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MASSES

***Weekday masses suspended until further notice**

Saturday 4:30 PM

Sunday 9:30 AM

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

***Monthly schedule suspended until further notice**

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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SCHOOL ENDOWMENT

SPREADING THE SPIRIT FUND

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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 August 1st, 2022

Monday

407: Jer 28:1-17 Ps 119:29, 43, 79-80, 95, 102 Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday

408: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22 Ps 102:16-23, 29 Mt 14:22-36

Wednesday

409: Jer 31:1-7 (Ps) Jer 31:10-12b, 13 Mt 15:21-28

Thursday

410: Jer 31:31-34 Ps 51:12-15, 18-19 Mt 16:13-23

Friday

411: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7 (Ps) Dt 32:35c-36b, 39abcd, 41 Mt 16:24-28

Saturday 4:30 pm Mass

614: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 2 Pt 1:16-19 Lk 9:28b-36

Sunday 9:30 am Mass

117: Wis 18: 6-9 Ps 33:1, 12, 18-22 Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 Lk 12:32-48



EDUCATION / FORMATION

Family Talk Time:

Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families: Sara McGinnis Lee

Did the rich man act in a bad way? What did he neglect to think about as he did his work? What is the difference between needing something and wanting something?

Reflecting on the Word:

The rich man in the parable acted wisely. He worked hard to produce a good harvest and planned to store it for his future. This sounds like he is being prudent. However, we must always be mindful of producing good works in the eyes of God and storing those up, not for ourselves but for the good of all those around us. We must produce good fruit. We do so by remaining close to God. Let us pray God guides us to make good decisions this week.



PARISH ACTIVITIES

Friday, August 5th –Office closes at noon –(summer hours)

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$11,153.84 Offering: \$7,654.46

Priest Retirement Fund: \$50 Food Pantry: \$20

Children's Good Deeds

...Taking care of Grammy's kitty...Helping my mom...

...Helping family pack all week...

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal

The last day of July means **22 more days of summer vacation** and school is officially in session!

The staff will come back the week of August 15th for some professional learning, our retreat, and classroom set up.



The parents will come into the classrooms on Thursday, August 18th for curriculum night. We will be very excited to start a new school year and hope that this year is filled with a lot of learning, joy, and experiences where our students can grow in their faith.

...God Bless...

Save the Date ... We are actively planning for the "2022 St. Gabriel Parish Picnic!" This year's date is Sunday, September 11th from noon-4 pm. So mark your calendar, and make a plan to be there!



Living the Word:

Sometimes siblings have a hard time sharing things with others. This week, ask each family member to pay attention to all the sharing that goes on in the house. When they see it, have them call it out, "Thank you for sharing!"

This will show cooperation and how sharing helps to develop a happy and healthy home environment. Talk about how, if people learn how to share in their homes, they will be more able to know how to share in the world.



Treatment Update... I have started treatment, *so far, so good*. My weekly schedule is, chemo on Monday *only* and radiation *Monday through Friday*. My treatment will continue for 28 days. I had intended to return to daily Mass the first week of August but my overall condition from chemo and radiation is indicating that I am not capable, under current conditions, to properly celebrate the Mass. Therefore we will cancel daily mass until further notice. Also the recommendation from medical staff is to limit my contact with the public. I am sure you can understand these precautions. ~Fr. Tom ~



Upcoming Blood Drive

Please remember that we have a blood drive scheduled for Wednesday, August 10th from 1:30-6:30 pm in the Social Hall. We do not have many people signed up as of right now so help us make our goal of 24 donors! Versiti.org/MI or you can call 866-642-5663.





FROM FR. TOM'S DESK

Eighteenth Sunday Ordinary Time:

Patricia Sanchez, *Celebration*

The selected readings prompt a careful consideration of the integrity and authenticity of personal and communal values. The values we hold will dictate how we spend our time, talent and treasure and will determine where and with whom we will invest our spiritual, physical, and emotional energies; therefore, it is important to identify and, when necessary, to adjust and reshape our values in order to keep them consonant with those mandated by the life of faith to which we have been called.

In the second reading, the author of Colossians reminds his readers that the faith-life of a believer requires that Christ be the priority. Hearts which are set on Christ, and which are intent upon things that pertain to Christ are less likely to be deterred by false needs, futile desires and inauthentic values that prove to be only a masquerade for the truth.

Qoheleth, the philosophical and critical author of today's first reading saw through and exposed the masquerade that many embrace as a substitute for serious, thoughtful, and committed living. He wrote as vanity and misfortune every human effort that is motivated simply by a desire for fleeting things. He urged his readers to question if there be any profit in toiling for that which is here today but gone tomorrow.

The Lucan Jesus in today's gospel delivered a similar message to his disciples, though in a less skeptical tone, when he related the parable of the rich man and his grain bins. Having been blessed with an abundance of this world's goods, the rich man made the mistake of making his wealth the basis of his security. Believing that his long-term investment in his "piled-up wealth" assured him of "blessing in reverse for years to come," he allowed himself to be lulled into a false sense of well-being. But death, the rude awakener, would unmask the error of his ways. Although it was too late for the rich man, Jesus challenged his followers to learn from his experience. Through the vivid image of the dead rich man and his full storage bins left behind, believers are called to look at their own lives, their own "riches" and to evaluate their true needs and wants.

