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**SCHOOL ENDOWMENT  
 SPREADING THE SPIRIT FUND**

Clark Switalski, School Principal .....662-6431

**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 \*Currently Suspended 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 does love mean to you? What does it mean for you to love God more than your family or yourself? How do you show that love? How has God taught you how to love others?*

### Reflecting on the Word:

Jesus is very clear. We must love God more than we love our families, more than we love our own lives. This means putting God before all else: family obligations, work, leisure. It means, focusing on God at all times, instead of confining our love for God to convenient moments. Paradoxically, when we love God best, our capacity for love expands. We love everyone better; we lavish our family, friends, coworkers, and neighbors with God's love—a limitless, patient, unconditional love.



### Living the Word:

God sees all of us differently than we see ourselves. Ask your children to draw a picture of how they think God sees them. Next, discuss what it means to have "God's eyes" when we look at others. How would God show love for your best friends? For the bully at school? For the homeless person on the street? How does seeing with God's eyes change your view of these people?

## AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal

The end of June has a little bittersweet ring to it. While we can turn over and look toward next school year, we must also look back to those who have helped us to get to the finish line. This year we are going to see 3 wonderful individuals depart from our school; Mrs. Chris Kaczynski, Mrs Karen Brandi, and Mrs Mary Fisher. They have been a blessing to our school and deserve some rest and relaxation in retirement. I will miss all of them, but I cannot lie, I will miss Mrs. Chris's presence in the office most of all. She was the rock I leaned on when I was struggling, the one I confided in when I was frustrated, the one who walked me through how to do simple things that helped make our school run smoothly. Thank you Mrs. Chris!

This week the Gospel is talking about how we prioritize our relationships. This is one of the most difficult concepts for me as a parent. I know God is important and he should be, but my children are also important to me (as they should be!). I have found through my experiences that putting God first doesn't mean I have to neglect my children, in fact, when God is the center of the family, the relationships are stronger. Having an emphasis on God gives people more patience, justice and love to spread to other people.

AACS is currently looking for (2) part-time aides for the 20-21 school year. These positions are from 9am – 12:45 pm Monday thru Friday. If you are interested or know someone who may be, please send a resume and 3 letters of recommendation to Clark Switalski, [cswitalski@auburnac.org](mailto:cswitalski@auburnac.org)

✠ God Bless



### Job Position(s) Open:

With a desire to prepare for the Fall of the year, we are opening a search for a maintenance/janitor position. Depending on the availability of an applicant, we either will go with one full-time person for both the St. Joseph and St. Anthony sites, or two part-time people. Job descriptions are available upon request from the parish office. Interested individuals are asked to submit a resume and 3 letters of recommendation.

## WEEK OF JUNE 29, 2020

### MONDAY

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

### TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY 8 am Mass

379: Am 5:14-15, 21-24 Ps 50:7-13, 16b-17 Mt 8:28-34

THURSDAY 8 am Mass

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

### FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY 4:30 pm Mass

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

SUNDAY 9:30 am Mass

100: Zec 9:9-10 Ps 145:1,2,8-11,13-14 Rom 8:9, 11-13 Mt 11:25-30



## PARISH ACTIVITIES

**A New Approach:** We are expanding our re-opening to phase two. Beginning with this weekend, June 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, we will welcome half the parish, A thru K, then next weekend, July 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>, L thru Z. We will alternate these two groups and see how that goes for the foreseeable future.

\*PLEASE REMEMBER MASKS ARE REQUIRED AND SOCIAL DISTANCING RULES WILL APPLY. Thank-you for cooperating

## STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$10,962 Offering: \$9476

Priests Retirement: \$860

Thank you to everyone for your continued support financially.

It is truly appreciated!

Children Good Deeds

....We missed the children's envelopes last weekend and seeing their good deeds!....

## Liturgy Corner by Rev. Robert E. Brassard



**Do you know why.....**we sing as we process to receive Communion? The new order of mass restores

the importance of the communion processional song. The church suggests that this processional song be taken from one of the psalms. However, other appropriate songs expressive of unity, encounter with the Lord and joy may also be used. This communion song expresses the union of all those who come forward to receive the Eucharist and who "by the means of the unity of their voices...give evidence of joy of heart and...make the procession to receive Christ's body more fully an act of community.

