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MASSES

Saturday 4:30 PM Wednesday 8:00 AM (Not July)
 Sunday 9:30 AM Thursday 8:00 AM (Not July)

WORD & COMMUNION SERVICE

Tuesday 8:00 AM (Labor Day through Memorial Day)

NEW PARISHIONERS

Contact Parish Office for appointment to register.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Celebrated the 2nd weekend each month. (Please check with parish office for current schedule) Must be active, registered member of parish family. Contact the Parish Office.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements should be made by contacting Parish Office at least six months in advance. Must be active, registered member of parish family.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Notify Parish Office of parishioners experiencing serious illness, injury, or hospitalization. Communal Anointing of the Sick is celebrated annually in the Fall.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Available 1st Saturday each month at 11:00 AM in the Sacristy at St. Gabriel Parish *Please call Parish Office for appointment.

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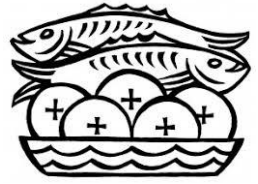
EDUCATION / FORMATION

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

What is a miracle? Have you experienced or heard of one recently? If you were one of the 5,000 who had been fed by Jesus, how would you have felt?

Reflecting on the Word:

The multiplication of the loaves and fishes is the only miracle recorded in all four Gospel narratives. Today, it is hard sometimes to find miracles in everyday life because we often rationalize them or use science to explain them. But the miracle of the loaves and fishes must have been a story retold many times for all the evangelists to have a similar account of it. Often when we read the Gospel narratives, we learn that Jesus' followers were astonished or amazed. Can we too read this Gospel as the Good News, as a genuine miracle, and be astonished and amazed at how Jesus took five loaves of bread and two fish and fed five thousand?



Living the Word:

Help your children understand the amount of 5,000. Gather various items from around the house in quantities of 100 each, for example, 100 cotton balls, 100 buttons, 100 pieces of cereal, or 100 stickers. Try to gather 10 sets of those items to total 1,000. Lay everything out on a large table. Can you imagine Jesus feeding five times that many people with just five loaves and two fishes? What a miracle that must have been to witness!

Save-the-Date...

Reminder that our last blood drive of the Summer is Wednesday, August 11th from 1:30-6:30 pm in the Social Hall. In honor of "Back-to-School" this drive will be a fund-raiser for the school. If we reach a quota of 25 donors the school will receive a donation of \$5 per donor and if we reach 50 donors they will get \$10 per donor!!! Let's end this summer with a bang and help our school as well! You can make an appointment at versiti.org/MI or you can call 1-866-642-5663



WEEK OF JULY 26TH, 2021

MONDAY

401: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34 Ps 106:19-23 Mt 13:31-35

TUESDAY

402: Ex 33:7-11; 34: 5b-9, 28 Ps 103:6-13 Mt 13:36-43

WEDNESDAY

403: Ex 34:29-35 Ps 99:5-7, 9 Mt 13:44-46

THURSDAY

404: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38 Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11 607: Jn 11:19-27

FRIDAY

405: Lv 23:1,4-11,15-16,27, 34b-37 Ps 81:3-6, 10-11b Mt 13:54-58

SATURDAY 4:30 pm Mass

406: Lv 25:1, 8-17 Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 Mt 14:1-12

SUNDAY 9:30 am Mass

113:Ex16:2-4,12-15 Ps 78:3-4, 23-25,54 Eph 4:17,20-24 Jn 6:24-35



UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

Friday, July 30th -Parish Office closing at noon (summer hours)

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$10,962 Offering: \$5,999

Mission Co-op: \$85

Children Good Deeds

...I helped make breakfast...I cheered for my sister and her friends...

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal



The school is growing, and we need to make another move!

This is a great blessing, but also a headache! We will move the library from the Annex to the

rectory basement on August 3rd from 12:00 – 5:00 PM. There will be hotdogs/water/chips at the end. In the case of rain or inclement weather, the plan is to push to the (the next day). If you can help, email me and let me know at cswitalski@auburnac.org.

The Gospel this week is the multiplication of the loaves and fish. This event, seen and experienced by many, was one way Jesus showed his nature and power to a vast number of people. Truly, providing food for thousands of people with only a few loaves and fish is remarkable and unexpected. The apostles had their doubts that such a small amount of food could feed thousands, but Jesus provides. Jesus provides for his people, like he does for all of us now and will continue to do. Putting my faith in Jesus has provided me with an abundance of joy and love, all while giving me a purpose.

God Bless



"Wind-powered wings for transportation, solar-powered halos for light...why aren't they using this technology back on Earth?"



FROM FR. TOM'S DESK

Seventeenth Sunday Ordinary Time:

Sr. Mary McGlone, *Celebration*

This event wins the prize as scripture's number-one picnic because the New Testament narrates a version of it six times: twice each in Matthew and Mark, once in Luke and once in John. But like every favorite family story, the details vary. Today we hear John's rendition.

John presents Jesus as so popular that a huge crowd was following him—somehow 5,000 people crossed the lake to be with him. That detail alone suggests that we may be in the realm of stretching the facts to make a point, a well-accepted technique in storytelling through the ages. Writers can exaggerate to tell truths that statistics cannot reveal.

