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**SCHOOL ENDOWMENT
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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. 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 or 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 MARCH 2 , 2020

MONDAY

224: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 Ps 19:8-10,15 Mt 25:31-46

TUESDAY 8:00 am - Word and Communion

225: Is 55:10-11 Ps: 34: 4-7, 16-19 Mt 6:7-15

WEDNESDAY 7:00 p.m. - Mass

226: Jon 3:1-10 Ps 51: 3-4, 12-13, 18-19 Lk 11: 29-32

THURSDAY 8:00 a.m. - Mass

227: Est C:12,14-16, 23-25 Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8 Mt 7:7-12

FRIDAY

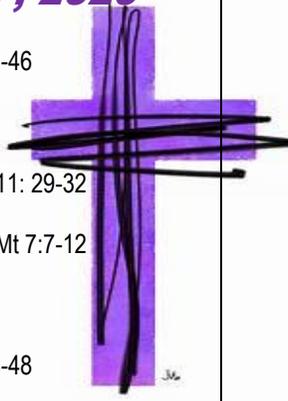
228: Ez 18: 21-28 Ps 130:1-8 Mt 5:20-26

SATURDAY 4:30 p.m.- Mass

229: Dt 26:16-19 Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 Mt 5:43-48

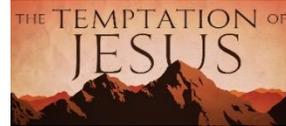
SUNDAY 9:30 a.m.- Mass

25: Gn 12:1-4a Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22 2 Tm 1:8b-10 Mt 17:1-9



EDUCATION / FORMATION

Family Talk Time *Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families*, Sara McGinnis Lee
Do you trust in God? Have you ever been tempted to sin? What happened?



Reflecting on the Word:

At the beginning of his public ministry, Jesus was tempted by the devil in several ways. The first was the simplest: he was hungry and was tempted with food. Obviously, bread is not evil in and of itself. Satan tempted Jesus not just to fulfill his hunger, but also to abandon his faith in God, in God's care for him, God's sustenance, and God's love. In the face of this temptation, Jesus made a statement of faith instead--- that God was all the nourishment he needed. Jesus' rejection of Satan's temptations show that he will not put God to the test. Establishing himself on the word and authority of scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil, confident in God's protection and faithfulness.

Living the Word:

During Lent, we are asked to give alms, fast and pray. This Lent consider what keeps you from trusting God to sustain you. Maybe it is pride, or love of esteem, or valuing possessions too much. What are some commitments you can make to show faith in God? What do you need to fast from? Where should you put your financial and material bounty? How can you grow closer to God through prayer? The goal of these commitments is not "self-help" but growth in faith. How can you grow closer to God in these forty days?

Inscription Sunday is this weekend for our parish children who are preparing to complete their Sacraments of Initiation this year. We have 28 children preparing to receive Confirmation and 1st Eucharist. The children will pass out their prayer cards after mass on Sunday. There will be a display, with the children's pictures, hanging on the south wall of the church next weekend, please take one and keep these children in your prayers as the prepare for the Sacraments.



PARISH ACTIVITIES

Mon. March 2	6:30-8 pm	Choir Practice
Tues. March 3	10 am	Scripture Study-(PC)
	6:30 pm	Sacramental Prep
Wed. March 4	6-7 pm	Soup Supper
Thurs. March 5	6:30 pm	Youth RCIA-(RB)
	7 pm	Baptismal Prep II
Fri. March 6	9 am	Piano Tuning
	7 pm	Stations of the Cross
Sat. March 7	11 am	Confessions
Sun. March.8	9:30 am	Nursery and CLOW
	10:45 am	Religious Ed

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$10,962 **Offering:** \$21,309.92

Children Good Deeds

...To help my Dad do electrical work...

...Watching Ava for 2 days...Invited my friend to share...

...Making a valentine card for my Mom...Playing nicely...

...Being well-behaved while shopping with Mom

Being patient when Mom, Nana & Auntie were getting their hair done

... To help my sister clean up her toys...



Rice Bowl

This is a Catholic Relief Services Lenten faith-in-action program. It offers opportunities for your family to engage daily with the spiritual pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. And it is an opportunity for our parish/school to come together as a community and reflect on what it means to live our

Gospel. A call to seek those in distress and help those in need. For more info, visit their website: crsricebowl.org

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

As Lent begins, I was talking with the students about making sacrifices throughout our lives and how this time in our liturgical season is where we need to focus on making ourselves better people. Giving up "things" for Lent is a common practice, but this year I asked the children to make a sacrifice to make them better disciples to God. If we work on our relationship with God and try to make it stronger, we will see differences in our lives and how we treat each other.

The pre-school program at AACS is really looking strong for next year. We already have multiple families committed to our 3-year-old and 4-year-old programs. Starting in March, we will have open registration for any family looking for a quality education in a faith-based setting. I encourage you to spread the word about our great school, spaces are limited.