## Vacation Bible School Days: Rocky Railway:

**"Jesus Power Pulls Us Through"**

4 year old preschool – 5<sup>th</sup> grade (Fall 2020)

Tuesday, July 28–30 from 9 am –12 noon

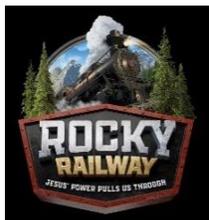
Registrations are due by Monday, July 20<sup>th</sup>

No registrations will be taken on Tuesday, July 28<sup>th</sup>

Youth volunteers are needed grades 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> (Fall 2020)

All Forms are available at Parish Center or by email request

[parishoffice@auburnac.org](mailto:parishoffice@auburnac.org)





**FROM  
FR. TOM'S  
DESK**

**Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time** Patricia Sanchez, *Celebration*

The theme of hospitality is reflected in today's first reading and Gospel. In the text from 2 Kings, the ancient author features the prophet Elisha and a woman of influence from Shunem. With generous gestures of truly Semitic hospitality, the woman welcomed the prophet and even made provisions so that his visits could become more frequent, even routine. Her motivation in providing for his needs is clearly expressed: "I know that he is a holy man of God." In other words, to be a man or person of God is to be the bearer of God's word, a word that effects what it says on the plane of human history. Elisha brought God's word to bear upon his political, social and spiritual circumstances. To welcome him is to welcome the Word of God.

Operating on that same premise, the Matthean Jesus looks beyond his disciples to those whom they will be sent to bear the Word of God. However, Jesus, who is the very Word of God incarnate, makes a further point about hospitality. Who welcomes you welcomes me, and who welcomes me welcomes the One who sent me. Therefore, hospitality shown to Jesus' disciples means more than putting out a good spread and making sure the hungry laborers of God are fed and sheltered. The hospitality Jesus advocates involves both the one who welcomes and the welcomed one in a relationship.

This theme of welcome and hospitality challenges contemporary readers, both those who preach the Word and those who welcome it. In order to preach the Word honestly, God's messengers must first welcome it and allow its truth into their every thought, word and deed. Only then can the Word be authentically mediate and not manipulated by personal ambition or agenda. In order for, the Word to be truly welcomed, those who hear the preacher must listen wholly, not selectively, and allow that God's Word can be spoken through whatever mediator God chooses. Then both preachers and people in the pew will be able to enter into that familial communion that God establishes and sustains. "Who welcomes you...welcomes me...and the one who sent me."

**Need to Welcome: (2 King 4)** *Celebration*

Ostensibly, the child promised by Elisha to the woman from Shunem appears to be a reward for her gracious hospitality to the prophet. But if this excerpted text is read more carefully, it becomes clear that the woman is being blessed not for the offer of a room, bed, table, chair and whatever meals she would serve the prophet. Rather, the son is given in acknowledgement of her faith in the holy man's purpose in speaking the Word of God into the plane of human history.

Her action provides the illustration for the saying of Jesus that will be announced in today's Gospel. "Who welcomes a prophet because he/she bears the name of a prophet receives a prophet's reward; who welcomes a holy person...receives a holy person's reward." That reward will be further enhanced later in the woman's story when Elisha restores that same son to life (vv.31-37). As a model of faith and hospitality, the woman from Shunem reminds us of the need to be alert and ready to welcome the varied ways and the many different people through whom God's Word may be made known to us. In welcoming them, we welcome God.

**Baptismal Birth: (Romans 6)** *Celebration*

Baptism is a sacramental event whereby believers encounter and are welcomed into the life of Christ and the church. Paul celebrates this great and everlasting welcome in today's second reading.

This text, part of a longer section of his Roman correspondence in which Paul details the consequences of Christ's death, focuses on baptism as the means by which believers participate in Jesus' saving efforts. Reminding his readers of the catechesis that had prepared them for the sacrament of initiation ("Are you not aware..." verse 3), Paul explains that believers are baptized *into* Christ and thus have

begun the lifelong process of becoming alive for God in Christ Jesus. In other words, Christians are not simply remembering the death of Christ or identifying with it; rather, through baptism, believers are introduced into the very process of Jesus' dying and rising.

