

# Week of October 28, 2018

## MONDAY

Eph 4:32 – 5:8 \* Ps 1:1-4,6 \* Lk 13:10-17

## TUESDAY 8:00am Word & Communion

Eph 5:21-33 \* Ps 128:1-5 \* Lk 13:18-21

## WEDNESDAY 8:00am Mass

Eph 6:1-9 \* Ps 145:10-14 \* Lk 13:22-30

## THURSDAY 9:00am School Mass

## All Saint's Day 7:00pm Mass

Rv 7:2-4,9-14 \* Ps 24:1-6 \* 1 Jn 3:1-3 \* Mt 5:1-12

## FRIDAY

Wis 3:1-9 \* Ps 23:1-6 \* Rom 5:5-11 \* Jn 6:37-40

## SATURDAY 4:30pm Remembrance Mass

Phil 1:18-26 \* Ps 42:2-3,5 \* Lk 14:1,7-11

## SUNDAY 9:30am Remembrance Mass

Children's Liturgy of the Word & Nursery

Dt 6:2-6 \* Ps 18:2-4,47,51 \* Heb 7:23-28 \* Mk 12:28-34



## Parish Activities

Mon., Oct. 29	6:30pm	Choir Practice
	6:30pm	Bible Timeline
Tues., Oct. 30	10:00am	Scripture Study
	6:30pm	RCIA
	7-9pm	Bible Study-west campus
Sun., Oct. 28	10:45am	Religious Education
	6-7:45pm	Youth Ministry

**Time Change:** Daylight Savings Time in North America ends next Sunday. You can have an extra hour of sleep Saturday night or you can come an hour early for Mass and spend some extra time in prayer and reflection!  
*Fr. Tom*

**Parish Membership:** If you haven't joined, there will be an opportunity to do so next weekend, Nov. 3/4 after each Mass, in the social hall. All are welcome!  
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**Registration Information:** Addresses change, so do phone numbers. The parish is not always informed. In an effort to update information, **everyone** is going to be asked to provide current information. This will be done before Mass the weekend of Nov. 10/11.  
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**Thanksgiving Baskets:** If anybody knows of a person/family who is in need of a Thanksgiving basket, contact the parish office.

## Stewardship

"Jesus told him, 'Go your way; your faith has saved you.' Immediately he received his sight and followed Him on the way." Mk 10:52

Weekly Target: \$10,961.54 \* Offering: \$7,535.51  
Food Pantry: \$5.00 \* World Mission Sunday: \$1,166.00

### Children's Good Deeds: My Good Deed was...

...made Dad birthday brownies. ...vacuumed my aunt's house.

## Welcome New Members!

William & Kelly Hetherington, Emery & Harper  
Jason & Patty Muehlenbeck, Audrey & Lane  
Sue Card, Shyla, Kenneth & Benjamin  
Daniel & Kayla Schick

Dwight Earle & Maggee Giles, Isabella, Maddilyn & Kolton

"When you enter this church it may be possible that you hear "the call of God". However, it is unlikely that He will call you on your mobile. Thank you for turning off your phones. If you want to talk to God, enter, choose a quiet place and talk to Him. If you want to see Him, send Him a text while driving."

## Education/Formation

**Family Talk Time** Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families, Sara McGinnis Lee  
What would you like God to heal in your life?

► **Reflecting on the Word:** Jesus does not claim glory for his miracles but repeatedly points out the role of faith in healing. We will never be whole, healed, or anything but broken if we don't believe we can be. Our divine origins are often beyond our imagination, but if we dare to see with the eyes of faith, we discover the limitlessness of our lives. Healing is simply returning home to the person God made us to be from the very beginning.

► **Living the Word:** Play a family board game together, preferably one that uses many of your senses. Invite family members to take turns playing the game without the use of sight, touch, voice or whatever may be appropriate for the game. Each person only forgoes the sense on his or her turn, and other family members can provide needed help. Discuss what it would be like to live without one of your senses and what it would feel like to have it suddenly restored, as happened in the Gospel.