The beginning of Lent starts with Jesus being tempted. This shows the human side of Jesus and how he had to endure a lot of the same issues we have in our lives. Throughout Lent, we will all be tempted, but showing restraint and understanding the "why" behind the restraint is key to our spiritual development.

✠ God Bless, Clark Switalski, Principal

Open Registration is taking place for Pre-school thru 5th grade. If you are interested, the registration packets for the 20-21 school year are now available on the bulletin board across from the office. Come soar with the eagles!



Liturgy Corner Rev. Robert E. Brassard

Do You know why the Eucharistic Prayer begins with the Preface? *Actually, it begins with the dialogue between the presider and the assembly ("the Lord be with you...Lift up your hearts..." etc.). This is the starting point of the great prayer which is the heart and center of our celebration of Mass. This dialogue not only mark off the beginning of this most important prayer, it is also meant to indicate that this is not just the work of the priest but of everyone that is present. It is not only the priest, the presider, who is called to offer praise and thanksgiving to God. Rather all of us are called to "lift up our hearts" and to "give thanks and praise to God." All of us who come together each Sunday are meant to be more than spectators in our act of worship. All of us are called to sing God's praises and offer thanksgiving.*

Following the dialogue, the Preface offers praise and thanksgiving for the wonderful works of creation and redemption. For special seasons the Preface points to the mystery of salvation and of life which we are celebrating. The Preface begins the Eucharistic Prayer because it keynotes the praise and thanksgiving that is central to all that we do at every celebration of Eucharist





**FROM
FR. TOM'S
DESK**

First Sunday of Lent

Good News

In much of the country, the middle of February might seem a strange time to be heading out into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. In fact, such an expedition might well sound like a welcome relief from shoveling the sidewalk and scraping the windshield, almost a tropical vacation. On the other hand, it might seem quite difficult to get into a "desert" frame of mind if the "artic express" is still roaring down from Canada and the gleaming white landscape is snow rather than sand. The point, of course, is that the desert we are entering during Lent has nothing to do with temperature. (Actually, a permafrost landscape is generally just as deserted as an expanse of sandy waste anyway.) The Lenten desert, into which we journey in order to be tested along with Christ, is a state of mind, an environment of interior solitude (matched with at least some time of exterior quiet) where we can consider the gospel call which accompanied the cross of ashes we received on our foreheads this past Wednesday. The Lenten desert is a place of conversion transformation, because in this desert we can't hide---we can't fool ourselves, or others, or God. We are sent into the wilderness for forty days to face reality.

The reality we are called upon to face during Lent is our own self. Exposed to the sun of relentless honesty with nobody to perform for, to impress, to win approval from, we are in a position to see ourselves as we really are, with masks and illusions stripped away. In the desert we confront our own demons, our limitations, our sinfulness, our mixed motives, in the desert we recognize and reject the illusion that trapped Adam and Eve whose story we hear again today. It is the old story that we can somehow be our gods, that the world exists to satisfy our own needs and desires.

This desert is also a place, apart from our usual securities, routines and diversions, where we face the reality beyond ourselves. Lent is an invitation to go aside to a quiet place to discern who or what our God is, and where we look for the source of value and meaning in our lives. Too often in our consumer society we are in danger of being ourselves consumed by our own desires, sacrificed to idols of our own making. To go into the Lenten desert is to perceive and reject the delusory claims of power or pleasure or possessions to provide happiness and fulfillment. It is to deny the equation of what I have with who I am, to refuse to be possessed by one's possessions.

Because we say with our Master, "The Lord, your God, shall you worship, and him alone shall you serve," we too are fed and supported and encouraged by the angels who came and ministered to Jesus. For to lose ourselves in the Lenten desert is to find God. Or rather, it is to be found by God, in God---because the ultimate surprise of Lent, the secret of Easter, is that the desert of destitution and death is revealed to the eyes of faith as the Kingdom of light and life. It is the heavenly city, the new creation, where God is All in All. This is the Good News that is given to us with the sign of the cross on our foreheads---may we have the courage to repent, and the wisdom to believe

Free to Choose : (Genesis 2 and 3)

Celebration

God had blessed humanity with life and freedom. The choice to be less than they were called to be, and the responsibility for the consequences of their choices lay not with any serpent. Nor could one person blame another for his/her actions ("the woman gave me to taste of the fruit"). Rather, responsibility for the world, for goodness and for evil resides in the heart and in the freedom of each human person.

From Sin to Life: (Romans 5)

Celebration

Paul believed that Christians should have a keener awareness of sin because of the depth of God's love revealed in the person and mission of Jesus. Whereas the notion of corporate personality or human solidarity implicated all in Adam's sin, Christ has reversed the situation, blessing all with his unique gifts. In Christ, God revealed to his people gifts of life and love far more powerful than sin. With Christ and in Christ, all have received a share in redemption, and humanity has learned the saving lesson: that goodness will never be overcome by evil.

