

Week of November 18, 2018

MONDAY

Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5 * Ps 1:1-4,6 * Lk 18:35-43

TUESDAY 8:00am Word & Communion

Rv 3:1-6,14-22 * Ps 15:2-5 * Lk 19:1-10

WEDNESDAY 8:00am Mass

Rv 4:1-11 * Ps 150:1-6 * Lk 19:11-28

THURSDAY THANKSGIVING DAY 9:00am Mass

Sir 50:22-24 * Ps 138:1-5 * 1 Cor 1:3-9 * Lk 17:11-19

FRIDAY

Rv 10:8-11 * Ps 119:14,24,72,103,111,131 * Lk 19:45-48

SATURDAY 4:30pm Mass

Rv 11:4-12 * Ps 144:1-2,9-10 * Lk 20:27-40

SUNDAY 9:30am Mass

Children's Liturgy of the Word & Nursery

Dn 7:13-14 * Ps 93:1-2,5 * Rv 1:5-8 * Jn 18:33-37



Parish Activities

Mon., Nov. 19	6:30pm	Choir Practice
Tues., Nov. 20	10:00am	Scripture Study
	6:30pm	Christian Quilters-Faith Baptist Church
	7-9pm	Bible Study-west campus
Thurs., Nov. 22		Parish Office closed
Fri., Nov. 23		Parish Office closed

NOTE: Parish Knitters will not meet this month.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development collection is next weekend. CCHD was founded to end the cycle of poverty in the United States by funding organizations that help individuals help themselves. CCHD continues to make a positive impact in communities nationwide by improving education, housing and community economic development. Your contribution will defend human dignity and reach out to those living on the margins. Please be generous. Thank You!

Giving Trees will be up for one more weekend, November 24/25. Please take a tag! Gifts with tag attached can be returned starting December 1. All gifts must be in **NO LATER than December 9 at 10:30am** (after the 9:30 Mass).



Bulk Mailing: Your help is needed Monday, November 26 at 9:30am. Call the parish office to volunteer.

🎵 **Cantor Scheduling:** Mon., Nov. 26 at 6pm. Scheduling will be for December thru February. Please turn in your can't serve dates.

🎵 **It's That Time of Year!** Hand Chimes choir practice for the 5pm Mass on Christmas Eve will be on Mondays, beginning December 3, 5:45-6:15pm in the social hall. We must have a commitment of at least 10 young people 4th grade & up who are interested in participating. In order to prepare the music for the hand chimes, please commit no later than Sunday, Nov. 25 by calling the parish office at 662-6861 or Sue LeVasseur at 205-4322.

🎵 **Sing a Song of Christmas!** Children's Choir for the 5pm Christmas Eve Mass will be on Sundays, 10:30-11am in the church, beginning on December 2. Children ages 5 & up are welcome. Questions? Call Sue LeVasseur at 205-4322.

Reflection Session Materials for Advent: At the entrances of church you will find materials called "Around the Advent Circle." These are designed for you to gather with other people and talk about the Sunday readings. The material gives you everything you need: prayer, scripture passages & questions for reflection & sharing. Even if you don't

want to gather with anyone, it can be used for personal reflection too. Questions? Contact Connie at adulded@auburnac.org or 662-6861.

An Advent Morning of Reflection – Living Out of Our Holiness with Carole Watters: Sat., Dec. 1, 9:30-11:30am at the Parish Center. Sign-up sheets are located at the church entrances and Café Kiosk. Please register by Sunday, November 25.

Thank You for all the prayers that were sent, they worked wonders for me. This great family of God proves his goodness. *Dave Willisie*

Stewardship

And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory..." Mk 13:26

Weekly Target: \$10,961.54 * Offering: \$8,991.50
Food Pantry: \$190.00 * Campaign for Human Dev.: \$40.00
Christmas Flowers: \$630.00

Children's G@od Deeds: My Good Deed was...

...I helped my dad with a wood working project.
...I read to my little cousin Connor. ...helping pick up trash.

Education/Formation

Family Talk Time Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families, Sara McGinnis Lee
What do you think Jesus' return will be like? How will you know he is coming?

► **Reflecting on the Word:** The images in today's reading are quite dramatic. Daily life is dramatic, too, if we try to see occurrences with the eyes of God. In many ways, Jesus' return will not be so different from any other day. When we choose to see the miracles all around us—from the tiny sprouts of the fig tree to the rising of the sun to the very breath being taken in during this moment we see signs and wonders all around us. It is possible to live as if Jesus is among us now.

► **Living the Word:** Invite your family to go on a miracle scavenger hunt. Make a list of the little signs and wonders that surround you every day, and then go out in teams to witness them. Leave several blank spots on the hunt for the little things that may surprise you along the way when you are looking for wonder. Gather back together to share your lists and discuss what it was like to look at the world with eyes of wonder and awe. Did things look differently? Was there anything that was noticed that normally might have been missed?

