

Week of October 15, 2017

MONDAY

Rom 1:1-7 * Ps 98:1-4 * Lk 11:29-32

TUESDAY 8:00am Word & Communion

Rom 1:16-25 * Ps 19:2-5 * Lk 11:37-41

WEDNESDAY 8:00am Mass

2 Tm 4:10-17 * Ps 145:10-13,17-18 * Lk 10:1-9

THURSDAY 8:00am Mass

Rom 3:21-30 * Ps 130:1-6 * Lk 11:47-54

FRIDAY 9:00am School Mass

Rom 4:1-8 * Ps 32:1-2,5,11 * Lk 12:1-7

SATURDAY 4:30pm Mass

Rom 4:13,16-18 * Ps 105:6-9,42-43 * Lk 12:8-12

SUNDAY 9:30am Mass

Children's Liturgy of the Word & Nursery

Is 45:1,4-6 * Ps 96:1,3-5,7-10 * 1 Thes 1:1-5 * Mt 22:15-21

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



Parish Activities

Mon., Oct. 16	6:15pm	Religious Education
	6:15pm	Adult Education
Tues., Oct. 17	10:00am	Scripture Study
	6:30pm	Choir Practice
	6:30pm	Sacramental Prep Orientation
	6:30pm	RCIA
	6:30pm	Quilters-West C.
Wed., Oct 18	10:00am	Parish Knitters
Thurs., Oct. 19	6:00pm	PTO Meeting
	7:00pm	School Committee Meeting

Cantor Scheduling for Oct. 29 thru Jan. 7 will take place on Tues., Oct. 24, at 6pm. If unable to attend, please check your calendars and e-mail Sue with available dates by Sun., Oct. 22. Along with regular weekend Liturgies there are Holy Days on Nov. 1 & Dec. 8, and a Penance Service on Dec. 21. Thank you for your dedication and service to our parish.

SACRAMENT of ANOINTING of the SICK

will be celebrated at all weekend Masses on Oct. 28/29. The purpose of this sacrament is to give comfort to the sick and to reconcile them to God and the Church community. It serves to help the person anointed to have a strong, positive faith attitude and assists in physical, mental and spiritual healing. This sacrament acknowledges the frailty of people who are to be redeemed through the mystery of Christ's own death and resurrection. The Oil of the Sick used for the Sacrament of Anointing is blessed at the annual Chrism Mass with this prayer: *"Bless this oil and sanctify it for our use. Make this oil a remedy for all who are anointed with it; heal them in body, in soul, and in spirit, and deliver them from every affliction."* Guidelines for the Sacrament of Anointing are as follows:

- † People who are critically ill from sickness or advanced age
- † Older people who are tired/weak with no dangerous illness
- † People who have been anointed once but are now suffering further complications or some different illness
- † People scheduled for serious surgery
- † Children with chronic or life-threatening illness or who will have major surgery (as soon as they are able to understand)

Those who would like to be anointed are asked to "sign in" at the entrances of church upon arrival. Those who have difficulty moving about should take the front pews and stay in place for the anointing. All others will be invited to come forward at the appropriate time.

Education/Formation

FAMILY TALK TIME Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families, Sara McGinnis Lee
Have you ever been underprepared for an event? How did it feel? What was the outcome?

► **Reflecting on the Word:** There is room for all at God's table, but will all accept the invitation? In this story, we see that acceptance requires more than just showing up. We have to come prepared and worthy, and those who have more, notice, have more responsibility. Even though we need to be ready at any moment to come as we are, we should prepare for what we know is coming. While these seem like opposites, they both require an ability to be alert and ready for God's feast. Consider this your notice!

► **Living the Word:** Ask the family member who set the table to set an extra space. Encourage everyone to take turns imagining who might be invited to that chair (it needs to be someone who has never sat at the table before). Imagine how the person might feel sitting with you. Help everyone think of how you would make the person feel welcome. Then, invite someone for a special meal. Even if the person cannot come, notice the feelings that come with being invited.

► **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. Sign up on the sign-up sheets at the church entrances 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 sdesiardins@auburnac.org. This activity is being offered by the Education Commission.

Auburn Area Catholic School

► **Little Caesar's Pizza Sales:** Pick-up day is Tues., Oct. 17 at 3pm in the Social Hall. Thank you to all of the parishioners and families who participated in this event.

► **Thank You** to Reder Landscaping for donating Saginaw Spirit Ticket Vouchers. If you would like to pick some up, call 662-6431 or stop by the school office during regular hours, M-F 8am-4pm.

► **Engineering for Kids** starts this week. The fall sessions are Jr. Space Pioneers and Software Engineering. We are excited to provide this opportunity to those families who want to participate.

Stewardship

Weekly Target: \$11,538.47 * Offering: \$10,009.70
World Mission Sunday: \$140.00

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

My "G@od Deed" was...

"working on cleaning the garden."
"playing with Grandpa."

"help clean up blown down branches in the yard."
"helping Mommy dust."

Baptism...

