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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 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

EDUCATION / FORMATION

Family Talk Time *Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families:* Sara McGinnis Lee
 What did the Transfiguration reveal about Jesus? How did it change the disciples who were there?

Reflecting on the Word:



It is good that we are here. We wish that some moments in life would last forever: a fun vacation or great day with friends or even just a cozy night at home. Peter proposed putting up tents and staying on the mountain forever. But the moment could not last, as Jesus and his disciples came down from the mountain and traveled on to Jerusalem, to betrayal, suffering, and death. But the sheer joy the Transfiguration gave them (and us!) a ray of hope, the strength to persevere in the face of human sorrow and suffering.

Living the Word:

Music can elicit strong emotions and memories. Listen to “The Transfiguration” by Sufjan Stevens. (Find it online @ [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)) After you listen once, ask each member of the family to offer one reaction to the song. How did it tell the story of Transfiguration? What do the lyrics say about Jesus? about the disciples? about God? How do rhythm, melody, and harmony each help paint the picture of the Transfiguration in your mind?

What do the fourteen Stations of the Cross really mean?

They are a devotion. Most often prayed during Lent. They originated in the late 4th century when pilgrims flocked to the Holy Land from all parts of the world to visit the land of Jesus. In short, the Stations of the Cross are a series of images that show Jesus on the day of his crucifixion. They also refer to the prayers Christians say when observing these images. Oftentimes the religious travel along a path in the church where the images are displayed, stopping to pray and meditate on each one. The Stations of the Cross aren't exactly known for being sunshiny, and if you know anything about Christianity, you know that, in the human sense, things only get worse for Jesus Christ. Jesus' suffering was for you. Even if you've had a rough childhood or even crappier adulthood, you're supposed to understand that Jesus had it even tougher, so you should grin and bear what you have to bear, carry your own cross, etc. Consider attending Stations of the Cross on Friday during Lent at 7 p.m. in Church. They are a wonderful tradition in our Parish.



AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

This past week I started a campaign to develop an alumni association here at AACs. All of you who have attended school at St Anthony, St Joseph or Auburn Area Catholic School are invited to take part in this wonderful display of our history. There are paper copies on the school table in the back of the church. Simply fill it out, place it in the AACs box and we will add you to the list. There is also a link on the Auburn Area Catholic School Facebook page. The school really wants to keep people up to date on what is happening in the school community and give an *Eagle update* on a yearly basis. On 3/11, and 3/18 the school will have Stations of the Cross at 2:45 pm and on 3/25 Stations will be at 11 am. Come and join us for a moment of faith with our school community. You can enter through the school office entrance.

Jesus' divinity is the main point of the Gospel this week. When I was younger I always held the thought that something wasn't true until I saw it or took part in it. Peter, James and John had the honor of seeing Jesus' divinity through the transfiguration. They had already believed, but seeing this event strengthened their charge forward to spread Christianity. I have the great benefit to see Jesus's divinity on a weekly basis at mass. The Eucharist is that important moment in my life that continues to fuel my charge to spread Christianity to our children here at AACs

✠ **God Bless, Clark Switalski, Principal**

WEEK OF MARCH 9, 2020

MONDAY
 230: Dn 9:4b-10 Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13 Lk 6:36-38

TUESDAY 8:00 a.m. Word & Communion
 231: Is 1:10, 16-20 Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23, Mt 23:1-12

WEDNESDAY 7:00 p.m. Mass
 232: Jer 18:18-20 Ps 31:5-6, 14-16 Mt 20:17-28

THURSDAY 8:00 a.m. Mass
 233: Jer 17:5-10 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Lk 16:19-31

FRIDAY 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
 234: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Ps 105:16-21 Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

SATURDAY 4:30 p.m. Mass
 235: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Ps 103:1-4, 9-12 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

SUNDAY 9:30 a.m. Mass
 28: Ex 17:3-7 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 Jn 4:5-42



