

WEEK OF JANUARY 27, 2019

MONDAY

Heb 5:1-10 * Ps 110:1-4 * Mk 2:18-22

TUESDAY 8:00am Word & Communion

Heb 10:1-10 * Ps 40:2,4,7-8,10-11 * Mk 3:31-35

WEDNESDAY 8:00am Mass

Heb 10:11-18 * Ps 110:1-4 * Mk 4:1-20

THURSDAY 8:00am Mass

Heb 10:19-25 * Ps 24:1-6 * Mk 4:21-25

FRIDAY 9:00am School Mass

Heb 10:32-39 * Ps 37:3-6,23-24,39-40 * Mk 4:26-34

SATURDAY 4:30pm Mass

Mal 3:1-4 * Ps 24:7-10 * Heb 2:14-18 * Lk 2:22-40

SUNDAY 9:30am Mass

Children's Liturgy of the Word & Nursery

Jer 1:4-5,17-19 * Ps 71:1-6,15,17 * 1 Cor 12:31 - 13:13 * Lk 4:21-30



PARISH ACTIVITIES

Mon., Jan. 28	6:30pm	Choir Practice
	6:30pm	Bible Timeline
Tues., Jan 29	10:00am	Scripture Study
	6:30pm	RCIA
	7:00pm	Bible Study-WC
Sun., Feb. 3	10:45am	Religious Education

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults – Rite of Dismissal

Next weekend the "Rite of Dismissal" will take place at one of our week-end liturgies. Our catechumen and candidates, along with a catechist, will be called forth and dismissed from the assembly after the homily. This dismissal provides an opportunity for the "breaking open of the scriptures" that were just proclaimed. Since they cannot yet partake in the Eucharistic banquet, they are fed and nourished by the Word of God. This dismissal will continue until the celebration of the easter Vigil.

Wondering...Hoping...Praying: Is God calling you to get involved in your parish? We are looking for a reliable person to fill our staff position of Office Administrator!! You will need the heart of a servant, the love for your parish family as well as the ability to undertake administrative tasks. It's Monday through Friday 8:30am-4:30pm. If interested in becoming part of our Parish Staff, apply at the parish office. A job description is available. Resume is necessary, along with three letters of recommendation. Don't delay!! We would love to hear from you!

Baptismal Preparation Sessions at 7pm in the Parish Center. For families who are asking for baptism for their first child: March 7, May 2 or Aug. 1. For families who have already had one or more children baptized: Feb. 7, April 4 or June 6. Registration is required, please call the Parish center at 662-6861.

LENT 2019 MISSION – Eucharist: A Diamond in our Midst

Mark your calendar: **March 10, 11 & 12.**

Our presenter will be Sister Edna Michel, Director at St. Francis Spirituality Center, Tiffin, OH. Please join our parish community for these three evenings and a morning hearing about the Eucharist and how it unites ourselves with God and with one another

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$10,961.54 * Offering: \$6,789.80

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

...I swapped toys at Burger King. ...helped Mommy clean.
 ...doing my homework without being asked.

EDUCATION/FORMATION

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

What promise are you waiting to have fulfilled?

► **Reflecting on the Word:** After proclaiming the passage from Isaiah, Jesus announces that he is the one the prophet had foretold. Can you imagine the response of his hearers? Do you think that they had a hard time believing the messiah was in their midst? Would they want to wait for another to come? Are there times when it is hard to believe that God is in your midst?

► **Living the Word:** God is fulfilling a promise through each of our lives. As a family, write a mission statement or promise to God. What is God fulfilling through your family? What promise does your family want to make to God in return for the gifts that you have been given? Your family statement might be written in a few sentences or in the form of a poem or a drawing.

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC

► **Students** are holding a **non-perishable food**

drive during Catholic Schools Week. All donations will go to the St. Gabriel Parish food pantry.



► **AACS Open House:** To learn more about AACS, join us at our Open House, **Tuesday, February 12** in St. Gabriel social hall.

► **Eagle Palooza** dinner tickets and raffle tickets are available in the school office Monday-Friday, 8am-4pm.

Everything I need to know,

I learned from Noah's Ark.

Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.

Don't miss the boat!

We are all in the same boat!

For safety's sake, travel in pairs.

The Ark was built by amateurs;
 the Titanic by professionals.

Build your future on high ground.

No matter the storm, there's always a rainbow waiting!!!



Stay fit! When you're 80 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big!!

FROM FR. TOM'S DESK

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sr. Mary McGlone, Celebration

It began normally enough as he read passages they had heard scores of times before. Jesus proclaimed the prophet's comforting promises. People remembered how the Spirit had been with Isaiah. They mulled over the ancient dreams about good news to the poor, freedom from slavery, the recovery of sight. Some of the elders may have smiled contentedly, thinking, "No matter how far he wandered, he is our son. He treasures the tradition."

Then Jesus rolled up the scroll. People were watching, awaiting his commentary. He looked at them and, in a sense, said, "This is happening right here, right now."

