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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.

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL
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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 JUNE 28TH , 2021

MONDAY

377: Gn 18:16-33 Ps 103:1b-4, 8-11 Mt 8:18-22

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY 8 am Mass

379: Gn 21:5, 8-20a Ps 34:7-8, 10-13 Mt 8:28-34

THURSDAY 8 am Mass

380: Gn 22:1b-19 Ps 115: 1-6, 8-9 Mt 9:1-8

FRIDAY

381: Gn 23:1-4, 19;24:1-8, 62-67 Ps 106:1b-5 Mt 9:9-13

SATURDAY 4:30 pm Mass

593: Eph 2:19-22 Ps 117:1b-2 Jn 20:24-29

SUNDAY 9:30 am Mass

101: Ez 2:2-5 Ps 123:1-4 2 Cor 12:7-10 Mk 6:1-6a



UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

Friday, July 2ND -Parish Office closing at noon (summer hours)

Monday, July 5th -Parish Office Closed - 4th of July Holiday.

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$10,962 Offering: \$9,924

Priest Retirement: \$1420 Food Pantry: \$20

Children Good Deeds

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AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal



The first day of school is scheduled for the 23rd of August. Teachers will report on the 16th for professional development and classroom preparations. If you know anyone still looking for a good wholesome Catholic

school, please send them our way. We do have some openings still, but not many.

We are once again talking about faith in the Gospel. The woman who touches Jesus and is healed, shows how faith can truly help us all. When we take the time to build our faith, we can accomplish a lot. God is good, and he continues to give us his Grace, but he does not have the power over our free will. We ultimately have the choice as to whether we are going to pour our heart and soul into our faith or not. The woman in the Gospel took a leap of faith and landed with both feet on the ground. I pray we all have the courage to stand up and have that type of faith!

God Bless



Congratulations on your baptism!

Henry Alan Russell

Son of Adam & Kelly Russell

EDUCATION / FORMATION

Family Talk Time Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families, Sara McGinnis Lee
How would you describe your faith? How can we remember to ask Jesus for help when we are afraid?

Reflecting on the Word:

Jairus begs Jesus to heal his daughter. Even after receiving word that she has died, Jesus tells the members of the synagogue official's house, "Do not be afraid, just have faith." How can we, in our darkest times, with people always telling us it is not possible, *just have faith?*

Living the Word:

Let the phrase "Just have faith" be your family's motto for the week. Whenever anyone is struggling or feeling afraid, sad, or disappointed, remind them to "Just have faith." You and your children might create a sign to be displayed in a common area in your home. Say it often to one another so that it becomes ingrained in your children's minds and hearts.



Registration time is limited for Vacation Bible School Days!



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K-5th grade (Fall 2021)

July 27 – 30 from 9 a.m. – 12 noon

Registrations are due by Monday, June 28th

No registrations will be taken on Tuesday, July 27th

Youth volunteers are needed grades 6th-12th (Fall 2021)

Forms are available at the school entrance, at the Parish Center or by email request: parishoffice@auburnac.org

Summertime Respite:

The month of July we are scaling back on parish activities. There will be no weekday Mass beginning the week of July 4th. The pastor is going to be on vacation at his cottage in Au Gres. Kelly the maintenance man will be off for a couple of weeks. Janet, the bookkeeper, is having knee replacement surgery the first part of July.

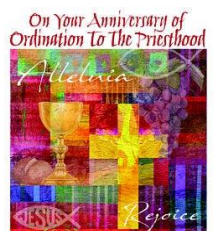
Fr Jack Johnson will cover for the pastor the first weekend. He will be followed by Fr. Jerry Balwinski and then Fr. David Parsch.

The parish office will be open Monday through Thursday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm and 8:30am – noon Friday. The parish secretary, Kim, will be "in-charge", and able to contact any staff members if requested. May we all benefit from a much slower pace in the summer! Be safe and enjoy!



Congratulations to Fr. Tom!

On June 28th Father Tom celebrates the 52nd anniversary of his Ordination. The parishioners of St. Gabriel Parish would like to say "Congratulations!" and thank-you for your devotion to our parish.





**FROM
FR. TOM'S
DESK**

Thirteenth Sunday Ordinary Time :

Patricia Sanchez, *Celebration*

The general sentiments among our Jewish forebearers in the faith, remained in place from Abraham to Moses, David to Qoheleth. Death was thought to be the end of life, and existence after death, was a comfortless affair. Perhaps the author of Job summed it up best: “as the cloud fades and vanishes, so those who go down to Sheol do not come up” (7:9).

However, in the second century B.C.E., under the enlightenment of divine grace, new realizations about life after death began to emerge and were reflected in the scriptures. The first to be explicit about hope for an ongoing and blessed existence after death was the second century B.C.E. author of Daniel, who wrote, “many of those who sleep in the dust shall awake; some shall live forever, others shall be everlasting horror and disgrace.” Within about a century’s time after Daniel, the pseudonymous author of Wisdom affirmed the Jewish belief that “God formed humankind to be imperishable.”

This belief and hope it engendered came to life and fulfillment in the person of Jesus. Through his saving death and resurrection, Jesus ended what was thought to be the finality of death and held out the hope that death is but a passage to never-ending life.

Jesus’ power to defeat death and bestow life is poignantly illustrated by the first evangelist in today’s Gospel. Jairus the synagogue official approached Jesus with a faith that was apparent in his request. “Lay your hands on her so that she may get well and live,” he appealed to Jesus. That faith was rewarded by Jesus, who, even after Jairus’ beloved daughter had died and her relative were mourning the tragedy of her death, raised the little girl to life.

