

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

THANK YOU to all members who participated in the photograph sessions in July.

The next opportunity...

APPOINTMENT SCHEDULE AT ST. ANTHONY CHURCH

October 8-10 (Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday): 2:00-9:00pm

October 12 (Saturday): 9:00am-3:00pm

To schedule your appointment, call the Parish Office at 662-6861 or click the link in our auburnac.org website or myParish App.

Use Prior Directory's Photo? If desire, you may use photo from the prior Directory for a \$10 fee. You will receive a complimentary upcoming Directory. Notify the Parish Office of this request – no need for you to retrieve the photo.

General Information: For every family photographed, Lifetouch will provide the Directory at no cost. Plus, those families will receive a complimentary Directory and 8x10" portrait, with no sitting fee. From a variety of poses, you will select one for the Directory. In addition to the 8x10" portrait, you may purchase portraits the day of your session, though you are under no obligation to do so.




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<u>COLUMBARIUM</u>		
Single (1 Urn)	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,500
Double (2 Urns)	\$ 1,400	\$ 1,750
Inurnment	\$ 250 per niche	\$ 300 per niche
<u>CEMETERY</u>		
Plot	\$ 500	\$ 1,200
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WEEK OF AUGUST 18, 2019

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY 8:00am - Mass

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

THURSDAY 8:00 am - Mass

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

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY 4:30pm - Mass

Rv 21:9b-14 Ps 145:10-13ab, 17-18 Jn 1:45-51

SUNDAY 9:30am - Mass

Is 66:18-21 Ps 117:1-2 Heb 12:5-7, 11-13 Lk 13:22-30



UPCOMING

SEPTEMBER 8 – Sunday – 12:00-4:00pm – East Campus

Parish Picnic – Raffle Ticket Returns & Extra Tickets at Parish Office

OCTOBER 8-10 & 12 – West Campus [See Bulletin Back Page]

Photography Sessions for Pictorial Directory

DISMEMBERMENT ABORTION BAN PETITION DRIVE

A state-wide signature gathering effort is now underway to ban the dismemberment abortion procedure, also known as Dilation and Evacuation. Over the next few months, the signatures of 400,000 registered Michigan voters are needed to bring this measure before Michigan lawmakers. This petition drive is fully supported by Michigan Catholic Conference and the Bishops of Michigan.

Parishioners Renee Krager and Andrea Szymanski are leaders in this signing initiative on behalf of St. Gabriel Parish. The petitions will be available for signing before/after Masses on August 24/25 and September 14/15.

If willing to assist with obtaining signatures or you desire to sign the petition other than the planned weekends, please call Andrea Szymanski at 989-430-3386 or the Parish Office.

You may visit micatholic.org/MichiganValuesLife or call the Saginaw

We would like to express our gratitude to all who helped with the funeral and the luncheon for Vic Swincicki. Thank you to the staff, choir, and church members who so kindly took care of everything at the luncheon. Special thanks to Fr. Tom who took time away from his vacation to officiate for his funeral. It was very kind and much appreciated. *Family of Victor Swincicki*

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$10,962 Offering: \$8,196

Children Good Deeds

- ...shared my snacks ...helped with yardwork
- ...helped my Mom scrape wallpaper (I had fun!)
- ...helped clean the house ...helped Dad clean the shed
- ...said a prayer for a stranger

EDUCATION/FORMATION

Family Talk Time Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families, Kerstin Keber Smith

What has God given you to burn in your heart?

Reflecting on the Word: It might seem alarming to some that Jesus says that he came to bring division, not peace. In today's reading, the cost of discipleship is noted. When one family member is on fire with the love of God, it can cost them relationships with others who refuse to acknowledge God. Followers of the Lord who are on fire with his love cannot be complacent. They will work for justice, mercy, and compassion. They will also be rejected by those whose priorities differ. No matter what occurs with earthly relationships, God's love is steadfast.

Living the Word: With your children, role-play age-appropriate situations in which a person needs to stand up for God's love. Give the children scenarios and take turns playing each side of the situation. Talk about how easy or hard it is to stand up for love and how it feels to give in to the other side sometimes. Come up with specific phrases they can use in each situation. If children are ready with prepared statements, it is easier for them to go against what is popular. Ask your children if they have any situations they would like to explore further

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

3 & 4 yr. old preschool have openings available. The three year old class meets for two sessions per week. Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The four year old class meets for three sessions per week. Monday – Wednesday – Friday mornings from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., with the option of a full day dismissing at 3:20 p.m. For more information contact Mr. Switalski at cswitalski@auburnac.org or, for registration paperwork, visit the AACCS website, auburnacschool.org.

AACS is offering a Young 5s program. Children must be 5 yrs. old by December 1st. This class is M-F, 8:30-3:20 and is held in tandem with the kindergarten class. Mrs. Spencer, young fives/ kindergarten teacher, would be happy to talk with you in more detail about the program, jspencer@auburnac.org.

Family Picnic/Curriculum Night is Wednesday, August 21st: The family picnic will begin at 5:45 p.m., in the Social Hall (food and drinks provided). The curriculum night presentation will begin at 6:30 p.m., in the church. Following the presentation, you will be able to visit the teacher(s) and classroom(s). There will be childcare provided, during this time.

Fall Raffle Tickets were sent home in the end of year packets. You may return ticket stubs and money to the church office at any time, in the offertory basket or in August when school resumes.

First Day of School Tuesday, August 27th!! We can't wait to see you!!

POSITION OPENING: Anyone interested in applying for the open Receptionist/Secretary position may pick up the Job Description at the Parish Office. The more an individual is involved in the Church, the easier it will be to understand the responsibilities of the position.