**Trunk-n-Treat:** The Education Commission invites all parish families to participate Sun., Oct. 28, 4-5:15pm. A light dinner will be served at 4pm so consider eating before trunk-n-treating!! Drawings at 5:15. If you are passing out candy from your trunk, please arrive at 3:30pm to get set up. We'll set up in the east side of the parking lot.



From ghoulies and ghosties and long-legged  
beasties and things that go bump in the night,  
Good Lord, deliver us!  
Scottish prayer



## Auburn Area Catholic School

► **AACS Fundraiser:** Wreaths, Grave Blankets & Poinsettias from Roy Kutchey Greenhouse in Midland. Order forms are at both church entrances for you to fill out and return to the school office or the drop box across from the school office. You are also welcome to contact a school family or the school office to place an order. PTO is offering delivery and clean-up of grave blankets from the church cemetery in the spring. Orders must be received by Nov. 5.

► **Our 1st Marking Period** will be wrapping up on Fri., Nov. 2. My how it has flown by! Thank you to all of volunteers who help along the way!!

► **K & 1st Grade** enjoyed their field trip to Johnson's Pumpkin Farm this past week. K-5 will have a Halloween Bowling Party on Oct. 30 at Bay Lanes.

## From Father Tom's Desk

### 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sr. Mary McGlone, Celebration

Bartimaeus initiated his first encounter with Jesus while sitting along the way Jesus was walking on his final journey up to Jerusalem. Bartimaeus, whose name comes from the word honorable (*timaios*), was not about to let his opportunity go by. He called on Jesus as a royal son of David who was a king responsible to care for the poor. We echo his shout each time we pray *Kyrie eleison*. That prayer is a plea for God's *effective* mercy, is what the father in Luke 15 gave his prodigal son: He didn't simply forgive him but brought him home and gave him a position from which he could be a truer son than he had ever been before.

Mark wove this story to make an artful contrast between the disciples and Bartimaeus. Ever since Jesus had turned toward Jerusalem he had been trying to prepare his disciples for all that was to come, but

they refused to see his point. When James and John petitioned Jesus to do anything they asked, he made them spell out their ambition before informing them that prestige was not his to distribute. When Jesus asked Bartimaeus what he wanted from him, Bartimaeus responded without hesitation, "Master, I want to see." Bartimaeus wanted precisely what the disciples were avoiding: to see things clearly. His was the request Jesus had longed to grant and one that he could grant only to someone who had the faith and courage to ask for it.

Mark tells us that instead of touching his eyes or laying his hands on him, Jesus simply told Bartimaeus to go his way because his faith had saved him and that he immediately received his sight. With that, Bartimaeus determined that Jesus' way would now be his and he began to follow him on the way.

### Caravans? (Jer 31)

Celebration

This selection is taken from a series of hope-filled proclamations in what is often referred to as Jeremiah's Book of Consolation. Today's selection is a highly emotional call to rejoice because God who allowed the people to go into exile is bringing them back. This oracle comes from the mouth of God whose first command is, "Shout with joy!" The spectacle Jeremiah envisions here would rival any Super Bowl parade while it simultaneously stands in countercultural contrast to conventional celebrations of victory.

This returning remnant is comprised of the very people considered the most vulnerable and even disposable members of society. God seems to have little interest in gathering a group of warriors, merchants or priests. The marchers in this victory procession are the blind and the lame, pregnant women and mothers with newborns. If there were ever an assembly needing God's protection as they journey to their homeland, this is it. This gathering, so truly deserving of the name "remnant of Israel" that they could be deemed culture's left-overs, is the group God has chosen to bring the chosen people back to life.