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

Ezra David Neal

son of David & Kristen Neal

Congratulations

From Father Tom's Desk

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sr. Mary McGlone, [Celebration](#)

Jesus talks about a party. He tells of a king (guess who?) who's prepared a wedding feast for his son. When everything is all set, the clergy, nobles and artists snub the servants bearing the invitation. Not to be dismayed, the king tries again. This time the fancy folk beat and kill the servants. So, the king sends them a marauding army. He sent more servants to find people worthy of his feast. This time they succeeded, and the banquet hall brimmed with a motley crowd gathered from the streets.

The simple folk in Jesus' audience surely got a good chuckle from the story. The chief priests and elders probably found it a bit less enjoyable. But Jesus hid a riddle in the middle. After a moment of consideration, the listeners start scratching their heads asking what counts as worthy? The feasters included bad and good alike. What was the entrance requirement?

Jesus hid a couple of cryptic hints in the afterword to the story, the scene where the king caught sight of somebody who didn't dress for the party. The king went right to him to ask why. Obviously, if everybody from the street had been able to present themselves appropriately, he could have done so as well. When the guy refused to respond, the king treated him like the folks who refused to come at all – he cast him out into the darkness. Then, as if a proverb would explain it all, Jesus says, "Many are invited, but few are chosen."

Who are the chosen? They are the ones willing to receive God's surprising and free offers. Their religious role or social position means so little that the higher the rank, the less likely they are to be at the banquet. Moral standing is hardly a qualification as Jesus made quite clear with the words, "bad and good alike." (Oh, how that word "alike" can gall the ones who think they're good!) The only difference between the banqueters and those gnashing their teeth in the dark was the partygoers' whole-hearted acceptance of the invitation.

Today, we see the banquet as a symbol of Communion and our celebration of the Eucharist. This parable invites us to consider who God is inviting and with whom we are willing to share the communal bread and wine. At each Eucharist we pray, "Lord I am not worthy." That doesn't matter to God. All that counts is our willingness to receive what we don't deserve. It's a surprising offer nobody should refuse.

Isaiah's Banquet Vision

McGlone, [Celebration](#)

God's great festival takes place on the mountaintop, Jerusalem. The whole world is invited to enjoy the best creation has to offer. God prepares this feast for people who have had little to rejoice or celebrate in the recent past. As Isaiah paints the scene, it's as if God takes people from a funeral procession and leads them into a surprise party. The banquet on this mountain includes an encounter with God. It sounds like even more than the beatific vision. The encounter Isaiah describes is one in which God, like a mother, wipes away the tears from every human face. Pope Francis describes the joy of this encounter saying, "How wonderful is the certainty that each human life is not adrift in the midst of hopeless chaos, in a world ruled by pure chance or endlessly recurring cycles!"

The second dimension of the great promise depicted in this scene is that God will remove all reproach. No more guilt or fear of punishment. The love of God, which overcomes death, also overcomes sin. God can heal every breach of relationship. Sinners at this banquet will look at their past not with shame but as a revelation of the depth of the love of God who reached out to them at their worst and trans-

formed them into all they could be.

This passage sings of the universal communion to which God invites everybody. Isaiah invites us to dream, to contemplate, to try to imagine what it is that God offers and hopes for us. The more we imagine it, the more we will be able to put it into practice. Then again, no matter how great our imagination and how broad the communion we experience, the Lord's mountain feast promises more than we could ever ask or imagine. Think **BIG!**

Proper Dress

Deacon Dick Folger, [Celebration](#)

There was a time when people dressed up for Mass, concerts, even airline travel. Men wore suits and ties; women wore hats, gloves and high heels. Life is different today but most of us understand about proper dress. Today's parable story is about suitable dress. Since we defensively know this story is probably about us, we collectively wish the king would lighten up a bit. It seems unfair that we be tied up and tossed out into the night just because we didn't wear a proper wedding garment. But the parable teaches us that the garment of salvation is provided to those who follow Jesus. God invites us to attend the eternal banquet in honor of his Son. To not wear the provided wedding garment is a rebellious act; it implies that we do not believe that Jesus is the Son of God.

Key to Happiness

Porsia Tunzi, [Celebration](#)

Many of us are often preoccupied with this one simple question: "How does one live a happy, content life?" Today's readings address this question in a bold way, perhaps even in a way that may make us rather uncomfortable.

Paul's counsel to the Philippians in the second reading is a call of trust, solidarity and fairness – components we may not typically equate with living a happy life. Ultimately, Paul urges us to trust in God's love and live according to God's call to balance and solidarity.

Happiness is also found when we embrace equality. Contrary to the social reality of the times, in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus paints the kingdom of God as a feast of equals – equal in status; equal in dignity. We are all called to work towards this kingdom of equals.

We have all been given an invitation to the table yet it is up to us to accept. If we choose to accept this invitation, if we embrace this radical notion that all are equal, that all of us have a place at the table, then the happiness and contentment that will follow will be similar to what we will experience in God's kingdom.

Lord, may I always be a grateful "invited guest."



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

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