

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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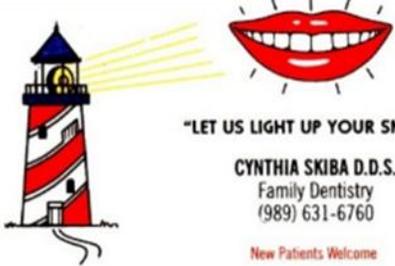


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<u>COLUMBARIUM</u>		
Single (1 Urn)	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,500
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Inurnment	\$ 250 per niche	\$ 300 per niche
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Plot	\$ 500	\$ 1,200
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Saturday Burial	\$ 200 additional	\$ 200 additional
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Contact Parish Office
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WEEK OF AUGUST 25, 2019

MONDAY

1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10 Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b Mt 23:13-22

TUESDAY

1 Thes 2:1-8 Ps 139:1-3, 4-6 Mt 23:23-26

WEDNESDAY 8:00am - Mass

1 Thes 2:9-13 Ps 139:7-12b Mt 23:27-32

THURSDAY 8:00 am - Mass

1 Thes 3:7-13 Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17 Mk 6:17-29

FRIDAY

1 Thes 4:1-8 Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12 Mt 25:1-13

SATURDAY 4:30pm - Mass

1 Thes 4:9-11 Ps 98:1, 7-9 Mt 25:14-30

SUNDAY 9:30am - Mass

Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29 Ps 68:4-7, 10-11 Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a

Lk 14:1, 7-14



UPCOMING

SEPTEMBER 2 – Parish Office will be closed for Labor Day

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

R.C.I.A. – An Invitation If YOU are unbaptized or if YOU are a baptized Christian and wish to become a member of the Catholic Church, our parish community welcomes and invites you to consider the Catholic Faith through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Informal sessions to explore these questions and faith issues in relation to Catholic beliefs will begin on Tuesday, October 1. Informational brochures are available at the church entrance. For more information call the parish office at 662-6861. Pre-registration is required.

R.C.I.A. – Sponsors The RCIA will begin on Tuesday, October 1, and sponsor may be needed for the candidates. The role of sponsor is just one way of representing the parish community in a special way. A sponsor provides the one-on-one support needed as a person travels his or her own journey of faith and conversion in the initiation process. Does this sound like something you would like to do? Call the parish office at 662-6861 for more information.

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$10,962 **Offering:** \$7,859.30

Food Pantry: \$15.00

\$270.00 in memory of Vic Swincicki from his family

Children G😊D Deeds

- ...to throw a ball for my dog ...went to church
- ...helped my aunt go down and up the stairs
- ...bought my Momma a necklace for .75 cents
- ...helped my Mom with the laundry

EDUCATION/FORMATION

Family Talk Time Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families, Sara McGinnis Lee

How can you be more intentional about your love for God?

Reflecting on the Word: Nothing is a given. Jesus reminds us that while God's love and salvation are open to all, many find it hard to accept them. The kingdom of God requires an active engagement on our part. We must choose. As soon as we become complacent, refusing to be on fire with his love, our path to be with him in eternity can slip away. Jesus is always calling us to vigilance. If we don't intend to keep the Lord's ways, we cannot expect to be part of the feast in the kingdom of God.

Living the Word: Practice intentionality for an afternoon this weekend. Ask family members to pick a task they often do but to perform it more intentionally and deliberately. These tasks could be setting the table, making their bed, completing a homework assignment, or even reading aloud. Encourage them to notice how being intentional changes the task and enhances the experience.

Parish Picnic Help Needed: The Education Commission is in charge of the children's games. We do not have enough members to be able to cover all the games we are offering. We need your help!!! Please sign up on the sheets at the church entrances beginning next weekend. You can work all day or just for a few hours. If you have questions about what you would be doing, contact Sascha Rivet, 667-0930.

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

It was great to see returning and new families on curriculum night. A big thank you for the great meal served by members of the PTO. Mr. Clark Switalski, principal, and Lauren Heim, second grade teacher, were introduced as new members of the AACs staff. The staff enjoyed showing off their classrooms and the new library/technology classroom annex. We are all excited for school to start on Tuesday, August 27.

Thank you to the Lijewski Family for the use of their tent on curriculum night.

School office hours the week of August 26: Monday – Wednesday, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., and Thursday, 8 a.m. – noon. The school and office will be closed Friday, August 30, and Monday, September 2, for the Labor Day weekend. School will reopen on Tuesday, September 3, with the first day of 3 yr. old preschool. 4 yr. old preschool will begin on Wednesday, September 4.

Free Dementia Classes Offered in September 2019:

“Overview of Alzheimer's & Other Dementias”

Join Bonnie Fritz, LPN, Dementia Educator, as she reviews the stages of dementia and gives the latest news and updates about dementia and caregiving. Classes will be held on Tuesday, September 17, from 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon, or Wednesday, September 18, from 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. Registration is required. Please call 989-892-6644. Classes are held at: Golden Horizons, 1001 Marsac St., Bay City (corner of Broadway & Fremont).

