



84 W. Midland Rd., Auburn, MI 48611
Ph.; (989) 662-6861 Fax: (989) 662-0064
www.auburnac.org
Facebook: St. Gabriel Parish, Auburn, Michigan
MyParish App: St. Gabriel Parish, Auburn, Michigan

PASTOR

Rev. Thomas E. Sutton tsutton@auburnac.org

PARISH STAFF

Office, Kim Grant..... parishoffice@auburnac.org

Bookkeeper

Janet Woronoff..... bookkeeper@auburnac.org

Director of Religious Education..... (989) 662-4335

Sandy DesJardins faithformation@auburnac.org

Music Director

Sue LeVasseur..... musicdirector@auburnac.org

Youth Minister

Misty Michelle..... youthff@auburnac.org

LAY MINISTERS

Anne Dearington Cheryl Gedraitis Marilyn Welz
Kellie Deming Tim Hadd Dave Willsie
Connie Kaczynski Karen Willsie Pam Graul-Gwizdala

PRAYER LINE

Mary Jane..... (989) 513-5137 vicmaryj@hotmail.com

Sisters of St. Clare srsclare.com/prayer

BEFRIENDER

Mary Ellyn Gushow (989) 662-6745

COMMUNION FOR HOMEBOUND

Pam Graul-Gwizdala (989) 513-3027

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 call Parish Office for appointment.

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL
114 W. Midland Rd., Auburn, MI 48611
Phone (989) 662-6431 Fax: (989) 662-3391
www.auburnacschool.org
Clark Switalski, Principal cswitalski@auburnac.org
School Office..... schooloffice@auburnac.org

**SCHOOL ENDOWMENT
SPREADING THE SPIRIT FUND**

Clark Switalski, School Principal..... (989) 662-6431

WEATHER POLICY

If Bay City Public Schools or Auburn Area Catholic School close due to inclement weather, daytime (8:00 AM – 4:00 PM), parish activities are canceled. Cancellation of all (including the St Anthony site) evening activities will be announced by 3:00 PM. Closures will be posted on TV: NBC 25, ABC 12, CBS 5

Week of January 17th, 2021

MONDAY

311: 1 Sm 15:16-23 Ps 50:8-9, 16b-17, 21, 23 Mk 2:18-22

TUESDAY 8 am Word and Communion

312: 1 Sm 16:1-13 Ps 89:20-22, 27-28 Mk 2:23-28

WEDNESDAY 8 am Mass

313: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51 Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 Mk 3:1-6

THURSDAY 8 am Mass

314: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7 Ps 56:2-3, 9-13 Mk 3:7-12

FRIDAY

315: 1 Sm 24:3-21 Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11 Mk 3:13-19

SATURDAY 4:30 pm Mass

316: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27 Ps 80:2-3, 5-7 Mk 3:20-21

SUNDAY 9:30 am Mass

69: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 Ps 19:8-10, 15 1 Cor 12:12-30 Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21



EDUCATION / FORMATION

Family Talk Time Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families: Sara McGinnis Lee
Recall a time when your family attended a wedding. Today's Gospel takes place at a wedding; listen carefully to what happens with Jesus.

Reflecting on the Word:



This is a joyful story and one that tells us something important about who Jesus is. If you have ever been to a wedding, you know how much effort goes into preparing for it so the guests can enjoy the celebration. At Cana, the couple ran out of wine. Mary encouraged Jesus to help the couple and he responded to her request. The most important part of the story is revealed at the end. Jesus' action was a sign to the people around him that he was not just an ordinary person. This sign "revealed his glory," which is the glory of the one who sent him and to lead all to him.

Living the Word:

Show your children your wedding photos or video. Talk to them about this commitment you made to family. Explain that this sacrament consecrates the entire family to God. Each family member is a sign of God's love at home and everywhere they go.

Congratulations on your baptism!



Jackson Thomas Knopp

Son of Steven & Lauren

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Monday, January 17th – No School - Martin Luther King Day

Cantor Practice 6 pm

Choir Practice 6:30 pm

Tuesday, January 18th – Quilters – 6:30 pm Parish Center

Wednesday, January 19th –Knitters –10 am Parish Center

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$10,962 Offering: \$9,992

Food Pantry: \$50

Children's Good Deeds

...Helped cousin find her hat...I made popcorn for my family...

...Picking up toys without being asked...

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal

This week has been challenging to say the least. The school has been affected by everything going on in the world, and when it affects the children it's bad for everyone. We welcome and appreciate your prayers as we continue to try to navigate through this difficult year.

Jesus was truly amazing! He welcomed everyone regardless of their status in life and offered them a chance to make themselves better in the process. While it may be dark for some time yet, I know Jesus will be there for all of us when we need him. It may be a simple phone conversation to cheer you up, a random person at the drive thru paying for your order, but Jesus will always give you what you need, when you need it.

