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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 (Not July) in the Sacristy at St. Gabriel Parish call Parish Office for appointment.

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL
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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 February 14th ,2021

MONDAY

335: Jas 1:1-11 Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76 Mk 8:11-13

TUESDAY 8 am Word and Communion

336:Jas 1:12-18 Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19 Mk 8: 14-21

WEDNESDAY 8 am Mass

337: Jas 1:19-27 Ps 15:2-4b, 5 Mk 8:22-26

THURSDAY 8 am Mass

338: Jas 2:1-9 Ps 34:2-7 Mk 8:27-33

FRIDAY

339: Jas 2:14-24, 26 Ps 112:1-6 Mk 8:34—9:1

SATURDAY 4:30 pm Mass

340: Jas 3:1-10 Ps 12:2-5, 7-8 Mk 9:2-13

SUNDAY 9:30 am Mass

81:1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13 1 Cor 15:45-49 Lk 6:27-38



EDUCATION / FORMATION

Family Talk Time Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families: Sara McGinnis Lee
How do you comfort someone who is sad? How do you help those who are poor and hungry? Which Beatitudes do you most easily identify with? Why? Which Beatitude is the most challenging to live by? Why?

Reflecting on the Word:



These beautiful statements are the Beatitudes, the blessings we receive when we act in the way presented in each one. These are not easy actions and attitudes to develop. They take a lifetime to perfect. But the promise Jesus makes is that our suffering will not be forever. We can look forward to wholeness, fulfillment, and joy with God forever.

Living the Word:

The Beatitudes appear twice in the New Testament. Luke sets this story with Jesus standing on level ground. In Matthew, however, this takes place on the top of a mountain. Read Matthew's version (5:1-12) and compare the two stories. What details do they have in common? How are they different? Why do you think the two are not exactly the same? (The evangelist Matthew wrote for a Jewish audience who would have understood that biblical events taking place on mountaintops were significant. They were moments to commune with God. Luke's audience were the early Christians communities.)

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Monday, February 14th – **Happy Valentine's Day!**

RCIA 6 pm

Choir Practice 6:30 pm

Wednesday, February 16th – **Knitters 10 am**

Friday, February 18th – **No School**

Sunday, February 20th – **CLOW/Nursery 9:30 am Mass**

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$10,962 Offering: \$12,444

Food Pantry: \$105

Children's Good Deeds

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

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

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal

NWEA testing has officially ended for the winter 21/22 school year. The children take the NWEA 3 times throughout the year to help gauge their learning. This month we will also have our Pre-K and new family open house on February 24th from 6:30-7:30 in the Church. We invite anyone interested in having a Catholic education to come and take part in the informative session. Please pass this information along to anyone you think may be interested in AACCS for next year.

AACS students are working on foresight for the month of February. In simple terms, we are asking the children to think about their actions before they do them. Thinking through scenarios and choosing kindness and love, will help the students to live a Disciples of Christ in their actions and words. Building good habits around tough situations means they will have the tools to go out into the world prepared for a number of situations they may encounter. The goal is to be better as a person and make the world a better place, and that is what we promote through our virtues in our school.

...**God Bless...**



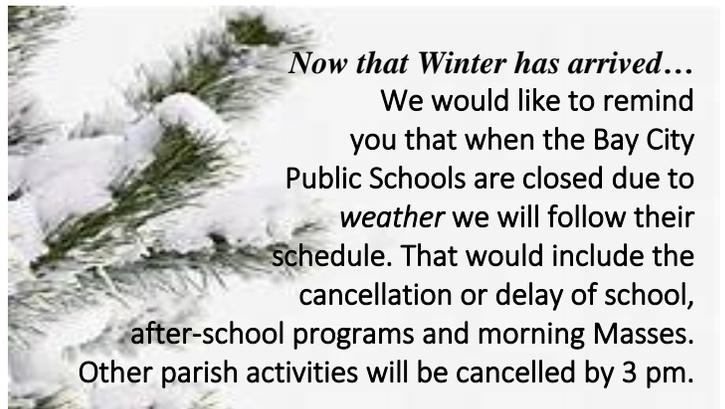
We would like your "last year's palms"...

