

**PICTORIAL DIRECTORY**

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

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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](http://auburnac.org) website or myParish App.**

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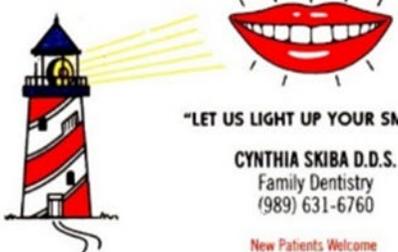


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## WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2019

### MONDAY

1 Thes 4:13-18 Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13 Lk 4:16-30

### TUESDAY

1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Lk 4:31-37

### WEDNESDAY 8:00am - Mass

Col 1:1-8 Ps 52:10-11 Lk 4:38-44

### THURSDAY 8:00 am - Mass

Col 1:9-14 Ps 98:2-6 Lk 5:1-11

### FRIDAY

Col 1:15-20 Ps 100:1-5 Lk 5:33-39

### SATURDAY 4:30pm - Mass

Col 1:21-23 Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8 Lk 6:1-5

### SUNDAY 9:30am - Mass

Wis 9:13-18b Ps 90:3-6, 12-17 Phlm 9-10, 12-17 Lk 14:25-33



## 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**

## STEWARDSHIP

**Weekly Target:** \$10,962 **Offering:** \$10,858.02

### Children G😊D Deeds

...I made Daddy a birthday card ...To hold the door for my Mom  
...Helped clean the house ...I helped Mommy pack  
...Helped my Mom with weeding stuff ... Cleaned cars

## AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Welcome to another new school year! We are very excited for the opportunity to spread Jesus' message in our school. This past week the teachers were able to meet with families during our annual curriculum night. I was very impressed with all of our parents who have stepped up to help with various tasks that help our school be a special place. I was reminded of one of the Gospel messages: "**Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough.**" The goal is to strive to be in heaven and to do this we must live a virtuous life filled with compassion and selflessness. As I listened to the Gospel, the faces of those parents kept flashing in my mind, because we all need help in order to be strong enough. The concept of "going it alone" in my quest to heaven is an extremely difficult task, and through my years I have found people are the basis of strength to stay on that target aiming for God.

If you wish to support the school's Spreading the Spirit Fund or endowment, please do not hesitate to contact me directly. Please continue sharing the good news of AACs! Thank you for your continued prayers and support. God Bless, Clark Switalski, Principal. 989-662-6431.

## EDUCATION/FORMATION

**Family Talk Time** [Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families](#), Sara McGinnis Lee

What does it mean to be exalted in God's eye's? Can you think of a time when you were humbled?

**Reflecting on the Word:** It is common to expect reciprocity. We are likely to invite people to lunch or to our homes if they have extended an invitation to us. Jesus is asking for a different way of being when he says that those who cannot repay should be asked to the banquet. We can consider that God invites us to the heavenly banquet and we can never repay him.

**Living the Word:** The last shall be first. Talk with your family about how they have felt when they have allowed another to go first. Ask if it gave them a certain sense of contentment. Under what circumstances have they allowed others to go first? Could they do this more often? Encourage family members to seek to be last instead for a day. During this day, have fun playfully reversing the order on everything and even eating dessert first.

**Religious Education Registration:** Registration is being taken until Monday, September 16 for children K thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade. We will be offering elementary formation on Sunday's from 10:45 a.m. – 12 noon. Forms are at the south side of the church near the adult education kiosk. We will begin formation on Sunday, September 26.

Youth Ministry can use the same forms to sign up for religious education. We will be meeting with the youth once a month this year. That schedule will be published soon. If you would like to get involved with our youth contact Stephanie Schacher, [sschacher@auburnac.org](mailto:sschacher@auburnac.org).

**Sacramental Preparation:** Applications are available near the kiosk. They are **due Monday, September 23**.

**Nursery Helper Needed:** I am looking for a person to help out in the nursery. You would be responsible to be in the nursery once every six weeks. If you would be willing to help please contact me, 989-662-4335, [sdesjardins@auburnac.org](mailto:sdesjardins@auburnac.org).

**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. 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.

### FOOD PANTRY ITEMS REQUESTED

Food Pantry items most needed are canned fruit, jelly, pancake mix, syrup, macaroni & cheese, corn, tuna, paper towels and kleenex. Bring your donated items to Mass the weekend of September 7/8.

**Auburn K of C Fish Fry and Bake Sale on Friday, September 6.** We have changed to a TAKE OUT ONLY dinner. Take outs CAN be eaten on site but there is NO BUFFET. Cost is \$10. Hours are from 2:30 – 7:00 p.m. Baked goods are sold separately. Proceeds go to our seminarians. All are welcome.

