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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 call Parish Office for appointment.

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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

EDUCATION / FORMATION

Family Talk Time Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families: Sara McGinnis Lee
What are we celebrating today? Why is Mary so beloved to us?

Reflecting on the Word:

Mary meets Elizabeth, shares her greatest joy, and then praises God, who has done great things for her and blessed her. She directs her prayer to the God who has shown mercy, justly sent away the rich, fed the poor, and lifted the lowly. Finally, she praises God, who has fulfilled his promises to the people of Israel. It is a beautiful song of praise to a just and merciful God, a God who has never abandoned her or God's people.



Living the Word:

Create a prayer of praise to God with your children. Follow the structure in Mary's prayer. First, write a few lines of how God makes you feel and declare what God has done for you. Second, praise how God is just: what has God done to show mercy and care for the lowly, poor, and marginalized? Lastly, praise God for all creation. After writing your prayer, say it together as a family each night to remind yourselves what a joy it is

Congratulations!



*We would like to offer wedding congratulations to **Tara Lynn Binder** and **John Michael Marczak** who were united in marriage on Friday August 13th here at St. Gabriel Parish*

Save the Date!!

After a year off, Parish Council has decided to host a Parish Picnic! This event was cancelled last year due to the pandemic, so we are excited to make plans for this year's picnic! The date is

Sunday, September 12th, from 12 – 3:30. *The Parish will provide ALL the food, we will NOT be asking for a dish to pass.*

Tentative schedule:

*12:30-2 pm Lunch Served (hot dogs & pulled pork),
12-2 pm Games,
12 -3:30 pm Inflatables,
2 pm Door Prizes,
2:30-3:30 pm Bingo*

Parish Council is also looking for Door Prize Donations for this event. If you are willing and able to donate please contact the Parish Office at (989) 662-6861. Thank-you!



WEEK OF AUGUST 16th, 2021

MONDAY

419: Jgs 2:11-19 Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44 Mt 19:16-22

TUESDAY

420: Jgs 6:11-24a Ps 85:9, 11-14 Mt 19:23-30

WEDNESDAY 8 am Mass

421: Jgs 9:6-15 Ps 21:2-7 Mt 20:1-16

THURSDAY 8 am Mass

422: Jgs 11:29-39a Ps 40:5, 7-10 Mt 22:1-14

FRIDAY

423: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22 Ps 146:5-10 Mt 22:34-40

SATURDAY 4:30 pm Mass

424: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17 Ps 128:1b-5 Mt 23:1-12

SUNDAY 9:30 am Mass

122: Jos 24:1-2a,5-17,18b Ps 34:2-3,16-21 Eph 5:21-32 Jn 6:60-69



PARISH ACTIVITIES

Thursday, August 19th – Teacher Retreat

Friday, August 20th – Parish Office closed at noon summer hours

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$10,962 **Offering:** \$9,647.60

Food Pantry: \$170

Children's G☺od Deed

...I helped my grandparents pick corn...Cleaned...

...Helped "nabers" (neighbors?)...

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal



Back to School

First Day of School is on Tuesday, August 23rd!! We can't wait to see everyone!!

This is an exciting time of

the year when we begin the school year. We are still looking for a 5th grade teacher, please put the word out, I have *faith* we will find someone soon!

This week Mary visits Elizabeth. Immediately after entering the house, Elizabeth knows who Mary is carrying in her womb. Having the faith to trust God is one of the most important decisions Mary makes in her life. Faith is important in all aspects of our lives, especially the school. We must have faith that all the people in our building are looking out for our children and helping to guide them to making good decisions.

Thank you to everyone who helped move our library last week. We could not have done it without each of you who gave your time and *strength* to make our lives easier.

... **God Bless...**



FROM FR. TOM'S DESK

The Assumption of Mary, (Supersedes 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time) : Connect

Each church year on August 15th, the Catholic Church celebrates the solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In 1950, Pope Pius XII defined this doctrine of the assumption of Mary dogmatically and infallibly in his apostolic constitution, *Munificentissimus Dues*. Today's solemnity Mass celebrates our Catholic belief that "having completed the course of her earthly life, (Mary) was assumed body & soul into heavenly glory." Pope Pius XII cited 1 Corinthians 15:21-26 (Paul's words on the resurrection of Christ) as a key biblical text for understanding the mystery of the assumption of Mary.

Model in Faith (Revelation 11 & 12) : Celebration

A variety of verbal portraits of Mary are offered in the scriptures— Mary conversing with God's messenger about her impending conception, Mary's visit with Elizabeth, Mary featured by the Lucan evangelist as the proclaimer of God's good news for the poor and lowly (*Magnificat*), Mary and Joseph at Jesus' birth, presenting Jesus in the temple, searching for and finding the boy Jesus in the temple, Mary at Cana's wedding feast, Mary at the cross, Mary with the disciples at Pentecost, etc. Each portrait calls those who look upon it to see beyond Mary to Jesus and to move beyond mere Sympathetic piety to a profound act of faith in the Son whom Mary brought into the world. This portrait, offered to the praying assembly by John, the author of Revelation, is no exception; its focus is on the Son in whom God's salvation and power and reign have been realized among us.

