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

**AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL**  
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**SCHOOL ENDOWMENT  
 SPREADING THE SPIRIT FUND**

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

**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 June 27<sup>th</sup> , 2022

### MONDAY

377: Am 2:6-10, 13-16 Ps 50:16bc-23 Mt 8:18-22

### TUESDAY

378: Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12 Ps 5:4b-8 Mt 8:23-27

### WEDNESDAY 8 am Mass

591: Acts 12:1-11 Ps 34:2-9 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18 Mt 16:13-19

### THURSDAY 8 am Mass

380: Am 7:10-17 Ps 19:8-11 Mt 9:1-8

### FRIDAY

381: Am 8:4-6, 9-12 Ps 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131 Mt 9:9-13

### SATURDAY 4:30 pm Mass

382: Am 9:11-15 Ps 85:9ab, 10-14 Mt 9:14-17

### SUNDAY 9:30 am Mass

102: Is 66:10-14c Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20 Gal 6:14-18 Lk 10:1-12, 17-20



## UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

Friday, July 1<sup>st</sup> – Office Closed for Holiday

Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup> – Office Closed for Holiday

*"Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July!"*

## STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$10,962 Offering: \$6,816

Food Pantry: \$75 Priest Retirement Fund: \$2,290

Memorials Received for Dave Willsie - \$465

*Children's Good Deeds*

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## AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal



Please help spread the word about the open *Administrative Assistant Position* in the school. If you know someone who is interested, or might want more information, please have them contact me directly through email at [cswitalski@auburnac.org](mailto:cswitalski@auburnac.org).

Complete job descriptions are also available at the Parish Office.

Believe it or not, we are actively planning for the beginning of school on August 22nd. If you have any questions or would like to discuss how you can help someone support a Catholic education, please contact Clark Switalski at [cswitalski@auburnac.org](mailto:cswitalski@auburnac.org).

Hope you are enjoying your Summer!



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

## EDUCATION / FORMATION

**Family Talk Time** Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families, Sara McGinnis Lee  
*What kind of person do you think leaves everything to follow Jesus? What do you think it means to leave everything behind?*

### Reflecting on the Word:

This is a difficult reading and even more difficult challenge. Jesus calls us to follow him—without hesitation or exception. Sometimes we respond to God's call like the person who says, "I will...but first..." We put conditions on our discipleship. We may practice our faith but only when it is convenient. Total commitment is difficult. We can hope to be successful because Jesus has gone before us to show us the way. We must walk in his footsteps and pray for his help.

### Living the Word:

The path of discipleship is one that requires the disciple to make sacrifices to truly follow Jesus. At the end of each Mass, the presider or deacon tells us to go out into the world and live our lives according to the Gospel. Pray about what that means in your lives. What sacrifices can you make to respond properly to your baptismal call of discipleship?

### Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendar: July 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>

For children in grades K-5th (Fall 22)

Youth help needed grades 6th-12th

Registration forms & youth volunteer forms available at the west entrance of church and at the Parish Office

*Registration Deadline is Monday, June 27<sup>th</sup>!*



Please remember your parish contribution envelopes this Summer. You may send it in the mail or drop it in the collection basket where you attend Mass. It will then get sent to us! You can also use "Online Giving" and have no worries while you are out enjoying the summer! Thank-you for your generosity!





## FROM FR. TOM'S DESK

### Thirteenth Sunday Ordinary Time:

Patricia Sanchez, *Celebration*

No doubt reactions of shock and amazement were evoked when Elisha left all to follow in the ministerial footsteps of the prophet Elijah (first reading), and when the disciples of Jesus left all to follow him (gospel). In his letter to the Christians of Galatia (second reading), Paul described the “clean break” of discipleship as throwing off the yoke of slavery, i.e., the flesh, to live in the freedom of the Spirit. Such freedom, says Paul, issues forth in loving service of one’s neighbors. Today, as these readings are proclaimed in the hearing of the praying assembly, each of us is invited to spend some time considering how clean is the break we have made to give ourselves over to Christ.

Is the break I have made sufficiently clean, i.e., is it remarkable enough to raise any eyebrows or cause another to wonder at my choices? Or, are my choices, my commitment, my lifestyle, etc., so mediocre, and banal as to blend in with the common worldly flow without causing so much as a ripple? Am I willing, as Jesus’ first disciples were challenged to do, to make a clean break with past prejudices? Rather than call down fire upon the Samaritans with whom they had traded curses and animosity for centuries, following Jesus would require a radical attitude adjustment. Enemies would have to be transformed by a process described by Jesus earlier in Luke’s Gospel, viz., “love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.” A heart and a mind that are given over to loving, doing good, blessing and prayer have little room for hatred. Moreover, the clean break of discipleship also demands that the comforts and security of home and hearth be exchanged for the inconveniences and insecurities of an itinerant ministry. The fact that Jesus chose homelessness with “nowhere to lay his head,” over being a property-owner underscores the radical character of Christian discipleship as a way of life while challenging a missiology that becomes ensconced in security, preferring to sit back and wait for the needy to come in search of what we have to offer. An itinerant mission. Rather than an institutionalized one, is willing to go out of its way to meet the needy, where they are, and to serve them in a manner that preserves their dignity and self-respect.

