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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 \*Please 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 evening activities will be announced by 3:00 PM. Closures will be posted on TV: NBC 25, ABC 12, CBS 5.

## WEEK OF AUGUST 31, 2020

### MONDAY

431: 1 Cor 2:1-5 Ps 119:97-102 Lk 4:16-30

### TUESDAY

432: 1 Cor 2:10b-16 Ps 145:8-14 Lk 4:31-37

### WEDNESDAY 8 am Mass

433: 1 Cor 3:1-9 Ps 33:12-15, 20-21 Lk 4:38-44

### THURSDAY 8 am Mass

434: 1 Cor 3:18-23 Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 Lk 5:1-11

### FRIDAY

435: 1 Cor 4:1-5 Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40 Lk 5:33-39

### SATURDAY 4:30 pm Mass

436: 1 Cor 4:6b-15 Ps 145:17-21 Lk 6:1-5

### SUNDAY 9:30 am Mass

127: Ex 33:7-9 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 Rom 13:8-10 Mt 18:15-20



## EDUCATION / FORMATION

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

*What does it mean to suffer? Is all suffering good or bad? How might we respond when we see others who are sad or in pain?*

### Reflecting on the Word:

Peter responded to Jesus as any of us might: "God forbid anything bad would happen!" And just like that, Peter, the rock of the church, became a stumbling block. He failed to see with God's eyes, to accept the logic of the Cross, which is that God would heal through death, bring peace from violence and offer hope from suffering. We cannot avoid pain and disappointment. Instead, we are called to lay down our expectations and desires and take up our burdens with hope.



### Living the Word:

Discuss what Jesus means when he says to "take up your cross." What is your cross? How do you take it up? Why do you think this is how we follow Jesus? Sing or listen to the hymn "Take Up Your Cross." Encourage all family members to wear or keep a cross with them for the whole week as a reminder of Jesus' words.

### Church Update:

*Just a few reminders for those who choose to attend our weekend mass:*

*\*Masks MUST be worn at Mass*

*\*Observe social distancing (6 feet)-members of a single household can sit together*

*\*We can only use 25% of church seating*

*\*Please sit in designated areas ONLY*

*\*Please receive communion in hand, not on the tongue*

*\*NO communion for the homebound until further notice.*

## AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal



This week we welcomed students back to school. Tuesday officially started AAC'S's academic year.

While it wasn't the same as previous

years, it was great to welcome the students back into the building. God is ever present in everything we do and asking God and the other Saints to intercede on our behalf is an important part of our Faith. I ask for your continued prayers as we continue to come to school and create life-long disciples of Christ.

Knowing what God has planned or has in store for us has been a discussion point for centuries. God has a plan, we fit into that plan, and we never truly know how that plan is going to unfold until a later date. Peter falls back on his human nature this week in the Gospel. He really doesn't understand the plan that Jesus must follow in order to secure our salvation. It is always easy to think as a human simply because we are human, but if we trust in God and know he has good intentions for our lives, we do not need to worry. He will not abandon us but will guide us through the difficult situations that come up in our lives.

✠ God Bless

**A Big Thank-you** to Leona Butko for making the children's masks for the school. The delightful selection of kid's patterns are a big hit!! AAC'S now has a small stockpile of masks to get them through the beginning of the school year.

### **Blood Drive Update:**

*We asked and you responded...* Thank-you to everyone who participated in the Blood Drive on Wednesday! We had a very successful day with 37 people donating. With blood supplies very low because of the pandemic your response was truly appreciated!

\*The next Blood Drive is scheduled for

Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 1:30-6:30 pm in the church social hall. Appointments can be made by calling 866-642-5663 or visit [versiti.org/MI](http://versiti.org/MI)

### STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$10,962 Offering: \$7688

Food Pantry: \$50.00

*Thank you to everyone who has continued to support the parish so generously. We need your support and it is truly appreciated!*

Children Good Deed

...Watched the puppy A LOT! ...

### Food Pantry Needs

#### Can you help?...

We are putting out our list *a week early* due to the holiday next weekend. You are welcome to bring donations into church when you attend or drop them off at the parish office at your convenience:

**Canned Fruit**

**Toothpaste**

**Jelly**

**Pancake Mix**

**Syrup**

**Hamburger Helper**

**Tuna Helper**

**Mashed Potatoes**

**Cookies**

**Pasta Side Dishes**

**Deodorant**

**Shampoo/Conditioner**

**Dish Soap**

**Laundry Soap**

Thanks in advance for your donations!