► **How to Foster Gratitude:** At Home with our Faith, Nov 2014
November is a time to be thankful!!! Focus on relationships and time. Parents may be tempted to emphasize that children should be grateful for their stuff, but the gratitude that leads to joy centers on relationships, not material things. Lead by example. Talk about what you are grateful for regarding your friends, family members and coworkers. And don't forget the thank-you notes, email or text. Even if they complain, and maybe especially if they complain, children should write thank-you notes for gifts they receive. Doing so is important so the giver knows the child appreciates the gift, but it also reminds children of the important people in their lives who contribute to their well-being.

Auburn Area Catholic School

► **Pick-up for PTO Fundraiser** (wreaths, grave blankets, etc.): Monday, November 19 at 3pm.

► **Thanksgiving Break:** The school and school office will close on Wed., Nov. 21 at 11:30. Classes will resume Mon., Nov. 26.

► **AACS Christmas Program** will be Tuesday, December 19 at 6:30pm. We hope to see you there!

► **AACS has Saginaw Spirit** ticket vouchers available in the school office. If you would like any, call 662-6431 or stop by the school office during regular hours, M-F, 9am-4pm.



From Father Tom's Desk

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sr. Mary McGlone, [Celebration](#)

In today's Gospel, Jesus uses natural and supernatural images to tell his friends about the confusion and turmoil they will witness. While he may well have been referring to the time of his passion, they also remembered his words as they witnessed the destruction of the Jerusalem temple. Those events and their own persecution caused the disciples unimaginable disorientation, leaving them feeling as if their world had come to an end.

Jesus warns them that time and space will no longer make sense. The sun that tells the time, the moon that marks the seasons and the stars by which earthlings can orient themselves, all those will falter. But says Jesus, that will also be the sign that they should watch for the Son of Man coming in power and glory.

Apocalyptic visions present a panorama of destruction that will affect everyone, but not everyone will respond in the same way. Some will prepare for the apocalypse like those frightened citizens in the 1960s who dug shelters to save themselves from a nuclear war. People spent a great deal of time and energy (not to mention a good amount of money) creating an illusion of security, even to the point of teaching school children how to duck and cover in case of a nuclear attack. Jesus warned his disciples to avoid that sort of behavior.

What alternative does Jesus offer? Hope against hope. The hope Jesus offers is the hope he lived. Hope is the conviction that God is at work in our lives and in our world. Rather than optimism based on good odds or our own resources, hope is the certainty that God can transform any situation into an occasion of grace.

At the same time, Jesus warns us "of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father." Jesus went to the cross believing that God would raise him "on the third day" which meant in God's good time. If we want to learn apocalyptic hope, we must abandon our desire to duck and cover, to hide ourselves from the suffering of the world. If we are willing to share the suffering, to denounce the evil, then, we will be able to perceive the presence of the son of Man.

But When Will it End?

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"But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father," It may strike us as odd that there are things that the angels don't know. But it's even more surprising that Jesus – the Son of God – would have been unaware of the divine schedule for the end of the world. Given all of this, should it come as any surprise that there are things that God chooses not to reveal to us right now?

In His wisdom, God knows when the timing is right to reveal his plans to us. The fact that we don't know everything helps us remember that we are not God. In this era of instant Internet information, it's hard to accept the fact that there are some things we just can't know. But this reality should keep us humble, reminding us that we don't have to know everything because we are in the powerful hands of a loving God. Accepting what God chooses to reveal and trusting that even our moments of uncertainty are part of his benevolent plan for us.

Check Your Priorities

Jim Auer, [Celebration](#)

The apocalyptic descriptions in Daniel and those ascribed to Jesus in Mark both drive home the same idea: A time really will come when the earthly order of things will be uprooted and gone. All the jockeying for power, control, popularity and "success," even if achieved on a grandiose scale, will count for nothing if done only for personal gain or at the expense of others.

Should you not try to be successful? Live a bare subsistence in a deserted place? No. Try hard to succeed. But check your motivation, your means of getting there, and what you do with superfluous gains.

Ready or Not

Tracy Earl Welliver, [Connect](#)

People ask the question, "What would you do today if you knew that Jesus was coming again tomorrow?" If we think that is a hard question to answer, we have missed the point as well. If you are a good steward of all that God has given you and you are living life as a mature intentional disciple, the answer is simple: "I would do the same thing I did yesterday!" That is the answer, of course, because we cannot be a disciple one day and not a disciple the next. Yes, we are never saved by our words, so what we do that last day before Jesus returns has no greater value than what we did the day before. As the bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship points out, we are called to become mature disciples. When there is maturity, it is no longer about what we do but instead it is about who we have become.

End Times/Not the End

Dick Folger, [Celebration](#)

Today's Gospel images are dramatic. Tribulations come first, then the sun and moon go dark. As the temperature plummets, the stars in the black sky spin out of control. Then, in a burst of light, we gasp at the awesome coming of Jesus amidst a host of angels.



This imagery might also describe what happens when we die, when the promise of things to come are fulfilled at an unknown future date. It is guaranteed that "this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place." We may not like to think our life will end, but it will. Our bodies will grow cold, so grab your jacket of faith to stay warm, until you see the face of Jesus, who comes to welcome you to eternal paradise.

