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Clark Switalski, School Principal 662-6431

Saturday 4:30 PM
Sunday 9:30 AM

MASSES

Wednesday 8:00 AM (Not July)
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.

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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WEATHER POLICY

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

WEEK OF JANUARY 24, 2021

MONDAY

519: Acts 22:3-16 Ps 117:1-2 Mk 16:15-18

TUESDAY 8 am Word & Communion

520: 2 Tm 1: 1-8 Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10 318: Mk 3:31-35

WEDNESDAY 8 am Mass

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

THURSDAY 8 am Mass

320 Heb 10:19-25 Ps 24:1-4b, 5-6 Mk 4:21-25

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY 4:30 pm Mass

322: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 (Ps) Lk 1:69-75 Mk 4:35-41

SUNDAY 9:30 am Mass

71: Dt 18:15-20 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 1 Cor 7:32-35 Mk 1:21-28



UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

Catholic Schools Week begins next week! Our Principal Clark will be speaking at both masses, Saturday, Jan. 30th and Sunday, Jan. 31st to promote the benefits of a Catholic school education.

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$10,962 Offering: \$10,720

Food Pantry: \$90 Diocesan Collection: \$25

We want to acknowledge your generous support of our Parish.

Thank-you so much!

Children G@od Deed

...I vacuumed...Played with puppies outside...

...I played with my sister and did **not** fight a lot...

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal

A Catholic education is really a gift that keeps giving. Last week I was given my old yearbooks from when I attended Gaylord St. Mary's Elementary. As I looked at the pictures, teachers, and classmates, I reminisced on all the values I received from all of those different groups. It was the village that helped raise and form my morals and conscience. The Catholic Community Foundation of Mid-Michigan was established to help provide some financial support for our Catholic schools. There are several endowments that help make a Catholic education possible for some of our families. You are all stakeholders in our school, and if you would like to donate please contact the school office at 662-6431 or CCFMM at (989) 797-6680.

This week the Gospel speaks about Jesus and his call. We all have a call, and Simon (Peter), Andrew, James, and John were needed to help fulfill the Kingdom of Heaven. The disciples were an important part of extending and expanding on the love Jesus brings to our lives. As we go through the trials and tribulations of life, I know that my call is to help bring people closer to Jesus and his message, and I try very hard to do that in everything I do for AACCS.

God Bless

"Follow me"



EDUCATION / FORMATION

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

What are fishermen? What do they do? What does it mean to be a fisher of people?

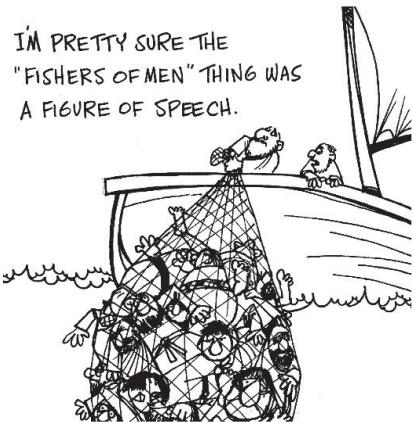
Reflecting on the Word:

Jesus begins his ministry in Galilee by proclaiming to all: "Repent and believe in the Gospel." He calls us to pay attention, to listen, and to believe what Jesus is saying. He calls us all to repent—to change how we think, what we believe, and how we live. He calls us for a renewal of our minds and hearts to follow him. These four fishermen left their entire lives behind to become Jesus' disciples. How might we "catch" people and help them to follow Jesus? How can we change how we think and live in-order to follow Jesus?



Living the Word:

Help your children draw fish shapes on construction paper and cut them out. On each fish shape, write on simple way that your family can better follow the Gospel (read the bible together, pray, participate in a service project and so on). Attach a paperclip to each fish. Make a fishing pole using a yardstick and attach a length of string and a magnet to one end. This week have your children "fish" for a way to live out the message of this Gospel. Scatter the fish upside-down and each day catch one of them. Then do that activity together.



A Prayer for the United States of America

God our Father, Giver of life, we entrust the United States of America to Your loving care. You are the rock on which this nation was founded. You alone are the true source of our cherished rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Reclaim this land for Your glory and dwell among Your people.

Send Your Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation's leaders. Open their minds to the great worth of human life and the responsibilities that accompany human freedom. Remind Your people that true happiness is rooted in seeking and doing Your will. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Reminder:

Now that the Bay City Public Schools are back to in-person learning, we would like to remind you that when the schools are closed due to weather we will follow their schedule. That would include cancelation/delay of school, after school programs, morning masses and parish activities.





FROM FR. TOM'S DESK

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Patricia Sanchez, *Celebration*

Today, the church puts before the gathered assembly readings that are fraught with a sense of urgency and immediacy as regards the call to conversion. Jonah, in the first reading, having been sent by God to Nineveh, informed its inhabitants that they had *forty* years to repent of their sins and reorient their lives toward God. In his correspondence with his Corinthian converts (second reading) Paul urged that they make their best possible use of the *short* time they had to bring their words and works into conformity with the ways and will of God. In the Gospel, Mark presents Jesus appearing in Galilee to proclaim the *imminence* of the reign of God and to call the world to repentance and belief. In summoning his first disciples, Jesus indicated that their willing response to him ("they immediately abandoned their nets and became his followers." Mark 1:18) would also necessitate a prompt a reorientation of their lives (I will make you fishers of people." v. 17) As these readings are proclaimed in our hearing, Jonah, Paul and Mark seem to be speaking with one voice, reminding each of us that God's calls to conversion are to be answered promptly and with a thoroughgoing willingness to change, to grow, and to become more truer images of the God in whose likeness we have been created. As always, these voices from our shared heritage also challenge us to examine the quality of our personal responses to God and the authenticity of our attempts at conversion. They invite each of us to consider what we might do if only forty days stood between us and the moment of our ultimate reckoning before God.

