

Week of October 8, 2017

MONDAY

Jon 1:1 – 2:2,11 * Jon 2:2-5,8 * Lk 10:25-37

TUESDAY

8:00am Word & Communion

Jon 3:1-10 * Ps 130:1-4,7-8 * Lk 10:38-42

WEDNESDAY

8:00am Mass

Jon 4:1-11 * Ps 86:3-6,9-10 * Lk 11:1-4

THURSDAY

8:00am Mass

Mal 3:13-20 * Ps 1:1-4,6 * Lk 11:5-13

FRIDAY

Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2 * Ps 9:2-3,6,8-9,16 * Lk 11:15-26

SATURDAY

4:30pm Mass

Jl 4:12-21 * Ps 97:1-2,5-6,11-12 * Lk 11:27-28

SUNDAY

9:30am Mass

Children's Liturgy of the Word & Nursery

Is 25:6-10 * Ps 23:1-6 * Phil 4:12-14,19-20 * Mt 22:1-14



Parish Activities

Mon., Oct. 9	6:15pm	Religious Education
	6:15pm	Adult Education
Tues., Oct. 10	10:00am	Scripture Study
	6:30pm	RCIA
	6:30pm	Choir Practice
Wed., Oct 11	6:30pm	Building Committee/ Planning Group meeting
Thurs., Oct. 12	6:30pm	Commissions Meetings
	7:30pm	Parish Council Meeting



Next Weekend, Oct. 14/15: Food Pantry and Coffee & Donuts.

The Christian Service Commission extends a special invitation to new parishioners to come and get to know more members of our parish family at Coffee & Donuts after Mass.

R.C.I.A. Inquiry: We have two adult individuals who are participating in R.C.I.A. sessions this year. The first part of their faith journey is a time of inquiry – getting questions answered, sharing and discussing what it means to be Catholic, and getting to know the people and faith stories of our parish community. Please remember to keep Christopher (Chris) Krueger and Chad Good in your prayers as they seek the Holy Spirit's guidance and discernment during this initial stage.

Be sure to stop by the **Café Kiosk** and check out the following items of interest: ●Monthly Catholic Women's Fellowship ●Growing Up Catholic-Family Matters ●Scripture and the Good News and Treasures of Catholic Spirituality ●Enrichment Opportunities ●Daily Scripture Enhance Materials ●Word on Fire with Bishop Robert Barron ●Catholic Updates

We have a **large white crockpot** that was left from one of our funerals probably before summer. If you are missing a crockpot and suspect that this one might be yours, please call the parish office to make arrangements to pick it up.

Parishioners? If you are interested in becoming a member of St. Gabriel, call the parish office for a short appointment with the pastor. Maybe it's time to commit. Fr. Tom

Special Request: Some parishioners would like to join in the rosary on Sat., Oct. 14 at noon in the church. This is a world-wide effort to commemorate the day the "sun danced at Fatima, Portugal" a hundred years ago. Join in prayer asking Mary's intercession for problems vexing the world. Fr. Tom

Baptism..

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

Cole Daniel Grzegorzczuk

son of William & Jillian Grzegorzczuk

Erica Lynn Vouaux

daughter of Nicholas & Melissa Vouaux

Congratulations!!

Education/Formation

FAMILY TALK TIME Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families, Sara McGinnis Lee

In what way could you be gentler with the earth, people, plants and animals?

► **Reflecting on the Word:** Now this story is rough! We don't want to hear how violent we human beings can be. While we may not have beat people, we have hurt others through a look, a word, even a thought. The harshness of our words and actions have consequences. All the world and its inhabitants are a gift and we must be kind and compassionate to those in our care. Otherwise, Jesus tells us, the vineyard will go to those who will honor and respect it. We must care for each gift from God.

► **Living the Word:** Expressing kindness and care in our words and actions takes practice and intention. Choose something to do as a family (a special meal, a game, an outing, a car ride) and for the duration of that event each person will only use a whisper voice. Ask the family members to notice how a gentle voice tends to bring about gentle actions. Notice how words sound differently when whispered.

► **Trunk-n-Treat:** Sun., Oct. 29, 4-5:30pm at East Campus. All Parish families are invited to participate in Trunk-n-Treat. It is a fun filled afternoon where the children & adults dress up in kid friendly Halloween costumes and go trunk to trunk for treats. The decorated trunks will be lined up on the east side of the parking lot. If you are saying, "trunks"? It is the trunk of your car, SUV or tailgate of your truck.

1. Bring a bag of candy and place it in the container at the church doors. It will be passed out to the children by those who decorated their trunks. 2. Decorate your trunk, park in the designated area and hand out candy to our children. 3. Or just come and enjoy the fun! See the children in their costumes!! Bring your chair so you can sit and watch the children trunk-n-treat and share in the meal. Or you can to all three.

Children can begin going vehicle to vehicle at 4 til 5pm. A light dinner will be served beginning at 4pm so consider eating before trunk-n-treating. There will be drawings at 5:15pm. If you are passing out candy from your trunk, please arrive at 3:30pm to get set up. There will be sign-up sheets at the doors of church next weekend if you are willing to decorate your trunk or if you plan on attending, or call the Parish center. Questions? Contact Sandy at 662-4335 or sdesjardins@auburnac.org. This activity is being offered by the Education Commission.