#### In Memoriam:

Since the pandemic has hampered the option to have funerals in church or gatherings at funeral homes we would like to ask for your prayers for the individuals from our parish that we lost during this time:

**Jack Frank**

**Edmond Cieslinski**

**George Berg**

**Sharon Lukowski**

**Patricia Raymond**

**Cheryl Scott**

**Dan Dardowski**

**Winnie Fredrick**





**FROM  
FR. TOM'S  
DESK**

**Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Patricia Sanchez, *Celebration*

In each of today's three readings, the authors of sacred scripture have provided the praying assembly with profiles of heroes who continue to call for similar courage in each of us. When Jeremiah looked into his soul to find the courage he needed to preach God's word, he found that courage in God. At the very outset of his prophetic ministry, God had promised Jeremiah, "I am with you to deliver you" (Jer 1:8). God's presence and power within the prophet enabled him to muster the courage to continue to speak an unpopular message to an unwilling people.

Jesus' message was also unpopular, and at times even his disciples were unwilling to hear it. Yet like Jeremiah, Jesus looked into his deepest self and found the courage to keep speaking his words and working his works. Even though he knew he would have to suffer for his courage in ministry, he labored on. His courage is valiantly expressed in today's Gospel. Paired with that declaration is a challenge to Jesus' followers to be similarly courageous in carrying on the ministry he began. Jesus readily admitted that their courage would be met with suffering, as was his, for he knew that courage shines most brightly when tested in the crucible of struggle and pain. Jesus also knew that his followers would need heroes and heroines to remind them of him and to encourage them to be their best selves.

One of these heroes is Paul. His writings are his legacy and our inspiration. Through his words, his courage shines through and lights our way. In today's second reading, our courageous brother acknowledges the challenge that is Christian discipleship. He encourages each of us to live according to God's will and God's ways rather than conform to the allure of contemporary culture. Living the counterculture requires a depth of quiet courage that must be renewed daily. Paul did this. He urges us to do likewise by offering our very selves—not just our words or an occasional period of prayer, but our very selves—as a living sacrifice. In this way, our courage and our struggle are consecrated to become a prayer of praise to God.

**Need to Speak the Word: (Jeremiah 20)** *Celebration*

In today's reading, Jeremiah has revealed something of the struggle he endured for accepting, albeit grudgingly, to be God's spokesperson. Difficult times had called forth from him a harsh message. Even though he would rather have remained silent and safe, the power of the word of God was such that he could not help himself; he had to take a stand and allow God to speak the truth through him.

Jeremiah's experience put him in a dialectic tension. He was both active and passive, free and forced. He was free to respond to God; he was forced to experience the moment, to accept the burden of his mission. Thus, the impact of inspiration evoked in him a sense of freedom as well as coercion. Prophetic experience overwhelmed Jeremiah (he called it being "duped" or, more correctly, "seduced"), and the word surged forth in his soul so much that he could not help but speak it.

**Not of the World: (Romans 12)** *Celebration*

Although his manner of expression is different, Paul, in this short text, is communicating the same message as Jeremiah. God's prophet and God's evangelist both knew the costliness of their commitment. Yet both men were willing to allow their belonging to God to transform them into living and breathing liturgies, living sacrifices who offered praise to God by all they said, by all they did.

"Offer your bodies" means believers are to take all the tasks that are to be done each day—the ordinary work of the home, the office, the factory, the field—and offer it all as an act of worship to God.

When Paul used these particular words, he was encouraging his readers to dedicate their lives—every aspect and every moment of their lives—to God in true worship. This absolute dedication, this true worship, will require resistance to being conformed to the world. It will require surrender to being transformed by God.

**On Suffering: (Matthew 16)**

*Celebration*

When Peter argued with Jesus about the suffering that Jesus foretold, he did so as a friend who did not want any harm to come to the one he loved so dearly. Therefore, Jesus' rebuke must have stung all the more. Nevertheless, Peter and the others would soon learn the harsh lesson that suffering was indeed to be part of Jesus' future and a necessary aspect of God's plan of salvation for sinners.

