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**SCHOOL ENDOWMENT  
 SPREADING THE SPIRIT FUND**

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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 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

## WEEK OF AUGUST 9, 2020

### MONDAY

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

### TUESDAY

414: Ez 2:8--3:4 Ps 119:14, 24,72,103,111,131 Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

### WEDNESDAY 8 am Mass

415: Ez 9:1-7: 10:18-22 Ps 113:1-6 Mt 18:15-20

### THURSDAY 8 am Mass

416: Ez 12:1-12 Ps 78:56-59, 61-62 Mt 18:21—19:1

### FRIDAY

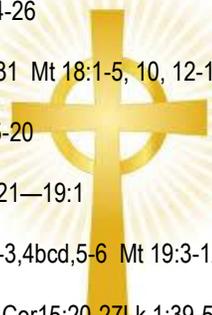
417: Ez 16:1-15,60,63 or 16:59-63 (Ps)Is 12:2-3,4bcd,5-6 Mt 19:3-12

### SATURDAY 4:30 pm Mass

622:Rv11:19a;12:1-6a,10ab Ps 45:10-12,16 1Cor15:20-27Lk 1:39-56

### SUNDAY 9:30 am Mass

118: Is 56:1,6-7 Ps 67:2-3,5-6, 8 Rom 11:13-15, 29-32 Mt 15 21-28



## PLEASE NOTE:

*As of the first weekend in August we will no longer use the alphabet system to determine mass attendance. From now on the church is open to you for any weekend mass you are able to attend. We are still observing capacity limitations for social distancing and masks will still be required*

*\* Thank-you for cooperating!*

## STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$10,962 Offering: \$12,924.16

Priests Retirement: \$500 Food Pantry: \$100

*Thank you to everyone for your continued support financially.*

*It is truly appreciated!*

Children Good Deed

....We had some children's envelopes but no good deeds!...

**Year-end wrap-up:** Our fiscal year goes from July 1<sup>st</sup> thru June 30<sup>th</sup>. The bottom line of the report is that we had an income of \$1,115,226.86 and expenses of \$1,114,451.12, the surplus was \$815.74!

Our bookkeeper, Janet, highlighted the major improvements and acquisitions: Under **Land Improvements** last fiscal year the major expenses were: Artisans-Landscaping near annex(\$2000); American Lawn Care (pre-pay at beginning of year) \$3100; Kokaly (\$404); and Owens (\$9250) were paid in June. For **Building Improvements** we paid some \$28,000 for the new gym floor at West Campus; \$13,500 for new lights in the gym; \$11,395 for new school doors; \$23,324 for new church windows (East Campus) and for **Furnishings & Equipment** we replaced sound systems at both churches(\$7,500); new carpet for classrooms(\$3,600); some plumbing and new hot water heater(\$2600) and replaced 2 computers in the Parish Center (\$1,535)



**Recent Changes:** We have signed a contract with Veteran's Alarm for a new security system at both the St. Anthony site and the St. Joseph site.

## EDUCATION / FORMATION

**Family Talk Time** Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families:  
Sara McGinnis Lee

*Have you ever felt scared or worried? How did you get over these fears and anxieties? How has Jesus been there for you in these times of turmoil?*

### Reflecting on the Word:

"Lord save me!" How often do we echo Peter's plea? It seems to burst forth when we feel overwhelmed, anxious, or drowning in responsibility. Though Peter doubted and feared as much as we do sometimes, he also hoped in the Lord. He dared to come to Jesus, and when doubt caused him to sink, he reached out his hand and felt Jesus grab him tight. He was not left to drown in those turbulent waters, and neither are we. Jesus is there with a firm grasp; he alone can calm all our fears. Faith makes a difference in our lives. When we have faith, we respond courageously to adversity and unrest.

### Living the Word:

Jesus gave Peter his hand as Peter was falling into the water. Talk about what it means to "lend a helping hand." Who might benefit from a helping hand this week? Ask everyone in your family to lend a helping hand each day this week and to share their experiences at the dinner table.

## AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal

How do you know you are doing the right thing? Doubt often creeps into your mind and makes all your certainties about a situation or event comes into question. When it comes to making a decision, there are many perspectives and points of view that should be taken into account, but even after you do your due diligence, the doubt can remain. Prayer, reflection, constant thought, and concern for my fellow human beings have been the guidance I have always relied upon. In school, the question I often ask myself is, "is this good for the children and staff?" More times than not, the answer is quite clear, but not always. As we start this school year, please continue to pray for us, because these are times where the direct path is not so clear.



Peter had doubt, this week in the Gospel. First he didn't think Jesus would walk on water and come to the boat, second he doubted himself being able to walk on water with Jesus. I have seen this over and over in my years of being a teacher/coach; students trying something for the first time, then getting scared and doubting their abilities. It is a valuable lesson that can be taught in order to become self-confident and try new things in life. Jesus is teaching Peter that lesson, how to remain resilient even in the face of something scary. After Jesus is crucified we see exactly why Jesus prepared St. Peter. He was to lead our Church in the face of uncertain times filled with persecution and doubt. Doubt will always be present, but so will confidence, conviction, and trust.

✠ God Bless



**FROM  
FR. TOM'S  
DESK**

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

Seeking, finding and knowing the presence of God forms the theme that weaves together the experiences of Elijah the prophet (1 Kgs), Paul the apostle (Rom) and the tempest-tossed disciples of Jesus (Matt) this Sunday. Their experiences of looking for God and discovering God in surprising places prompt each member of the praying assembly to ask: How do I find and experience God? Where do I go seeking for God?

