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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 in the Sacristy at St. Gabriel Parish *Please call Parish Office for appointment.

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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 March 7th, 2022

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY 8 am Word and Communion

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

WEDNESDAY 7 pm Mass

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

THURSDAY 8 am Mass

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

FRIDAY 7 pm Stations of the Cross

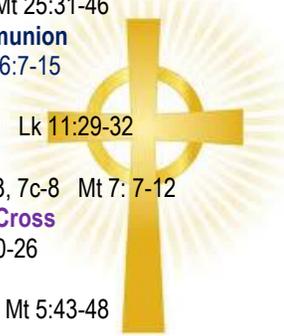
228: Ez 18: 21-28 Ps 130: 1-8 Mt 5: 20-26

SATURDAY 4:30 pm Mass

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

SUNDAY 9:30 am Mass

27: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18 Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14



UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

Monday, March 7th – RCIA – 6 pm

Choir Practice – 6:30 pm

Tuesday, March 8th – Lenten Scripture Study 10-11:30 am

Wednesday, March 9th – Soup Supper 6 pm

INSCRIPTION SUNDAY

Saturday, March 12th – After Mass-Script Sale/Coffee & Donuts

Sunday, March 13th – Daylight Savings Time Begins

CLOW/Nursery 9:30 am

Religious Ed 10:45 am

Youth Ministry 6 pm

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$10,962 Offering: \$8734 Food Pantry: \$15

Children G☺☺ Deed

...I shoveled the driveway ...Got my work done...

...Donation to kids in need...Shoveled the driveway...

...Helping out when baby sister had a seizure...

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal

We are officially into the Lenten season! It kicked off with an all-school mass for Ash Wednesday and stations of the cross performed by kindergarten. The parents and school watched the kindergarten students perform live stations and it was perfect. During mass, Father challenged the children to do one thing nice for someone each day of Lent. The children started this off by drawing another student's name in the school that will be their prayer partner through these next 40 days. The prayer pockets are hanging from the lockers, and the students are encouraged to write something to their partner daily. It is a great way for the students to connect even though they are in different grades.

My challenge to everyone is to reaffirm your commitment to your faith. Devote some extra time to God, whether that is making sure you attend mass every weekend, say some extra prayers at night, or donate your time or treasure to a noble cause. Work on your personal relationship with God and you will reap the benefits of the season.

...God Bless...

Blood Drive Thank-you!

We had 31 successful donations at last week's Blood Drive! Those units will go to help save the lives 93 people! Thanks so much to the parishioners of St Gabriel's for helping to meet and exceed our goal!



EDUCATION / FORMATION

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

Why are you sometimes tempted to do something you know is wrong?

Remember you can rely on God's help to overcome it just as Jesus did. We will face the next 40 days filled with temptations

Reflecting on the Word:

On the First Sunday of Lent, we always hear the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert. Jesus refused to give in to temptation. We must follow his example. Even when we read the last line "departed from him for a time," which tells us Jesus will be tempted again, we should not be discouraged. We will be tempted, too, but the same Spirit who led Jesus into the desert and helped him overcome temptation will be with us during times of temptation, and we can ask our Father to deliver us from evil.

Living the Word:

The traditional Lenten practices are prayer, fasting and almsgiving. When you remove or fast from, certain thing from your life you create space to introduce or expand others. What will you fast from this Lent? How will you give more to others in need? As a family, make a forty-day plan. At Easter, review what went well and what could have been better.

Prayer..Fasting..Almsgiving Taken from: *Opening and Closing Prayers for the Liturgical Year* by Lorraine L. Kilmartin.

Prayer: How many times a day do you text or email your best friend? If you reached out only once a week, what would that say about your friendship? What if you prayed only once a week? Would that say something about your friendship with God? Prayer is just like

staying in touch with a friend. In fact, that's a good definition of prayer: spending time with a friend. In prayer we talk to God and listen to God. Just as we open up to our best friends, we can share our deepest feelings, hopes, and fears with God. Our friends want us to trust them, and they want to support us. So does God. Our friendship with God holds a unique gift: God's perfect love.