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

Twenty-First Sunday (Ordinary Time)

Mary M. McGlone, [National Catholic Reporter, Vol. 55](#)

"Lord, will only a few people be saved?" The people most likely to ask that question enjoy the self-satisfied confidence that they are among the elite who are seated safely inside before the doors to the heavenly banquet hall are locked. Jesus was not about to be trapped into playing their game of exclusion. Instead, he wove a parable to confuse their rigid attitudes.

Jesus picks up on the theme of Isaiah's prophecy when he describes the people who will be inside the master's house at the end time. He says they will come from the four quadrants of the Earth. Jesus depicts God's invited guests as including the people reputed to be the "last." These are certainly not the most respectable folks that could be rounded up, but Jesus apparently thinks they are the ones with whom he wants to recline at table.

Today's readings preach to the choir with a special emphasis on those who take pride in being in the *schola*. These readings present a picture of God's banquet hall as the most ecumenical, international, interreligious gathering space in the universe. The privileged rank is found on the lowest rung. The guest list is restricted to people who don't want it limited. The only people locked out are those who think they've earned the special key that gets them in and keeps the riffraff out. Their problem is that they would be just as unhappy inside as outside.

All Are Welcome (Isaiah 66) Mary M. McGlone, [National Catholic Reporter](#)

The last part of the Book of Isaiah – today's first reading – presents a nightmare for nationalists and clerical purists. According to Isaiah, the God of the Covenant has decided to gather all kinds of people and let them in on the secrets of divine glory. Then all those heathens will become missionaries, proclaiming God's glory throughout the world. Finally, just in case the chosen people's liturgical police didn't catch the drift, Isaiah says that God will make priests out of some of them even though they don't meet the criteria of having been born Levites. The entire plan would be easy to condemn if it hadn't been the Lord who started the whole mess! God seems to have lost all sense of religious decorum.

On Discipline (Hebrews 12) Patricia Datchuck Sanchez, [Celebration](#)

For a congregation that was experiencing the burn and pain of Christian discipleship, the Hebrews author's words were like those of a coach or cheerleader: "Keep on keeping on! Go! Go!" In the Christian faith, if you play when you're hurt, God will heal; if you bow out or remain on the sidelines, the injury just gets worse.

Discipline is the word the ancient author used to describe the believer's willingness to play while injured and stay the course. He exhorted his readers to accept the rigors of the "race" and the often harsh realities of human life as an expression of God's loving and parental discipline, not necessarily as a chastisement for wrongdoing but as an essential part of their formation as Christian disciples. People might accept discipline in a number of ways. They can (1) resignedly accept it as did the Stoics; (2) accept it with the grim sense of getting it over as soon as possible; (3) accept it with the self-pity that in the end leads to

collapse; (4) accept it as a punishment they deserve but resent; or (5) people can, as the Hebrews author recommended, accept discipline as a sign of God's care for their well-being.

In an Out [GraceWorks, Dallas, Texas](#)

Radical inclusivity forces us to re-think and re-configure the mission of God's Church. The lessons will not allow us to pick and choose those to whom God sends us. Our mission, our calling is to be a gathering, protecting, inviting, including community so in love with Jesus Christ that others sense his presence in our midst.

God's heart of radical, gathering inclusion changes everything about who we are and what we are about. Structures that have kept the neediest at arms' length must be dismantled. Language that imply restriction, even caution must be re-written. Even aspects of our worship that might suggest some are included while others stand at a distance demand thoughtful reconsideration. Do you see where all this could take us if we took our Lord's teaching at face value?

Today's lessons gather all the witness of the Bible pointing us to where this great story of all stories is going. The question each of us – and really all of us – must ask is simple: Will we choose to follow our Lord who goes before us including everyone along the way? If the answer is "Yes," then look at your hands and tell me how open they are? Look inside your heart and ask God to give you holy love for every person. Take some time this week and be intentional about tearing up all those old lists of insiders and outsiders, putting those tattered scraps where they belong.

On Point Patricia Datchuck Sanchez, [Celebration](#)

A radio pastor once compared the discipline of inclusion to two porcupines that found themselves in the middle of a blizzard struggling to keep warm. Because of their quills, the nearer to each other they huddled, the more painful it became. Soon they had to move apart and lie beside each other, shivering in the cold. They needed each other even though they needed each other. So many of us, said the pastor, are porcupine Christians. We have our good points, but we allow certain "sticking points" to keep us apart.



Parish Picnic: Sunday, September 8

12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Schedule:

Food Served: 12:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Games: 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.; 12:00 – 3:45 p.m. Inflatables

Raffle Drawing: 2:00 p.m. Outside

Bingo: 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Kitchen Clean-Up: 2:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Join us for great food, fun and fellowship!! Please bring a dish to pass (to serve 6 people/cold dishes only) by last name initial:

A-F: Fruit dishes, fruit salad, whole fruit

G-M: Vegetable trays, vegetable dishes, garden produce

N-R: Desserts

S-Z: Cold salads: tossed, coleslaw, pasta, potato



Next Week: There will be an opportunity to sign the petition to put the Dismemberment Abortion ban on the state ballot. The petition can be signed before or after Mass in the social hall.