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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 28th ,2022

MONDAY

347: 1 Pt 1:3-9 Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9, 10c Mk 10:17-27

TUESDAY 8 am Word and Communion

348: 1 Pt 1: 10-16 Ps 98:1-4 Mk 10:28-31

WEDNESDAY 9 am School Mass/ 7 pm Mass

219:J1 2:12-18 Ps 51:3-6b,12-14,17 2 Cor 5:20-6:2 Mt 6:1-6,16-18

THURSDAY 8 am Mass

220: Dt 30:15-20 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Lk 9:22-25

FRIDAY 7 pm Stations of the Cross

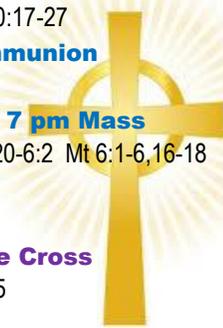
221: Is 58:1-9a Ps 51:3-6b, 18-19 Mt 9:14-15

SATURDAY 4:30 pm Mass

222: Is 58:9b-14 Ps 86:1-6 Lk 5:27-32

SUNDAY 9:30 am Mass

24: Dt 26:4-10 Ps 91:1-2, 10-15 Rom 10:8-13 Lk 4:1-13



PARISH ACTIVITIES

Monday, February 28th – RCIA 6 pm

Cantor Practice 6 pm

Choir Practice 6:30 pm

Wednesday, March 2nd – Ash Wednesday

Saturday, March 5th – Confessions 11 am

Sunday, March 6th – CLOW/Nursery 9:30 am Mass

Religious Ed 10:45 am

Youth Ministry 6 pm

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$10,962 Offering: \$9,948

Food Pantry: \$180 Various Diocesan Collections: \$640

Children's Good Deeds

...Shoveled my neighbor's driveway 3 times...

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal

Lent is coming this week! To prepare, each class will put on student stations of the cross, have weekly prayer services, participate in Lenten activities, and share their journey through Lent by the little purple books. We are all getting ready for Jesus' ultimate sacrifice on Easter, using prayer, fasting, and almsgiving to help our hearts be ready to accept him as our Lord

March is reading month! All the students are geared up to have some fun dress up days, have special activities, and get the opportunity to send some pencil grams to their friends. Reading is the fundamental skill students need across the curriculum and giving students some positive reinforcement to help form a love for reading.

We are also in the re enrollment season. The progression of re enrollment and new enrollment is as follows; Current families are given a timeline to make sure they 100% have a spot by a certain date and Parish families and new PK/K students can enroll immediately after open house for those classrooms. After that, there is an open enrollment period for all individuals looking for a faith filled atmosphere with small class sizes! Have a great week everyone!

...God Bless...

Cantor Practice and Scheduling

Monday, February 28th at 6 pm we will be setting our schedule for March 2nd thru April 25th, including Wednesday evening Masses during Lent. If you are not available to attend please email Sue at

musicdirector@auburnac.org by Sunday, February 27.



EDUCATION / FORMATION

Family Talk Time Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families: Sara McGinnis Lee
What aspect of your life do you want to change? During the Penitential Rite, ask God's help to overcome your faults.

Reflecting on the Word:

In the Gospel, Jesus uses two familiar images: a splinter/wooden beam and good/rotten fruit. It is easy for us to recognize the faults in others but be blind to our own. Jesus warns us not to judge too quickly. Our own faults may far outweigh the faults of others. It is easy to identify the fruit an apple tree will produce. We know who and what a person is by how he or she acts or speaks. When we build up habits and attitudes based on love, we will grow more into the likeness of God.



Living the Word:

Make a "fruit bowl" for your prayer table this week. Have your children use construction paper to cut shapes of fruit. Challenge them to think of ways the family can work on bearing good fruit, such as "praying at home," "donating a portion of their allowance to the poor," "learning more about the saints," and so on. Each week, choose a fruit to work on together.



Congratulations on your baptism!

Margo Frances Lynch

Daughter of Troy & Michelle

Sacrament of Confirmation

On February 1st Bishop Gruss informed us that discernment and preparation for the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation should begin at a minimum age of 12 to 14 years old and should not be tied to a specific grade level. This approach is based on the readiness of an individual youth. The formation process will take place over a minimum of two years and will be responsibility of the parish. Helping young people learn how to discern with the guidance of the Holy Spirit will be the key component of the first year of preparation. When we learn more about this process, we will let families know.

*Please note date change

Lenten Scripture Study

Tuesdays March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 & April 5 at 10:00 –11:30 am at the Parish Center. Everyone is welcome to gather with to share and discuss the Sunday readings of Lent. We will be using "Around the Lenten

Circle" as our resource. Our morning will include prayer, scripture passages, questions for reflection and sharing. If you have questions contact Sandy, 989.662.4335 faithformation@auburnac.org





FROM FR. TOM'S DESK

Eighth Sunday Ordinary Time:

Rev. Ronald Raab, CSC, *The Liturgical Press*

In Luke 6:39-45, Jesus first invites us to live with genuineness in roles of faith and leadership. We are called into such divine care for others only when we examine our own lives. When we do so, we often discover the ways in which we close our hearts to God's care for us and remain unsighted as to how we hurt other people. Jesus washes our perspectives in grace so that we can examine the ways in which we walk with others, lead the lost, and take the hands of sinners. Only when we truly view our own darkness can we learn such unpretentious and open-eyed leadership in faith.

