



*Congratulations to our parish children who are fully initiated into
the Catholic Church, receiving the Sacraments of
Confirmation and 1st Eucharist on May 4 & 5, 2019.*

Ashlyn Elizabeth Anderson

Brady Scott Kreger

Grayson Mitchell Beckham

Lucas Gary Leaman

Miles Franklin Bock

Audrey Elizabeth Muehlenbeck

Ethan Joseph Earle

Macy Lynn Pickvet

Bradley Junior Eddy

Carson Jerome Pope

Arielle Angeline Grzegorzcyk

Luke Robert Putt

Helena Hope Grzegorzcyk

Joseph Lee Rivet

Addison Grace Horschig

Tyler John Wells

Ava Joh Kochevar

WEEK OF MAY 5, 2019

MONDAY

Acts 6:8-15 Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 Jn 6:22-29

TUESDAY

8:00am - Word & Communion

Acts 7:51-8:1 Ps 31:3-4, 6, 7, 8, 17, 21 Jn 6:30-35

WEDNESDAY

8:00am - Mass

Acts 8:1-8 Ps 66:1-3, 4-7 Jn 6:35-40

THURSDAY

8:00am - Mass

Acts 8:26-40 Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 Jn 6:44-51

FRIDAY

9:00am - School Mass

Acts 9:1-20 Ps 117:1-2 Jn 6:52-59

SATURDAY

4:30pm - Mass

Acts 9:31-42 Ps 116:12-17 Jn 6:60-69

SUNDAY

9:30am - Mass (with CLOW & Nursery)

Mother's Day

Baptism

Acts 13:14, 43-52 Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 Rv 7:9, 14-17 Jn 10:27-30



PARISH ACTIVITIES

Monday, May 6	6:30pm	NO Choir Practice
Tuesday, May 7	10:00am	Scripture Study
Thursday, May 9	6:30pm	Commission Meetings
	7:30pm	Parish Council Meeting
Friday, May 10	9:00am	School Mass, followed by May Crowning of Mary



FOOD PANTRY collection will be next weekend. Donations are being accepted to support the area Migrant Ministry Program. The most requested items are white flour, shortening, cooking oil, cereal, baking powder, dry pinto beans, pancake mix and syrup, and rice.

GRADUATION MASS: High school and college graduates are invited to attend the Graduation Mass on Saturday, June 1. A Reception in honor of the graduates will immediately follow. By May 29, RSVP via notifying the Parish Office at 662-6861 or parishoffice@auburnac.org

MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS: By May 8, please submit your "cannot serve" dates that correspond to the next schedule of June 1 through September 1. Direct questions/messages to the Parish Office.

PERSONNEL SEARCHES: The parish is searching for a school principal, a teacher, and pastoral associate who will also be able to direct the RCIA Program. Submit Resumes to the Parish Office.

GREAT RESULTS!

We exceeded our blood donation target! Overall, 51 local hospital patients will receive blood products because of our donors' efforts. We appreciate everyone who participated! If you were unable to join this blood donor campaign, our mission continues ~ the next opportunity is Wednesday, June 26, at St. Gabriel Parish.

Let's save
LIVES
together

Catholic Adult Formation & Education

May & June Events: Check the **Café Kiosk** for upcoming events at the Diocesan Center for Ministry:

- An Evening of Reflection for Befrienders and Pastoral Care Ministers
- Encountering Mary – A Virtual Pilgrimage to Fatima
- Myers-Briggs Personality Type Workshop



COLLECTIVE THANKS

Going back to our Communal Penance Service, through the funerals, and throughout the Holy Week services, there is a thread running throughout it all ~ the involvement of parishioners. Many people stepped forward and gave their time and service to the parish family. The result ~ wonderful celebrations that were experienced and appreciated by many people.

The volunteers deserve all the thanks in the world for their generous service. The spirit and health of our community are sustained by the willingness to be involved. I am both proud and grateful.