Values and priorities must also be rethought and reordered if the clean break of discipleship is to be authentic. Christ and the reign he came to proclaim are to be placed first but not to the exclusion of family, friends, and the responsibilities that these relationships necessarily generate. The image that concludes today’s gospel stands as a stark reminder of the resoluteness and perseverance required of true disciples. Chastened by the challenge of today’s sacred word and grateful for the grace that makes all things possible, let us resolve to make a clean break of discipleship today, tomorrow and the next day until our conversation to Christ is complete.

### Clean Break (1 Kings 19):

*Celebration*

God’s choice of Elisha as prophet is signified in the action by Elijah, who threw his cloak over him. The action of casting a garment over another was understood as a sign of ownership and/or responsibility or as a sign of the investiture and designation of a successor. Later, when Elijah’s service had come to an end and he was taken up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elisha would pick-up the mantle that had fallen from his departing colleague’s shoulders and wear it as a sign of God’s continuing communication with the people through him.

That Elisha’s willingness to accept the responsibility of being God’s prophet required a clean break with his past is vividly illustrated by the ancient author. Elisha’s resolve to follow his mentor is transparent; in a surprising and magnanimous gesture of detachment, he made an enormous “barbecue” using his plows to grill his oxen for his people before taking leave of them. To put it another way, he shifted the basis of his security from himself (his farm, his oxen, etc.) to God. In this he prefigures the clean break with the past and total gift of himself to the ministry that Jesus would ask of his disciples centuries later.

### Freedom For (Galatians 5):

*Celebration*

Paul understood and valued the clean break of discipleship as a freeing experience and would have his readers share that same understanding. Free of all that is *not* good, that is *not* holy, the detachment of the disciple enables him/her to be wholly given over to all that *is* Christ, to all that *is* good, to all that *is* holy. Paul was quick to remind them that the freedom they now enjoyed in Christ was not a freedom from, but a freedom for.

### Priority (Luke 9):

*Celebration*

On initial reading, Jesus’ response (v.60) may seem harsh, unfeeling and contradictory to traditional Jewish piety as regards the burial of loved ones (Genesis 49:28-50:3; Tobit 4:3; 6:15). Contemporary readers of this gospel may also find themselves shocked by Jesus’ response to the man who requested to take leave of his family (“people at home”) before following Christ. However, the issue here is one of priorities. Rather than make a clean break and follow him, one man wished to delay responding until such time as his parents had lived out their lives, were buried, and he then found it convenient to give himself over to Christ. The other also wished to postpone following Jesus by returning home to make his goodbyes. Jesus’ responses made it clear that their service to God and to the reign of God must be their *first* priority. Following him (Jesus) is not a task which is added to others like working a second job...it is everything. It is a solemn commitment that forces the disciples-to-be to reorder all their other duties. Nevertheless, even after 20 centuries, Jesus’ challenge continues to stun many of us. Rather than dilute the demands of discipleship, today’s gospel reminds us that those who make the way of Jesus their own must be willing to do so *first, fully, freely, and forever.*

### True Freedom:

Rev. Peter Tynan OSB, *Collegeville*

What is freedom? Is freedom the ability to do what we want when we want to? That is how many people would define it, and we can call it “freedom from.” There is another way of thinking about freedom: as the ability to do or be something. We would call this “freedom for.” These two notions of freedom can be understood better if we apply them to our first reading. Elisha had a “freedom from” Elijah. Elijah could not force him to take up his mantle. Yet while Elisha was tied to his parents’ land and all the responsibilities that came with it, he did not have the “freedom for” following Elijah. Elijah knew this and so initially rejected Elisha’s conditional offer to follow him. Elisha, much to his credit, understood the problem and removed it. The twelve oxen were sacrificed to God, as was the freedom he had as a wealthy landowner. In its place, he embraced the freedom that poverty provided and followed his new father, Elijah.

With this in mind, we now turn to our gospel. Jesus is quite honest with those who want to follow him about what he expects. He wants his followers to commit to him and him alone. By making such a commitment, they will find freedom—the freedom of Christ and Spirit that Paul wrote to the Galatians about, the freedom to be able to stay with Jesus through any difficulty, inconvenience, or even tragedy.

All this can seem like too much to ask. How can I give so much over to Jesus? We bring our gifts to the altar—bread, wine, financial support—and hand them over to God. He transforms them into something greater and gives them back to us in the form of eternal life.



**Price increase reminder**

Just a reminder...As of July 1<sup>st</sup> there will be a price increase for **lighting a candle** in the back of church from \$2 to \$3 per candle also the **cemetery prices** will increase by \$100 per item/service on that same date.

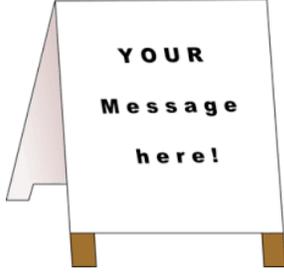


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Burial	\$ 650	\$ 850
Burial of Cremains	\$ 150	\$ 175
Saturday Burial	\$ 200 additional	\$ 200 additional
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**Contact St. Gabriel Parish Office at 989-662-6861**

- **Reminder, there will be a price increase for all cemetery charges on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022**