In the true spirit of *recycling*, there will be a receptacle at both entrances of church for two weeks to collect your palms from last year for Ash Wednesday.



Now that Winter has arrived...

We would like to remind you that when the Bay City Public Schools are closed due to *weather* we will follow their schedule. That would include the cancellation or delay of school, after-school programs and morning Masses. Other parish activities will be cancelled by 3 pm.





FROM FR. TOM'S DESK

Sixth Sunday Ordinary Time: Patricia Sanchez, *Celebration*

In Keeping with one of his major motifs, viz., that of the “great reversal,” the Lucan Jesus promised that the poor would possess the kingdom, the hungry would be filled, the weeping would laugh and the hated, insulted and ostracized would have a heavenly reward. By the same token, the rich, full, laughing and those who are well thought of will know need, hunger, grief, and rejection. No doubt, Jesus’ contemporaries were shocked at his contrasting pronouncements of blessings and woes.

Whereas the Jewish map of persons featured God’s chosen ones exclusively, the map, as redrawn by the Lucan Jesus is inclusive and universal. Whereas the Jewish map of the body defined purity in terms of circumcision and dietary laws, the new map of Christianity attributed purity or holiness to the cleansing gift of the Spirit and to a faith-filled and converted heart. At one point in his ministry, the Lucan Jesus even intimated that almsgiving was a means of becoming clean or holy. Whereas the traditional holiness maps placed high store on the fasting, tithing and meritorious behavior of a Pharisee, the new map of Christianity recognized the value of a humble and repentant sinner. And whereas the Jewish map held the rich and powerful in high regard, the Lucan Jesus’ map operated on the principle of reversal that was first expressed in Mary’s prayer and then held true for the rest of Luke-Acts: “God has scattered the proud and those who are arrogant in their understanding; God has put down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of low degree. God has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich, God has sent away empty.”

Notice that this principle does not claim that God hates the mighty or the rich, but that God has forever turned on its ear the human perception of those whom God favors. We, for our part, who long to be among those so favored are to embrace the contradiction that is Christianity and cultivate a trust in the mercy of God, who will answer our hunger with satisfaction, our sorrow with joy, our rejection with a loving welcome and our poverty with a place in the kingdom.

Need to Trust: (Jeremiah 17): *Good News*

Jeremiah 17:5-8. As prophets did in ancient time, Jeremiah purports to speak for God. To hear the prophet was to hear the voice of God. Our reading is a portion of a poem in which Jeremiah expresses his ideas concerning lasting happiness, for which people in his time and in ours are ever restlessly searching. Some searches for happiness are unfruitful, or at least result only in momentary happiness. Those who trust in the Lord, however, have discovered the key to true and enduring happiness.

Risen Life: (I Corinthians 15) *Good News*

I Corinthians 15:12, 16-20. Paul, writing to the church at Corinth, speaks to them about the resurrection faith, which is rooted in the resurrection of Christ. There were many, even within the church, who denied the resurrection. Paul’s message is that true believers must be alive in the risen Christ, and thus no longer captive to the death of sin.

True Happiness: (Luke 6) *Good News*

Luke 6:17-26. Both Luke and Matthew have a version of the teachings we have come to call “The Beatitudes,” which are succinct sayings to challenge all who seek true happiness. Happiness is the gift to those who know their need of God. Luke’s woes to the rich is a frank recognition that it is all too easy for us to seek a false happiness in a multitude of possessions; happiness is found on a level above or beyond material things.

Your Beatitudes: *Good News*

Perhaps the beatitudes found in Luke and of Matthew’s gospels are not the ones that challenge or inspire you. That’s all right. Then invent some for yourself, in the same spirit as those Jesus spoke to his

disciples. What service do you show in the name of God for which you can say you are blessed, and through which you find the happiness that is the gift of God? Try a few:

Blessed are you who show another person they are loved by you & God.