The woman in this narrative became more and more identified with personified wisdom and, later, with the church whose mission it is to continue the salvific work of Jesus. Some Christians have also identified the woman as Mary, mother of the Messiah, mother of the church. Like her Son, by her careful hearing and keeping of the Word of God, Mary has waged the battle with evil and emerged victorious. Now, from her home in eternity with God, she awaits the arrival of those still engaged in combat.

New Eve (1 Corinthians 15): Celebration

As one who belonged to Jesus (v. 23), as one who bore the New Adam to undo the sins of the first Adam, Mary referenced indirectly in this Corinthian text as the New Eve. The first Eve, proved not to be the partner God intended for Adam and proved not to be the "mother of the living" but rather (in a sense) of the dead, for with Adam she became an accomplice in bringing sin and death to the world. In contrast, Mary. The New Eve who heard, believed, and kept God's word, brought life to humankind. In her, the New Adam was conceived; in her his redemptive mission was begun and the subsequent salvation of sinners was accomplished. For her role in the economy of salvation, Mary is joined to the risen Christ in glory.

The Magnificat (Luke 1): Wilfred Theisen OSB, LiturgicalPress

Mary's prayer is a perfect example of genuine humility for several reasons. First, she does not compare herself with others. She does not put others down or below herself. Comparing oneself with others is the first inclination of the proud. The proud are not truly satisfied with themselves unless they can have the satisfaction of looking down on others. Mary's prayer is the perfect expression of humility for another reason—recognition that her greatness leads to greater responsibility. Mary is very much aware of those who have been less blessed than she—the hungry, those without power, the marginalized. Her immediate response to God's favors is not to seek greater recognition, but to acquire greater virtue, which means using her gifts in the service of others.

Mary's first response to God's favors is the recognition of greatness of these favors. Secondly, her response is that of gratitude; but note that gratitude must proceed from admitting that God has blessed her in special ways. The order of Mary's response is important — gratitude must follow the acknowledgement that God has done wonders for her. Appreciation of God's gifts, including the gift of life itself, of course, is the foundation of the life of grace. Without that foundation there will be no structure, nothing to build on. Like Mary, we must say, "God has done great things for me. For that reason, I will be able to do great things for God.

Reason to Hope: Grace Works, Dallas, Texas

The texts we have heard focus our attention on the blessed hope that promises the gift of heaven to the faithful. Rather than being an "either-or" choice of "Heavenly minded" versus "earthly good" the blessed hope God gives calls us to be people who have our feet firmly planted on earth awaiting God's promise of life eternal.

What if today, you chose to embrace the blessed hope as God's daily gift to you? What if you woke up tomorrow morning with the high expectation that every decision you make matters to God and ought to matter to you? Why, who knows, but that a bit of heaven might break into what could be an ordinary day: In a word, no more ordinary "anything" because of the blessed hope. No more ordinary meals, no more ordinary conversations, no more ordinary jobs or ordinary choices, but life infused with this hope that pulls our hearts in the direction of heaven.

Let it be for you today. Let the one who was totally obedient to God be the example of faith to you. Say with Mary, "let it be as you command " and in so doing, find in the blessed hope the very reality in which you live in Jesus Christ our Lord

"Holy Mary, pray for us sinners"



Why go to Church...

A church goer wrote a letter to the editor of the newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to Church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember one of them. So, I think I am wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher.

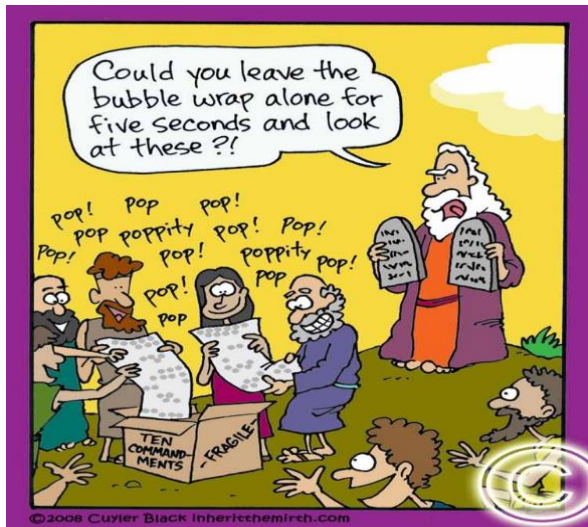
I have been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to Church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!

When you are DOWN to nothing...God is UP to something! Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible! Thank God for our physical AND our spiritual nourishment!

In Loving Memory...

The following donations were made to St. Gabriel Parish...

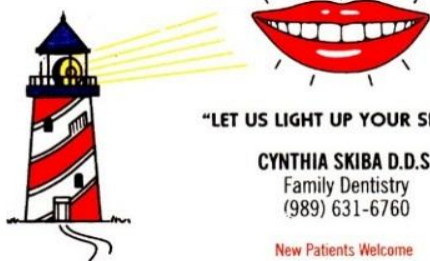
In the name of Frank Barber, who passed on July 3rd, \$860. In the name of Judy Wells, who passed on July 18th, \$200. And in the name of Donald Mularz, who passed on July 19th, \$50. Thank-you. Please keep their families in your prayers.




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