

# Week of November 25, 2018

## MONDAY

Rv 14:1-5 \* Ps 24:1-6 \* Lk 21:1-4

## TUESDAY 8:00am Word & Communion

Rv 14:14-19 \* Ps 96:10-13 \* Lk 21:5-11

## WEDNESDAY 8:00am Mass

Rv 15:1-4 \* Ps 98:1-3,7-9 \* Lk 21:12-19

## THURSDAY 8:00am Mass

Rv 18:1-2,21-23; 19:1-3,9 \* Ps 100:1-5 \* Lk 21:20-28

## FRIDAY

Rom 10:9-18 \* Ps 19:2-5 \* Mt 4:18-22

## SATURDAY 4:30pm Mass

Rv 22:1-7 \* Ps 95:1-7 \* Lk 21:34-36

## SUNDAY 9:30am Mass

Children's Liturgy of the Word & Nursery

Jer 33:14-16 \* Ps 25:4-5,8-10,14 \* 1 Thes 3:12 - 4:2 \* Lk 21:25-28,34-36



## Parish Activities

Mon., Nov. 26	9:30am	Bulk Mailing for Advent
	6:00pm	Cantor Scheduling - 6:30pm Choir
Tues., Nov. 27	10:00am	Scripture Study
	6:30pm	RCIA
	6:30pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Reconciliation
	7:00pm	Bible Study-west campus
Sat., Dec. 1	9:30am	Advent Morning of Reflection
Sun., Dec. 2	10:30am	Children's Choir
	10:45am	Religious Education
	6:30pm	Adult Scripture Study

🎵 **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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

🎵 **Children's Choir** for the 5pm Christmas Eve Mass will be on Sundays, 10:30-11am in the church. Children ages 5 & up are welcome.

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

**Giving Trees:** Gifts with tag attached are to be returned **NO LATER than December 9 at 10:30am** (after 9:30 Mass).



**Your Generosity:** Many parishioners stepped forward to help others celebrate Thanksgiving. Thanks to those who purchased the turkeys, supplied much of the food and donated money to purchase what was lacking. Twenty-five baskets were distributed to various families! Thank you all very much!!

**Baptism Preparation Session:** First-time parent classes will be Jan. 3 and Mar. 7. For those parents who have already attended a session, prep will be Dec. 6 and Feb. 7, all sessions at 7pm in the Parish Center. Contact Sandy at 662-4335 or [sdesjardins@auburnac.org](mailto:sdesjardins@auburnac.org) to register for a prep session and set your celebration date.

## Baptism

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

Clare Marie Russell

daughter of Adam & Kelly Russell

## Stewardship

**"Jesus answered, 'My kingdom does not belong to this world.'" Jn 18:36**

Often we put a great deal of time and energy into building a life and a "kingdom" here on earth, but our earthly life here is short. The real kingdom is in the next life, yet how much time do we invest in working toward the eternal kingdom?

Weekly Target: \$10,961.54 \* Offering: \$12,271.52  
Food Pantry: \$60.00 \* Campaign for Human Dev.: \$948.00

We received a very generous donation of \$500 from WHS Touchdown Club. "...your support helps us to have a successful football program... Thank you for allowing us the use of your facility (St. Anthony gym) to feed our varsity football team this past season."

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

...I helped the teacher all week. ...took care of my brother.

## Education/Formation

**Family Talk Time** Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families, Sara McGinnis Lee

What are some things you know about the universe? How do you care for all of God's creation?

▶ **Reflecting on the Word:** The title "King of the Universe" goes so far beyond our small lives that we can barely grasp the immensity of it. Jesus came not just for the sins of humankind but to redeem all of creation and bring the entire cosmos back into God's embrace. Biblical miracles are just the beginning of the awesomeness of a God who wants to be among us. This is a God who reigns over the moon and stars just as tenderly as the bees and flowers. Today's solemnity can help us realize the importance of extending love beyond the immediacy of our short lives and care for creation as God desires.

