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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 2nd weekend each month. Must be active, registered member of parish family. Contact Linda Knepler at 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 or call Parish Office for appointment.

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL
 114 W. Midland Rd., Auburn, MI 48611
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**SCHOOL ENDOWMENT
 SPREADING THE SPIRIT FUND**

School Principal 662-6431

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. Check our website, MyParish app, or Facebook page for up-to-date information.

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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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
 Come Join Us!
Meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays at 7:00pm
 4760 Garfield Rd., Auburn, MI 48611
Ed Piotrowski (989) 859-8504
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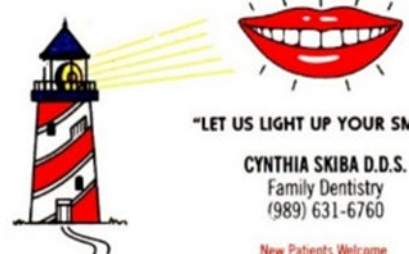


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Contact St. Gabriel Parish Office
 (989) 662-6861

CEMETERY

Plot \$ 500
 Burial \$ 650
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 Saturday Burial \$ 200 additional
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Parishioner

\$ 500
 \$ 650
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 \$ 200 additional
 \$ 0.40 per sq. inch

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\$ 1,200
 \$ 850
 \$ 175
 \$ 200 additional
 \$ 0.40 per sq. inch

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

MONDAY

Col 1:24-2:3 Ps 62:6-7, 9 Lk 6:6-11

TUESDAY

8:00 am – Word & Communion

Col 2:6-15 Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11 Lk 6:12-19

WEDNESDAY

8:00am - Mass

Col 3:1-11 Ps 145:2-3, 10-13b Lk 6:20-26

THURSDAY

8:00 am - Mass

Col 3:12-17 Ps 150:1b-6 Lk 6:27-38

FRIDAY

1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14 Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11 Lk 6:39-42

SATURDAY

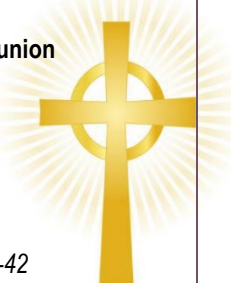
4:30pm - Mass

Nm 21:4b-9 Ps 78:1b-2, 34-38 Phil 2:6-11 Jn 3:13-17

SUNDAY

9:30am - Mass

Ex 32:7-11, 13-14, Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19 1Tm 1:12-17 Lk 15:1-32



EDUCATION/FORMATION

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

What difficult decisions are you weighing? Think about choices you might be considering. How would a follower of Jesus choose?

Reflecting on the Word: The grace of God is freely given but it is not cheap. Jesus warns his followers to understand fully what the cost of discipleship is before continuing with him, to see with eyes wide open what it means to be a Christian. All of us will encounter different costs as we follow Jesus. Some might lose family or friends. Some will surrender wealth or popularity. Sacrifice is inevitable in the shadow of the cross, but not unbearable. Following Jesus will require commitment. It will require sacrifice. But when we do these, we will open the space in our hearts to receive God's grace.

Living the Word: As a family, make a list of the characteristics of Jesus' disciples. Then think about ways you can help one another to be better disciples. What habits have you fallen into as a family that pull you away from Jesus? You might decide to incorporate some new practices (family prayer time, serving at Mass, or volunteering on service projects) that will bring you closer to Jesus.

Religious Education Registration: Registration is being taken until Monday, September 16. We will be offering elementary (K-5) 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 (6-12) 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@auburnmac.org.

Sacramental Preparation: Applications are available on the Religious Education Registration table 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@auburnmac.org.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Sun., Sept. 8	12:00-4:00 pm	Parish Picnic – East Campus
Mon., Sept. 9	6:30 pm	Outreach Meeting
Tues., Sept. 10	7-9 pm	Bethel Bible Study-WC
Wed., Sept. 11	6:00 pm	VIRTUS Training-WC
	6:30 pm	Grief Recovery Session
Thurs., Sept. 12	6:30 pm	Commission Meetings
	7:30 pm	Parish Council
Fri., Sept. 13	1:30 pm	Western Football Dinner-WC
Sept. 14 & 15		Catechetical Weekend

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$10,962 **Offering:** \$9,956.68

Children Good Deeds

- ...I respected my teacher
- ...Listened to my Mom and Dad
- ...Said please & thank you
- ...Helped Mom with shopping
- ...Helped Grandma/Grandpa make fresh salsa
- ... I cheered my football team at school

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

The first week is in the books! It is safe to say we can all breathe easier after the anticipation and uncertainty of starting school. The kids are really settling in nicely! They have all been invited to witness and be part of a relationship with God. Truthfully, they have all the hope and faith we as parents and staff could ever hope for, but the key is not to lose sight of being humble and accepting what is earned rather than what is given. Like those who are invited to the feast in our Gospel this past week, it is always better to gain status in the eyes of the host rather than be moved because someone of a "higher" status came to the party. "For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

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.

The Auburn Knights of Columbus will hold their annual Soccer Challenge on Sept. 12, at 5:00 p.m. Ages 9-14. Call Ed Piotrowski at 989-859-8504 for more information or go to the field.

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.

A reminder that next weekend, Sept. 14/15, 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.

Congr:  Baptism

Jason William Clark, Jr., son of Jason & Ashley.



Twenty-Third Sunday (Ordinary Time)

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

Jesus advised would-be followers to calculate the cost of discipleship. He reminded them that smart people gauge the expenses before taking on a construction project. They must decide if they can afford a project that demands so many bricks per square foot at so many shekels per brick, plus labor and permits, bribes and a cushion for the unexpected. Ultimately, the key question is not the price, but how much do you want the goal? Is what you are seeking worth the cost?