PARISH ACTIVITIES

Mon.,	3-9	6:30 pm	Choir Practice
Tues.,	3-10	10 am	Scripture Study
		6:30-8 pm	RCIA
Wed.,	3-11	6 pm	Soup Supper
Thurs.	3-12	6:30 pm	Commission Meetings
		7:30 pm	Parish Council Meeting
Fri.	3-13	7 pm	Stations of the Cross
Sat.	3-14		Coffee and Donuts
			Pantry Weekend
Sun	3-1	9:30 am	CLOW & Nursery
		10:45 am	Religious Ed

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$10,962 **Offering:** \$11,749.93
Monthly Target: \$47,500 **February Actual:** \$52,218.25
YTD Target: \$380,000 **YTD Actual:** \$362,669.87
In Memory of Dolores Cielinski: \$867
Children Good Deeds

... Helped with groceries...Brushing my teeth without fighting Dad...
 ...I said prayers...Watched my cousin Ava for 1 day...
 ...Helped feed my baby sister...Was nice to our substitute teacher...
 ...Helped my sister get dressed...Helped clean up the living room...
 ...Helped Mom and Dad with dishes...Doing well at school...
 Helped my brother open birthday presents...played with my sister...

Liturgy Corner by Rev. Robert E. Brassard

Do you know why... the Eucharist Prayer has such an important place in our celebration of Mass? Because it is during that prayer that the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. In the West it has been traditionally understood that the change takes place when the priest utters the words of institution (“This is my body..”). In the East the moment of transformation was thought to occur when the Presider extended his hands over the bread and wine and prayed for the gifts of the Spirit. It is the Spirit which sanctifies these gifts and all of us present. Today, it is understood that the entire prayer (from beginning to end) is what causes the bread and wine to be changed into the Body and Blood of Christ.





**FROM
FR. TOM'S
DESK**

Second Sunday of Lent

Patricia Sanchez

Celebration

Our society is quite familiar with transfiguration, if that term is defined as “a metamorphosis” or “a radical transformation of figure or appearance.” Diet and weight loss plans tout their successes with incredible “before” and “after” pictures. Exercise machine manufacturers promise fitness and shrinking clothing sizes and extended years of healthy living.

Cosmetic surgeons also promise transfiguration. If you don't like your physical features, they can redesign your appearance. Even barbers and beauticians have a hand in the process of transfiguring their clients with a new hairdo, a different cut, or a dye job. Makeup and makeover artists perform similarly amazing feats, turning “ordinary” or “plain” into “stunning” and “attractive.”

Today's feast of the transfiguration of Jesus invites the praying assembly to look beyond mere skin-deep changes, regardless of how dramatic these may seem. Changing one's outward physical appearance or even one's external demeanor can indeed be impressive, but today the transfigured Jesus calls forth in his own change that evolves from within---a transfiguration of mind and heart and spirit.

Abram's transformation from a wandering Bedouin to the blessed patriarch of many peoples is featured in today's first reading from Genesis. Were it not for his faithful relationship with God, he may have lived out his days tending his flocks in Haran, which may have proved to be a safer route for him to take. Abram's willingness to risk being transformed by God into Abraham calls forth similar courage in us.

The author of 2 Timothy acknowledges the hardships entailed in being transfigured by our relationship with Jesus and the Gospel. But the ancient writer is quick to point out that these hardships, as well as the corresponding inner transfigurations for believers, are not purely human endeavors, but come through grace.

Through the gift of grace, the process of transfiguration begins, and by grace it continues until we become clearer reflections of Jesus in our world. The closer we become to Christ and the more we profess to love him the more change becomes a way of life.

Father of all Believers: (Genesis 12)

Celebration

All three of the world's three major religions venerate Abraham as a paradigm of virtue and a model of faith. Featured in the Koran, and in both the Jewish and the Christian scriptures, Abraham's story has inspired believers for almost two millennia.