Jesus then wipes clean our motivations and actions in this holy text. He holds up a mirror to our own hearts and cautions us when we notice the flaws of others. We cannot judge others from our imperfect vision. We so often perceive in others' vision when we put others down, when we confine people to their place in our narrow perspective and ignorance. Our blind spots become visible when our judgements make us feel superior even when we know we are not living the standards of love. Our tears of repentance wash clean our view of life.

Jesus pierces our complaints about other people. Jesus shows us that so often our own actions reveal large obstacles of sin, hatred, and self-absorption. These planks in our own eyes distort our view of other people. Christ's vision changes how we view others and ourselves. Only Jesus can change our rough and inadequate views of the poor or marginalized. We can view people differently when we finally open our hearts, our senses, to his forgiveness and mercy. We can assist others only when we finally acknowledge our own imperfections, when we finally rely more fully on the clear-eyed vision of Christ Jesus.

Wisdom Speaks: (Sirach 27): *Celebration*

Ben Sira created the first of the aphorisms we hear today by combining what he saw in the kitchen with what he heard around the town square. Long before Sigmund Freud and Carl Jung, Ben Sira understood the idea of psychological projection: When you critique others, you are often revealing your own faults.

Then moving from food preparation to the art studio, he considered how moldable clay takes a definitive shape when it goes through the firing oven. Just so, he says, people who want to be ethical will only see their potential fulfilled when it is tried and tested.

Finally, in what seems to be the inverse of much traditional wisdom, Ben Sira advises us to withhold judgement on people until we hear what they have to say. Suggesting that our words come from our inner being, this might double back on the first saying, indicating that gossips are often quick to catch someone whose error is a mirror of their own. The same principle would demonstrate that people note and praise in others what they value for their own life. Sirach's homey wisdom is part of the tradition from which Jesus drew his store of sayings.

Life to Come: (I Corinthians 15) *Celebration*

This passage uses a typical "sandwich" technique in which Jesus says two things about seeing and between them talks about disciples and teachers. In this technique, the middle idea is key, and the other two illuminate it. The middle idea has to do with disciples learning from the master to slowly become like the master. That leads us to look at the mercy with which Jesus called people beyond their faults. Whether with humor, compassion or harsh sayings, Jesus called people forth with the intent to open them up to new possibilities. The

only people Jesus ever called condemned were those who chose to ignore his invitation and refused to admit their need for conversion and growth. (See John 9:41).

With the example of the blind leading the blind, Jesus uses humor to point out the deadly seriousness of the situation in which people find themselves when they accept false guides. The very example shows the craziness of the situation: A person with something protruding from his eye cannot come close enough to another nor see the other clearly enough to help. Therein lies a key dimension of the problem. The person with a beam in the eye does not see another clearly; only a person who looks on another with the clarity of compassion has what is necessary to help the other grow.

Holy Crop?: (Luke 6) Rev. Ronald Raab, CSC, ap. cit.

In Luke's gospel passage, humility becomes rich fertilizer for healthy conversion. Humbleness produces rich fare. Humility is rooted in Jesus Christ and God's grace within our human lives. Rich, healthy fruit comes from trees that are rooted in love and the beauty of our baptism. Our roots in faith grow from love alone. People will notice the fruit of justice when we finally believe all people belong in Christ Jesus. We flourish with abundant life bearing good fruit only in the dying and rising of Christ Jesus. Only Christ Jesus can plant a new perspective in our hearts on how we live in this world. We wait for the fruit of eternal life, the final harvest, in him who shows us how to live more richly here on earth. As we hear today, "A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit."

Lead me Lord: Sr. Mary McGlone, *Celebration*

We don't often talk about enemies in polite circles; we use euphemisms. We talk about "that other group." Or we talk about "those people." Or we use phrases like their own kind, people like themselves. We do all we can to distance ourselves from those "others." Yet inherent in all that Jesus said and did while walking among us as one of us that all people—every single kind and every group of people—are all God's kind. All people are loved abundantly by God and God invites us to that same kind of loving. That is at the heart of the judgement that Jesus invites us to look at today.

Do we want to love like that? Do we want to get past the sawdust and see clearly not only how deeply we are loved, but how deeply we are called to love?

There are pearls in this Gospel passage, and they invite us to reflect on them in the light of our baptismal promise to be a follower of Jesus.

On Judgement: Sr. Margaret Michaud, OSU, *The Liturgical Press*

It is true that sometimes we do have to make judgements. As the gospel advises, rather than try to get inside people's consciences, look at the outcomes of their motivation. Just as a tree is evaluated by the fruit it produces, peoples' actions are to be evaluated on the basis of their results. There is no way we can completely understand another person's inner thoughts and choices. We can only consider concrete evidence we get from observation and sound judgement.

The words of Jesus quoted today are truly wise and give sound guidance for our interaction in the human family. "From the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks." To get to know people, the best way is to listen and observe. Nevertheless, we must also take our turn at speaking. The gift of speech requires us to speak the truth as we experience it. What a joy it is when our conversations enable us to get to know each other as we share our faith and the meaning it gives to our days.



*"Humble me, Lord,
with an awareness of
my weaknesses"*



Update for CMA...

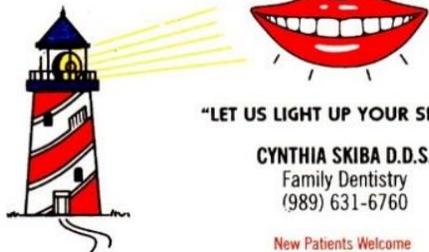
We have reached our goal and then some! The most recent report from the diocese indicates that **\$71,127.63** approximately **101% of our target** has been pledged/donated toward our parish target of **\$69,796**. With **54%** of our parishioners, **265 families**, participating. Please keep making 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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