for dealing with an offender. In step one, the offended person simply seeks out the other to explain what is wrong, hoping to restore the relationship. If that does not succeed, the injured party is supposed to seek others to help in the process of restoring communal peace. If a few who agree on that goal still don't achieve it, then the entire community is called to make a prophetic statement about the problem. If the community's assessment goes unheeded, then Jesus says they should treat the offender "as you would a Gentile or a tax collector."

Note: Jesus didn't tell them to punish, shun or excommunicate the person, but to treat him or her like someone who has not yet made a commitment to the Gospel, somebody Jesus would love to have dinner with. The community's approach to this person is no longer to seek reconciliation but to evangelize.

This entire process demands a great deal of the community. From the first step, the person who was offended has been struggling, reaching out in order to bring back someone who has lost the way. The victim has become identified with Christ, not focusing on personal injury, but focusing on saving the other. The injured party and the community are seeking the restoration of the offender's integrity, interpreting the offense as a betrayal of commitment to the Gospel. The person who was offended has taken up Ezekiel's role as a watchman and, with the community, is speaking a prophetic message. They are not seeking punishment, but striving for the common good.

Be a Prophet (Ezekiel) Celebration

This short reading from Ezekiel offers a quick reminder of why nobody with good sense would aspire to be a prophet. God addresses Ezekiel and describes the prophetic vocation like that of a watchman, a sentinel who had to keep alert, not just for the neighborhood or town, but for the entire house of Israel. That means that the prophet has to pay attention to everybody and what they are doing.

Then, if God decides that someone should be reprimanded, the prophet is duty-bound to deliver the warning or else he will suffer whatever was due to the sinners he didn't call out. The prophet inherits a terrible dilemma; either speak out or bear the responsibility for the evil actions of others. Since people generally react very badly to being told that they have to change, the poor prophet's only choice seems to be whether to suffer now or later. Either way, the future looks dim. There is the outside chance that the people will actually listen and change their ways. That's a win-win situation that the experienced prophet doesn't often expect.

One of the conclusions we can draw from Ezekiel's predicament is that the prophet really has to be a man or woman of God. The only way to have what it takes to carry through in the vocation to prophecy is to develop a profound love of God and of God's people, and a desire to bring them together.

Perfect Friend

Deacon Dick Folger, Celebration

The ever-popular Peanuts cartoon features Charlie Brown with his dog named Snoopy. The dog inspired creator Charles Schultz to design a poster of Snoopy as "The Perfect Friend." The poster shows a line pointing to Snoopy's head with the caption, "Full of great advice." The line pointing to his eyes says, "Always happy to see you." Another line points to his mouth, "Loves to share a smile." The shoulders are captioned, "Available to lean on." His chest is labeled, "Warm spot here for you." His paw says, "Good for holding and helping." And, the final line to his feet reads, "For standing by your side."



Today's Gospel tells us: "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." We are invited to pray publicly with each other. Jesus is there in our midst. He is a great friend and comfort. Beyond all that Snoopy could ever be, Jesus is the most perfect friend.

“Lord, help me right what I recognize as wrong.”

September Wedding Anniversaries

60 years or more	Robert & Henrietta Roberson Chester & Pauline Latocki David & Karen Willsie
50 years or more	Patrick & Wanda Hogan William & Carol Bacca James & Sandra Van Aanhold Clarence & Colleen Uhlmann Edward & Kathleen Yaworski David & Marilyn Hunter Willis & JoAnne Johnston Harold & Angie Rouget Richard & Bonnie Harmon Michael & Joan Trojan
40 years or more	Daniel & Patricia Ratell David & Janet Ernst Dennis & Cathy Kalinowski Michael & Diane Redick
30 years or more	Jerome & Mary Anne Putt Anthony & Tamara Yurgaites Randy & Terry Gushow Eugene & Pamela Moyer Gregory & Luanne Grocholski Steven & Deborah Snow Richard & Kathy Putt Robert & Lynn Keeley Paul & June Conan



(to be continued next week)

AMEN CORNER: Last week the planning group and building committee met with Fred Dice, an independent architect, to inform him that they want to retain him to do schematic drawings for a new church. Such drawings will enable us to get cost projections from a number of construction firms. These will give a good indication to the planning group and to the parish whether the project is feasible. Such drawings should be available in early November.

This week the two committees went to Larkin Assumption to tour the church which was designed by Fred Dice.

The groups will be working on a list of contents that they would like to see in a new building. When completed it will be presented to the architect.

Fr. Tom