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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.

**AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL
 114 W. Midland Rd., Auburn, MI 48611**

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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 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

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 7, 2020

MONDAY

437: 1 Cor 5:1-8 Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12 Lk 6:6-11

TUESDAY

636: Mt 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30 Ps 13:6abc Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

WEDNESDAY 8 am Mass

439: 1 Cor 7:25-31 Ps 45:11-12, 14-17 Lk 6:20-26

THURSDAY 8 am Mass

440: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13 Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14b, 23-24 Lk 6:27-38

FRIDAY

441: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27 Ps 84:3-6, 8, 12 Lk 6:39-42

SATURDAY 4:30 pm Mass

442: 1 Cor 10:14-22 Ps 116: 12-13, 17-18 Lk 6:43-49

SUNDAY 9:30 am Mass

130: Sir 27:30—28:7 Ps 103:1-4, 9-12 Rom 14:7-9 Mt 18:21-35



PARISH ACTIVITIES

Monday, Sept. 7th - Labor Day-Parish Office Closed

Friday, Sept. 11th - School Picture Day!

Saturday, Sept. 12th - Confirmation/1st Eucharist-4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, Sept. 13th - Confirmation/1st Eucharist-9:30 am Mass

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$10,962 **Offering:** \$10,510.89

Food Pantry: \$20

Thank you for your continued financial support. It is appreciated!

Children Good Deeds

....To help my Uncle with the party...

...Watching the dog ALL week...Help fold towels...

America
THE JESUIT REVIEW

Good Advice (The following statement was written by Fr. James Martin S.J. who writes for the magazine "America")

This is what Catholic bishops, priests, members of religious orders and Catholic organizations (including magazines) should do in an election season: pray and educate. Here is what you should NOT do: endorse or campaign. Why shouldn't they endorse or campaign? For a few reasons. First of all, no one candidate or party fully encompasses the totality of the church teaching on all the issues. No one candidate or party ever could. There is no "Catholic Party." Yes, there are many important matters to consider, like abortion and the death penalty, but Catholics are not "one-issue voters." Second, endorsing candidates, especially if one is a bishop or a pastor, splits dioceses and parishes, into supposedly "good Catholics" and bad Catholics." The church is meant to be the sacrament of unity and a home for all. To that end, no matter what you might hear, it is not a sin to vote either Democrat or Republican; nor is it a sin to vote for either Mr Trump or Mr Biden. Catholic laypeople are not robots who simply vote the way a bishop or priest tells them to. They are mature moral agents, who must consider the Gospels and church teachings on a wide variety of issues, and then use their consciences to make an informed decision. As Pope Francis says, the church is meant to "form consciences, not replace them." Finally, there is the practical question of the church as a tax-exempt institution. We would (and should) lose that privilege if we were to engage in partisan politics. Catholic leaders obviously have their own thoughts about political matters, but in public and in their public roles, they should be religious, not partisan. For all these reasons, we can pray and educate, but not endorse or campaign



Family Talk Time Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families: Sara McGinnis Lee
Can you recall a time when you did not feel listened to? How did it make you feel?

Reflecting on the Word:

It is hard when we feel someone is not listening to us, especially when we have been hurt. It is important to remember we are not alone when something like this happens. We can go to people who will help and support us. When people hurt others, they are usually hurt themselves. When we can bring them into the love and support of the community, they often are able to see things differently.

Living the Word:

Gather your family and discuss how you can each try harder to listen this week. Suggest that they resolve to listen, even if someone is telling a story they have heard before. They can try to see why the story is important. They can listen more to family members and seek to understand the other person when they disagree. Listening can even include going outside and being present in nature. Provide pencils and paper for everyone to make a list of or draw ways they can listen better.

Elementary Religious Education Registration will be taken at the



Parish Center. In order to attend the first evening of religious education which begins Sunday, October 4 @1045 – 11:45 a.m. All 1st graders will participate in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd this year. The atrium is located at the Parish Center for this program. Forms are available at the Parish Center or by contacting Sandy, 662-4335 or sdesjardins@auburnac.org

Youth Ministry Registration will take place at the Parish Center. If you have any questions, please contact Stephanie Schacher, sschacher@auburnac.org



Sacramental Preparation Applications will be available at the Parish Center or by contacting Sandy, at the parish office at 662-4335 or sdesjardins@auburnac.org Please carefully read over this application. Prayerful consideration should be given as to the suitability of committing your family to sacramental preparation.

