

# Week of May 27, 2018

**MONDAY**      **MEMORIAL DAY**  
 1 Pt 1:3-9 \* Ps 111:1-2,5-6,9-10 \* Mk 10:17-27

**TUESDAY**      **NO summer Word/Communion**  
 1 Pt 1:10-16 \* Ps 98:1-4 \* Mk 10:28-31

**WEDNESDAY**      **NO Mass**  
 1 Pt 1:18-25 \* Ps 147:12-15,19-20 \* Mk 10:32-45

**THURSDAY**      **8:00am Mass**  
 Zep 3:14-18 \* Is 12:2-6 \* Lk 1:39-56

**FRIDAY**      **9:00am Mass - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation**  
 1 Pt 4:7-13 \* Ps 96:10-13 \* Mk 11:11-26

**SATURDAY**      **4:30pm (Graduation) Mass**  
 (High School & College Graduation Reception following)  
 Jude 17,20-25 \* Ps 63:2-6 \* Mk 11:27-33

**SUNDAY**      **9:30am Mass**  
 Nursery (NO summer CLOW)  
 Ex 24:3-8 \* Ps 116:12-13,15-18 \* Heb 9:11-15 \* Mk 14:12-16,22-26



**REMEMBER**

## Parish Activities

**Mon., May 28**      **Memorial Day-Parish Office closed**  
**Sun., June 3**      **12-30-2-30pm Mission Team Meeting-PC**

Congratulations  
 to our Graduates!!  
 We wish you God's Blessing  
 & much Success in the future!



**Welcome New Employee:** A couple of weeks ago the parish hired Stephanie McNary as the Office Administrator. While she recently moved back to Auburn from Tennessee, she is originally from the area and has several relatives who belong to the parish family. Her husband, Michael, is currently serving in the military and is scheduled to report for duty in South Korea in the not too distant future. She has two children, Asher (age 9) and Annelise (age 2).

**We welcome Stephanie as a member of our parish staff.**

**Cantor Practice** and scheduling for June 17-September 16 will be held on Mon., June 4, 6:30pm. If you are unable to attend, please email your available dates to [slevasseur@auburnac.org](mailto:slevasseur@auburnac.org). Thank you.

**For Your Summer Reading:** Be sure to check out the Café Kiosk for the following Catholic Updates: *Christian Spirituality*; *From Worship to World*; *Parish Ministry Today*; and *The Lectionary – Heart of the Bible*.

## Stewardship

Weekly Target: \$11,538.47 \* Offering: \$8,619.05

Food Pantry: \$15.00

In Loving Memory of Clarence Alvesteffer: \$1,000.00

CSA: We received 13 new pledges of \$2,025.00 bringing our total to \$68,852.00 (88% of parish target; total pledges 334 from 63% of parish families). Calls will now be made to those who have not yet stepped forward. The tunnel is long and dark and there is no sign of a shining light!  
 Fr. Tom

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

...prayed for those who need prayers.      ...helped a friend at school.  
 ...helped with my garage sale!      ...helped my Mom plant flowers.

**Thank You** to Fr. Tom, Sue, Dana, and the choir for the wonderful funeral service. We had so many compliments on the liturgy, it truly meant a lot to our family. Also, thanks to everyone who organized and donated food for the lunch-eon after the funeral. The food was fabulous!

God bless to all, Dennis Kozuch family

## Education/Formation

**Family Talk Time** Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families, Sara McGinnis Lee  
 How do you experience God through your relationship with others?

► **Reflecting on the Word:** Today we ponder the mystery and grace of the Most Holy Trinity. The great Franciscan scholar, St. Bonaventure, held this relationship at the forefront of his understanding of God. He maintained that God could only be understood in the relationship, since by God's very nature, God is always in the relationship of the Trinity. Therefore, there is something about being made in the image of God that calls us to be connected to our fellow brothers and sisters in a deep and vulnerable way.