Empty Hands:(Ecclesiastes 1 and 2) *Celebration*

According to well-traveled legend, Alexander the Great (356-323 B.C.E.) commanded that when he died and was carried forth to his grave, his hands should not be wrapped, as was custom, in the burial clothes, but should be left outside the bier, so that all might see them, and might also see that they were empty. In the brief span of his thirty-three years, Alexander had conquered and possessed the riches of an empire that extended from Greece to India. Yet, in death, his hands were empty; none of his wealth could survive the passage to death.

Perhaps the author of today's excerpted reading from Ecclesiastes had Alexander, and others like him in mind, when he counseled against placing too much store in illusory treasures. The unnamed author is referred to as Qoheleth, David's son and king of Jerusalem; however, there is no record of a Davidic son by that name. Qoheleth was probably not a proper name per se, but a participle based on the Hebrew word *qahal* (in Greek, *ekklesia*, hence, Ecclesiastes) which means assembly or congregation. As such, the term *qoheleth* designated someone who functioned in relationship to the assembly, as its presider or preacher.

In Christ: (Colossians 3)

Celebration

Before Christ the Colossians had been rooted in earth (v.9); their lives had become burdened by merely temporal concerns and their entanglements had led them to give themselves over to wanton physical passions, idolatry, and dishonesty. In harsh graphic language, the ancient writer called believers to "put to death" (v. 9) all that would keep them from Christ. Contemporary believers might better understand the command to "put to death..." as a call to kill self-centeredness to undergo a radical transformation of the will and a radical shift of center. All that would separate a person from Christ and from full obedience and surrender to God must be surgically excised. This is usually accomplished not by one deft slice with a spiritual scalpel but by a daily and difficult process of shaving and chipping away at sinful ways and bad habits until they are overcome.

Priorities: (Luke 12)

Celebration

To fully appreciate its significance, today's gospel should be understood as a small portion of the lengthy instruction Jesus imparted to his followers en route to Jerusalem (Luke 9:51-19:28). Just prior to this lesson on greed and undue attachment to material wealth, Jesus had counseled his disciples against all anxiety, telling them God who knew their needs and wants would never forget them. Therefore, they need not live in fear of anything or anyone; the presence of the Holy Spirit would sustain them in every circumstance (12:1-12). In today's gospel, and in response to the question of "someone in the crowd" (v. 13), Jesus challenges those who seek to allay their fears by making abundance of material goods their base of security and their insurance against the future.

Jesus' lesson about greed and wealth was prompted by a request that he act as arbiter in a dispute over an inheritance. Certainly, Jesus had wisdom and intelligence sufficient to settle the issue, however he chose not to become embroiled in matters material, particularly since he was directing the attention of his disciples toward the more enduring treasure of the kingdom. As his followers, they would become heirs of an eternal inheritance; therefore, all their other needs and wants were to be subordinated and ordered accordingly. Because earthly possessions do not guarantee life (v.15), Jesus taught his own that their energies should not be spent in having more, but in becoming more and more, like him.

On Travelling Light::

Patrick Marrin, *Celebration*

This parable is one for our consumer age, learned too late by too many who race through life consumed by work and the upward spiral of wanting, needing, and getting more stuff.

We read obituaries and register the truth that life is short. We go to garage sales and auctions and note the dust on other people's treasures, the foolishness of getting too wrapped up in stuff. The late Blues singer Peggy Lee captured Qoheleth's lament better than anyone, "Is this all there is?"

The answer is, of course, that there is so much more, but learning to see it requires conversion. To really trust Providence is not to neglect our gifts or fail to manage our resources prudently; it is to get our priorities straight. Store up treasure for yourself in heaven, keep your eyes on the prize that is Jesus. Stretch your heart and make it generous, especially in hard times. Choose people over things. Walk away early from the siren-call of avarice before it infects you with desire or envy or dissatisfaction. The calculating heart will never be at peace. A flexibility in accepting both gain and loss each day, and openness to surprise, a sense of humor, are all marks of freedom. The kingdom of God will open wide to us if we travel light, alert to every opportunity to give ourselves away. And when we do, heaven will come to earth in our lives.



*"Help me, Lord, with
proper priorities."*

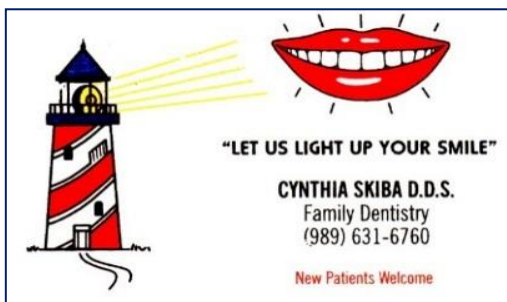
Enjoy the rest of your summer!



Prayer for Safe Travels
 Lord, You watch over my coming and going,
 You guard me at home and when I'm away,
 As I travel from home, keep watch over me.
 Protect me and keep me safe.
 Surround me with Your love and comfort.
 Carry me through my travels and bring me home safely.
 For You are my guide, leading me day and night
 May I continue to always follow where You lead,
 for now and evermore. Amen.



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