His statement blew like a frigid wind chilling their quiet contentment and nostalgia. He was taking the scriptures out of the context of the past and acting as if they were referring to their own times! Quick thinkers got it: He was speaking as if *he* were the anointed one. He was acting as if he believed it.

Today's Gospel selection ends here. Next week, we will pick up the story and hear how his scandalized and jealous neighbors reacted. But today's Liturgy of the Word stops at this point, leaving us in the same position as Jesus' astounded audience.

Time to Rejoice (Neh 8)

Celebration

For six hours, Ezra read and explained the law to them. The celebration, as emotional as it was long, was the sort of event that unites people and lives on in their memory. The people who heard this proclamation remembered the ruin of their city. Now, renewed by their labor and worship, the reading touched them to the point of tears. God was again smiling on them. They had a future.

After the reading, Ezra called them out of their remorse. They had once been unfaithful, but that was in the past. Now was a time to rejoice in the God who brought them back together, who sent Nehemiah, and who renewed the covenant with them in spite of their sin. They went on to treat the day as a holy day, a day of celebration, a day when wealthy and poor would enjoy rich food and good wine.

The Body of Christ (1 Cor 12)

Celebration

In Paul's understanding, the Christian community is unlike any other group. We are not born into it like a nation or ethnicity, nor do we choose it like one chooses a guild or club. The Christian community is called into being by the Spirit of God to be the body of Christ in the world. In that sense, no one belongs to her or himself; we are all part of one another by reason of grace and vocation.

Additionally, while called as one, our uniqueness or diversity is not erased, but rather enhanced. The Spirit bestows the gifts needed by the whole community. We all share equally in whatever honor or shame there might be.

If that was a difficult concept for the Corinthians to grasp and live by, it is worse for people whose thinking has been shaped by modernity and the cult of the individual. Understanding Paul's spirituality of the body of Christ requires us to be aware of the grace of being called into the immensity of God's love. We get glimpses of what it might mean when Paul says such things as "I live, no longer I, but Christ lives in me" (Gal 2:20). Paul lived with a vivid awareness of his participation in Christ, and that was what he wanted his community to grasp as well.

Our Mission (Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21)

Celebration

The phrases Jesus read were well known. But then he did the unexpected. While all eyes were on him, instead of beginning to comment on the passage, instead of telling his people that they should all hope for the day of the Lord, Jesus sat down and said, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

The time for commentaries and theologizing had come to an end. Jesus was no scribe, priest or even a prophet. While he had been in the desert, he had rejected the devil's proposals for how to live as God's son and servant. In the synagogue, he reintroduced himself to his people. He was anointed to teach by doing. From that moment on, he would reveal



God's will and favor by actually bringing glad tidings, by freeing people, by giving sight and establishing an atmosphere pleasing to God.

Today's readings combine to demand our immediate attention and action. They remind us of the immense power of God's living word. Today's liturgy tells us that if we are Christians, being the body of Christ and good news to the poor is not an option but the sine qua non of our life.

The Spirit is Upon You

Loretta Pehanich, Celebration

Think a minute: The Spirit of God is upon *you* and *me*. Why? Because God anointed each of us at our baptisms. And the Spirit rushed upon us when we were anointed during the sacrament of confirmation. Do I believe I have a role to serve that no one else can do? We each have a mission. Do you know what yours is?

As we gather for Eucharist today, can I wait eagerly for each Gospel sentence, as attentive as the assembly that gathered around Ezra or Jesus? When I leave Mass today, how will this "Spirit of God be upon me or upon you?" How will it be evident where you go and in people you meet?

To whom will you bring glad tidings – news that God loves each one of us? Today – we can proclaim, heal, free the oppressed and forgive.

**"STRENGTHEN ME, LORD,
IN YOUR SPIRIT."**

Hearing & Understanding

GraceWorks, Dallas TX

Preachers do not get in much trouble talking about the nostalgic past, or the glorious future. But if we start meddling in the present, calling on us to wrestle with what God wants us to do right now, today, the congregation can begin to murmur and squirm. At least that is what they did in Nazareth that day when Jesus preached. He took their favorite scriptures, verses that seemed safely locked in the distant past or distant future, and unleashed those verses to call the people to recognize God's care for the Gentiles, for the powerless, for the poor, for the oppressed, and to join God working for the reconciling and redeeming work in their behalf. It was a call to action, a call to arms, a call to radical generosity and hospitality. The people of Nazareth did not like the interpretation Jesus gave them, and they let him know it. But at least no one left there that day without understanding the scriptures in a new way, even if they rose up in resistance to that new understanding. So the question from God for us today is not, "Can you hear me now?" The more important question is, "Can you understand?"

Blame Game

Celebration

A surgeon, an engineer and a politician were debating which of their professions was the oldest.

"Eve was made from Adam's rib," said the surgeon, "and that, of course, was a surgical procedure."

"Yes," countered the engineer, "but before that, order was created out of chaos - and that most certainly was an engineering job."

"Ah ha!" exclaimed the politician triumphantly. "And just *who* do you think created the chaos?"

*If you listen close enough you can see things,
and if you look long enough you can hear things.*

Sidney Poitier