Have a great weekend!

...God Bless...

Prayer for Marriage

Dear God, we thank You for the gift of marriage and for being the source of love. May our union be known by Your love. We pray that our actions toward each other would be an example of Your sacrifice and a result of Your presence. God, we ask You to invade our home, take over our thoughts, and direct our paths. Be our strength when challenges come and remind us that it is the manifestation of Your Spirit that holds our union together. We ask that You give us the discipline we need to seek You daily and the boldness to live out Your plans. Abide in us. We rely on You, and we are grateful for Your presence in our lives. We desire our lives to be the evidence of Your love. Amen.



"No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us." 1 John 4:12



Cantor practice reminder...

There will be cantor practice on

Monday, January 17th at 6 pm.

Our schedule goes from January

22nd - March 2nd. See you there!



Knitting Club CORRECTION...

We will be meeting on the third **Wednesday** of every month at the parish center. Our first get-together will be on **January 19th** at 10 am. **Sorry for the day/date misinformation!**



**FROM
FR. TOM'S
DESK**

Second Sunday Ordinary Time: Patricia Sanchez, *Celebration*

In the Gospel, the Johannine Jesus reveals God's desire to relate to human being by becoming one of us. In Jesus, God reaches out to each of us as a caring, compassionate brother whose involvement in every aspect of the human experience is astounding. In the flesh, he attended weddings; he cried at funerals; he walked and talked and shared the same table with people from every walk of life. He even drew so near to us that he offered his very self as food and his life so that our lives might be saved.

Paul, in today's second reading, reminds the Corinthians and us that our God has a palette of colors. Through the gift of one Spirit, each of us has been artfully, differently endowed with a charism that is ours to tend and develop. These gifts have not been given for our sake but for the good of others and for the honor of the one Spirit.

In the first reading, Isaiah offers an even more intimate way of appreciating the relationship God wishes to extend to human beings. He says: God espouses you! God espouses you with a love that chooses to be committed unconditionally. Unlike human love, which sometimes grows less passionate after the honeymoon, God's spousal love does not diminish but grows stronger despite our straying and despite our sins. In spite of ourselves, Isaiah insists, God loves us like a bridegroom loves a bride. This quality of love means that God chooses to belong to each of us, and God desires our belonging in return. To be loved by God as spouse means that as incredible as it may be, God has set us on equal footing; God the Creator of the universe chooses to be our partner in life. In sickness and in health, for richer; for poorer, in good times and in bad, God loves us.

Ordinary Time *Saint Andrew Bible Missal*

Wasted time is not a prized commodity in American society. We are a people ruled by the clock. Time is money because time is to be filled with purposeful controlled activity which is productive of things which can be sold. We are convinced that we must be in control of time. The last thing the productive American would do is waste time playing around with realities that do not produce a saleable commodity.

But the creator of heaven and earth is described by the scriptures as the original and the best of players. Creative activity is playful and creative people do not feel that what they do is a job. Creative people also have a sense that their creativity and all that they fashion in the creative spirit are gifts they have received. The Christian can speak of this and the contemplative vision which sees all reality as gift or grace. Our thankful response we call worship or eucharist.

We cannot speak of Ordinary Time without speaking of Sunday. The every seven-day celebration of the Lord's Day is the basic structure upon which the Church Year is built. The great liturgical seasons of Advent-Christmas and Lent-Easter are more expansive celebrations of particular aspects of the one paschal mystery which we celebrate every Lord's Day. These special seasons focus our attention upon critical dimensions of one mystery, a mystery so overwhelming that we are compelled to separate out its various elements for particular attention. These seasons in no way minimize the critical importance of the Sunday celebration throughout the rest of the year. Ordinary Time is not very ordinary at all. Ordinary Time, the celebration of Sunday, is the identifying mark of the Christian community which comes together, remembering that on this first day of the week the Lord of Life was raised up and creation came at last to completion. Sunday as a day of worship is a sacrament of redeemed time. How we live Sunday proclaims to the world what we believe about redeemed time.

What happens in our churches every Sunday is the fruit of our week. What happens as the fruit of the week past is the begging of the week to come. Sunday, like all sacraments, is simultaneously a point of arrival and departure for Christians on the way to the fullness of the kingdom. This is not ordinary at all. This is the fabric of Christian living.

Reading the Signs (John 2):

Celebration

Cana would be the site of the first of the seven Johannine signs, each revealing something of the identity of Jesus while challenging those who witnessed the sign to believe in him. With each successive sign, the saving purpose of Jesus would also be further revealed and clarified. Yet while some accepted the challenge offered by the sign and believed that Jesus was the Bridegroom sent by God to love and save humankind, others did not. Jesus continues to be revealed through the signs of the sacraments and the word and in the faces of God's least ones. Can you see him? Will you believe?