▶ **Living the Word:** With your family, put on a royal dinner and dress, speak and eat as if all of you are royalty. During this special occasion, discuss how through baptism we are at once prophet, priest and king/queen. As kings/queens we are called to be good stewards of the earth and take care of it. See how little waste you can create with this meal. From using cloth napkins and items that require less packaging or none at all, to conserving water, notice the cosmic impact you can make through simple acts.

## Auburn Area Catholic School

▶ Students collected candy, playing cards, lip balm, sun block, eye drops, etc., for the **"Stockings for Soldiers"** project sponsored by Gephart Funeral Home. Students filled 40 stockings which will be shipped to troops overseas.

▶ **Thank You** to all who have donated to AAC's **"Spreading the Spirit"** fund. This fund is available to assist larger families or families who experience financial hardship. If you would like your child to receive a K-5 Catholic Education but feel that tuition would be difficult, or if you would like to make a donation, please contact Mr. Milne at 662-6431 or [rmilne@auburnac.org](mailto:rmilne@auburnac.org) for more info. This year we were able to help 11 families.

▶ **Save the Date Correction!** AAC's Christmas Program will be Tuesday, December 18 at 6:30pm.



## HOLIDAY SCRIP

**What:** Gifts Cards with which AAC's receives a % of the card amount.

**When:** Purchase after Mass, December 1 & 2 and 8 & 9.

**Where:** St. Gabriel Social Hall (or call or email your order to the school office at 662-6431 or [ckaczynski@auburnac.org](mailto:ckaczynski@auburnac.org).) Order sheets with a list of available cards will be available at both church entrances.

## From Father Tom's Desk

### Feast of Christ the King

Sr. Mary McGlone, [Celebration](#)

This year, we turn to John's Gospel to lead us in our consideration of Christ the King. Here, we have the famous trial scene in which Pilate questions Jesus only to find that he himself is on trial about the meaning of his life.

Pilate asked Jesus, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus didn't answer, at least not directly. Instead, Jesus interrogated Pilate about what he had at stake in the question. Today's celebration asks us as well what we have at stake in celebrating the feast the church calls "The Solemnity of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe."

When questioned by Pilate, Jesus didn't claim a title. Much to Pilate's confusion, Jesus admitted to being a king, but not in a realm that Pilate could comprehend. Pilate lived in a world of competition, fear and force. He would fear a king who could overthrow him like he feared the crowds who cowed him into doing their will. Pilate understood a world in which people must make their own importance known and felt, no matter how empty their claims to greatness. Pilate's is a world in which heredity, clothing, titles and the power to manipulate define a person's worth.

In contrast, Jesus had no need to cling to status. He knew why he was born and sent into the world. He claims that his only purpose in life was to testify to the truth.

### Accepting the Kingship of Jesus [McGlone, Celebration](#)

If being a king means that nothing and no one can constrain you, then Jesus is the King of Kings because he knows what he is about and no one can take that away.

Pilate had thought that he was dealing with a religious fanatic, or perhaps as others alleged, a revolutionary. But Pilate discovered that in Jesus he was facing the most powerful person he had ever met. Nothing Pilate could say or do, no bribe, no reward and no punishment could sway this man. Worse yet, he obviously had the power to influence others to imitate him.

Ultimately, that is the point of this feast. Those who choose Christ as their king, buy into his preaching about the reign of God. As king, Jesus defined his realm as one in which the greatest is the one who serves the most. In his realm, the strongest have no need of coercion because those who seek the truth about life will fall in love with him and stake their lives on the freedom he offers, being willing to forsake everything else for it.

The people who choose to belong to the realm of Christ the King know their primary identity comes from the God who loves us all. Their citizenship papers are the baptismal certificates that entrust them with the mission to live by and spread the values of God's realm. Because they see Christ as king of the universe, they assume care for all of creation as an integral part of their mission.

