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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.

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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 August 9TH, 2021

MONDAY

413: Dt 10:12-22 Ps 147:12-15, 19-20 Mt 17:22-27

TUESDAY

618:2 Cor 9:6-10 Ps 112:1-2, 5-9 Jn 12:24-26

WEDNESDAY 8 am Mass

415: Dt 34:1-12 Ps 66:1-3a, 5, 8, 16-17 Mt 18:15-20

THURSDAY 8 am Mass

416: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17 Ps 114:1-6 Mt 18:21---19:1

FRIDAY

417: Jos 24:1-13 Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24 Mt 19:3-12

SATURDAY 4:30 pm Mass

418: Jos 24:14-29 Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 11 Mt 19:13-15

SUNDAY 9:30 am Mass

622: Rv 11:19a;12:1-6a,10ab Ps 45:10-12, 16 1 Cor 15:20-27

Lk 1:39-56



EDUCATION / FORMATION

Family Talk Time Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families, Sara McGinnis Lee
Think about how going to church nourishes us. We are fed by God in the Word and the Eucharist. The assembly also sustains us. How can you more fully participate in the Mass?

Reflecting on the Word:

Once again, those listening to Jesus are murmuring among themselves because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They know him and his family and they think that what he is saying is unbelievable. Jesus is aware of the murmuring and the disbelief, but he continues to preach the Good News. Jesus insists, "I am the bread of life." This bread is not only nourishing, but it is also sustaining and satisfying, and it is available to all. Whoever eats this bread receives eternal life.



Living the Word:

Do this art project together: On one sheet of paper, draw a loaf of bread. On another sheet, draw a picture of Jesus. Under each, write a description of how each sustains, nourishes, and satisfies you. Bread (or food) gives us physical nourishment, alleviates our hunger, provides us with energy, and helps us grow healthy. Jesus provides us with spiritual nourishment, helps us live, fills our heart, and helps us love one another. Do we need both bread and Jesus? Which one do we need more?

UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

Thursday, August 5th – Wedding Rehearsal

Friday, August 6th – Parish Office closing at noon-summer hours
Wedding – 4 pm

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$10,962 **Offering:** \$11,692.60

Mission Co-op: \$270 **Priest Retirement:** \$50 **Food Pantry:** \$100
Children G☺☺D Deeds

...Helped Dad clean the living room...Sharing toys...

...Help Mom and Dad...I shared my toys

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal

With the students returning on the 23rd, I am tasked with having to find a replacement for our 5th grade teacher who is leaving to pursue a career with the public school system. Please reach out to *anyone, and everyone* you may know that might be interested and have them email me at cswitalski@auburnac.org. I really need to fill this position ASAP, with school beginning soon, time is of the essence. I would really appreciate your help, thank you!

This week Jesus talks about how he is sent from heaven by God the Father. This is hard for some of the Jewish people because they can't fathom how Jesus could have 2 parents, Mary and Joseph, but still claim he is from God. His words and actions up to this point has shown everyone who he is and what his intentions are, yet there are doubters. I know for a fact in life, there are many doubts that creep into someone's mind. I don't think you can truly consider yourself a human being if you don't have doubts. But the main difference between being successful or not comes from continuing regardless of the doubt and having faith that you are doing the best thing in that moment that you can. Being our best selves should always be the goal and treating others with kindness and respect should be effortless.

God Bless

Baptism Prep Sessions:

We have a wonderful team offering two preparation sessions: Prep I session is for the first-time parents & Prep II is for those parents who have already attended a Prep 1 session. We are currently offering the sessions in-person and virtually. Contact Sandy, 989-662-4335 or sdesjardins@auburn.org to register for a preparation session and to set your celebration date.



Please help save lives...

Reminder that our last blood drive of the Summer is **this Wednesday**, August 11th from 1:30-6:30 pm in the Social Hall. In honor of "**Back-to-School**" this drive will be a **fund-raiser** for the school. If we reach a quota of 25 donors the school will receive a donation of \$5 per donor and if we reach 50 donors they will get \$10 per donor!!! Let's end this summer with a bang and help our school as well! **See the enclosed flyer for more details!**





**FROM
FR. TOM'S
DESK**

Nineteenth Sunday Ordinary Time: Patricia Sanchez, *Celebration*

In the sacred texts for today, the praying assembly is invited to share the travels of other pilgrims and to learn from them life's lessons. Elijah, who is featured in the first reading from Kings, had grown weary of his life's journey, which he hoped would soon come to an end. There are so many experiences in any given human life that can result in a similar desire to give up and be gone. Losses of every sort—whether it be loss of a job, a home, a lifestyle. A spouse or friend, or even of one's good health, sound mind and independence—all might constitute an occasion for wanting to stop the pilgrimage that is life. But God had other plans for the prophet. To that end, God fortified Elijah with food and sent him an angel messenger with instructions to keep going. His journey was not to end there in the desert under a broom tree, regardless of how discouraged the prophet had become.