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal



This year has been an interesting start to say the least. The students and teachers have been working on all the new routines and procedures put in place to keep everyone safe, and I must say they are really doing a great job! The kids are eager to

learn, and the teachers are eager to teach. The refreshing aspect in all of this is that those remain constant even with some uncertainty. This year we will need your continued thoughts and prayers as our children are given an opportunity to learn and become disciples of God.

The Gospel this week addresses interactions surrounding disagreements during Jesus' time. Jesus tells us that all our faults lie with the parties involved, and that how we treat each other will give us a glimpse of heaven. Ganging up on someone or bringing others into a disagreement has never been the right thing to do, but I have even found myself guilty of doing this. We try give students the tools and skills necessary to talk through and work their problems out. These skills are very important when our children grow into adults. Building good disciples of Jesus is and will always be the goal, treating others with respect during disagreements is a skill necessary for everyone.

✠ **God Bless**



**FROM
FR. TOM'S
DESK**

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Patricia Sanchez, *Celebration*

If you saw your young child about to put his hand on a hot stove, wouldn't you move quickly to prevent him from being burned? If that same child got a hold of your prescription medicine, you'd act just as quickly to prevent a terrible mishap. If a distracted friend was about to step into oncoming traffic, you would grab her arm to save her, wouldn't you? If, perhaps, a companion drank too much at a party, you would see to it that he did not drive. If your teenager was hanging out with friends who were known to be troublemakers, wouldn't you do something? What if a friend or coworker was in an abusive relationship—wouldn't you try to help in some way?

There are countless other occasions when we see someone hurt or in danger and, good friends and family members that we are, step up to help. If we can extend our care to others in all these instances of physical, emotional or psychological need, why are we reluctant to do the same when we see a person falling into sin? Today the sacred texts address this issue clearly and frankly, affirming that we are to muster whatever is necessary to meet this mutual responsibility.

Paul underscored the motivation for reaching out to one another with care: We owe it to one another to love each other. Because authentic love does no evil, love is willing to confront others with their failures—not solely for the sake of correction but with an eye to their conversion and ours as well.

As an integral aspect of his own conversion to God, Ezekiel was called to serve his contemporaries as a sentinel or watchman. Like his prophetic colleagues, Ezekiel was so attuned to God's will and God's ways that he could mediate whatever God wished to make known. God's message very frequently came in the form of a call to turn from evil and embrace the good. If he did not make God's call known, Ezekiel would be held culpable, but if he fulfilled his ministry faithfully, then the responsibility to hear and to heed his words fell upon the recipients of his message.

In today's Gospel, the Matthean Jesus offers a procedure for helping others to see the error of their ways and turn again to God. This Procedure of brotherly and sisterly correction probably reflects the situation of the Matthean community of the 80's. It was intended not to alienate or isolate sinners but to encourage their conversion.

Watching out for Others: (Ezekiel 33)

Celebration

Ezekiel might have longed to remain silent when he heard the message that comprises today's first reading, but his commitment to God and to his people compelled him to mediate God's words. As God appointed watchman or sentinel. He was to call his contemporaries to repent of their wicked ways. Like his prophetic colleagues, Ezekiel believed that the exile in Babylonia was the direct consequence of human sin and infidelity; therefore, conversion and repentance would be the only way his fellow Jews would be able to find their way back to God and home to Judah.

Love as the Standard: (Romans 13)

Celebration

Nevertheless, in verses immediately preceding Paul reminded his readers that they were obliged to be good, law-abiding citizens and taxpayers. He was convinced that good Christian citizens have a responsibility to transform the world in which they live, both sacred and secular.

Then Paul turned his attention from believers' duties to society at large, to their responsibilities for one another as neighbors within that society. In this latter capacity, Paul says, the mutual obligations of believers are far greater. Those obligations can be summed up in one

powerful, dynamic word: *love*. Love one another, he exhorts, and in so doing, you will fulfill the law.

