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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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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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**SPREADING THE SPIRIT FUND**

Clark Switalski, School Principal ..... (989) 662-6431

**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 March 14<sup>th</sup> ,2022

### MONDAY

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

### TUESDAY 8 am Word and Communion

231: Is 1:10, 16-20 Ps 50:8-9, 16b-17, 21, 23 Mt 23:1-2-12

### WEDNESDAY 7 pm Mass

232: Jer 18:18-20 Ps 31:5-6, 14-16 Mt 20:17-28

### THURSDAY 8 am Mass

233: Jer 17:5-10 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Lk 16:19-31

### FRIDAY 7 pm 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 pm Mass

543: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29 Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

### SUNDAY 9:30 am Mass

30:Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15 Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12 Lk 13:1-9



## EDUCATION / FORMATION

**Family Talk Time** Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families: Sara McGinnis Lee

Why do you think it was so important for God to announce to the disciples who Jesus is? Do you think it is a message just for Peter, John, and James?

### Reflecting on the Word:



We hear the story of the Transfiguration every year on the Second Sunday of Lent. This year, we hear it from the evangelist Luke. The disciples were privileged to witness Jesus in his full glory on that mountain top. These disciples will later accompany Jesus when he goes to the Garden of Olives to pray. Jesus is with us during challenging times and in joyful times.

### Living the Word:

Model for your child how you live as a disciple. Find organization where you can serve with your child during Lent one week or more. Is your parish looking for liturgical ministers? Sign up to help during the Mass your family attends. Talk to your child about the importance of Christian discipleship and faith witnessing.

### Inscription Sunday

is this weekend for our parish children who are preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Eucharist this Easter season. We have 8 children this year. The children will pass out prayer cards after Mass this weekend. There will be a display with the children's pictures on it hanging on the south wall of the church next weekend and prayer cards at both entrances. If you did not get a prayer card, please take one or keep these children in your prayers as they prepare for the Sacrament.



## PARISH ACTIVITIES

**Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup> – RCIA 6 pm**

**Choir Practice 6:30 pm**

**Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> – Lenten Scripture Study 10 am**

**Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> – Knitters – 10 am**

**Soup Supper 6 pm**

**Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup> – “Happy St. Patrick’s Day”**

**Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup> – CLOW/Nursery 9:30 am Mass**

**Religious Ed 10:45 am**

**\* Synod Listening Session 10:45 am**

## STEWARDSHIP

**Weekly Target:** \$10,962 **Offering:** \$12,850.15 **Food Pantry:** \$50  
**Donations “In Memory of...”** Ed Matuszewski - \$150

Charles Toporski - \$120

### Children’s Good Deeds

...Helping my little sister down the stairs...Carried in groceries...

...Wrote notes to my friends...I gave a craft to my friend...

...Helping with chores...Filling the bird feeders...Doing the dishes...

...I played with the cat...Making my bed...

## AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

**Clark Switalski, Principal**

We are officially through the third quarter of the school year. The students have been working hard this entire year and are looking forward to the final quarter of the 2021-2022 school year. The students are sending each other some pencil postcards to help encourage reading during March. For every pencil gram sent, the children had to write some words of encouragement to the recipient. It is very similar to the prayer pockets in that we are trying to positively promote community amongst the different classes. 4th graders interacting with 1st graders or Kindergarteners is a beautiful thing to see, and it really promotes overall common good.

The Gospel this week is the transfiguration of Jesus. This is the moment when Peter, James, and John were able to physically see the divinity of Jesus. They knew he was a special person; he was their teacher and performed several miracles in front of them. Seeing, hearing, and experiencing their journey with Christ undoubtedly showed them that he is the Messiah. Physically seeing the transfiguration would have been an amazing thing to experience, however, my faith

doesn't require it as I experience Jesus in the students and families I interact with on a daily basis.