Fasting: People ask, "What are you giving up for Lent?" A better question might be "Why are you giving up something for Lent?" We can allow God to guide us so that our fast has meaning. Fasting points to our willingness to make a sacrifice. We might be tempted to say that our culture doesn't have much respect for self-sacrifice—but look again. Sacrificial love is such a deeply human value that we see it at the movies, in novels and on the news. Hobbits, wizards, superheroes, and real-life firefighters all offer us models of self-sacrifice. We recognize that living compassionately requires sacrifice.

Almsgiving: The Super Bowl...the Rose Bowl...the Orange Bowl. What about the Rice Bowl? Donating money and goods to help those who are poor—a practice we call almsgiving. What we give is not as important as our intention to serve others, and our willingness to make a sacrifice to do so. Read about almsgiving from the book of Tobit 4:7-9,11. Almsgiving ties our Lenten practice to the Church's mission to serve the poor.

Food Pantry Needs for March:

We need to ask for your help replenishing our pantry bringing donations next week/weekend We added several "new" families last month who need food help.

Baked Beans	Spaghetti Sauce	Canned Vegetables
Canned Fruit	Mac & Cheese	Pancake Mix/Syrup
Boxed Cereal	Canned Tuna	Tuna Helper
Shampoo	Deodorant	Toothpaste/brushes
Tissues	Dish Soap	Hand Soap





FROM FR. TOM'S DESK

First Sunday of Lent: Patricia Sanchez, Celebration

Appropriate! This seems to be a good word for describing the movement from the gospel on the Great Sermon into the season of Lent. We have been confronted with the challenges of Christian faith and commitment. For many of us, the confrontation has been disconcerting and not a little discouraging as we are forced to admit that we often fall far short of the norm. In fact, we sometimes miss the mark completely. With this frank and truthful admission of our sinfulness on our lips, it seems, therefore, quite *appropriate* that we enter into this Lent of 2007 filled with the desire to make things right. This will require that we also enter wholeheartedly into a process of returning or of coming home, as it were, to God, to our roots and to the path of discipleship that Jesus has struck and which he traveled for our sakes.

Returning to God means coming face to face with the Creator in whose image we are made and of making every effort to live, to love, to serve, to give and forgive in a manner that is consonant with that image. Returning to God will require that we also surrender our false and distorted images of God that serve only to keep God at a safe and comfortable distance.

Jesus invites us to consent to be led by the Spirit as he did. In all he did, in every choice he made, in every controversy in which he was embroiled, in every comforting and /or challenging word he spoke, in everything he suffered for the sake of our salvation, including his being tempted in the desert, Jesus was sensitive to the presence of the Spirit in his life. This sensitivity enabled him to rely on the Spirit from whom he drew his support and strength. This same Spirit remains an ever-available resource to us. When necessary, the Spirit is also willing to shake and unsettle us so as to bring us nearer to the norm to which we are to aspire, i.e., nearer to the person and the mission of Jesus Christ.

Story of Homecoming (Deuteronomy 26): Celebration

The story that is remembered and shared by the Deuteronomist today is set within the context of a harvest festival. Those present are celebrating God's gift of a fruitful earth. To acknowledge God's generosity, the people are instructed to bring forth an offering to God, a first fruits of the harvest (v.4) that the priest will place before God's altar. Then, in that atmosphere of gratitude and celebration, the people confess their faith in God by reciting their history, beginning with Abram, and ending with the settling of the Promised Land. Contemporary scholars regard this confession of Israel as one of the oldest fragments of the Hebrew Scriptures and as pivotal to the Old Testament as the kerygma or summary of the good news is to the New Testament. Accordingly, what the Passover of Jesus from death to life is to the Christian, so is the Passover from Egypt's slavery to freedom in the land of promise to the Jew. In the telling of their story, the Jews placed great emphasis on the role of God and on God's grace that transformed a situation of danger and oppression in an alien land to a safe and happy homecoming.

Good News (Romans 10): Celebration

In today's second reading, Paul calls upon the above cited text from Deuteronomy. With interlocking references to confessing with one's lips (10:9a, 10:10b) and believing in one's heart (10:9b, 10:10a), Paul draws attention to the content of the good news ("Jesus is Lord" and

"God raised him from the dead") and to the positive consequences of believing and living the Gospel (viz., justification and salvation). Then Paul clinches his arguments with two more scriptural witnesses, viz., Isaiah 28:16 (=Rom 10:11) and Joel 2:32 (=Rom 10:13); these witnesses affirm the connection between faith/confession and justification/salvation. In the intervening verse (12) Paul restates his conviction that God does not discriminate nor does the embrace of the good news. *All* who call on the name of the Lord, i.e., Jesus Christ, will be saved.