Actions Speak:

Sr, Rite Klarer, *Celebration*

Paul assures us that each of us will receive the gifts we need, for we do not all receive the same gifts. The outpouring of grace we received on the day of our baptism proceeds from the same Spirit, for as Paul says, "...we were all baptized into one body." The same Spirit—different gifts.

The extravagance of the gift of wine at Cana is mirrored in the extravagance of these gifts of the Spirit, poured forth with the waters of baptism. If Jesus had offered *one* jar of wine—20 gallons—that would have been spectacular. But later he would say, "I have come that you might have life and have it more abundantly."

Just as at Cana, the gifts we receive in baptism are extravagant. On that day, we were saturated with God's love, strength, wisdom, goodness. We need to remember that the gifts were not given us to hoard. As the wine at Cana was shared, so, too, must our gifts be shared. We hear Mary's voice: "They have no food, shelter, clothing, freedom, peace or hope." We call upon our baptismal gifts, our 120 gallons, this is our mission, it is in our *actions* that our voices are heard.

Best for Last:

Grace Works, Dallas Texas

Ask Jesus to transform the water of your life into wine. Go to the well of his grace that has no shortage, draw from the water of his love that knows no limit, and invite him to transform your water into wine.

And here is the best news of all: as in the story from the Gospel of John, God always saves the best wine until last. In God's grace, in the wedding that is life itself, there are no "has beens" or "also-rans." None of us have gone too far. When you think about it, we haven't gone far enough. We haven't gone to the well of God's grace where water becomes wine. You think the best days are behind you? Think again. God's best wine is yet to be served.

In life, the wine always runs out. Where are you today? Mid-life? Mid-career? Mid-marriage? Mid-something? Hear the good news. Go to the well, draw out this new wine, this best wine, a good gift from God.

"Praise and thank-you, Lord, for the gifts given by the Spirit"

Clarification:

Because of questions received and false rumors circulated I find it necessary to set the record straight. A week ago, I was contacted by a staff member who relayed a request on behalf of the Doty family to "rent space" for a memorial for Al Doty. He was somewhat of a legend at Western High School, where he spent his teaching career and in the sports world because of his coaching experiences. They thought the local funeral home would not be large enough to accommodate the crowd. As Al was not Catholic, I was told they had their own minister. I agreed to their request.

I found out two days later that the "minister" was one of our own commissioned lay ministers. At no point did the individual speak to me about her involvement. Whether she volunteered or was invited I do not know. The assumption by some people, as a result, is that it was a parish funeral. It was not.

According to reports, the service went well. The family was pleased. The family made a very generous donation to the parish.

End of the story. Anything said to the contrary is false



Food Pantry Thank-you...

A heartfelt thanks to everyone who supported the food drive last week for the food pantry.

Whether you brought food into the office or brought it to mass with you last weekend. We are so grateful for the generosity of the members of St. Gabriel Parish . We know we can always count on your support!



Michael Kaczynski
Painting/Carpentry

989-662-7747
Cell: 303-242-2650
mckaczynski@sbcglobal.net

201 Weber St.
Auburn, Michigan 48611

"LET US LIGHT UP YOUR SMILE"

CYNTHIA SKIBA D.D.S.
Family Dentistry
(989) 631-6760

New Patients Welcome

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

CARING COMPANIONSHIP-MEMORY & HOSPICE CARE- SHOPPING-RUNNING ERRANDS-TRANSPORTATION -BATHING & PERSONAL CARE-MEDICATION REMINDERS- MEAL PLANNING & PREPARATION-LIGHT HOUSEKEEPING

BAYSIDE HOME CARE

Laura Hintz, BSN, MSN, CDP
989-941-0555
www.baysidehomecare.com

Roger's Family Foods
985 West Midland Road
Auburn
662-2352
Come visit us!

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

SEEKING ADVERTISING SPONSORS

St. Gabriel Parish is always looking for advertisers for our weekly bulletin. Support your parish bulletin and promote your business! These advertisements are viewed on printed copies, plus online on the parish website and MyParish App affiliated with St. Gabriel Parish. **For more info contact the Parish Office at 989-662-6861 or parishoffice@auburnac.org**



St. Anthony Cemetery 4485 S. Eleven Mile Auburn, MI 48611

COLUMBARIUM	Parishioner	Non-Parishioner
Single (1 Urn)	\$1,000	\$1,500
Double (2 Urns)	\$1,400	\$1,750
Inurnment	\$ 250 per niche	\$ 300 per niche
CEMETERY	Parishioner	Non-Parishioner
Plot	\$ 500	\$1,200
Burial	\$ 650	\$ 850
Burial of Cremains	\$ 150	\$ 175
Saturday Burial	\$ 200 additional	\$ 200 additional
Foundation	\$ 0.40 per sq. inch	\$ 0.40 per sq. inch

Contact St. Gabriel Parish Office at 989-662-6861

Prices Effective July 1, 2019