Fr. Tom

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Through the Sacrament of Confirmation, the Confirmand (person receiving the sacrament) is enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit through the laying of hands and the anointing with Holy Chrism. Confirmation brings the process of Christian initiation to completion. The lifelong journey of faith formation continues as the fully initiated develop spiritually and participate in the life of God. If you have not been confirmed and would like to complete your Sacraments of Initiation, preparation sessions will begin soon. Call or email Sandy at 662-4335 or sdesjardins@auburnac.org to enroll.



EDUCATION / FORMATION

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

Whom can you nourish this week with your time and attention?

Reflecting on the Word: The bounty of this catch of fish portrays that God will provide disciples with what is needed as they go out to feed the people. How often do we withhold the nourishment of time, attention, and affection, pleading that we barely have enough to feed ourselves? As we nurture others, we rely on the abundance that God gives.

Living the Word: Invite some friends to a feast that is filled with what nourishes all of you. The feast could include a mixture of storytelling, art, poetry, and music. Make sure that each person is interested in at least some of what is offered. Be sure, too, that all know this is a screen-free time.

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

- ❖ The week of May 6, we celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week. THANK YOU to our amazing teachers! AACCS is blessed by your gifts and talents.
- ❖ AACCS congratulates all students that are celebrating their Confirmation and 1st Eucharist!
- ❖ Monday, May 6, is AACCS Restaurant Day at O's Pub and Grill. Present the coupon in this Bulletin (see back page) when paying the bill and AACCS receives a monetary contribution. Thank you for supporting AACCS!
- ❖ AACCS Flower Sale pick-up is Friday, May 10, from 3:00-5:00pm on the East side of the church parking lot. Thank you for your orders!
- ❖ **Student Mass & May Crowning:** Please join us in celebrating the Eucharist on Friday, May 10, at 9:00am. After Mass, you are invited to stay while students participate in the May Crowning.

Vacation Bible School

July 29 - August 1

“ROAR! Life is Wild 🐾 God is Good”

This epic African adventure engages the whole herd. At ROAR, kids explore God’s goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life. Registration will begin May 14 and close June 24. Everyone is welcome to come join in the fun!



Youth Ministry - Attention High School Youth



Do something important and rewarding this summer! Join other Catholic high school youth ~ learn about and fight poverty and reach out to the poor of Saginaw at Y.E.S. (“Youth Encounter Saginaw”) on June 23-28. Youth will lodge at Nouvel Catholic Central Elementary School in Saginaw. [Registration deadline is May 13.](#) Contact Stephanie at sschacher@auburnac.org for more information or Registration forms.

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$10,961.54 * Offering: \$13,267.76

In Memory of Joseph Vaillancourt: \$200

In Memory of Carol Majeske: \$355

Ladies Auxiliary of KC Council #3590 for Food Pantry: \$500

CSA Report: An additional 13 people responded reflecting \$2,780 in pledges/donations. The total pledged is \$57,475 (85% of target). A letter asking for response has been sent to those not heard from yet.

Children G☺☺ Deeds

... I was a good friend ...Held the door for my family
...Gave my sister a hug when she was sad Helped set the table



FROM FR. TOM'S DESK

3rd Sunday of Easter

Mary McGlone, [Celebrations](#)

Today, we witness the scene of Jesus' last earthly meal and encounter with his disciples. In John's Gospel, Jesus had turned what we popularly call the Last Supper into an occasion to teach his disciples at length. The only mention of food at that table was the "morsel" Jesus offered Judas, a powerful communion offering to the friend who was about to betray him. The last meal Jesus shared with his disciples was not that supper, but this breakfast he prepared for them on the shore.

Although this story sounds like one of the simplest in John's Gospel, it is full of symbolism. It all began when seven disciples decided to go fishing. Whether it was an attempt to return to normal life or a symbol of mission, John makes it clear that they started while it was night. That may be a good time for fishing, but it is never a good time in the Gospel of John because for John, Jesus is light. Of course, they had no success.