Just when the disciples have pointed out the absurd limitations of their ability to respond, Jesus has them tell the people to recline in preparation for a feast. While thousands look on, Jesus takes the food and prays. John says that Jesus "gave thanks." That implies that he acknowledged that the food he held came from God and belonged to God. Once the child handed it over and Jesus gave thanks over it, it was recognized as God's food, and it was therefore God's goodness that the crowd was going to share.

This story is good news because it tells us that God is concerned about people who hunger. It is good news because it reminds us that God can work wonders with the little we have if we are willing to give it all. It is good news because it reminds us that with God in our midst, we can make a banquet out of what seems to be poor fare.

More Than Enough: (2 Kings 4):

Celebration

This story is the final one in a series of incidents in which God worked through Elisha to save people in great need. Elisha's first miracle was to provide a widow with enough oil to take care of her children and her debts. In the second incident, Elisha raised the son of a poor woman. Then when people suffering famine ate poisoned stew, Elisha added grain to the pot, and the stew became safe for human consumption.

In the incident we hear today, the people are still suffering famine, and a person brings Elisha 20 barley loaves. Elisha's clear-thinking servant realizes that the food would be good for "the family." Instead, Elisha orders it to be given to the masses—in this case, a hundred people. As he does so, he says that God has declared that they will eat and have leftovers, and indeed they do. Like today's Gospel, the story emphasizes the abundance that results when faithful people offer all they have while trusting in God to make it sufficient to meet the need.

Called to Unity: (Ephesians 4):

Celebration

Paul goes on to delineate some of the qualities that he begs Christians to cultivate as part of their Christian life. He asks his people to be countercultural in developing humility and gentleness—virtues that were not appreciated in the Greco-Roman culture but that characterized Christ. When he asks Christians to bear with one another, he makes it clear that these people so blessed with grace have not yet reached perfection. Bearing with one another in love implies that mutual acceptance is not always easy, but that grace makes it possible.

Today's reading ends with an exhortation based on the Christian creed. Everything that Paul asks of the Ephesians in response to their vocation is summarized in his call to strive to preserve unity through a bond of peace. They have been called as one body, the

church, and relying on God, they can make real the way that Christ has opened for them. In the end, a life worthy of their calling is a life of communion with one another in God. Living that out depends on grace and the willingness to answer the call.

New Moses: (John 6):

Celebration

This is the most popular story in the New Testament. Only two evangelists tell a story of Jesus' birth, the same recount the Great Sermon (on the mountain or plain), all four recount the Passion and the other incidents, but the story of the multitudes who shared the bread Jesus blessed is recounted six times in the course of the four Gospels. That alone tells us how important it is for understanding Jesus and his mission. Although there are significant similarities between John and the Synoptic accounts of this event, John reshapes the tradition he has received to emphasize his theological point of view.

John is setting a symbol-laden scene. For Jewish people, the image of Jesus on a mountain evokes memories of Moses, and to Christians, it also suggests the setting of the Sermon on the Mount, in which Jesus showed himself to be the new interpreter of the law. In contrast to Mark's narrative, in which Jesus began by teaching the people, John says that Jesus' first response to the crowd was to question where he and the disciples could find enough food for them. All of this prepares the way for the story of an alternative Passover and Exodus beginning with the meal of today's narrative, where a hungry people on the move looks to the leader who will obtain for them what they need from God.

No Gospel writers describe how the miracle took place. All they tell us is that the great crowd was satisfied and there was plenty of food left over. In telling the story, John has presented Jesus as a new Moses, a figure of God who provides for the people in need, and as the prophet who will bring messianic abundance. At the same time, he does not present Jesus as a miracle worker who flaunts extraordinary power. As Messiah, Jesus always draws on the resources of the people, calling forth their potential to help create the abundance God desires for everyone. The Gospel is always a story of grace and willing response.

Bread for Others:

John J. O'Brien *Service*

The Gospel which tells us of God who befriends us is good news for a renewed life. This renewed life can occur as we feed those impoverished. The hunger for friendship is immense in our society. The hunger for wholesome relationship is intense in our society. The hunger for justice in work and in housing is pervasive in our society. The hunger for freedom from prejudice, sickness and ignorance is in every dwelling place in our neighborhood. We are responsible and trustworthy stewards of Christ. What we do here in sharing the living bread has significant possibilities for a renewed life in our world.

Bring the Body of Christ:

Pat Morin, *Celebration*

The multiplication of loaves and fishes reveals Jesus as the Bread of Life, manna from heaven to a hungry world. Like Moses, Jesus communes with God on the mountain, then feeds the people in the wilderness. Like Elijah the prophet, Jesus multiplies loaves. Everyone is satisfied and there is even food left over.

John's Bread of Life discourse is layered in biblical themes that came true in the Eucharist for the early church. When they gathered to read the scriptures, break the bread and share the cup, the followers of Jesus invoked his risen presence in their midst. When they had shared his peace with each and received him in Communion, they could celebrate that they were the body of Christ in the world, sent to share his saving mystery in history.

We are the body of Christ in the 21st century. We are his face to the world, his hands in service, his prophetic voice on behalf of the needy and his merciful heart to one another.

Our Condolences...

We celebrated the lives of **Judy Wells** and **Don Mularz** this past week at funerals on Friday. St. Gabriel Parish would like to offer the families of the deceased our deepest sympathies and ask that you, the parishioners of St. Gabriel, remember them in your prayers...

*In
loving
memory*

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