Always Tempted (Luke 4): Celebration

Jesus' experience of the depths of himself and of God is described as being 40 days in duration, thus recalling the 40 days of Moses on Sinai (Exod 34:28); the 40 days of Elijah's flight to Horeb (1 kgs 19:4-8), and Israel's 40-year trek through the wilderness (Deut 8:2-6). But Jesus' response to his struggle served to set an example that had no precedent. Jesus affirms in the three quotations from Deut 8:3; 6:13; 6:16 his complete reliance on God and on God's will despite the personal cost to him.

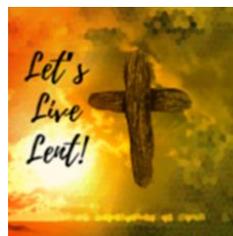
Unlike Mark and Matthew who end their narratives with angels coming to minister to Jesus, Luke concludes on a note of foreboding. Luke tells us "The devil...left Jesus to await another opportunity" (v.13). Evil would return again and again to try to thwart God's plan in Jesus. So also does evil confront each of us, again and again; it is necessary that we return, daily if not hourly, to God for strength, support, and conviction to do what is good.

Time Out: Patricia Sanchez, Celebration

Ten weeks, or about 20 percent of every calculated calendar year, is given over to a period of intense preparation for remembering two key events in the saga of our salvation. Jesus' birth is prefaced by four weeks of advent and his saving death and resurrection are preceded by six weeks of Lent. During these two sessions, believers are invited to take what might be referred to as a "time-out."

Parents may be familiar with the concept of a time-out as an effective method of discipline for unruly children. A time-out period give the child an opportunity to rethink his/her behavior and redirect his/her energies in a manner more in keeping with the roles of the home. Sports enthusiasts know that a time-out can give athletes a chance: (1) to regroup, if their game plan is not meeting with the success they had hoped for; (2) to strategize and /or revise existing strategies; (3) to affirm the good efforts and bolster the hopes of the team; (4) to recenter the attention of the team on the desired goal; (5) to add to the psychological burden of their opponents by slowing the action of the game and interrupting their momentum. On a global scale, even nations in conflict sometimes call a time-out from their mutual hostilities to allow both sides to observe some special holiday or event, the importance of which is deemed greater (at least for the moment) than the differences that separate the warring factions.

As regards the time-out we call Lent, these six weeks similarly provide believers in Jesus with an opportunity for engaging in a variety of exercises, from rethinking their behavior to regrouping their energies, from revising their spiritual strategies to affirming their good efforts, from slowing the pace of their daily lives to recentering their focus on Christ and the gospel. To put it another way, the annual Lenten time-out offers each of us a special opportunity for fasting and for feasting.



"Lord, I pray you bless my Lenten journey"

"Journeying Together"

Pope Francis, Bishop Gruss and Father Tom have a special invitation for you! An invitation to "journey together" with the people of God. The goal of our "journeying together" is to be present with one another, to listen and learn with each other, and to grow closer to the Lord and His Church.



Over the next several weeks, St. Gabriel Parish will be providing opportunities to come together to pray, to reflect and to listen to one another and our experiences of the Church. Everyone is invited to participate. More information can be found in the brochures available at church entrances or the parish website along with The Synod Prayer. For questions or to volunteer to help with implementing the upcoming listening sessions, contact Kelly Hadd 989-295-533

PLEASE NOTE:

We **will not** have a second collection for Catholic Relief Services (CRS) specifically for the people of Ukraine as requested by Bishop Gruss because our parish Outreach Committee and Fr. Tom have approved sending **\$5000** to the Saginaw Diocese/CRS for this purpose. There is already an envelope in your packet for CRS dated March 27th. This is the annual collection for Catholic Relief Services. Any additional monies donated specifically for the people of Ukraine will of course be sent to the diocese



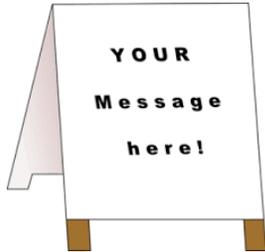
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