Story with a Purpose: (Jonah 4)

Celebration

A didactic fiction, Jonah was probably written post-exilic Judah (ca. 400-200 B.C.E.) when the people's efforts to rebuild and re-establish themselves resulted in extreme nationalism. In an effort to combat the parochialism of his contemporaries, the ancient, anonymous author created the person of Jonah, in whom they were to see a reflection of their own xenophobia. Through the caricature of Jonah with all his shortcomings, the postexilic Israelites were encouraged to examine their own hearts and, like the Ninevites in the story, repent of whatever kept them from sharing fully in God's salvific love.

Time is Passing: (1 Corinthians 7)

Celebration

In his letters to the first Christian churches, Paul elaborated on the basic imperatives of the Gospel, *repent* and *believe*, in a manner that helped his readers apply these imperatives to their everyday lives. At the time of his writing to the Corinthians, ca.57 C.E., believers regarded the second coming of Jesus as an imminent reality. Therefore, the call to repent and believe was, all the more urgent.

To that end, Paul warned that "the time is running out" (v.29) and "the world in its present form is passing away" (v.31). Proper preparation for the end would require believers to anticipate the life of the world to come and focus on lasting realities rather than short-term investments and transient activities. Such a focus would mean a certain detachment from this world's concerns, so as to be fully invested in the reality that would endure forever: their relationship with Jesus in the everlasting reign of peace and glory.

Basic Message: (Mark 1)

Celebration

Like John, who was his herald, and the prophets who preceded him, Jesus preached repentance. The repentance Jesus called for was not merely the admission of guilt or a sense of sorrow for one's sinfulness. It was far more challenging than that. If scholars are correct and the first Gospel was originally communicated in Aramaic, Jesus would have used the term *shubh*, which meant to return to

God by turning away from all else. When translated into Greek, *shubh* becomes *meta-noiein*, i.e., a radical change of heart, a complete about-face, a resolve to reorient our entire mindset and lifestyle toward God and Jesus. The challenge to believe in the Gospel is intrinsic to that reorientation. Guilt and regret are not enough; repentance, to be authentic and sustained, must be translated into a faith that we profess with our life as well as our lips. In this way, the repentant believer becomes an integral, living aspect of the good news through which salvation has come to sinners.

God of Second Chances:

Grace Works

But for all his mistakes, God does not give up on Jonah. Go back to the first verse of our scripture lesson today. Did you notice? After he tried running away from God, after the storm, after the fish, while Jonah was sitting in his pile of seaweed on the beach, "the word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time." Isn't that a wonderful phrase, "a second time"? Aren't you glad God doesn't give up on us after we fail? What chance would any of us have if we were benched from God's team after our first strike out? But no, that is not the way God works. Even Jonah knew this profound truth about God, that He was "a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and always ready to relent from punishing" (Jonah 4:20). That very quality about God was the source of Jonah's resentment, because he knew God might forgive the Assyrians if they repented. But it did not occur to Jonah that this same mercy of God was all that kept this flop of a prophet from felling the wrath of God too. He stood in the same need of grace as the Assyrians and received God's unmerited love on just the same basis.

The Kingdom of God:

Celebration

Today's reading from Mark is like a Gospel in miniature, Mark frames John's arrest as the decisive end of the old and the beginning of the new. Jesus began his preaching saying "The time...is at hand." This "time" is *Kairos*: the definitive time, not a season of the liturgical year or a lunar month, but the time of fulfillment. There has never been a time like this.

The kingdom of God is a reality that springs from relationship with Jesus of Nazareth. It is a state of heart and mind that comes from getting caught up in his vision of life. The kingdom of God is a way of living and thinking, a radically new orientation toward existence. It affects absolutely everything about a person's life.

Everyone who heard Jesus was called to recognize the *Kairos* and make the decision for or against his message. Everyone who Accepted him was called to learn a new way of living, a new way of hoping, a new way of understanding life and even death itself.

"Lead me, Lord"



Mailing:

The annual statement of church contributions by each registered parishioner has been sent out this week along with a pastoral letter indicating the fiscal status of the parish at year's end. You are asked to carefully review your statement. Any questions that arise can be directed to Janet, our bookeeper who is in Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 8:30am -4:30pm. Even those who contributed little or nothing during the past twelve months will receive the mailing. In a couple of weeks these people will be contacted and asked to clarify their status.





Our Condolences :

We would like to send our sympathy to the following families who lost loved ones during the last month; The family of James "Jamie" Kissane, the family of James Wells, the family of James "Jim" Kilda and for the family of Jenny Geneseo for her Dad Bill Dore. *Please keep them in your prayers.*



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