Unlike our first-century ancestors in the faith, we tend to use the word love very loosely, as in "I love pizza," "I love American Idol," and so on. But the love described here by Paul, the love believers aspire to have, is more than an emotional attitude or a feeling. To love is to make a deliberate act of the will in order to promote another's good and well-being. We are to extend such love even to enemies.

Through Prayer: (Matthew 18)

Celebration

The Matthean Jesus concluded his instructions by affirming the power of united prayer. Through prayer, believers became aware of the presence of God in Jesus, who is the basis for their being church. Through prayer, believing sinners can find the humility to own up to their sins and the strength and courage to help others to recognize theirs. Through prayer, pride will learn to yield to truth and pain can begin to heal. Through prayer, we can recognize criticism and correction as necessary means of growth. Through prayer, believers learn patience with themselves and with others. It is hoped that those who pray together will also learn to respect and appreciate the differences of others and realize that the Lord Jesus chooses to be reflected and revealed in each and every one: "There I am in the midst of them."

Friend in Need:

Deacon Dick Folger, *Celebration*

The ever-popular Peanuts cartoon features Charlie Brown with his dog named Snoopy. The dog inspired creator Charles Schultz to design a poster of Snoopy as "The Perfect Friend." The poster shows a line pointing to Snoopy's head with the caption, "Full of great advice." The line pointing to his eyes says, "Always happy to see you." Another line points to his mouth, "Loves to share a smile." The shoulders are captioned, "Available to lean on." His chest is labeled, "Warm spot here for you." His paw says, "Good for holding and helping." And a line to his feet reads, "For standing by your side."

Today's Gospel tells us: "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in the midst of them." We are invited to pray publicly with each other. Jesus is there in our midst. He is a great friend and comfort. Beyond all that Snoopy could ever be, Jesus is the most perfect friend.

See Something, Say Something: Rev. Patrick McCormick, *Service*

It is not enough to refrain from harm, hold back from snickering judgements or self-righteous condemnations. Christian love calls for more. It is not enough to wish the sinner well, to hope he or she works it out, to keep them in our hearts, even to pray for them. God has given us a tongue to speak to the broken and honest and painful word which may save their lives. It will not go well for us if we let this opportunity go by. Christian love demands that we take concrete steps to help our brothers and sisters turn from this mortal disease, and we are impelled to throw a lifeline. To do less would be immoral.

And we are to seek to do this in the way which will do them the most good. We are to speak out of real concern for their good and in a fashion which will help them the most. We are to treat them with respect, compassion and dignity, using the word of God to heal and convert; not to trample or discourage. We are to call them to return to the community of believers in a way which they will be able to hear and respond to with grace. We are to support them with our encouragement, our prayers and our example. We are to help deliver them from evil.



"Enable me, Lord, to love my neighbor"



Baptism Prep

Preparation sessions are being offered either in-person or virtually for parents wishing to have their children baptized in the coming months. Please contact Sandy at 662-4335 or via email at sdesjardins@auburnac.org

Thank-you!... A heartfelt thanks to those who stepped up to usher as we eased back into Mass over the last couple of months. We have had some difficulty getting enough people to volunteer for this position and it is imperative to have enough volunteers to make sure proper social distancing is maintained as they help seat people prior to mass. If you or anyone you know might be interested in joining a ministers of hospitality team please contact the parish office at (989) 662-6861 or email parishoffice@auburnac.org

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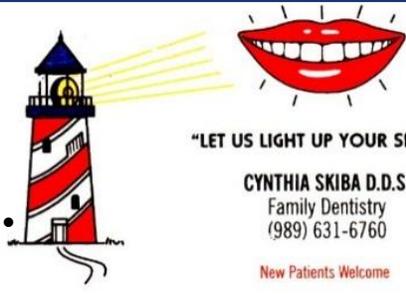
We have been working diligently on the pictorial directory. We have completed the activity pages and submitted them along with the parish roster of names and addresses. The publisher will produce a proof and once we have approved everything it will go to print. Thank-you for your patience!



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