

Week of November 26, 2017

MONDAY

Dn 1:1-6, 8-20 * Dn 3:52-56 * Lk 21:1-4

TUESDAY 8:00am Word & Communion

Dn 2:31-45 * Dn 3:57-61 * Lk 21:5-11

WEDNESDAY 8:00am Mass

Dn 5:1-5, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28 * Dn 3:62-27 * Lk 21:12-19

THURSDAY 8:00am Mass

Rom 10:9-18 * Ps 19:8-11 * Mt 4:18-22

FRIDAY 9:00am School Mass

Dn 7:2-14 * Dn 3:75-81 * Lk 21:29-33

SATURDAY 4:30pm Mass

Dn 7:15-27 * Dn 3:82-87 * Lk 21:34-36

SUNDAY 9:30am Mass

Children's Liturgy of the Word & Nursery

Is 63:16-17, 19; 64:2-7 * Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 * 1 Cor 1:3-9 * Mk 13:33-37



Parish Activities

Mon., Nov. 27	6:15-7:30pm	Religious Education
Tues., Nov. 28	10:00am	Scripture Study
	6:30pm	RCIA
	6:30pm	Choir Practice
Wed., Nov 29	6:30pm	Sacramental Prep for 1st Reconciliation
Sat., Dec. 2	9:30-11:30am	Advent Morning of Reflection
Sun., Dec. 3	6:00-7:45pm	Youth Ministry

Preparing the Way

Children's Choir practice for the 6pm Christmas Eve Mass will be on Sundays after the 9:30am Mass, beginning Sun., Nov. 26. Children ages 5 and older are welcome! Contact Sue at 205-4322 with ???.

Hand Chimes: Practice for the 6pm Christmas Eve Mass will be on Tuesdays at 5:45-6:15pm, beginning Tues., Nov. 28. We must have a commitment of at least 10 young people 4th grade and up who are interested in participating. In order to prepare music for the hand chimes, please commit no later than Sun., Nov. 26 by calling the parish office at 662-6861 or Sue at 205-4322.

Registration Weekend: In an attempt to ease the process, staff members will be present after both liturgies next weekend to register those who wish to join the parish. We welcome any and all who want to become a member of our parish family. *Fr. Tom*

Advent Morning of Reflection: A reminder that all are welcome to attend the Advent Morning of Reflection on Sat., Dec. 2 at 9:30am. Register by Tues., Nov. 28 by signing up at the church entrances or the Café kiosk, email Connie at adulted@auburnac.org, or call the parish office at 662-6861.

Giving Trees: Please return your gifts to the tables in church next weekend (Dec. 2/3) or Dec. 9/10. All gifts MUST be in no later than Dec. 10 after 9:30am Mass. Gifts will be delivered to or picked up by the various organizations immediately after Mass.



Blood Drive: We are trying something new with our blood drives! We will be partnering with the Auburn Library, which means we will alternate hosting the drives and all of our parishioners and the library's visitors will be invited to attend our partnered drives. This set-up makes it easier on the volunteers who manage the drives, will hopefully make our drives more successful, and help us create ties in our community. Our next blood drive, therefore, will be held at the Library on Dec. 20, 1:30-6:30pm. You can sign up in the same way you would have in the

past: online, on the sign-up sheet at the main church entrance, or by calling the Parish Office at 662-6861.

Stewardship

Weekly Target: \$11,538.47 * Offering: \$7,692.92
Food Pantry: \$35.00 * Christmas Flowers: \$443.00
Campaign for Human Development: \$1,583.00

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

- ...to help put away yard stuff for the winter.
- ...I helped my mom when my dad was gone for a week and a half.
- ...sharing with daddy. ...praying every night.
- ...picking up toys. ...helping Ava Marie

Children's Offerings: Beginning the 1st Sunday of Advent (Dec. 2/3) during Mass, our children will be able to bring their contribution forward during the offertory time while the ushers are taking up the collection. There will be a basket in front of the altar for them to put their offering in. Envelopes are available at school, during religious education or at the entrances of church that can be used for their offering of time, talent & treasure. The envelopes have a place for them to write how they used their time and talent for God that week, their good deed. It is important for the children to understand that as a disciple of Christ, we use our God given talents and our time to give back to God from the monetary reward we receive for using them. Teaching and modeling stewardship for our children is momentous.

Education/Formation

Family Talk Time

Sunday for Catholic Families, Sara McGinnis Lee

How do you reflect God in everyday situations? In what way does God's love rule in your heart?

► **Reflecting on the Word:** Recognizing Christ as King reminds us of our baptismal call and our anointing at Baptism. Made in the image of God, we gave a promise through our Baptism to reflect the divine in all we do. When we pay attention to this call, people will be attracted to the spark of divinity that shines through us. Proudly wear the crown you were born with, and the difference in you will be as clear as separating sheep from goats.

► **Living the Word:** Have a royal dinner tonight and invite everyone to dress up in formal attire. If the family would like to do so, they can even make crowns to wear and decorate. Recognizing that God always reigns supreme, talk about how we can be instruments of God's love on earth. As kings and queens we have a responsibility to take care of all that God has given us as well as to live justly and honestly. To conclude the meal, have each family make a "royal decree" of how God's love will be lived through them.

Auburn Area Catholic School

► **AACS's Christmas Program** will be Tues., Dec. 19 at 6:30pm. Come and see "Little Star".

► **Scrip Gift Cards** are available for your Christmas gift giving. Order by Dec. 8 and receive by Dec. 19.

Order forms available in the school hallway or call the school office at 662-6431. Thank you for supporting AACS!!

► **Like Auburn Area Catholic School** on Facebook and follow us on Twitter! We love to share the wonderful things happening at AACS!!



If God seems far away...guess who moved?