Blessed are you who help someone feel dignity and worth.

Blessed are you who lift someone’s spirit out of despair.

Blessed are you who point a young person to a future filled with hope.

Blessed are you who teach a child the wonders & beauty of God’s world.

Blessed are you who heal those who are broken in mind or body.

You have the idea now. Go home and write down a few of your own and put them where they remind you of how blessed you are. You will know how to fulfill these specific acts of service, kindness, and love. Do you want to find true happiness? You won’t find it in mere material things, for they are not ends in themselves. But you will find happiness as you become a blessing to others in the name of the Lord.

Perfect Example: Sr. Rita Klarer, OSU, *Celebration*

To whom can we turn for a perfect example of *living* the Beatitudes? More than to any other person, we look to Mary, who knew that her greatness derived, not from herself, but from God. Her Magnificat echoes the Beatitudes, for she knew that her poverty, her emptiness was filled by God who had chosen her. “My soul magnifies the Lord...for you have looked with favor on your lowly servant.” She exalts in the fullness of the truth—she is a servant, but God decreed that all generations would call her blessed. And, in the same hymn, “You have filled the hungry with good things, and the rich you have sent empty away.”

If Mary was among the crowd on the plain that day, she was probably the only one who fully understood what Jesus was saying. Now we approach her and her Son, asking that we may learn to understand, and live, the truths of the Beatitudes; to know what Jesus meant when he promised abundance, joy, the kingdom of God. For in this, Jesus offers that most necessary element in all our lives: He offers HOPE!

Shrub or Tree?: *Grace Works*

The question to ask, if you want to assess whether you are desert shrub or fruitful tree, whether your life is cursed or blessed, according to Jeremiah, is this: “what defines my life, what gives me my ultimate sense of security, and my final sense of fulfillment?” This is not meant to be a hard test question. Jeremiah wants us all to ace this one. The answer must be, God. He is life’s only true oasis. In hard times or easy times, during rain showers or drought, surrounded by abundance or stripped bare by sudden famine, if God is the source of your trust, the root of your happiness, you will weather any storm life can throw at you. Any other answer, any other source of hope and confidence and happiness, is a tumbleweed life blown about in the desert.

Live in God: Rev. Ronald Raab, CSC, *The Liturgical Press*

Luke’s gospel calls us into spiritual maturity. Our faith challenges us to live from a place of deep powerlessness and not of pride, ego, and self-sufficiency. Our lives as Christians are so often countercultural. We are not called to pull ourselves up by our own spiritual bootstraps. We are called to live in God’s forgiving grace and then to learn to lift others up in their need. We need to learn how to be loved by God, and then that love compels us to love other people.

When we learn to trust God, everything changes. I see this in every person who lives in recovery from any kind of addiction. We need to learn to trust God beyond our own desires to get ahead. We need to lean into God’s mercy rather than boast of our ability to achieve and push other people down. We need to discover God’s love for us rather than accumulate more than our neighbor. Discovering this sense of powerlessness—truly needing God—is radical, yet the core of faith

“In God I trust”



Update for CMA...

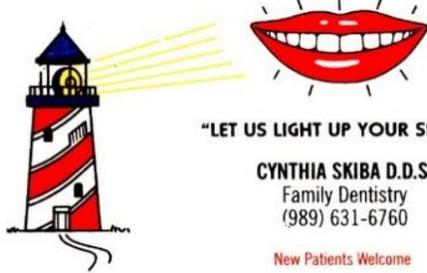
Here is the latest update for CMA. The most recent report from the diocese indicates that **\$68,151** approximately **97% of our target** has been pledged/donated toward our parish target of **\$69,796**. With **52%** of our parishioners that have participated. Please keep making your pledges and thank-you for your stewardship!



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