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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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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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**SCHOOL ENDOWMENT  
 SPREADING THE SPIRIT FUND**

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

**WEATHER POLICY**

If Bay City Public Schools or AACS 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 February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021

### MONDAY

329: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13 Ps 132:6-7, 8-10 Mk 6:53-56

### TUESDAY 8 am Word and Communion

330: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30 Ps 84:3-5, 10-11 Mk 7:1-13

### WEDNESDAY 8 am Mass

331: 1 Kgs 10:1-10 Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40 Mk 7:14-23

### THURSDAY 8 am Mass

332: 1 Kgs 11:4-13 Ps 106: 3-4, 35-37, 40 Mk 7:24-30

### FRIDAY 9 am School Mass

333: 1 Kgs 11:23-32; 12:19 Ps 81:10-11b, 12-15 Mk 7:31-37

### SATURDAY 4:30 pm Mass

334: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34 Ps 106:6-7b, 19-22 Mk 8:1-10

### SUNDAY 9:30 am Mass

78: Jer 17:5-8 Ps 1:1-4, 6 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20 Lk 6:17, 20-26



## UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

Monday, February 7<sup>th</sup> – RCIA 6 pm

Choir Practice – 6:30

Friday, February 11<sup>th</sup> – School Mass – 9 am

Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup> – CLOW/Nursery 9:30 am

Religious Ed 10:45 am

Youth Ministry 6 pm

Scrip Sale, Coffee & Donuts, Food Pantry Weekend

## STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$10,962 Offering: \$8611.02

Food Pantry: \$115

~In Memory of Jack Schacher - \$145~

Children Good Deeds

...Helped pick up someone's pencil ...Shoveling snow...

...Got ready when my mom said...

## AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

### Clark Switalski, Principal

Catholic Schools week was a great chance to celebrate our staff and students at AACCS. There are so many blessings associated with being in a Catholic school, and having a supportive parish is one of them. Thank you all for your continued support as we continue to build disciples of Christ.

This week Jesus shows us that through him, all things are possible. We have better outcomes when we put our faith in Jesus, but sometimes we still hesitate to fully commit to our Lord. There are many things that try to draw us away from God, however, Jesus never abandons us, and will always be there to help us through any situation we find ourselves in.

There is an open house on February 24<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-7:30 for our future AACCS families. All are welcome, and we would love to be a part of your faith journey.



...God Bless...

## Scrip Weekend

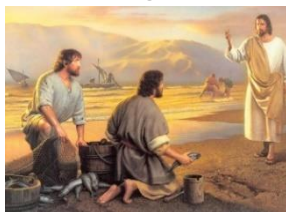
Reminder...next weekend, after masses, Scrip cards will be available in the Social Hall. Help support our school!



## EDUCATION / FORMATION

**Family Talk Time** Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families, Sara McGinnis Lee  
Do you think God chooses a certain type of person to follow him? God called fishermen to follow him. No matter who or what we are, we are all invited to be Jesus' disciples.

### Reflecting on the Word:



Today's Gospel reminds us of the importance of two words: trust and humility. Simon and his coworkers put their trust in Jesus, followed his instructions and were rewarded with a

huge catch of fish. Afterward, Simon felt unworthy to be in the presence of Jesus. But Jesus told him not to be afraid. Jesus had chosen Simon to do important work and he promised to be with him through it all. The same is true of us. We might feel that we are not always worthy followers of Jesus, yet Jesus trusts us to do the best we can. He trusts us to continue the work began.

### Living the Word:

The right tools are needed to catch fish and people. What do you need to catch fish? You need a line, hooks, bobbers, sinkers, worms, lures, needle-nose pliers, a first-aid kit, sunscreen, a line cutter, a boat, and a fishing hat. What do you need to bring people to God? You need love, patience, and kindness, for a start. Ask your children to think of how they will share their faith with others this week.

## Souper Bowl Collection of Caring



Next weekend our parish youth will be collecting donations as you exit church for the East Side Soup Kitchen. This organization's mission is to provide meals and hope in the heart of Saginaw. This year will be their 42<sup>nd</sup> year to serve the community, treating all individuals with dignity and respect. Please consider donating to our youth's Souper Bowl collection.

### Food Pantry Needs:

Last month we gave away "50" boxes of food! So, the pantry needs some replenishing. We would so appreciate your help...



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|---------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| Toilet Paper              | Bar Soap              | Toothpaste   |
| Tissues                   | Boxed Cereal          | Laundry Soap |
| Dish Soap                 | Canned Tuna           | Canned Fruit |
| Peanut Butter/Jelly       | Hamburger/Tuna Helper |              |
| Pancake Mix/Syrup         | Macaroni & Cheese     |              |
| Spaghetti Sauce/Spaghetti | Pasta Sides           | Soup         |
| Boxed Mashed Potatoes     | Baked Beans           |              |

**Thank-you in advance for your donations**



## FROM FR. TOM'S DESK

### **Fifth Sunday Ordinary Time:** Rev. Anthony Marinelli, *Celebration*

More than any other Gospel, Luke's portrays Jesus as the one who is the "friend of sinners" and offers a message of divine mercy. Thus, his portrayal of the call of Peter includes this miraculous catch, Peter realizes that he is in the presence of someone extraordinary. His first reaction is that of being unworthy: "Leave me, Lord. I am a sinful man." But Jesus will not hear of this. In fact, this may have come as music to his ears. The religious leaders, the scribes, and Pharisees, are unaware of their sinfulness and their need of God's mercy. Being a sinner is not to hold back from following the Lord. In fact, Jesus' core message was geared to sinners, human beings whose hearts are always in need of a deeper conversation to God's love. It is not Peter's sins that will hold him back. Jesus sees the enemy as fear: "Do not be afraid. From now on you will be catching men." Those who would be reading Luke's Gospel would well know of Peter's significance in the Church. Luke's story makes it quite clear that the Church is meant not for the perfect but for those unafraid to give.