The Parish in the Community

Fish Fry & Bake Sale at Auburn K of C (4760 Garfield), Fri., Dec. 1, 2:30-7pm. We have changed to a TAKE OUT ONLY dinner. Cost \$10. Baked goods are sold separately. All are welcome!

Feast of Christ the King

Sr. Mary McGlone, Celebration

The feast of Christ the King offers us three different visions of the final days. The first, from the prophet Ezekiel, suggests that, at the end of the world, God will finally appear as the good shepherd to rescue the lost and forsaken. Because the rulers and religious leaders have sought only their own good, God promises to come and seek out the lost, bind up the wounded, and provide pasture for all except the "sleek and strong." The latter are the ones who took advantage and allowed the others to languish.

Matthew's Jesus gives us the most electrifying image of the end times. We read about how the son of Man appears in glory, seated on a throne, surrounded by angels who gather all the world to be judged. The image from Matthew recognizes the responsibility of the people themselves. In Ezekiel, they were passive and their fate was determined by their shepherds. They just followed where they were led - literally a lot more like sheep than human beings who have gone through adolescence and know the difference between rebellion and collaboration. In Matthew, the ones sent to the eternal fire are those who refused to give hospitality or care to those sent in Christ's name. By spurning God's representatives, they rejected all that God offered them. They sealed their fate by closing their doors.

The third image in today's Scriptures comes from Paul's faith in the universal effects of Christ's resurrection. Paul's vision of the end is closer to that of John the evangelist than to Matthew. John lets us in on Jesus' vision that in dying he would draw all to himself (Jn 12:32) and that through him all will be one (17:21). Paul looks to the moment when God will be all in all, when everyone is drawn into the life and love of God.

All three images come from our tradition and reveal something about God and where this universe is headed. All three images see God's love at the heart of human history and the history of the universe itself. The first image emphasizes God's saving love and grace, reminding us that our life is a gift and the God named Emmanuel will be with us always. The second image reminds us that we have been given freedom and that, as we choose how to live, we are fashioning our eternal future. The third way of looking at the end goes along with what scientist theologians such as Teilhard de Chardin see as Christ the Omega Point who is drawing all creation toward being caught up in the very energy of God.

Ezekiel's Judgement

Celebration

Chapter 34 of Ezekiel begins by saying, "Son of man, prophesy... Woe to the shepherds who have been pasturing themselves. You have consumed milk, wore wool, and slaughtered fatlings, but the flock you did not pasture." Our reading begins with God's decision to step in because the sheep have become plunder.

The last line of our reading, "I will judge between one sheep and another, between rams and goats," is often assumed to imply that goats are bad. But that is not necessarily the case. Goats are relatives of the sheep, and although they will eat a more varied diet - tin cans included - they were not considered unclean. The significant difference is between the sleek and the sick, those who serve themselves and those left in want. Ezekiel's prophecy is that God will reverse the condition of the needy, even at the expense of those whose concern has been only for themselves.

'Lord, increase my sensitivity to the needs of others.'

Paul's Convictions

Celebration

In the long run, Paul wants us to contemplate what he has said, to remember and marvel at what we have been given and what we are promised in Christ. As we celebrate Christ the King, we might concentrate on three dimensions of that message. First, we remember that Christ's resurrection is the most basic tenet of our faith; there is no Christianity without the resurrection. Second, we recall that Christ's resurrection has changed history: Everyone who is in Christ participates in his life and will share his future. Third, we remember that God is drawing all things into participation in divine life. Together, these convictions tell us about our past, present and future; they ground us in a life-changing, life-giving vision of who we are becoming.

Historical Basis for the Feast

Celebration

Pope Pius XI established this feast in 1925 as an antidote to secularism and the church's loss of power and prestige in Europe. At a time when the Vatican had very little tolerance for democracies and freedom of religion, Pius wrote the encyclical Quas Primas which established the feast. Pius explained his hope that the fruits of the feast would give royal honors to our Lord and that "Men will doubtless be reminded that the Church [was] founded by Christ as a perfect society" (QP 31). There is evangelical irony and a sign of the work of the Spirit in the fact that the readings for the feast of Christ the King of the Universe all depict Jesus in his weakness, yet the feast itself was established in protest to the church's loss of power and prestige.

Today, our celebration of Christ our King invites us to consider what we believe about where we and the universe are ultimately headed. Do we consider the difference the resurrection makes?

When/Where Did We See You?

Pat Marrin, Celebration

In Matthew, Jesus tells us where to find him. The Lord of the Universe has disappeared among the hungry, thirsty, naked, lost, sick, imprisoned, alien and persecuted of this world. Our King is hiding in the least of our brothers and sisters. The one power he exhibits is to move our hearts to compassion. His very poverty invites us to exercise the power we share with God as his image and likeness - the power to love. This is the essence of our royal priesthood, the power to sacrifice ourselves for others. This is how we honor and imitate our King.

One's View

Fr. James Smith, Celebration

The moment we recognize another being as a fellow human being, then we must treat them as we treat ourselves. That means that love of neighbor is basically recognizing another human as an equal, having the same rights that we enjoy.

November Wedding Anniversaries (continued)

- 30 years or more..... Daniel & Karen Koehler
Daniel & Lynette Miller
Michael & Joan Bouza
Robert & Dawn Rugenstein
Kevin & Nancy Fick
20 years or more..... Jim & Beth Brewer
Paul & Rose Lynch
Daniel & Lynn Polisano
10 Years or more..... Christopher & Tia Hahn
Benjamin & Paola Berg
Less than 10 years..... David & Kristen Neal



Amen Corner: Next weekend the Planning Group/Building Committee will put on display a drawing of the proposed church and subsequent remodeling of the current church. Fr. Tom