Peter and the others would soon learn that they too would be subject to suffering because they followed the way of Jesus. As we read this Gospel yet again, the lesson is ours to accept or reject; suffering is an inevitable part of living and dying. However, for the believer, suffering isn't simply a dreaded experience. Suffering can have value and purpose when it is united with the suffering of Jesus and offered as a "living sacrifice" (as Paul said) to God.

Following Jesus would entail losing life so to find it and save it. To save one's life means to hold on to it, to love it and to be attached to it and, therefore, to fear suffering and death. To lose one's life is to let go of it, to be detached from it, and therefore to be willing to die. The paradox is that the person who fears death is already dead, whereas the person who has ceased to fear death has, at that moment, begun to live. A life that is genuine and worthwhile is only possible once one is willing to die. Jesus was fully alive because he was willing to suffer and die, not for a cause but for people.

With Peter and the other disciples, we are invited to "get behind" this fully alive Jesus by accepting the sufferings that are inherent in living and dying. But we cannot do this if we live in fear of suffering or death. This fear can only be dispelled by faith in Jesus' presence, in Jesus' power and in Jesus' promise of life everlasting. This faith breeds the courage that enables and empowers discipleship.

**Lesson on Prayer:** Fr. James Smith, *Celebration*

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks us what it would profit us if we gained the whole world and forfeited our life. Things of this world are meaningless in heaven. There once was a rich man who wanted to take his wealth with him when he died. He somehow got permission to bring one carry-on bag with him when he entered heaven. St Peter saw him struggling with the bag. When he unzipped the bag, he discovered it contained bars of gold bullion. St Peter could not believe his eyes. "You brought pavement?" he asked the man.

Clearly, the rich man needed more religious education. He might have learned well from the church where one pastor put up a sign in front: FREE TRIP TO HEAVEN. DETAILS INSIDE.

**Stuff:** From Grace Works, Dallas, TX

Jesus offers us the antidote to the poison of self-indulgence—sacrificial love. Instead of living for ourselves, we live for others. Instead of thinking of our abundance as something to be hoarded or stored or protected at all cost, we think of it as an opportunity to share with others, to enrich the lives around us. Instead of becoming serial collectors, we become serial distributors. We go through life with an open palm instead of a clenched fist. And along the way we discover that the world is populated by neighbors and colleagues, instead of competitors and potential threats, that generosity opens the way to friendship and relationship.

So many of us are trudging through life toiling under the weight of our accumulation and insecurity, like vacation travelers in airports lugging overstuffed luggage. Jesus urges us to travel lighter, to live more nimbly. And when we do, we learn that less really is more. That giving our stuff away can be more satisfying than acquiring it or storing it. That our lives are not measured by the number of days we survive, but by the number of days we actually thrive; not by the accumulation of possessions, but by the use of those possessions to bring joy to others.

**HELP  
WANTED**

**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



**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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	Single (1 Urn)	\$1,000	\$1,500
Double (2 Urns)	\$1,400	\$1,750	
Inurnment	\$ 250 per niche	\$ 300 per niche	
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	Plot	\$ 500	\$1,200
	Burial	\$ 650	\$ 850
	Burial of Cremains	\$ 150	\$ 175
	Saturday Burial	\$ 200 additional	\$ 200 additional
	Foundation	\$ 0.40 per sq. inch	\$ 0.40 per sq. inch

Contact St. Gabriel Parish Office at 989-662-6861

Prices Effective July 1, 2019

# September 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 8:00a Mass	3 8:00a Mass	4	5 11:00a Confession 4:30p Mass
6 9:30a Mass	7 Labor Day Parish Office Closed	8	9 8:00a Mass	10 First Eucharist/ Confirmation Rehearsal 8:00a Mass	11 School Picture Day	12 Confirmation/First Eucharist 4:30p Mass
13 Grandparent's Day Confirmation/First Eucharist 9:30a Mass	14	15	16 8:00a Mass	17 Confirmation/First Eucharist Rehearsal 8:00a Mass	18 5:30p Wedding Rehearsal	19 Confirmation/First Eucharist 1:00p Wedding-Minist Rovar 4:30p Mass
20 Confirmation/First Eucharist/ Noon Baptism 9:30a Mass	21	22	23 Religious Ed Registration Deadline 8:00a Mass	24 8:00a Mass	25	26 Catechetical Weekend 4:30p Mass
27 Catechetical Weekend 9:30a Mass	28	29	30 8:00a Mass			

Updated: 8/4/19