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

## A Prayer for Ukraine



God of Mercy,  
We pray for  
Ukraine.  
For all of  
humanity distorted  
by war.  
For all the lives

lost, homes seized, and peace broken.  
May the Spirit of comfort and compassion  
envelop all who dwell in fear.  
May the Spirit of wisdom and humility  
enliven our global leaders.  
May we affirm the dignity and rights of all.  
May we seek peace.  
Amen.



## FROM FR. TOM'S DESK

### Second Sunday of Lent: Patricia Sanchez, Celebration

The experience of Abram reminds us that we are journeying together to a place we will call home for all eternity. So also, the words of Paul in today's second reading recall the transitory nature of human existence and affirm the fact that we are citizens of heaven. Although, we are citizens of another realm, our baptismal passport must condition our way of life, here and now. Heaven, or our journey's end, is not just a question of the hereafter; the experience of heaven must begin here, and all our traveling companions have a right to a foretaste of that experience that includes justices, equality, dignity, a fair standard of living, security, and peace. Believers, by virtue of baptism must lend their hands to this task. What better time to intensify and extend our efforts than the seasons of Lent.

To bolster our resolve in this regard, Luke, in today's gospel, offers us a glimpse of the glory to come, reflected on the face of Jesus. Notice, however, that the Lucan Jesus does not acquiesce to Peter's desire to pitch three tents to make themselves at home in that glory. Rather, Jesus would have his own focus on the passage that he was about to fulfill in Jerusalem. By that passage, i.e., by his passion, death and resurrection, Jesus made heaven's homeland available to every healed and forgiven sinner. Until such a time as we find our way home, we would do well to heed the advice of the voice from the cloud and listen to Jesus. During these weeks of Lent, we might attempt to be even more earnestly attentive to Jesus as he speaks to us through the needs of others.

### Covenant: (Genesis 15): Celebration

In affirmation of his faith and as an assurance that the promises of progeny and a homeland would be realized, God entered a covenant with Abram. As narrated by the earliest of the Pentateuch's sources, the covenant account is strikingly graphic as well as informative. Covenant making or, more literally, covenant cutting involved a specified ritual whereby animals were slaughtered and divided. While the contracting parties stood between the halved animals and made a pact with one another, they signified by their actions that they would accept a similar fate if they fell short of full fidelity to their agreement.

In Abram's case, the revelation concerned the sealing of the covenant. Symbolized by the smoke and the flaming torch. God passed between the pieces of the slain animals. The fact that Abram was required to likewise underscores the merciful compassion of God who, in full awareness of our human faults and frailties, chose, nevertheless, to enter a unilateral and unconditional covenant with all of Abram's descendants. This covenant would stand until the news and everlasting covenant made by God with all of humankind through Jesus.

### Citizens of Heaven: (Philippians 3) Celebration

Paul reminded his Philippian converts of their heavenly citizenship (v.20). Citizen of heaven through baptism, the believers in Philippi were to accept their status as "foreigners" or temporary visitors on earth. As such, believers are to live as pilgrims on route to their true and eternal home.

Citizens of heaven, Paul reminds us that we, as church, are to be concerned with important matters and to identify with enduring realities. The church is to cherish an identity that comes from outside itself, from *heaven*. Therefore, the church lives by a vision and from a source that is necessarily distinct and often contradictory to the vision and values of the world.

### Sign of Glory: (Luke 9)

Celebration

Peter's obvious joy and sense of fulfillment in experiencing the glory of Jesus are transparent, as described by Luke in today's Gospel. He wanted to set up booths; he wanted to stay. Peter wished he had brought his suitcase or at least a toothbrush, for this was not a moment that he was ready to relinquish. He did not wish merely to savor the moment but to enter it, never to leave.