**Divorce Recovery** – Blessed Sacrament Parish, Midland, is hosting an eight-week Divorce Group Recovery Process for men and women. Any adult experiencing pain from divorce is welcome. Begins on September 10 from 7-9 p.m., held at the parish center. Registration is required by September 9. Call 989-835-6777. No fee to participate.



## FROM FR. TOM'S DESK

### Twenty-Second Sunday (Ordinary Time)

Mary M. McGlone, [National Catholic Reporter](#), Vol. 55, No. 23

Sirach counseled his listeners that humility is the key to winning friends. Dale Carnegie expounded on that by telling those who wanted friends and influence that they should be nice, positive and attentive to the other person. Neither of them contradicts what Jesus said. But Jesus goes further.

Neither Sirach nor Carnegie urged his listeners to diversify their lists of potential friends and houseguests. Jesus tells his well-to-do host that he'd have a better party if he invited folks with whom he'd never associated. That guest list would change the entire dynamic of the gathering. When we gather with "our kind of people," we follow unspoken rules of engagement that reinforce our way of seeing and doing things. We converse with one another in a cultural monotone. Such gatherings help us feel comfortable and satisfied. That's a natural element of culture, but it has the inherent weakness of limiting our vision and supporting us in building up our own kingdoms on earth. When the gathering is more diverse, everyone has to go beyond their natural presuppositions.

At God's banquet table, money, status, gender, nationality and culture have nothing to do with distinguishing rank or importance. Our differences contrast with one another like mosaic pieces creating a complex and beautiful design.

The guest list that Jesus proposes dismantles the walls of protection provided by "dining with our own kind." When the guests represent the population Jesus suggests, the music of the feast is transformed from chant to polyphony. When we abandon our "look at me" behavior and discover the delights of our differences, humility will become a natural attitude, and we'll find ourselves not only comfortable with diversity, but also delighting in it. Nobody will feel a need to say, "Look at me," because everyone will be watching one another with admiration and wonder. That's true humility.

### Ever So Humble (Sirach 3) Patricia Sanchez, [Celebration](#)

Here, Israel's great sage speaks to us of humility. This excerpted text is comprised of portions from two different essays; the first verses advise believers to be humble, while the latter verses pertain to attentiveness and wisdom. We can imagine that these are the words of a parent counseling a child or a mentor advising a charge.

Humility is not false modesty. It is the true, honest recognition of our abilities and our place in the universe. Humility does not passively accept things as they are: Like faith, it is an active virtue of positive trust.

When the prophets envisioned the arrival of the messiah, they portrayed humility as one of the most important attributes associated with the long-awaited One. Fully aware of these sacred texts that had fed his people for centuries, ben Sira joined his voice to those who had gone before him and recommended humility rather than pride, lowliness rather than arrogance.

### All Are Equal Mary M. McGlone, [National Catholic Reporter](#), Vol. 55, No. 23

A celestial alternative to the banquets Jesus and his friends frequented is depicted in the Letter to the Hebrews. Today's selection suggests that when the day comes for us to approach the judgment seat of God, it's not going to be a dreadful courtroom drama but an assembly of people so festive that they teach the angels how to party. The guests at this gathering are the ones who have been made perfect – not by their own efforts, but by the love of God.

Here there is no such thing as rank among the participants because their entrance passes attest to nothing except that they are loved completely for who they are. That equalizes everybody in the room even as it preserves the uniqueness and diversity that make them a reflection of God's creativity.

### All Are Welcome Patricia Sanchez, [Celebration](#)

Notice that Jesus was both carefully observed (v.1) and a careful observer (v.7). Those who were observing him may have heard of him and were curious as to how he would conduct himself. Would he keep the Sabbath protocol or not? Jesus used his own observations to create a teachable moment. His words about taking the lowest place at a banquet may be a nod to the compiler of Proverbs, who wrote, "In the presence of the king, do not give yourself airs; do not put yourself where great men are standing. Better to be invited, 'Come up here' than be humiliated in the presence of the prince" (Prov 25:6). While the Proverbs text was intended to teach proper social etiquette, Jesus' directives were more concerned with preparing his disciples for the great and eternal banquet in the kingdom of God. Jesus came to serve and to care for the poor; those who would follow him are to make his values, priorities and agenda their own.

### Table Etiquette Grace Works, Dallas, Texas

Look for opportunities to share life with what we might call "drive by" people. Volunteer at an elementary school in a challenged economic neighborhood. Give a couple of hours serving meals at a soup kitchen. Be intentional about opening your friends' list to the new person you see across this room, the man or woman who has lost a job, the neighbor who lives alone. Host those people and in so doing be to them God's presence. Such is the kingdom, dinner etiquette Jesus still teaches. Look! Before us is a table with food and drink. And all of us are invited. Come to this Table, as his guests, invited here by the One who gave his life for us. I think I see a place for us all! Amen.



**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