Spiritual Workout : (Mathew 4)

Grace Works

The story of the trials of Jesus before Satan in our Gospel lesson offer us more than just a story about Jesus beating the Devil, pleasant as that is. Notice how Jesus resisted the temptations, for in his method is the way for all to resist evil. First remember that Satan attempts to lure everyone, without exceptions, even Jesus Christ. So expect the Tempter, and do not suppose that the very fact that you are tempted means you are evil. But, since you know you will face temptation, prepare for it, as Jesus did. The reason we join him in forty days of Lenten preparation each year is to build continually the spiritual muscles needed to fight off the Devil. Make these forty days a time of soul-searching, clarifying your dependence on God, sharpening your focus on His purpose for your life, emptying yourself of anything that drags against your joy before Him.

"Lord, lead me not into Temptation"

The Lenten Journey: Sr. Mary McGlone National Catholic Reporter

It's here. March first. That's a date. It might also be an order. With Jesus and his ancestors, we are about to march into the 41-day pilgrimage we call Lent. What if we really take this as an order?

"March first!" Don't make your own plans too carefully, don't decide what you want to do or learn. March first. Go into Lent like Jesus went into the desert---with nothing except the vulnerability to God.

The time has come to march into the desert with Jesus. This trek is designed to teach us who we are, to teach us to assume the power we have been given as people made in the image of God, free of the insecurity that makes us selfish, free to become the lovers we were created to be.

Don't hesitate. March first!



Welcome to new parishioners

Please welcome the following new members to the

St. Gabriel Family:

- ✝ Deborah Yenior
- ✝ David & Susan Krawczyk
- ✝ Timothy & Alynda Nelson
- ✝ Chris & Mary Ellen Rajca
- ✝ Peggy Zellinger
- ✝ Mary Ann Glowicki



LENTEN FISH FRY

Auburn K of C will be having a Fish Fry and Bake Sale on March 6th and March 20th from 2:30-7pm
 This is a take-out only dinner but take outs can be eaten on site, no buffet
 Take-outs cost \$10.00 and desserts may be purchased separately.
ALL ARE WELCOME!



PICTORIAL DIRECTORY UPDATE: Retakes will be available!!

We have *finally* been able to arrange for a local photographer to set aside some time at the end of March to take photos of anyone who DID NOT get them taken during the original photo sessions. The time frame for these sessions will be **Friday March 27th, from 5-8pm and Saturday March 28th from 9am-noon.** You will need to set up an appointment day & time by calling the Parish Office at (989) 662-6861.

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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

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

Prices Effective July 1, 2019



March 2020 - St. Gabriel Parish

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Inscription Sunday 9:30a Mass (w/Nursery & CLOW) 10:45a Religious Ed	2 6:30p Choir Practice	3 8:00a Word & Communion 10:00a Scripture Study 6:30p Sacramental Prep for Confirmation & 1st Eucharist	4 6:00p Soup Supper 7:00p Mass	5 8:00a Mass 6:30p Youth RCIA-(RB) 7:00p Baptism Prep II	6 7:00p Stations of the Cross	7 11:00a Confessions 4:30p Mass
8 Daylight Savings Time Begins-"Spring Ahead 1 Hour" 9:30a Mass (w/Nursery & CLOW) 10:45a Religious Ed	9 6:30p Choir Practice	10 8:00a Word & Communion 10:00a Scripture Study 6:30p RCIA-(PC)	11 6:00p Soup Supper 7:00p Mass	12 8:00a Mass 6:30p Commission Mtgs 7:30p Parish Council Mtg	13 9:00a School Mass 7:00p Station of the Cross	14 Coffee & Donuts Food Pantry Weekend 4:30p Mass
15 Coffee & Donuts Food Pantry Weekend 9:30a Mass (w/Nursery & CLOW) 10:45a Religious Ed	16 6:30p Choir Practice	17 St. Patrick's Day 8:00a Word & Communion 10:00a Scripture Study 6:30p Auburn Quilters 6:30p RCIA-(PC)	18 10:00a Knitting Club-(PC) 6:00p Soup Supper 7:00p Mass	19 8:00a Mass 6:00p PTO Mtg 6:30p Youth RCIA-(RB) 7:00p School Committee Mtg	20 1/2 Day of School 7:00p Stations of the Cross-Youth	21 4:30p Mass
22 9:30a Mass (w/Nursery & CLOW) 10:45a Religious Ed (LAST) 6:00p Youth Ministry	23 6:30p Choir Practice	24 8:00a Word & Communion 10:00a Scripture Study 6:30p RCIA-(PC)	25 6:00p Soup Supper 7:00p Communal Penance Service	26 8:00a Mass	27 7:00p Stations of the Cross	28 4:30p Mass
29 9:30a Mass (w/Nursery & CLOW) 1:00p Communal Penance Service	30 Spring Break -No School 6:30p Choir Practice	31 No School 8:00a Word & Communion 6:30p RCIA-(PC)				