Despite Peter's enthusiasm for remaining rooted in that glorious moment, Jesus was talking about traveling onward to the completion of his journey, to his exodus or Passover. Only later, and with no little consternation, would Peter, John, James, and the others understand that the glory they had glimpsed would be fully realized only after Jesus' saving death on the cross. Through his own Passover, Jesus would affect the Passover from slavery to freedom, sin to forgiveness and death to life of all humankind. Then would every forgiven, freed, redeemed sinner be given a share in Jesus' glory forever.

### Place Apart: Sr. Rita Klarer, OSU, Celebration

If we truly desire to be in touch with the divine, to realize the holy in our lives, we must do as Jesus did with Peter, James, and John. They put aside all that ordinarily filled their days and nights to enter a time of silence and prayer. Jesus frequently went apart to the desert or mountain to pray. On this occasion, he invited his chosen few to share his sacred space and time, just as he invites—*urges*—each of us. In the deep silence, Jesus *prayed*. He *prayed* as the Transfiguration blazed upon the mountaintop; he *prayed* as Moses and Elijah appeared with him, resplendent in glory.

We, too, must *make* time in our lives for solitude, silence, prayer. We may not have a desert or a mountain, but we can still carve out a space for silence and for prayer. Noise and crowds have a way of drowning out the voice of God. We just can't afford to let that happen.

We have all known moments extreme happiness, moments that we would love to cling to. But the stark reality is that *we must come down off the mountaintop*. We must come down to enter our everyday joy and sorrow, pain and struggle, triumph and defeat. We go to our jobs and our schools and our homes. We rub shoulders with friends and strangers alike. That is where we live and work our salvation, even as we remember glory. We carry with us our rock of memory and of promise, as Peter carried his He experienced glory; he held on to promise. So can we!

### The Revelation: Grace Works, Dallas, TX

On those occasions when Jesus took Peter, James and John aside for special instruction, the foreboding sense of death always hung in the air. First it was at the bedside table of Jairus' daughter, whose death Jesus reversed with life-giving power. On the mount of transfiguration, which occurred just after Jesus had been talking to the disciples about his own death, Moses and Elijah were talking with Jesus about his upcoming "exodus"—his death—in Jerusalem. And finally, in Jerusalem, the night before he died on the cross, Jesus took these same three disciples to the Garden of Gethsemane to help him pray and prepare for death.

Why these three only? We do not know. And why they were always falling asleep instead of watching and praying like he asked them to? We do not know that either. But we do know that in those few brief moments of special time with Jesus, God chose to pull back the curtain of mystery just enough to let them know that death does not have the final word. At the other end of the tunnel of mystery, on the other side of death, is a transformed presence and power. But at the end itself, there is God. And that is enough for any of us to know.



*"Give me courage,  
Lord, on my Lenten  
journey"*



# "Journeying Together"



As shared last weekend, over the next few weeks, St Gabriel Parish will be providing opportunities to come together to pray, reflect and to listen to one another and our experiences of the Church. Everyone is invited to participate. In the Church and in society we are side by side on the same road. In our parish, who are those who "walk together"? Who are those who seem further apart? How are we called to grow as companions? What groups or individuals are left on the margins?

Let us trust in the Holy Spirit, and let us enter this synod with joy, hope, and a new energy for the future of the Church! Please prayerfully consider participating in an upcoming listening session. More info can be found in brochures at church and on the Parish website along with the Synod Prayer. For questions or to volunteer contact Kelly Hadd at [tkhadd@hotmail.com](mailto:tkhadd@hotmail.com), or call 989-295-5339

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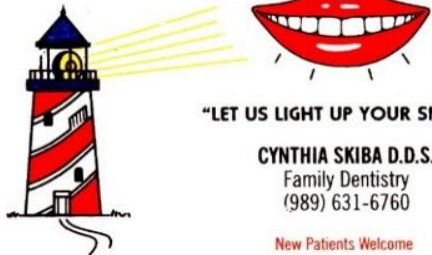
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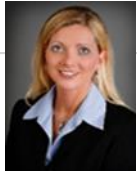
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