FROM FR. TOM'S DESK

Twentieth Sunday (Ordinary Time)

Diane Zerfas, OP, [Connect](#)

On peaceful August days when we are still enjoying summer vacation, we expect our Sunday Scriptures to be gentle and encouraging. Today's readings are encouraging, even in the face of troubles and conflict. Church is not only the place to leave our troubles behind but a place to bring our troubles and see that God is on our side. When we look around the world, across the street, even in our own families, we see that life is not easy for most people. Violence, disease, difficult relationships, even natural disasters continue to tear apart the fabric of our lives. Today we will travel the rough road with the prophet Jeremiah, the author of the Letter to the Hebrews, and Jesus himself. Can you add your name to that list? Look deeply in your soul and find the challenges that you face. If you feel alone and overwhelmed, this is the Sunday for you.

Speaking God's Word (Jeremiah 38) Diane Zerfas, OP, [Connect](#)

Jeremiah is often named the prophet most like Jesus. He had a hard time convincing the people that his message was from God. Jeremiah called for change and as the saying goes, the only folks who like change are babies with dirty diapers, not the people who have to change them. People with dirty habits and dirty hearts hope God won't notice their messes or will just miraculously fix things for us.

When the prophetic call first came to him, Jeremiah claimed to be too young and God said: "Wrong! You can do this." And God put his own word into Jeremiah's mouth. Jeremiah complained that the king and most of the people don't like me or my message. And God said: "Good! They need to hear what I am really saying. If they thought you were terrific, you would be on their side and not mine." Jeremiah preached repentance, calling for ethical behavior rooted in a true inner spirit of the covenant. Jeremiah thought God would make him a successful prophet, at least a respected prophet. Instead he was attacked, thrown into a well, and sinking into the mud. Rescued in today's reading, Jeremiah eventually is sent into exile into Egypt, probably to die there. Not a happy ending for a faithful servant of God.

Supporters (Hebrews 12) Diane Zerfas, OP, [Connect](#)

The author of the Letter to the Hebrews doesn't want us to think we will ever be alone or abandoned. After listing a who's who of the Old Testament, everyone from Abel to Noah, to Abraham and Sarah, to Moses, to Joshua and Rahab, to David and the prophets from the previous chapter read last week, Hebrews recounts in today's passage of that glorious "cloud of witnesses" that surrounds us. We all have a list of those whose memory inspires us, and gives us hope when things seem the darkest. They might be the saints who we remember each year like Francis and Clare, Benedict and Scholastica, or Ignatius and the Teresas of Avila, Lisieux, and Calcutta. Perhaps your grandparents or holy friends and neighbors are also part of your cloud of witnesses.

Peace and Division (Luke 12) Diane Zerfas, OP, [Connect](#)

What does it mean that Jesus wants to set the world on fire? We could understand the fire of faith, the fire of hope, the fire of charity. But what in the world is the fire of division? We thought Jesus wanted to bring peace. At his birth the angels proclaimed joy to the world and

peace to those of good will. When Jesus stood before his disciples in the upper room after the Resurrection he breathed his gift of peace upon them. We are expecting peace. We'd like to demand peace but that seems a little pushy. What did Jesus mean and why did Luke record it as an important piece of Jesus' message?

Perhaps our friend Jeremiah can help us go deeper. When the word of God came to Jeremiah, God said: "I am now making my words in your mouth, a fire..." And Jeremiah could not hold it back. God's word, like a forest fire jumps from tree to tree consuming underbrush, jumps from person to person; some are consumed and others are too green to catch the spark. There was much conflict in the early church, as some families were divided between the old and new ways; some people did not have enough fire of faith to commit to Jesus. Perhaps your family has experienced something similar. Jesus' image of the fire is not meant to leave us in the ashes. It is meant to warn us that life, even our faith life, will not be an easy road.

The table of the Eucharist is both strength and comfort for us, strength for the journey and comfort in times of trouble. If God is for us, it doesn't really matter who is against us.

The Cost of Discipleship Sister Margaret Michaud, OSB, [Liturgical Press](#)

As we reflect on our liturgical readings today, the obvious question for each of us is, "How much does my Christian faith cost me?" Does my claiming to be a follower of Christ have any impact on my daily life? Do I allow the words of the gospel to get inside me and really guide my choices?

Living in our world today is truly a complex situation. For many of us, our days are so full with jobs, commitments, distractions, and responsibilities. We can get concerned with trivialities and lose sight of the big picture, the real focus of our lives. It's a good thing to stop periodically and ask ourselves, "What's it all about?" At our baptism each of us became a Christian. This means that we are dedicated to following Christ, striving to live according to his example. We are to love God and love all our sisters and brothers in the human family. This love is evident in our lives of generous service. When we give priority to the needs of others, we often can forget ourselves. This is the example of Christ, who willingly gave all. Truly he is the "Man for Others."

These readings today encourage us to "keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith." This may cost us. We may not feel comfortable in our world that runs on greed, power, wealth, and self-interest. As Jesus warns, following him may put us into severe and painful conflicts with people who are important to us. Following Christ can be costly! Nevertheless, as Jesus' fidelity to his work as Savior brought him to his eternal glory, so we, too, who persevere in the race will ultimately share in his reward.

Running the Race Patricia Sanchez, [Celebration](#)

We are each called to the process of becoming our unique self, becoming the individual we were each destined to be. That task calls us to choose our values and make our decisions from deep within ourselves. It calls us to choose our life, not the life imaged for us by the authority or ambitions of others. That task can be a baptism by fire, a burial in mud, a long and arduous race but it is a task that is necessary to our personal wholeness and truth.

We will face discord in our life. There will be plenty of mud baths, grueling races and trials by fire. We will find ourselves separated from those whose opinions we value. But for the sake of our truth, we go forward. We will ultimately receive the joy, the wholeness, the crown that is ours.