► **Living the Word:** Discipleship is practiced best with others. Jesus sent folks out two by two. Provide sheets of paper for family members. Ask them to write their names in the middle of the paper and then the names of important people in our lives. They should then draw an arrow pointing to those that they give something to and an arrow from those they receive something from. Encourage family members to notice the direction most of their arrows point and discuss ways that they feel others love and support them.

► **VBS - Splash Canyon: God's Promise on Life's Wild Ride**  
 July 30 – August 2 for children in grades K-5<sup>th</sup> (fall of 2018).  
Help is needed from youth in grades 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. Registration forms & youth volunteer forms are available at the west entrance of the church. **Registrations forms are due by Mon., June 25.**

## Auburn Area Catholic School

► **We will be celebrating our last Children's Mass** of the school year on Fri., June 1. During this Mass we will celebrate our 5<sup>th</sup> grade graduating class. The 5<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents will be actively participating in the parts of Mass. After Mass there will be a graduation service for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade. You are invited to stay and celebrate with us.

► **Congratulations** to the 4-year-old preschoolers. They celebrated their graduation this past week. Thank you to Mrs. Buchmann, Ms. Reinke and Ms. Chrissy for their time and dedication to our preschool students. Check out the pictures on our website or like us on Facebook.

### Job Openings for Auburn Area Catholic School 2018-19

(1) Kindergarten Teacher (full-time)

(2) Kitchen Cook/Manager

Please send resume with a letter of interest and 3 letters of recommendation to Jessica Reder, 114 W Midland Rd, Auburn MI 48611.

But never at AACs.....

## From Father Tom's Desk



### Feast of the Holy Trinity

Sr. Mary McGlone, Celebration

Although today's feast, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, sounds as if it might call us into the heady heights of dogmatic discourse, the readings invite us into a decidedly practical, down-to-earth reflection, not only on God, but on who we are as disciples.

Moses is the first person to address us in today's Liturgy of the Word. We get to eavesdrop on a homily he preached to inspire his people to strengthen their commitment. If we listen as heirs of his tradition, we hear him call us to remember our own experiences of God. He took his people through their memories of the Exodus and hearing God's voice. That suggests that we, too, might recall how and when we have been aware of God's presence, of God's love, of God's grandeur. He's recommending that we allow this Sabbath to claim some of our time so that we can remember and appreciate the ways we have come to know God in our individual and communal lives.

Paul's Letter to the Romans advances Moses' message by pointing out how God's own Spirit is active in us. Paul tells us we know God's Spirit as the one who leads us to seek Abba, the God we know as a loving parent.

Today's Gospel, the last lines of the Gospel of Matthew, portrays the post-resurrection group of disciples as a broken community who waver between worship and doubt, a description that also describes many in our own day. The disciples had followed the instructions of their companions, the women who had been told by both the angel at the tomb and by Jesus where the Lord wanted to meet them. When they met the risen Christ, he explained what his resurrection meant by saying that all power in heaven and earth was his. He was victorious and if they believed in him and in his promise to remain with them, they would also believe that no evil can overcome him – or them.

### *Go Therefore*

Sr. Mary McGlone, [Celebration](#)

As heirs to Moses, we are called to renew and confirm the faith we have received. Knowing that the Spirit is ever with us, we need to take the time necessary to hear the Spirit's urgings, to allow ourselves to be lured toward the God who made us and calls us into an unknown but marvelous future.

As people chosen and loved by God, we are called to fulfill our vocation as disciples and missionaries, followers of Christ who spread his message and love. Like the early disciples, we must be willing to re-think our mission and revitalize our Gospel message. Moses tells us that we begin by gratefully remembering God's works of creation and liberation. Paul assures us that the Spirit will urge us toward our goal. Most of all, the risen Lord promises to remain with us. Although we may not explain it as such, the process of being disciples and missionaries is what allows our triune God to live in us and work through us.