Auburn Area Catholic School

► **Little Caesar's Pizza Sales:** Orders are due on Oct 9. To order contact a school family or Ms. Chris in the school office at 662-6431. The delivery day will be Tues., Oct. 17. Thank you for your support!

► **Thank You** to everyone who came out to walk or support AACs during the Homecoming Parade!

► **The Book Mobile** will be in our parking lot on Thurs., Oct. 12, 1:15-2:15pm.



From Father Tom's Desk

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sr. Mary McGlone, Celebration

Today's parable of the landowner and tenants used a situation familiar to the audience. A wealthy landowner wanted his due, the tenants rebelled and got the crazy idea that if they eliminated the owner's servants and son, they would be the winners taking all. Jesus wove this tale as an indictment of religious leaders who rebelled against God and ignored all the servants sent to call them to task. We can easily apply Jesus' parable to church and state leaders, critiquing their lack of faithful stewardship. But, like it or not, using a parable to point a finger at another is a self-righteous distortion of Jesus' message. He wouldn't tolerate it from us anymore than he did from his contemporaries.

If we have the courage to listen for a Gospel message and not just seek self-affirmation, we must ask how this applies to us and not just to authorities. Suppose we listen to Isaiah's song of the vineyard as a depiction of God's vantage point of human life and the earth we have been given. We hear of God's tenderness for all of creation, the loving gaze with which God watches over evolution with all its green growth and painful transformations. We then hear of God's heartbreak. The wild grapes of bitterness and discord sprout where all had been designed to bring forth fruit to transform into the good wine of joy and harmony.

When we listen to the parable of the mutinous tenants, instead of thinking of "those people," suppose we heard it addressed to all of us as the stewards of our earth.

Pope Francis' Teaching Celebration

What would happen if we interpreted this parable through the lens of Pope Francis' encyclical "Laudato Si", on Care for Our Common Home"? Francis tells us that God's vineyard, our sister Earth, is crying out to us "because of the harm we have inflicted on her by our irresponsible use and abuse of the goods with which God has endowed her." There can hardly be a more direct way of implicating us as tenants just like those in Jesus' parable.

Francis warns us that we have disrupted the harmony between the Creator, humanity and creation "by our presuming to take the place of God and refusing to acknowledge our creaturely limitations". As a result, the originally harmonious relationship between human being and nature became conflictual. When Jesus asked the chief priests and Pharisees what the owner would do to his tenants, they answered, "He will put those wretched men to a wretched death and lease his vineyard to other tenants." Jesus softened their verdict. He said, "The kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit."

Jesus didn't call for the elimination of the rebellious tenants, but for others to take their place and do what needed to be done. Francis tells us: "The Creator does not abandon us; he never forsakes his loving plan or repents of having created us. Humanity still has the ability to work together in building our common home".

Grounded in Prayer (Paul) Celebration

Paul uses four different words to describe prayer. He tells his people to turn to God with prayer, i.e., speech addressed to God. While that seems self-evident, Paul reminds the people that they really are invited to communicate directly with God. They shouldn't act as if God were in the distant heavens watching over all. Prayer expresses their direct relationship with God. It requires no intermed-

iary, no sacrifice or payment, nothing more than the willingness to enter into communication with God.

He tells then to go to God with petition, the admission that they are in need. The third word Paul uses for prayer is thanksgiving (*eucharistia*). Their prayer of gratitude is a joyful admission that they have received more than they deserved, that God is loving and generous. Finally, Paul refers to prayer as a request, the explicit mention of their particular desire or need.

Paul is not outlining an introduction to modes of prayer, but encouraging his community to understand that prayer is not simply an activity, but an approach to life. *In everything* they are to remember God's presence and communicate with God, expressing their hopes and needs. Voicing their gratitude, they will fortify their faith. Remembering all that God has done is the surest way to move forward in trust.

A life of prayer brings "the peace of God that surpasses all understanding." Paul's next verses invite the community to contemplate what he has told them so that it may shape their life. To the extent that they are grounded in prayer, they will be able to care deeply about all that happens, and yet not be anxious.

Context of Readings Deacon Dick Folger, Celebration

Today's Gospel warns us, "The kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit." It is an exhortation for us to be workers in the kingdom of God in our time and place.

Unfortunately, many of us have become a nation of spectators. We watch TV and movies, we watch our hand-held devices, we watch other people play sports, but we don't take the field ourselves. Maybe it's time for us to rise up from the bench and get to work. Today's Gospel rallies us to join forces to build God's Kingdom on earth.

Grab your rake and your hoe. We are the tenant farmers of an earthly paradise. If we don't want to lose it, we better start planting. Otherwise the kingdom will be taken from us and given to others who are willing to work.

Stewardship

Weekly Target: \$11,538.47 * Offering: \$11,890.22

World Mission Sunday: \$140.00

Monthly Target: \$60,000.00 * September Offering: \$38,766.74

YTD July thru September: \$119,931.11

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

My "Good Deed" was...

"I let my dog out to go to the bathroom and played with her."
"saying 'thank you for the barn' to Grandma & Grandpa."

The Parish in the Community

► Msgr. Eugene A. Forbes K of C Council #3590 would like to congratulate Sophie Markel and Brody Reder for participating and being our Soccer Challenge Council Champions this year. They can move on to the Diocesan level if they choose. A big thank you to Coach Henry Warren for facilitating, and all the other participants and families that helped out.

Columbus Day

Man cannot discover new oceans unless he has the courage to lose sight of the shore!