**Hard Sell?: (Matthew 10)** *Grace Works* Dallas TX

So, Jesus told his followers to establish the Church and its message by telling the truth, straight up. Was Jesus flippant about family or self-protection in this shocking language of invitation to Christian discipleship? No, not at all. Actually, it is the highest of compliments that Jesus would select these relationships—Family and self—as the clarifying priority for His calling. He deliberately chose the very highest, the most noble of all priorities in a person's life to help underscore the supreme importance of counting the cost for Christian Faith. These are the highest human values, but even those values must come second to the supreme value one must place on the relationship with God if one is to espouse Christian faith.

No one ever accused Jesus of making an "easy sell" out of Christian faith. And they should not accuse His Church of doing either. If a person follows Christ, it is not a life of ease to which that person is called. But it is a life of great impact. It is not a life that leads to the plush chair in the corner office with great retirement benefits; it is a life that may lead to an uncomfortable cross of sacrifice for others, an emptying of oneself for the world out of great love. And by the way, the retirement package for followers of Christ? Well it is truly out of this world! So, with all this in mind, you are invited to join. No fine print. But a fine life indeed!

**There is a Time:** Deacon Dick Folger, *Celebration*

In today's Gospel we are told about the many rewards that await us if we live life faithfully. But we should never forget that heavenly rewards are not really earned because they are ultimately a gift we don't deserve.

An elderly Italian man lay dying in his bed. He suddenly smelled his favorite anisette-sprinkled cookies. He rose from his deathbed and made his way downstairs. At the doorway to the kitchen he beheld a heavenly vision. His devoted Italian wife of 60 years was baking. He staggered toward the table, where spread out upon waxed paper were hundreds of his favorite cookies. He reached for a cookie at the edge of the table, when his hand was suddenly smacked with a spatula by his wife. "Back off!" she snapped. "They're for the funeral."

**The Trinity:** Sr. Mary McGlone, *National Catholic Reporter*

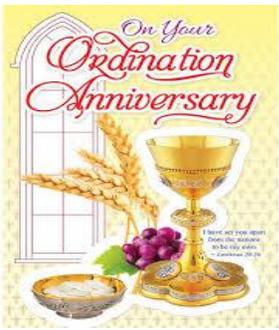
This reading is one of our many reminders that Christianity is much more than an armchair activity or prier-dieu proposition. In effect, Jesus is telling the disciples: "Nothing, no commitment, no love, no desire, can be more important than this task." He went on to assure them, "It will cost you your life, and it will give you your life's meaning."

We should remember that in this Gospel Jesus commissioned a community, not individuals. No one of us will ever be sufficiently worthy or equal to take up Jesus' mission. Spouses share in each other's vocation, communities are called together to create the physical, psychic and spiritual spaces that heal the wounds and divisions of the world. As we are followers of Jesus, our every love fits uniquely into our mission. Rather than limit our focus and care, as Christians, our love for father, mother, son, daughter, friend and lover can make us ever more worthy, ever more ready and able to love without limit.



**"May I love you, Lord, with my whole heart"**

**Project:** Summer time is a good time for capital improvements. We contracted with Brian Owens to do some cement work. Patching and sealing the cement on the sidewalks and curbs, and most notably replacing the garage floor at the rectory.



**Congratulations Father Tom!**  
 We would like to say "Congrats" to our own Fr Tom who is celebrating the 51<sup>st</sup> anniversary of his Ordination on June 28<sup>th</sup>. We, the parishioners at St. Gabriel, are certainly glad that you "answered the call".

**Online Giving...**

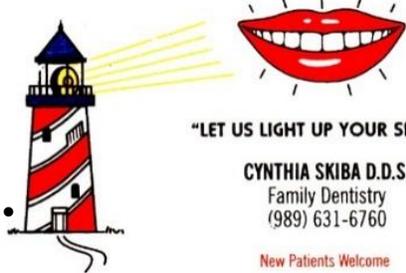
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**PICTORIAL DIRECTORY UPDATE**  
 We have been working diligently on the pictorial directory. However, we are at a standstill with the shutdown as Lifetouch has closed per the executive order in their state. Know that we are still in the process and hope that we will have it completed in the near future and then get it to the publisher when they reopen. Thank-you for your patience!



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