Elijah's experience encourages the travel-weary to look for the angel messengers who come their way and to accept their support, advice, and companionship. From the prophet, pilgrims can also learn of the necessity of good spiritual nutrition, the need to eat and drink daily from the good bread of life that God has given in Jesus.

Jesus' gift of himself as bread is once again the theme of the Gospel. Because he claimed to be heaven-sent and because he offered bread that he described as superior to the manna that fed the Israelites in the desert, Jesus became an object of derision. His companions on the journey began to murmur against him, to question his origins and to criticize his teachings.

Despite the murmuring of those he wished to make his lifelong travel companions, Jesus was patient. He did not, however, alter or dilute his message to appease his detractors. Fully aware that a simpler message might draw more followers, the Johannine Jesus nevertheless insisted that the bread he would provide for every believer's journey through life would be his flesh for the life of the world.

The disciples would only begin to see later; when their journey together would lead first to the upper room for their last supper together (John 13-17) and then to the cross, where he would be broken and given over to death for them (John 19). Only when their journey led them again to the upper room (John 20) and then to the seaside breakfast—where he again offered them bread—did the first disciples truly begin to see and believe and accept the purpose of their pilgrimage. On the strength of their seeing and believing and acceptance, we continue to avail ourselves of the bread Jesus gives to sustain and encourage our journey home to him and to God.

Second Wind: (1 Kings 14): *Celebration*

In today's reading, Elijah seems to have considered his ministry to be at an end. Like Moses before him (Num 11:14) and Job (6:9; 7:15) and Jonah (4:3, 8), Elijah prayed for the permanent relief of death. But like all of God's ministers, Elijah would soon learn the lesson of God's surprising ways. When human resources seem useless and human hopes fail, God's power can provide unexpected strength to

us so the divine plan will proceed. Accordingly, the prophet's itinerary was to be redirected. No longer was his journey an escape but a much-needed time out.

After being fed by God and encouraged by God's angel messenger, Elijah would learn that the divine plan was much larger and more all-encompassing than the prophet had imagined. His journey was not ended. He was assured that God saw and protected him on every step of his way—the God who would be made known to him in the "still, small silence" at Horeb (1 Kgs 19:12).

This same God continues to feed and to guide the way of all who will believe and entrust themselves to a plan and a purpose greater than their own.

Sealed in the Spirit: (Ephesians 4): *Celebration*

Living under the seal of the Spirit, entails some down-to-earth patterns, which include love of the truth, honest purpose in daily work, altruistic concern for the needy and sincere speech that has no truck with falsehood, anger, gossip, or maliciousness. Because of the seal of the Spirit, believers acknowledge that they are not their own but are called to a higher, deeper, fuller, freer way of life that has been revealed in Jesus Christ.

Sealed by the Spirit, all we are and do, all we say and think can become a gift to God that can be united with the supreme sacrificial offering of Jesus Christ.

The Eucharist: Rev. Peter Tynan, OSB, *The Liturgical Press*

The Eucharist is more than simple food, as we know. It is Christ's very self. "I am the bread that came down from heaven," Christ tells us in our Gospel for today. Christ is our nourishment for our journey through this life.

When we begin to see things through this perspective, the perspective of faith and symbol, our worship together can be more than a weekly obligation. The Mass can be experienced as a waystation for us life-weary travelers to stop, rest, and nourish ourselves for the next leg of journey through our lives. It is here we can celebrate together with other travelers the wonders we have seen, the toils we have overcome, and the sights we hope to see shortly. Also, it is an opportunity for us to heal from the wounds the jagged pathways may have inflicted upon us. The Mass and the Church that celebrates it is indeed a hospital for our souls.

Jesus Christ wants us travelers to reach our destinations of eternal life with him in the Holy Trinity. For this he did so much, suffered so much, and left us the Eucharist to make sur that we have what we need to finish our journey. May we be mindful of all this and take full advantage of "this living bread that came down from heaven." The Eucharist, our life journey's true food.

Like a Child: *Grace Works, Dallas, TX*

Jesus offers a banquet with little that we can see on his table. Let us come expectantly as if we were sitting at a restaurant anticipating a steak or awaiting the best meal ever prepared at home. Truly our relationships with him are what will preserve us into eternal life. That's why he told us to come to him as little children. They do not have to see anything to believe it. We know he's here because we're here, to feast not on what we can see but on the relationship he offers.

"Sustain me, Lord, on life's journey"



Christ's Mission Appeal...

This year's annual drive ends in August. We still have several parishioners that have outstanding balances that need to be paid this month. We ask that you give your attention to this matter. We have exceeded our target and any extra donations will be returned to the church. *Our goal was \$ 75,740.04, with \$76,755 pledged and \$1014.96 still outstanding.*



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