Like many biblical figures, Abraham's experience of God resulted in a name change for him. Prior to his call, the patriarch had been known as Abram, meaning “one whose father is great” (*ab=father, ram=great*) Abram was called to leave Terah, his great father, his land and his inheritance in order to become a *great nation* at the Lord's hand.

By God's initiative Abram became Abraham, “father of a great people.” In sharp contrast to what had occurred in the Babel story, where God confused and scattered those who were trying “to make a name for themselves” (Genesis 11:4). God made Abraham's name so great that it became a blessing: “All the communities of the earth shall find blessing in you” (v.3).

Cost of Discipleship: (2 Timothy 1)

Celebration

Paul regarded Timothy as his “beloved and faithful child in the Lord” (1 Timothy 1:2) and the apostle took his protégé with him on his mission to act as both a helper and associate. Later, when Timothy became the spiritual leader of the Christians in Ephesus, Paul continued to support the younger man with advice and encouragement.

Two of the major concerns the letter reveals were the developing threat of heresy and false teaching as well as the necessity of taking preventative measures against these threats

Jesus' entire earthly mission was characterized by suffering for the sake of others, for the sake of the kingdom. When Paul, the Jewish persecutor of the way, redirected his energies toward Christ, he learned firsthand, the cost of discipleship. Just as Jesus' passion was by divine design a necessary prelude to his glory, so too every believer in Jesus would experience a similar passage.

Mountain View: (Matthew 17)

Sr. Mary McGlone

National Catholic Reporter

Today's Liturgy invites us to gather with a few others and to climb our symbolic mountain, away from distractions, where two or three can be together with Christ. There, we can share our own visions of who God is in our lives.

Like the disciples who saw Moses and Elijah, we might reflect on how we have come to know Christ through our religious tradition. Time on the mountain invites us to recall moments of insight or delight when we experienced God's love and presence.

Jesus told his friends not to talk about experience until after his resurrection. That's because in that moment they were like people who had just fallen in love, in their exuberance, they thought they understood it all clearly. In reality, they had a long road of learning ahead – one that would take them to the upper room, to Calvary and back to the upper room. Their insight and commitment had yet to be seasoned.

When they got down to level ground, they were immediately confronted with people in need, and, again revealing who he was, Jesus responded with a healing. That reminds us that our peak experiences, our exceptional moments of religious insight, get their grounding not from proclaiming a theology, but by doing what the master did.

We go to the mountain for inspiration. We come down to put it into practice.

On Being Transfigured:

Celebration

Life is filled – or could be filled – with little lights along the way. Every time we stand by a friend, or forgive an enemy, or clean up a mess, or think to pray or beg forgiveness, or have a happy thought for no good reason – those are all the signs that assure us we are on the right road.

Every time we do the right thing just because it is the right thing, a small transformation takes place. We are gradually overcome by the Spirit. We are being transfigured in the likeness of God.

If we never quite shine on a mountain as Jesus did, there is still the resurrection when, as Paul promises, Jesus will completely transform our lowly bodies to the pattern of his glorified body. Then we will be permanently transformed in the grasp of God – and nothing will ever pull us apart.

† **Let the vision, Lord, direct my actions.**



Food Pantry Needs...

The following items are being requested by the food pantry volunteers:

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| Toilet Paper | Canned Fruit | Denture Creme |
| Canned Tuna | Spaghetti | Disposable Razors |
| Tuna Helper | Spaghetti Sauce | Canned Fruit |
| Syrup | Packaged Cookies | Taco Meals Kits |
| Pancake Mix | Laundry Detergent | Can Openers |

Please bring your donations to church next weekend or you can drop them off at the parish office anytime!!

FYI...

The parishioners of St. Gabriel Parish have access to *assisted listening devices* which are available at the ushers table. If you have a hard time hearing in church, these are a great solution!

Also, if you know of someone who is unable to attend mass but would like to receive communion you can take the Eucharist to them. Please check with Father Tom and he can give you a Pxy to carry communion to your friend or loved one.



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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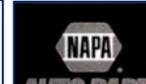
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