At dawn, the risen Jesus appeared on the shore. Just as he had earlier asked Mary Magdalen in the garden why she was weeping, he asked the disciples if they had had any success. In response to their "no," he suggested an alternative that brought in almost more than they could handle. In a variation on John the Baptist's announcement at the beginning of the Gospel, the beloved disciple proclaimed, "It is the Lord!"

Fresh Start

Mary McGlone, [Celebration](#)

Peter dressed himself, abandoned his nets and boat, and jumped into the water. On the shore, he met Jesus who awaited them with bread and fish, the same food they had once shared with a multitude near that very lake when they first traveled with him.

If the food was meant to jog their memory, much more so the charcoal fire where Peter encountered Jesus. The only other time this Gospel mentions a charcoal fire, Peter was warming himself by it while he denied knowing Jesus. At this fireside, Peter would encounter Jesus as never before.

Jesus never mentioned Peter's failings, and Peter made no apologies or excuses. For Jesus, reconciliation was not a matter of guilt, blame or penance, but an opportunity for transformation. Three times, Jesus asked Peter, "Do you love me?" He simply answered, "You know that I love you."

In response, Jesus made no mention of the past. As he had done with everyone he healed or forgave, Jesus looked to the future and gave his forgiveness and grace by entrusting Peter with his mission. When Jesus had appeared among the disciples in the locked room, he commissioned them to forgive. Now, as Peter learned what divine forgiveness meant, Jesus commissioned Peter to feed and tend his sheep.

Summary

Mary McGlone, [Celebration](#)

This scene by the water recapitulates the entire Gospel message in a profoundly humbling story of reconciliation and mission. It is John the Evangelist's final reminder that only to the extent that we have been touched by God's loving acceptance of our weakness, can we proclaim a joyful Gospel about the forgiveness of sin. We are all invited to the eucharistic feast on the shore, the only requirement is that we come as we are and accept the love that is offered. When it comes to pastoring the flock or loving as Jesus did, only acknowledged sinners need apply.

A Greater Power (Acts 5)

[Celebration](#)

This scene mirrors proceedings against people of conscience through the ages. The judge, impressively robed to convey his importance, attempted to impose his authority: "We gave you strict orders, did we not?" But speaking for the group, Peter laid out his case. He preached to the judges, explaining the disciples' perspective: "Your law brought death to Jesus. God raised him up. Isn't it obvious that we should obey the God of life rather than the purveyors of death?" Peter went on to point out that the leaders' plot against Jesus was inherently destined to fail because earthly authority is impotent to thwart God's plans.

As Luke builds up his story, he is pointing out the powerlessness of everyone who tries to stop the growing Christian movement. Try as they might to flaunt their power and authority, it comes to naught in the eyes of people on fire with the mission of the risen Christ.

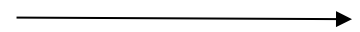
Heavenly Scene (Revelation 5)

[Celebration](#)

This passage refers to the honor due Christ. He is the one who was slain; he is the one who remained faithful even through death. Because of that, he is worthy to receive the same honor as the God whom he did not forsake and who did not forsake him.

This reading proclaims Christ's worthiness to be praised and worships Christ as the representative of the God who forgives, no matter how sinful or traitorous humanity may be. As such, this hymn reassures the faithful that they are on the right side of history. Those who are willing to suffer like Christ and for the sake of Christ will know his glory.

John's awe-inspiring depiction of the rejoicing heavenly host proclaims that Christ will be recognized by all creation. Heaven and earth are full of his glory.



Mandate (John 21)

Celebration

While still near the charcoal fire he had prepared, Jesus asks Peter three times if he loves him. Three times, Peter answers yes. Now, as at the Last Supper, Jesus tells Peter to do what he has done. Jesus, the good shepherd, tells Peter to follow him, not as a fisherman, but as a shepherd who will feed the flock.

Jesus' final command to Peter summarizes the Gospel mandate. In the beginning, curious disciples followed Jesus (John 1:37-43). At the end, after he has revealed himself as the ever-present shepherd who nurtures the sheep, Jesus simply says, "Follow me."

