

Week of October 29, 2017

MONDAY

Rom 8:12-17 * Ps 65:2,4,6-7,20-21 * Lk 13:10-17

TUESDAY

8:00am Word & Communion

Rom 8:18-25 * Ps 126:1-6 * Lk 13:18-21

WEDNESDAY

Feast of All Saints

9:00am Mass (with AACs)

7:00pm Mass

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

THURSDAY

All Souls' Day

8:00am Mass

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

FRIDAY

Rom 9:1-5 * Ps 147:12-15,19-20 * Lk 14:1-6

SATURDAY

4:30pm Mass

Rom 11:1-2,11-12,25-29 * Ps 94:12-15,17-18 * Lk 14:1,7-11

SUNDAY

9:30am Mass

Children's Liturgy of the Word & Nursery

Mal 1:14 - 2:2,8-10 * Ps 131:1-3 * 1 Thes 2:7-9,13 * Mt 23:1-12

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



Parish Activities

Mon., Oct. 30	5:30pm	AACS Volleyball Game-West Campus
	6:15pm	Religious Education
	6:15pm	Adult Education
Tues., Oct. 31	10:00am	Scripture Study
Thurs., Nov. 2	7:00pm	Baptism Prep
Sun., Nov. 5	11:00am	Youth Ministry Rake & Run!

Next Weekend is REMEMBRANCE WEEKEND plus ☺ & ☐.

Solemnity of All Saints: Wed., Nov. 1 is All Saints Day and a holy day of obligation. On this day we honor the saints, the holy men and women who lived and died as faithful disciples of Jesus. We are called to honor all the saints in heaven. We do this by learning from the example of their lives so we come to a deeper understanding of what it means to live as faithful disciples of Jesus. By asking them to pray and to intercede to God on our behalf, may we grow in holiness and stand steadfast in faith.

Congratulations to Greg Bouza & Rita Dubiel

who celebrated the sacrament of marriage last week.

"May God the eternal Father keep you in love with each other and may the peace of Christ dwell with you always."

The Food Pantry team is getting ready to bless struggling families with Thanksgiving meals! If you know of someone who could use help providing a turkey and the fixings this year, please call the Parish Office as soon as possible! We would love to help them out!

Scripture Study begins a new DVD series *Catholicism: The Pivotal Players*: Bishop Barron's series is a journey to unlock the truth behind the Catholic Church's most influential people. You'll discover the places where St. Thomas Aquinas lived, learned and wrote. Visit the countryside where St. Francis gathered a group of friars and revived the Church. See the places where St. Catherine of Siena ministered and prayed. Trek through England to where Bl. John Henry Newman and G.K. Chesterton left their mark and sparked an English Catholic revival. And through unprecedented HD footage, marvel at the extraordinary art of Michelangelo, from his David statue in Florence to the Pieta in St. Peter's, to the Sistine Chapel. This 6 week series begins Tues., Nov. 7 at 10am in the Parish Center. Everyone is welcome!!

Education/Formation

FAMILY TALK TIME Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families, Sara McGinnis Lee
What would it look like to love with your whole heart, mind and soul?

► **Reflecting on the Word:** There are no laws, rules, or even talents and merits that can surpass love. Love for God, others and self should be all-consuming. It should pervade our hearts, minds and souls so much there is no space for anything else. The way Jesus spoke of the commandments gives us a clue as to how to live them. Instead of giving a list of what not to do, he tells us to focus on what and who we should be. When this becomes our focus, there is room for nothing else in our life but love.

► **Living the Word:** Bring the family into the prayer space and discuss how doing God's will starts with loving ourselves. Encourage family members to pay attention to the way they talk to themselves this week. Ask them to think about whether they love themselves the way God loves them, or if they criticize themselves. Next, everybody should write down something kind to say to a person with whom they have had a hard time getting along. Can the family think of a time to say these kind words?

► **Trunk-n-Treat:** Sun., Oct. 29, 4-5:30pm at East Campus. All Parish families are invited to participate in this fun-filled afternoon.

Auburn Area Catholic School

► **The K-5th grade students** will be participating in a **Go MAD** event with Blessed Sacrament and Northwood University on Fri., Nov. 3. Go MAD stands for Go Make A Difference! Northwood's United Way student chapter and student-athletes are leading the Go MAD charge by organizing food drives, beautification projects and much more!

► **Our 2nd Fall Fundraiser** runs through Wed., Nov. 1. AACs students are selling \$10 "Peel & Save" Coupon Cards. The coupon booklets are available in the school office or from any AACs family. Cards contain discounts for Taco Bell, Dairy Queen, Denny's, Big Apple Bagel, YaYa's, IHOP, Domino's, Rally's, Burger King and more. Thank you for your support.

► **Scrip** will be available during Coffee & Donuts next weekend.

Stewardship

Weekly Target: \$11,538.47 * Offering: \$21,483.39
World Mission Sunday: \$1,287.00

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

My "Good Deed" was...

"use good manners & say please when asking my dad to read to me,"

"get dressed and was good at the funeral we went to."

"helping dad grocery shopping."

"helping my mom in Children's Liturgy of the Word."

"starting the soap in the dishwasher and starting it."