Elijah sought out the divine presence in what had become a traditional venue—on a mountain, in the manifestations of nature. But God surprised the prophet by being revealed in a tiny whispering sound. Paul thought he had experienced the fullness of God's presence in his careful observance of the law, but he too was surprised when the divine presence became a person and was revealed to him in Jesus Christ. On the stormy sea, the disciples thought themselves to be on their own, with no defense against the elements. Yet God's power and presence was revealed to them in the person of Jesus, who calmed the sea and their fears.

Each of these experiences affirms that God wants to be found and known and experienced. I am ever near. God seems to say. All you need do is open your eyes your heart, your life to me. Jeremiah once shared his experience of God in these words: "When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me," says the Lord"

In each of these various experiences, there is one invariable. God is near, waiting to be found, longing to be welcomed. All we need to do is be willing to be surprised by the intimacy and intensity of the experience.

**Sound of Silence: (1 King 19)** *Celebration*

Elijah's trip to Horeb (Sinai) was an actual escape. Having warned Ahab and Jezebel against idolatry to no avail, Elijah battled with the prophets she brought with her from her native Sidon, and in the end slaughtered 450 of them. Cursed by Jezebel, who threatened his life, Elijah fled to the desert and prayed for death. God fed the prophet and encouraged him to persevere. He traveled 40 days and nights to Horeb, where God twice asked him, "Why are you here?" (1 Kgs 19:9b, 13). Almost imperceptibly, God seemed to be asking Elijah, "Why have you taken the easy way out?" Why had he not relied on the presence of God to see him through difficulties? Why did he try to escape rather than speak the truth?

In response, Elijah launched into a self-serving lament about how hard he had worked and how he alone had been faithful. In the midst of his pity party, he was interrupted by God, whose presence was made known to him in a new and surprising manner. It was introduced by various natural phenomena--wind, earthquake, and fire--but the prophet found the presence of God in "a tiny whispering sound."

**Paul's Joy and Sadness: (Romans 4)** *Celebration*

Paul longed to share his faith in Jesus with his fellow Jews. So intense was his longing that he was willing to be "cut off from Christ" and "accursed" if only they too would know the presence and power of God at work in Jesus. Like the merchant who had found the pearl of great price and the person who found the treasure hidden in a field and the Samaritan woman at the well who had to tell her neighbors, Paul was bursting with excitement at having found and been found by Jesus, and he could not rest until others knew a similar blessing. Paul's anguish for his fellow Jews was, all the more poignant because he

knew that God had especially chosen Israel as the people through whom Jesus would be revealed as Son of God and Savior of humankind.

**Our Need: (Matthew 14)** *Celebration*

The narrative of Jesus' coming on the water forms a pair with its predecessor, following immediately upon the narrative of the feeding of the multitude with the loaves and fish (last Sunday). Both liken Jesus to the God of the wilderness. Just as God fed the Israelites with Manna in the desert, so Jesus fed the many with bread in a deserted place. Just as God enabled the escapees from Egypt to make their way safely through the sea, so Jesus showed himself to be the master of the sea and the protector of his own.

For the disciples in the boat, 3:00 a.m. was a time of fear and helplessness, of worry and regret. But just when all seemed darkest and lost and hopeless, Jesus came walking and through his presence he allayed their fear and offered himself as the source of their joy, security and hope.

Jesus continues to come walking into our personal tempests. When these are stirred up by forces from within us or forces beyond our power to control. Jesus will make his presence known. Whether we venture forth and flounder, like Peter, or remain in the boat and allow Jesus to come to us, whatever 3:00 a.m. moment we may find ourselves, he will indeed come bringing peace, strength and salvation. We must welcome his presence and his power.

**Called to Imitate, not Mimic:** Fr. James Smith, *Celebration*

Peter's problem came when he thought he could do what Jesus did on his own. That's when he sank like a rock that he was. Which is how you and I get into trouble, in over our heads. To base our actions on "what Jesus would do" is a good idea in general, but not necessarily in particular. Just because Jesus did not build a clinic does not mean that we should not build one; Jesus could already cure cancer. It is well to recall that we are called to imitate Jesus, not mimic him. We are to replicate his attitudes, not his actions.

But it is the end of the story that is the most important. It says that when Peter got in over his head, Jesus saved him. And so, it is with us. No matter how we got wherever we are for whatever reasons, all we need to do is put our hand in the hand of the man who calmed the waters.

**God's Presence:** *Grace Works, Dallas, TX*

As God came to Elijah on that mountain, as our Lord walked on an angry sea to lift Peter from certain death, so God in Christ comes to us in whispered love and outstretched hand. There are times when, in absolute trust, we keep our eyes on the Lord and stare down evil. We walk on water and amaze ourselves and others. Other times, we find ourselves pummeled by our fears, sinking in our doubts. But at every turn, in all times, God is there: God speaks our name, whispers assurance, and summons us to new and renewing work.



**"Lord, save me"**

**Online Giving...**

**During these uncertain times, your parish still needs your support.** Do not forget the availability of online giving. You can go to the parish website and "click" online giving, you can also go to My parish App or use the link below. Your vital support can still happen regardless of where you are.

<https://www.osvhub.com/auburnac/funds>



**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. at Parish Center

**PICTORIAL DIRECTORY UPDATE**

We have been working diligently on the pictorial directory. We have completed the activity pages and submitted them along with the parish roster of names and addresses. The publisher will produce a proof and once we have approved everything it will go to print. Thank-you for your patience!



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