Two thousand years later, the call of Peter stands as a reminder of our own call. We may never be the Pope or a priest, but the call to follow Christ is given to each of us uniquely. One of the complaints leveled against Christianity is that it is unrealistic. It is very easy to look at ourselves and see how far short of the ideal we fall. It is easy to become discouraged with our lack of progress in holiness and in goodness. It is easy to say, as Peter did, "Leave me, Lord. I am a sinful man." Perhaps today's Gospel teaches us to see our sinfulness not as much as an obstacle as a prerequisite for following the Lord. It is only when we recognize our sinfulness that we truly see ourselves accurately. It is also only then that we can recognize God's love for us and his forgiveness. For it is only then that we will have the courage and freedom necessary to follow him.

### **Isaiah's Call (Isaiah 6):** *Good News*

So, this is where the text of the Sanctus comes from! Yes, the chant of "holy, holy, holy" that the prophet hears in a vision, coming to him as the song of angels. Or rather, of Seraphim, the highest order of angels. It is the vision that Isaiah probably had while he was at worship in the earthly temple in Jerusalem. It results on confession, and commitment. He answers in the affirmative the same question which is put to us

### **Paul as Witness (1 Corinthians 15):** *Good News*

There is no understating the importance of this passage from the apostle Paul; it is the first written account of the resurrection of Jesus. And remember, he himself is one of those witnesses, with his vision on the road to Damascus of the risen Christ in the heavens speaking to him. If we doubt the mercy of God, or the power of God to turn sinner into saint, consider Paul, who formerly was Saul and a persecutor of church. His life indeed turned around. We have heard him ever since in Christian assemblies around the world.

### **Call to Follow (Luke 5):** *Good News*

Is all this a miracle story, this astonishing catch of fish? Or is it a sort of morality play, the lesson being that if one obeys God, and listens to the word, such a one will live and be successful. Not only successful in a material sense, with a big haul of fish! But with the satisfaction that comes from doing good work and God's will. Miracle or not, the story gives us Peter front and center protesting, just like Isaiah, "I am a sinful person." It is a confession we all could make.

### **Our Call:** Rev. Ronald Raab, CSC, *The Liturgical Press*

Luke's gospel is a voice to lift the poor, those who struggle with life, those who believe that life cannot change. The presence of Jesus on the shoreline gives us hope. Simon and his companions offer new life to people in all forms of poverty. This is the deep water of faith. This is the hope for each of us. This is our vocation as the baptized. Jesus cares for each of us. We experience abundance when we live in Jesus Christ. Our worry can diminish our lives. Our fret shrinks our perceptions of life and one another. In these opening weeks of Ordinary Time, we see how the incarnation of Jesus Christ is made real in human life. Love is made flesh within every human heart when we have the courage to go deeper into the mystery of Jesus' care for us all. "Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid.'"

### **Shall We Answer?:** *Grace Works, Dallas Texas*

Every person God is underserving of that call. Those who are called do not win that call as a prize for being good. In fact, one of the first impressions by those who are called by God is an overwhelming humility, a sense of their unworthiness, even their sinfulness. But God's grace is a powerful force, and it comes to each of us on its way *through* us to the world. Those who announce the Good News of God's mercy most effectively are the same ones who know in the deepest part of their soul that they have received mercy too. The one who is called does not strut, as if that call was an achievement. The person who is called is surprised by grace, and he or she never gets over the sheer hilarity of it all.

Is God calling today? It may not be for a lifetime service across the world, but just to cross the street for a single act of kindness. Just listen, especially during the interruptions of your life. If your heart's caller ID is working, you just might be overwhelmed to see who has your number. Go ahead. Answer the call.

### **Start With Conversation:** *Good News*

Today, we are recovering the biblical awareness that conversion is for everyone. Like that life-long Italian Catholic Dante, lost in the dark wood at the beginning of the *Divine Comedy*—probably the greatest conversion story ever written—each of us at some point in our lives must turn around, which is what the word "conversion" means. When Jesus begins his public life by urging his listeners to repent and believe the Good News that God's reign is at hand, he is calling them to change their minds, change their hearts, change directions—he is asking them to think differently. He is summoning all of them to conversion, even, perhaps especially, those who are quite contented with their own goodness, those who don't realize that Jesus is talking about a life of compassion and self-forgetfulness and intimacy with God that is infinitely more demanding and more fulfilling than safe, self-satisfied, superficial righteousness. Even for the virtuous, the Lord's command to "take up your cross and follow me" entails a radical change of perception and direction.

*"Help me, Lord,  
move from fear to  
faith"*





### Update for CMA...

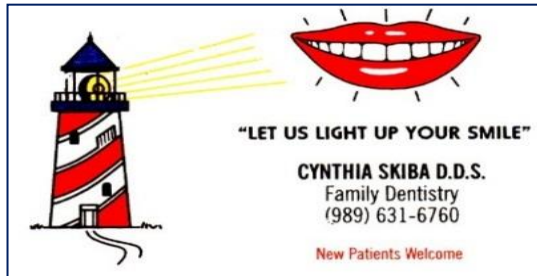
Here is the latest update for CMA. A recent report from the diocese indicates that **\$65,305.03** approximately **93%** of our target has been pledged/donated toward our parish target of **\$69,796**. With **252** of our parishioners, **51%**, that have participated. We are getting so close! Please keep making your pledges and thank-you for your stewardship!

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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

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