Jesus was telling the crowds that following him is an all-or-nothing proposition. In that, he was living up to the reputation of Israel's God as a jealous God. This was not the first time that he'd said something like this. Twice he sent missionaries out empty handed, telling them to rely on the results of their preaching rather than their wallets. In his days in the desert, Jesus had to overcome temptations to autonomy in order to rely only on God's love and leading.

Before he was born, his own mother had to give up her plans and risk her reputation so that God's will could be fulfilled through her. Handing everything over to God was in his genes, and he wanted to bring others onto the family tradition.

The Book of Wisdom says, "The deliberations of mortals are timid and unsure are our plans."

In the Gospel, Jesus invites us to think like immortals. Lest we call that a contradiction in terms, he shows us the way. Over and over, Jesus invites us to become free of all that ties us down, of all that keeps our focus on what older religious traditions called "temporalities." Those are things that come with a guarantee of a lifetime or less.

God's Gifts (Wisdom 9) Patricia Sanchez, [Celebration](#)

In this brief text the unnamed first century BCE author of wisdom identified those factors that make perseverance difficult for humankind as well as those that make it possible. Whereas timidity, uncertainty and the corruptible nature of the human condition challenge those who would persevere in living an upright, honest and just life, God's gifts of wisdom and the Holy Spirit equip those who receive them with the capacity and courage to do so. A realist, the ancient sage knew and understood well the foibles and weaknesses that weigh upon every finite mortal; however, as a person of faith, the author of Wisdom was also keenly and personally aware of the infinite possibilities open to those who believe and are willing to appropriate the strength and stamina that God, wisdom and the spirit will afford those who pray for them.

Bound Together (Philemon 9-10,12-17) Patricia Sanchez, [Celebration](#)

Those who are baptized into Christ belong not only to him but also to one another, brothers and sisters of the Lord and children of the same God. When Paul wrote to Philemon, he was appealing to him to accept Onesimus as his beloved brother in the Lord. Scholars have determined that Philemon was probably a member of the church at Colossae who opened his home for prayer and fellowship. Onesimus, a slave in Philemon's household, had run away, and besides being a fugitive, he may also have stolen something of value (vv.11,18). Having fled to Paul for refuge, Onesimus was converted to Christ during his stay with the apostle. Evidently, the two became very close, and Paul referred to the slave lovingly as "my child" and "my heart"(v.10).

Onesimus, whose name meant "useful," had indeed become so for Paul, who wished that he might remain and assist him in his ministry

while in prison.(For centuries it was thought that Paul was writing from Rome, but since the 20th century, scholars have agreed that Paul wrote from Ephesus, where he was imprisoned circa 54-55)

Paul acknowledged Philemon's proprietorship and reluctantly sent Onesimus back to him. Notice that Paul did not criticize Philemon, nor did he inveigh against the institution of slavery, which would permit Philemon to do whatever he wished to Onesimus even to the point of killing him. However, the manner in which Paul urged Philemon to welcome Onesimus speaks volumes. Rather than attack the institution in order to bring about the end of slavery, Paul chose to change the hearts of believers, who, in turn would do what was necessary to end all such inhumane abuses of power. Paul's appeal is sincere and touching as he calls forth the best in both Philemon and Onesimus, hoping that each will value the other not as master and slave, but as fellow believers in and servants of Jesus.

Each of the parties featured in Paul's letter was in a situation that required him to make a difficult decision. Paul had to forego the help that Onesimus afforded him. Onesimus had to return to his master and face the consequences of his actions. Philemon was being called upon to forgive the wrong he had suffered and to elevate the wrongdoer to the position of beloved brother. Fully aware of the personal cost of such decisions, Paul encouraged each to do what was necessary to remain faithful to his relationship with Jesus. That relationship continues to be the measure that determines how we live, what we say, how we forgive and how we love.

Management by Objective Patricia Sanchez, [Celebration](#)

In the two parables of the tower builder and the warring king, the Lucan Jesus underscores the necessity of entering into the process of discipleship with eyes wide open to everything it will entail and with a determination to persevere in the end. Just as a person intent upon building a tower has to take into account all that he will need to accomplish the task, so the disciple must be aware what discipleship costs. To be open to all the graces God gives us is to be able to continue on the journey with Jesus.

In the second parable, Jesus offers the king as an example of someone who can assess a situation and plan accordingly. The king knew how to change his plans as the situation warranted. Jesus requires similar good sense from his disciples, who should be able to carefully read the signs of the times and allow the needs at hand to formulate their agenda. Instead of setting out with a script from which we will never deviate, let us leave room for the Spirit of Jesus, who might guide us in a direction we didn't planned empower us to serve in ways we never imagined.

Project: Even though we are only using St. Anthony's "on occasion" as we await word from Rome, we still have to keep up the building and see to necessary repairs. We have had problems for a long time with the gym floor with tiles popping up. Things regressed to the point of being an "at risk," hazardous condition. After significant research, the Administration Committee recommended to the Parish Council a replacement. The Council agreed. This week work will begin in removing the current tile and the glue holding it down and replacing it with a vinyl replacement. It will take at least a week to complete the work.

CANTOR SCHEDULEING for Sept. 21/22 thru Nov. 28 will take place on Monday evening, Sept. 16, at 6:30 p.m. If you cannot attend, please have "can't serve" dates emailed to me by Sunday, Sept. 15. Sue LeVasseur, susan12488@gmail.com, 989-205-4322 (cell).