### *There is No Other (Deuteronomy)*

[Celebration](#)

As a people, the Israelites understood themselves through their relationship to God. First, their God, unlike the mute idols of other nations, actually spoke to them. Even if the experience frightened them nearly to death, they knew that God had chosen them as dialogue partners and that their God's demands were always for their own good. Secondly, unlike the gods who demanded groveling and senseless sacrifice, the God of Israel asked only for obedience and acted on their behalf through Moses and others. The Lord freed them from their pagan overlords, leading them to recognize themselves as God's own, beloved people. Moses reminds them that the God who had reached out to them so tenderly and powerfully is the only God in heaven and earth. Therefore, doing what God commands will always turn out to their benefit.

Moses' homily invites us to take our own long, loving and grateful look at history to remember who God is and had been for us. Whereas the Exodus was the key event for Israel, Christ stands as the central revelation in our history. As Christians, the roots of our history go back to Moses and the time of creation and include all that had to do with Christ's life, death and resurrection as well as the saints and sinners who have called themselves his disciples.

We are a people formed by all the ways God's grace has brought us to today, journeying forward to the future God has intended from the beginning.

### *Led By the Spirit (Romans)*

[Celebration](#)

Paul emphasizes the idea of being led by the Spirit as he speaks of our relationship to the Father. He tells us that those led by the Spirit approach God instinctively like children approach a loving parent from whom they expect all good. Finally, Paul tells us that people moved by the Spirit identify themselves as joint heirs with Christ to everything God promises.

This passage is but one expression of Paul's everyday mysticism. Although Paul places little value on extraordinary experiences of the spirit, he finds countless ways to encourage Christians to recognize the immeasurable effects of God's life in them through their relationship with Christ. Paul's belief that we and all creation are moving toward a glorious future permeates his letters and especially the Letter to the Romans. Beginning with Genesis, Paul's religious tradition taught that humanity is created in the image and likeness of God. Paul sees Christ surpassing that as he shows that humanity is created for genuine union with God.

### *With us Always (Matthew)*

[Celebration](#)

At the beginning of Matthew's Gospel, we were reminded of the prophecy that a virgin would conceive a son: "Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and name him Emmanuel which means God is with us" (Mt 1:23). In the last line of the Gospel, Jesus tells the disciples "And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." Matthew is telling us that what began with the birth of Jesus has no end. That is an especially important promise in light of the fact that Matthew paints a final picture of the disciples as a weak and fallible group.

In a turn of phrase that can't be well translated into English, Matthew quotes Jesus as saying, "Go, ...disciple all the nations." Making a verb from the word for disciples, Jesus implies that his followers must do more than teach. "Discipling" implies communicating a message that can transform the self-concept and the very being of those who hear them. To "disciple" others is to lead them into what Paul talked about as being led by the spirit. Matthew underlines this by showing that discipling goes hand in hand with baptizing, the practice the early church understood as the way to communicate God's Spirit to others (Acts 10:47).

Matthew's Gospel ends with hints of its beginning. The first to worship Emmanuel were foreigners. In the end, the disciples are to invite the entire world to share the life of Father, Son and Spirit.

*"Help me recognize, Lord,  
that you are always with me."*

### *Today's Chuckle*

Richard Malloy, [Celebration](#)

An Amish family goes to a mall for the first time. Everything is quite amazing: food court, music, numerous stores. The grandmother sees two shiny, silver doors open and watches an elderly man enter between them. The doors close behind him. Two minutes later, the doors open and rather than seeing the elderly man who originally entered, a handsome 20-something year-old man emerges. (Now we know these doors are to an elevator, but it's something she had never seen before.) Again, the doors open and another old guy goes in. Soon after, a young good-looking guy appears. The woman's granddaughter comes over and says, "Granny, isn't this place great?" "Yes," replies the grandmother. "Quick! Go get your grandfather!"

**AMEN CORNER:** Surveys have been sent out to all registered parishioners. You are asked to complete and return them by **June 15**.  
**We do want to hear from you.** *Fr. Tom*