RMD: Did you know that required minimum distributions from an annuity can be given directly to a charity (including the church) enabling you to avoid tax on the income. You can't declare it as a charitable contribution, but you can avoid the tax. Just a thought. *Fr. Tom*

New Parishioners...

Thomas & Rebecca Dzieszinski
Mark & Karrie Kochevar, and Ava
Carl & Holly Kreger Germaine Baronowski
Welcome!!

From Father Tom's Desk

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Biagio Mazza, Celebration

Jesus was confronted by the Pharisees regarding the rules good, upstanding Jews should observe. "Which one of the Torah regulations is at the core of all the other commandments?" With so many rules and regulations, some would get more attention than others. The lawyer's question in today's Gospel, while apparently meant to test Jesus, is a legitimate question: "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?"

Jesus responds by quoting two commands from the law which, for him, encompasses all the others: Love God and love your neighbor as yourself. Loving God is the first and the greatest commandment: therefore, by extension, loving neighbor as self is equivalent to loving God. Jesus affirms that "the whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments." While this linking was not unique to Jesus, it does get at the heart of Jesus' mission and ministry.

The reading from Exodus greatly concretized Jesus' teaching. The alien, the widow, the orphan and the poor are our neighbors. In most societies, these people are vulnerable in so many ways because they have little or no legal or economic rights, privileges or power. Their survival depends on the goodness, generosity and compassion of others.

We are commanded to treat others with compassion because our loving God is merciful and compassionate towards us, most especially when we are in need. Our God is slow to anger and rich in kindness, not counting our offenses against us. Such loving relationship with God empowers us to call upon God in our need. Jesus and all of Scripture affirm that God hears our cry for help and responds with generosity and compassion. We too need to respond in kind, for we are the living presence and image of God to one another

Who is My Neighbor

Celebration

For Matthew's Jesus, love of God and neighbor as self are the interpretive key to what the "kingdom of heaven" is like. The final sentence of today's passage clearly expounds what is essential in living in fidelity to God's will and purpose: "The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments." The law and the prophets are synonyms for all of God's revealed word. Jesus is saying that these two commandments are the lens, criteria and basis for carrying out all the other commandments.

Matthew's Jesus also expands Jewish understanding of the neighbor. In Leviticus 19 neighbor is understood to be only a fellow Israelite. However in the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew, Jesus clearly states that God desires us to love enemies and to pray for those who persecute you (5:43-44). In other words, the care and concern for the neighbor is thoroughly inclusive and expansive. It includes the entire human family: the loved one and the enemy. It demands not just general concern for the other but very specific demands of attunement to the needs of the other and the obligations to meet those needs. These two passages specify the obligation to feed, clothe, visit and care for the other no matter the circumstances.

On Loving "Me"

Carolyn A. Wright, Celebration

How do I love me? Let me count the ways. That's right, you heard me: "How do I love me."

Our world is fraught with fear, isolation, injustice and violence. What might be at root? Certainly unbridled ego and arrogance, unrestrained anger and resentment, untethered pain and desperation play crucial roles in the escalation of the destruction of civility, acceptance and

promise. Love your neighbor as yourself. How do you love *you*? How do I love *me*? What is at root? I wonder.

I wonder: If I accept and embody the gifts of faith, hope and love – God's free offering to all humanity – might I begin to truly understand what it means to love me? Might I accept God's virtue of love to quell my unbridled ego and arrogance? Receive God's virtue of faith to temper my unrestrained anger and resentment? Assent to God's virtue of hope to heal my pain and desperation and in turn, make a turn in my daily living to civility, acceptance and promise.

I wonder, what is at root? If we accept and embody the gifts of faith, hope and love, might we turn together toward the One who offers us the true root of our being?

**"May your love for me, Lord,
move me to love my neighbor."**

October Wedding Anniversaries

60 years or more.....	Charles & Christine Prebay Norman & Loretta Mikolaiczik Eugene & Patricia Raymond Wilfred & Lois Perry
50 years or more.....	Donald & Barbara Rytlewski William & Gloria Howden Joseph & Joan Wipping James & Anne Dougherty Victor & Mary Jane Swincicki
40 years or more.....	Thomas & Gloria Oslund William & Janice Plant Kim & Carrie Richardson Ken & Connie Charbonneau
30 years or more.....	John & Linda Dietlein Robert & Jan Wrzesinski Darryl & Suzanne Mieske Jeffrey & Jill Bouza Timothy & Laura Hall
20 years or more.....	Gary & Tina Grocholski Michael & Kristina Tanner Eric & Cheryl Gedraitis Florian & Angeline Sanak Thomas & Kellie Deming Scott & Amy Peters Mark & Laura Hintz John & Danielle Meyers James & Margaret Kossick
10 years or more.....	Tom & Rachael Leaman Gary & Lisa Walter James & Christina Lang Duane & Kimberley Switala Matt & Betsy Anderson Rusty & Sara Beckham Troy & Lori Mason David & Juanita Szutkowski
Less than 10 years.....	Steven & Allison Gormley Chad & Breanne Lutz Adam & Ashley Kanuszewski Mike & Emily Kienbaum Brandon & Jenae Paten Bryan & Melissa Ignash Jason & Amanda Putt Kyle & Catherine Dengler Douglas & Samantha Szyperski



Bless our marriage, O God, with peace and happiness.