What Jesus did and said to Jairus’ child, he does and says to each of us: *Talitha koum*, “little girl, get up.” Jesus’ words and works underscore that imperishable aspect with which God has endowed all who are created in the divine image. That aspect, that gift enables us to celebrate life even in the face of death.

Eternal Life:(Wisdom 1 and 2): *Celebration*

We are accustomed to hearing this reading at funerals as a reminder of God’s mercy and life-giving plan for all of creation. When we hear it today, we can broaden our perspective on the message if we put it in the context of the verse that precedes our opening line, Wisdom 1:12. Do not court death by your erring way of life, nor draw to yourselves destruction by the works of your hands. “That opening sentence indicates that the author was calling his readers to take responsibility for the quality of their own lives. It claims that death and suffering are the result of deviation from God’s plan, they were not part of God’s original design.

The first few lines of our reading critique every concept of a vengeful God. This teaching reflects the first chapters of Genesis, reminding people that humanity is made in God’s image and that every distortion or destruction of that image is the work of the devil.

Wisdom’s teaching about eternal life was a radical concept for some people at that time. Combining Greek and Jewish traditions, the author concluded that humans are destined for eternity. Avant-garde at the time they were written, teachings remain valid today.

Called to Generosity: (2 Corinthians 8): *Celebration*

The background to today’s reading is that Paul had decided to collect and bring money to the Christians suffering in Jerusalem. While their distress was sufficient reason for working on their behalf, Paul had an additional motive: Procuring help from Gentile Christians for the Jewish Christians of Jerusalem would be a self-perpetuating expression of their unity in Christ, a unity that was not without strain in Paul’s day.

Paul begins by praising Christ’s own generosity. Echoing the hymn of Philippians 2, Paul reminds them that Christ became poor for their sake so that by his poverty they could become genuinely rich. Thus, his first appeal to them is to be Christ-like, to make good on their baptism. The Corinthians had been known to boast of their knowledge, now Paul gives them the chance to prove—first to themselves and then to the world—that they truly know Christ. The only way to do that is through imitation of him.

Paul was calling the Corinthians not simply generosity, but to authenticity in their faith. He taught that allowing others to suffer while they had the means to make a difference contradicted Christian identity. At the end of today’s passage, Paul cites the experience of the Exodus when God sent enough manna for every day: The evidence of God’s plan for the world was that there would always be enough for everyone, God’s providence was such that hoarding accomplished nothing more than demonstrating a lack of faith. The same is true today.

Trust in Jesus: (Mark 5): *Celebration*

Mark’s penchant for telling a story within a story, as he does, invites his readers to compare and contrast the characters and circumstances of the stories he relates. In this Gospel, the evangelist begins to share the story of Jairus, whose daughter was very ill, only to interrupt this narrative with that of the woman suffering from a hemorrhage. In both narratives, the characters are female, one a child, the other a woman; both stories reveal that the initiative to approach Jesus lies with those in need. Accompanying that need, in both instances, is a faith that Jesus has the power to confront desperate circumstances and effect the desired change.

Nevertheless, both the woman and Jairus continued to trust in Jesus. Both were rewarded for their trusting faith. Although they were probably unrelated and unacquainted before that wondrous day, Jairus and the unnamed woman stand forever together as witnesses to Jesus’ power to heal, to give life. Both attest to the fact that status or social position do not factor into the relationship that each of us is able to enjoy with Jesus. Neither gender nor ritual impurity has any bearing. The bleeding woman who reaches out anonymously to Jesus in a crowd is of no less importance to him than the child of a prominent religious leader who welcomes Jesus to his fine house. This woman stands forth as a perpetual reminder that the socially and religiously marginal have a conspicuous place in the realization of God’s reign. Through this woman and the synagogue official, we learn that trust in Jesus is necessary for salvation for sinners.

Belief in the Future: Rev. Anthony Marinelli, *Service*

When we listen to this Gospel two thousand years later, we hear it in a culture that spends billions of dollars each year denying death and glorifying youth. We live in a culture where people are ceaselessly trying to build their own kingdom and safeguard their own futures. Let’s face it, Jesus no longer walks the earth curing the sick and raising the dead. But can we trust that the story of Jairus’ daughter has shown us the future? The scholars say that Jesus is the eschatological presence of God. What they mean is that in Christ we have been given a glimpse of God’s future. Can we live in the faith and hope that allow that future to determine our present? Can we recognize in all forms of death the power of the crucified and risen Jesus? If so, we can come to see what the poet John Donne saw when he wrote:

Death be not proud, through some have called thee mighty,
and dreadful, for thou art not so ...
One short sleep past, we wake eternally,
And death shall be no more, death, thou shalt die.



“Lord, let me feel your healing touch.”

Blood Drive Success!

Thank-you to everyone who supported our blood drive on June 16th! We had 32 successful donations, 3 double reds! These units will help the lives of 96 people, now that is amazing! *Please Save the Date...* our next blood drive will be Wednesday, August 11th, 1:30-6:30 pm in the Social Hall. You can reserve your time at versiti.org/MI or call 1-866-642-5663. Help us to "keep up" the good work!

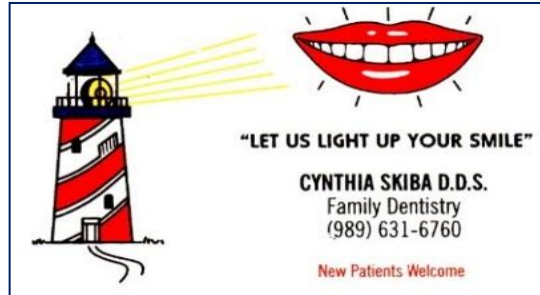


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