

✠ Week of May 13, 2018

MONDAY

Acts 1:15-17,20-26 * Ps 113:1-8 * Jn 15:9-17

TUESDAY 8:00am Word/Communion

Acts 20:17-27 * Ps 68:10-11,20-21 * Jn 17:1-11

WEDNESDAY 8:00am Mass

Acts 20:28-38 * Ps 68:29-30,33-36 * Jn 17:11-19

THURSDAY 8:00am Mass

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 * Ps 16:1-2,5,7-11 * Jn 17:20-26

FRIDAY 9:00am School Mass

Acts 25:13-21 * Ps 103:1-2,11-12,19-20 * Jn 21:15-19

SATURDAY 4:30pm Mass

Acts 28:16-20,30-31 * Ps 11:4-5,7 * Jn 21:20-25

PENTECOST SUNDAY

9:30am Mass

Children's Liturgy of the Word & Nursery

Acts 2:1-11 * Ps 104:1,24,29-30-31,34 * 1 Cor 12:3-7,12-13 * Jn 20:19-23



Happy Mother's Day!

✠ Parish Activities

Mon., May 14	6:30pm Bible Timeline
	6:30pm Choir Practice
Tues., May 15	10:00am Scripture Study
	6:30pm Quilters – Auburn United Methodist
Wed., May 16	11:00am Museum Tour - SVSU
Thurs., May 17	6:00pm PTO Meeting
	7:00pm School Committee Meeting
Sat., May 19	5:30pm Pentecost Event

Pentecost Celebration: Celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit as fire and wind at the Parish Pentecost Celebration, Sat., May 19. Dinner 5:30-6:15pm, then games crafts and a bonfire. Bring your own lawn chairs and beverages. Sign-up requested, but all are welcome.

Liturgical Ministers: Please submit your "can't serve dates" to the parish office by 4:30 on Mon., May 14 for the new ministry schedule which will run from June 1 through August 31.

Graduation Mass: All high school and college graduates are invited to attend the Graduation Mass on Sat., June 1 at 4:30pm. A reception in your honor will immediately follow. **RSVP** to the parish office at 662-6861 or sschacher@auburnac.org.

Baptism Preparation Sessions: 1st time parent session Aug. 2 or Oct. 4. For those parents who have already attended a session prep will be June 7 or Sept 6. All session 7pm in the Parish Center. Contact Sandy at 662-4335 or sdesjardins@auburnac.org to register for a session and set your celebraton date.

The Mission Trip Team still needs two chaperones to join us for our mission trip to David, Kentucky. We leave Auburn on Wed., June 27 and come back Sun., July 1 (that's only three days off from work!). Please prayerfully consider if God is calling you to this special opportunity to serve in Appalachia and help make this a meaningful and safe trip for our youth! Contact Christine Sellnow with questions at cmjunga@gmail.com.

Parish Fall Raffle: We are still collecting prizes for the raffle, so if you have an item to donate, please contact Sally Czabala at 274-9956 or Mary Ellyn Gushow at 551-6745.

Thank You to Father Tom and the choir for the wonderful service celebrating our son/brother/uncle Timothy Hetherington. Also thank everyone who organized and helped with the luncheon after the funeral. We appreciated everything everyone did.

Bernie Hetherington and Family

✠ Education/Formation

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

Think about a story in the news that did not happen close by. How can you bring God's love to the situation from so far away?

► **Reflecting on the Word:** Jesus came not only for us humans but "to every creature." Therefore, as we take up the task of doing God's work in the world after the departure of Jesus, we must remember to take that joyful news to all of God's creation in every way we can. Just as St. Francis would preach to the birds and considered even the sun and moon his brother and sister, so too must we make an effort to connect to all of the wonders God has done for us through the mission of our lives.

► **Living the Word:** We can preach in many far-reaching ways. Have the family walk through each room of your home, pausing to talk about how you can live out God's commission in every space of your life. Make sure to include all of creation in your reflection. For example, in the dining room someone may notice that cloth napkins can be used instead of paper to help save trees.

► **Mark Your Calendar: Vacation Bible School:** We will look into the Bible and learn that all God's promises are Yes in Jesus!!! Our children will celebrate that our faithful God is with us on life's wild ride.

July 30 – August 2 for children in grades K-5th (fall of 2018).

Help is needed from youth in grades 6th-12th. Registration forms & youth volunteer forms available at the west entrance of the church.

Registration forms are due by Mon., June 25.

✠ Auburn Area Catholic School

► Thank You for supporting our O's restaurant night this past Tuesday. We appreciate you!

► **Preschool – 5th grade** gather monthly to make cards for our parish homebound and local nursing home residents. We make and send over 90 cards every month Sept – May. Thank you to all who send us cards of appreciation.

✠ Stewardship

Weekly Target: \$11,538.47 * Offering: \$14,664.07

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

...helped my dad run an errand at Home Depot.

...collecting dandelions.

...washing the gutter.

...I helped my dad pick up 2,000 pine cones in the yard.

...I am "gonna set up a bounce house & umm I think nothing else."

K of C Rummage Sale for Toni & Trish House, May 24, 9am-6pm. Donations are needed – drop them off May 23, 9am-6pm at the hall.

Mother's Day "Mom-isms"

Some were words of wisdom, some were educational, some were warnings, and some you did not understand until you grew up and started using them on your own kids.

♥ Because I'm your Mother, that's why.

♥ Someday your face is going to freeze like that.

♥ If you don't have anything nice to say, don't say anything.

♥ I've told you once, I've told you a thousand times...

♥ Don't eat that, it will stunt your growth.

♥ If I talked to my mother like you talk to me...

♥ This is why we can't have nice things.