Good Questions

Porsia Tunzi, Celebration

What might happen if we dared to see the Resurrection at work in our everyday ordinary? Today's Gospel invites us to be deeply aware and fully present in our routines, in our work, with our families, even in how we treat those we do not like, disagree with, or who might make us uncomfortable.

In these seemingly small interactions ~ in what we may typically think of as insignificant moments ~ we must ask ourselves: Where do we see the resurrected Jesus? Where do we see radical forgiveness? Where do we see humble compassion and empathy? Where do we see loving kindness? Where do we see social justice?

A Purpose

GraceWorks, Dallas, Texas

The Good News that shouts life and hope from the empty tomb is Good News for every person who has and will ever live. In Jesus Christ, there is no nationalism, racism, sexism, genderism, or classism. "Jesus loves the little children; ALL the children of the world." To be released from the chains that bind our minds to dangerous, lethal attitudes is to live in the light of risen and redeeming freedom. And when we do, we live "for the sake of the name" of Jesus Christ who not only loves us but loves everyone for whom he died and rose again.

BEFRIENDER

Mary Ellyn Gushow..... 662-6745

HELPING HANDS COMMITTEE

Stephanie Schacher..... 878-2898

COMMUNION FOR HOMEBOUND

Pam Graul-Gwizdala..... 513-3027

SCHOOL ENDOWMENT

SPREADING THE SPIRIT FUND

Bob Milne, School Principal 662-6431

PARISH COUNCILS & COMMISSIONS

Tim Hadd, Chairperson - Parish Council..... 684-2209

Sally Czabala, Chairperson - Worship..... 274-9956

Sascha Rivet, Chairperson - Education/Formation..... 667-0930

Renee Krager, Chairperson - Christian Service..... 662-0135

Mike Jamrog, Chairperson - Administration..... 266-3413

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Jillian Grzegorzczuk, Chairperson - School Committee.. 415-5141

Tracy Bourassa, President - PTO..... 662-6089



Henry Warren, Athletic Director 529-0550

PROMOTE YOUR BUSINESS! Support our parish Bulletin and advertise! Call the Parish Office at 662-6861 for information.



"LET US LIGHT UP YOUR SMILE"
CYNTHIA SKIBA D.D.S.
 Family Dentistry
 (989) 631-6760
 New Patients Welcome

FUNDRAISER COUPON





**AACS RESTAURANT DAY
 AT O'S PUB & GRILL
 AUBURN**

ON MONDAY, MAY 6, present this coupon upon payment and AACS will receive a monetary donation based on your food and non-alcohol beverage purchase. Valid for dine-in or take-out during lunch or dinner.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
 4760 Garfield Rd. Auburn, MI 48611
 Come Join Us!
 Tim Hall (989) 859-8087
 Ed Piotrowski (989) 859-8504
 Council 3590
 In Service to One - In Service to All
 1st/3rd Tuesday - 7:00 pm




**AUBURN FIELDS
 ASSISTED LIVING**

Shelley Jackson
 shelley@auburnfieldsliving.com 4710 Stephanie Ct.
 Phone: 989-662-4100 Auburn, MI 48611
 Fax: 989-662-4101 AuburnFieldsLiving.com

GUSHOW & SONS INC.

EXCAVATING - BULLDOZING - TRUCKING
 SCREENED TOPSOIL
 MATERIAL PLACEMENT WITH SLINGER TRUCK
 Ph. (989) 662-6591 • Fax (989) 662-6121

1676 W. MIDLAND RD. AUBURN, MI 48611



St. Anthony Cemetery
 4485
 S. Eleven Mile Rd.
 Auburn

Call St. Gabriel Parish Office at 662-6861 for information



Jack's TREE SERVICE, INC.
JACK, JOHN & JEFF LEUENBERGER
 (989) 752-6626 • (989) 667-0515
 (989) 835-8901 • Fax (989) 752-0581

6765 Davis Road • Saginaw, MI 48604