From the vantage point of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, it is hard to miss this throng's similarity to the displaced masses who are today fleeing their homelands and seeking a safe haven where life can thrive. The people making today's pilgrimages do not have doctorates or wealth, perhaps not even the strength that established societies need to replace their aging populations. But in the history of God's inversions of established values, these are the ones through whom God is promising new life.

### Our High Priest (Heb 5)

Celebration

Unlike many passages in the Gospels and acts, Hebrews refrains from criticizing the traditional Jewish religious leaders of the day. Rather than critique the old, the author wants to help his listeners remember how God has operated in the past so that they can be caught up in wonder and joy over what is happening in their midst.

The high priest of the Jewish tradition was a person like any other except for the fact of having been chosen by God for the role to be fulfilled. The author puts great emphasis on the fact that no one can choose the role but must be chosen by God. From there, the author begins to reflect on Christ. As in other parts of the letter, the author reverences the fact that Jesus enjoyed everything implied in being fully human. Thus, even his role as high priest came from God. He fulfilled that vocation in obedience, not autonomy.

### Cry For Mercy (Mk 10)

Celebration

Mark designed the story of Bartimaeus to be a corrective alternative to the disciples' attitudes and actions. Bartimaeus literally started as a beggar. He approached Jesus as someone who had no influence to recommend him. From that humble position, he beseeched Jesus to give him the help implied by his plea for mercy. When Jesus asked just what kind of mercy he wanted, Bartimaeus replied, "Master, I want to

see." In response, Jesus did nothing more than proclaim that his faith had saved him. With that, Bartimaeus received his sight and began to follow Jesus along the way. Mark no sooner ends this story than he tells of how Jesus prepared to enter into the city of Jerusalem. Bartimaeus received the vision that allowed him to join Jesus on the way at its most critical juncture.

### Drop the Baggage

Gloria Couvion, Celebration

We all begin with need. What we do after that need is met determines our faith life. We all walk with a sizable crowd and it is up to us to decide if our crowd is a crowd that is leading us into a relationship with Jesus or if it is blocking us from a life of deeper faith and discipleship. What cloak can we shed to free the spirit and strengthen our vision?

Today's Gospel calls us to throw off that cloak, open our eyes and simplify our life leaving behind the things that weigh us down. There is much freedom in a simple life with less possessions. It is all those belongings that drain us without us even realizing it. Knowing that is liberating and leaves space for more prayer and action that leads to growth and life-giving sustainable faith. Trust that Jesus is the answer to our often unnecessary blindness.

### Eye Test

Rev. Richard Gribble, Collegeville MN

Like the Jews in the scriptures, we need to ask, "Are we blind to the needs of others?" We meet a homeless person, begging for money. Do we simply put our head down and walk in the opposite direction or on the opposite side of the street? Or when we observe a dilapidated building that some call home, do we refuse to see and believe that this is really where people are forced to live? Or say we encounter domestic abuse. Do we go on pretending that we see nothing? When we observe things we like or expect, all is well. But God often places living examples of poverty, abuse, and injustice in our way which are supposed to challenge us to act – and yet we so often reject the opportunity. We must not be blind to what God shows us. We must rather observe with open eyes the challenges of today and act with courage. God is present in the powerful and the great, but God is equally present (if not more so) in the weak, the poor, and the abused.

### New Beginning

GraceWorks, Dallas TX

With his new eyes, Bartimaeus followed Jesus as he ascended the rocky road leading from Jericho up to Jerusalem. And just one week later, with his new eyes Bartimaeus would have seen Jesus take the last few steps up the rocky path outside Jerusalem leading to Calvary. But that is the path of the follower of Christ, all the way to the cross. It was a searing sight to behold, as the sky turned a blind eye to the suffering of Jesus on that dark Friday at noon. But in that darkness Jesus leaned forward in total faith toward the waiting arms of his Father, like a blind man leaving his coat behind without a second thought. This is true faith, and that is why Jesus knew this was not the end, it was only the beginning.



**We're all just walking each other home.**