♥ It doesn't matter what you accomplish, I'll always be proud of you.

♥ I hope that when you grow up, you will have kids "just like you".

"Sometimes I look at my laugh-lines and wonder what on earth could have been that funny!"

✠ From Father Tom's Desk

Feast of the Ascension

Sr. Mary McGlone, [Celebration](#)

The feast of the Ascension of the Lord is ultimately a reminder of the mission Jesus handed over to his followers, and each of the readings gives us a perspective on that reality. The opening of the Acts of the Apostles presents the scene in which Jesus told the disciples that they were to wait until they received their graces needed to fulfill that vocation and know the fullness of Christ. The end of Mark's Gospel offers a recapitulation of the disciples' mission – emphasizing its amazing scope and the promise that in carrying on his work, the disciples would have the same experience and challenges as their master.

The Acts of the Apostles

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Luke begins the Acts of the Apostles, the second volume of his Gospel, with the confident statement: "In the first book...I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day he was taken up." That alerts us to two basic facts. First, Luke felt he had said everything essential about Jesus' life, death and resurrection in what we normally call his Gospel. Secondly, we can anticipate that this second work will tell us everything he thinks is essential to understand the beginnings and trajectory of the Christian movement after Jesus' ascension. What makes Luke's statement even more thought-provoking is the fact that he said he had dealt with all that Jesus *began to do and teach*. This seems to indicate that, like the evangelist Mark who opened his work with the statement that it was "the beginning of the Gospel." Luke sees everything that happened through the earthly Jesus and his early followers as only the beginning of the Gospel ministry. The rest is handed over to future disciples.

This makes it even more significant that Luke portrays the disciples as still relatively clueless as they remained with the risen Christ. Although he reportedly had opened their minds to understand the Scriptures and spoken to them about the kingdom of God, their final question to him asked if they were about to see the restoration of Israel. Perhaps because he told them to remain in Jerusalem as they awaited the promise of the Father, they were still envisioning God's kingdom as a national monarchy rather than the realm of relationships that gave witness to God's will on earth. As he had explained more than once before, Jesus told them that God's future was not predictable in any way they could understand. All they needed to know was that they were to wait for God's gift of the Spirit who would teach them all they would need to know to take the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

The Prayer of Ephesians

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This prayer invites us to meditate on the surprising idea that sustaining the growth of the Christian community is the ministry of the Holy Spirit. The first gifts Paul mentions are the wisdom and revelation that lead to a deeper knowledge of God. The knowledge this refers to is not intellectual but experiential. It is a recognition of God in one's life and it flows from a wise awareness of the personal and communal effects of grace, discerned in the light of the revelation received from the word of God.

The second petition is that the community acquire a heart-felt perception of the hope implied in their vocation. That is nothing short of the hope to share in the fullness of Christ who enjoys the presence of God. In a word, this is a prayer that the community comprehend what it means to be risen with Christ.

Mark's Gospel, (2nd reading)

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Mark ended his Gospel with the highly unsatisfactory explanation that the women fled from the empty tomb and said nothing to anyone

because they were afraid. Mark used that conclusion to goad his community to proclaim the Gospel or admit that they would cower for the rest of their lives. His editors couldn't withstand the temptation to give the Gospel a more satisfactory ending. The verses we hear today come from one of the revised endings that became a part of the final product of Mark's Gospel. This is not to say that they lack "Gospel truth," but only that they came after Mark finished his writing.

What these verses do is what a preacher or catechist does when preparing to summarize the Gospel in a way that seems adequate to their audience. The first part reflects the great commission in Matthew when Jesus sent the disciples to baptize in his name. The next verse echoes John 3, reminding us that God sent the Son into the world that the world might be saved and that those who refuse to believe in the Son are condemned.

"Lord, help me preach the Good News!"

May Wedding Anniversaries (continued from last week)

- 20 years or more..... Robert & Jennifer Geneseo
Stephen & Geri Maraskine
Jim & Vicki Snyder
Gene & Lori Talaga
Paul & Amy Berry
Ryan & Marcie Carter
- 10 years or more..... William & Amy Martin
Jonathan & Tina Ivan
William & Natascha Rivet
Tim & Kelly Hadd
Seung & Linda Lee
Matthew & Kylie Kaczmarczyk
Lee & Lisa Zielinski
Thomas & Joyce Sylvester
Casey & Tammy Hitts
John & Ashley Putt
- Less than 10 years..... Robert & Kelly Lawrence
Robert & Jennifer Ciesla
Kyle & Jana Keller



We thank you, O God, for the love You have implanted in our hearts. Bless our marriage, O God, with peace and happiness. Amen

AMEN CORNER

Feasibility Study Starting: Since our parish community began to worship on one campus, not only have our facilities become strained and inadequate, they are aging and in need of significant maintenance and repairs. For over six years our Parish Planning and Building committees have been studying, planning and discussing what obstacles prevent us from better welcoming new parishioners, retaining existing parishioners, and engaging the interest and involvement of youth.

A master plan for a new church facility has emerged to address our needs, both current and long-term that boldly continue the Catholic mission of St. Gabriel Parish. The floor plans of our new church have been on display in the narthex for a couple weeks now for your viewing.

The next step is to conduct a **feasibility study** that seeks feedback from parishioners to determine the overall level of support for the proposed new church plans. The feasibility study involves an independent consulting company obtaining feedback from parishioners by either a personal confidential interview or completing a survey. You will begin hearing more about our parish-wide feasibility study in the weeks ahead – so stay tuned in.

Our parish stands on the horizon of a momentous historical change. Let us all commit to continued prayer, seeking guidance and wisdom.

"Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible." St. Francis of Assisi