### Daniel's Vision [\(Dn 7\)](#)

[Celebration](#)

Daniel describes God as the Ancient One, a title that indicates that all creation is a recent phenomenon in comparison to God. Jewish mystical literature often refers to God as the Ancient One, giving readers an image of the divine, majestic sage. The highpoint of Daniel's vision is the appearance of "one like a Son of man." Even though he arrives on the clouds of heaven, this son of man is neither fearsome nor formidable, but there are some unnamed attendants who present him to the Ancient One. Unlike the scenes of Jesus' baptism and transfiguration, Daniel records no words, no interaction between the Son of man and the Ancient One. All we hear is that the Ancient One bestowed dominion, glory and kingship on the Son of man.

When the Book of Daniel was written, this vision offered hope to people bowed down under the cruelty and oppression of the Greek king, Antiochus Epiphanes. Whether they thought of the Son of man as a savior or a figure representing the revival of the entire people of God, he symbolized the promise of salvation and the assurance that God's love would not be overcome.

### Christ as Victor [\(Rev 1\)](#)

[Celebration](#)

The opening line of our reading turns a greeting from Jesus Christ into a statement about him, anticipating the titles John will use to describe him. The title "Christ," meaning God's anointed one or messiah, is not new with John. The Book of Revelation was probably written around the year 96, by which time Paul and others had made Christ a common title for the risen Lord.

John goes on to speak of Jesus as the faithful witness, a description that has a double meaning in this context. First, Christ is the witness who reveals God. In addition, he is the one who bore witness to his mission before the authorities who executed him for what he proclaimed. His faithfulness was an encouragement to people who must bear witness in their own day.

We may not have given much thought to Christ as the end goal of all creation. In the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century Teilhard deChardin brought thinking about Christ as the Omega to the fore in his theological writings. As a scientist, Teilhard was convinced that all of creation was in a process of what the Eastern tradition calls divinization. This idea goes at least as far back as Clement of Alexandria in the early third century who taught that God became human so that humans would learn how to become God. Paul started that line of thinking by speaking of Christ bringing everything into God who will be all in all (1 Cor 15:28).

This vision of all converging in the Omega is one more way of explaining what our apocalyptic Scriptures have been saying for two weeks. It all comes down to the conviction that no matter how much it appears that evil is winning, life originated in God and is destined to God.

**Recovering Pastor:** I don't seem to run out of peculiar maladies. On Sunday, November 11, I fell over the open dishwasher door and onto my side in front of the refrigerator. I was hospitalized at Covenant where it was determined I had broken my hip. On Monday I had a complete hip replacement. By Wednesday I was back at the rectory recovering and doing rehab exercises. I'm not sure how long I will be out of commission. Follow-up appointments will reveal that. I have to say, through it all, I have really been without pain. I am grateful for your concern and for your prayers.  
Fr. Tom

## The Parish in the Community

► **Fish Fry & Bake Sale** at Auburn K of C Hall, 4760 Garfield, Dec. 7, 2:30-7pm. Take-out dinner only. Take-outs CAN be eaten on site but NO buffet. Cost \$10. Baked good sold separately. All are welcome.

► **Christmas Candlelight Walk:** Calvary Cemetery/St. Anne, 2977 Old Kawkawlin Rd., Sat., Dec. 1, 5:30pm. A short journey of prayer, song and reflection. Bring your own light protected from the wind. A "Memorial Tree" will be available in the chapel. Families are invited to hang an unbreakable ornament or memorial card in honor of their loved ones. Following a brief memorial service, refreshments will be served. Call 989-684-9936 for info and other locations in the diocese.

► We are the **Sisters of St. Clare**, a small community of contemplative nuns. Our mission is to pray for the people of the Saginaw Diocese and the world. We welcome you to our new Advent calendar 2018, now posted on our website at <http://srsclare.com/advent>. Click on the DATE of each new day and share with us a brief meditation. Together we can make this Advent season preparation one of the most beautiful and joyous times of the year.