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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 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 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 21, 2020

### MONDAY

643: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 Ps 19:2-5 Mt 9:9-13

### TUESDAY Word & Communion

450: Prv 21: 1-6, 10-13 Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34-35, 44 Lk 8:19-21

### WEDNESDAY 8 am Mass

451: 30: 5-9 Ps 119: 29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163 Lk 9:1-6

### THURSDAY 8 am Mass

452: Eccl 1:2-11 Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc Lk 9:7-9

### FRIDAY

453: Eccl 3:1-11 Ps 144: 1b, 2abc, 3-4 Lk 9:18-22

### SATURDAY 4:30 pm Mass

454: Eccl 11:9—12:8 Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17 Lk 9:43b-45

### SUNDAY 9:30 am Mass

136: Ez 18:25-28 Ps 25:4-9 Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5 Mt 21:28-32



## PARISH ACTIVITIES

**Wednesday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> - Religious Ed registration deadline**  
**Catechetical Weekend**

**Saturday, Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> - Flu Shot Clinic after 4:30 pm Mass**

**Sunday, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> - Flu Shot Clinic after 9:30 am Mass**

## STEWARDSHIP

**Weekly Target:** \$10,962 **Offering:** \$10,153

**Food Pantry:** \$115

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

### Children Good Deeds

...Carrying the garbage cans back & the mail...Being nice to my cat

...Pick up the garden...I helped my teacher...Picked up my toys...

## AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal

This week we begin our 4<sup>th</sup> week of classes and we start our NWEA testing (a measure of academic progress). All our parents and students have been doing a great job with the protocols to keep us all safe! From the daily temperature checks, to keeping cohorts separate, eating in the classrooms, extra disinfecting, and many other things, we have been working hard to making sure we can still have in person instruction. In the end, the small class sizes and lower number of students makes it much easier to manage than a building with 300 plus students.

This week's Gospel gives insight into the how we are invited to use our free will as human beings. The Kingdom of Heaven is open to everyone if you choose to pursue it, but you must choose it. Free will is something God gave to each one of us and leads us on different paths in our Faith journey. So, while Jesus continues to search for disciples (much like the vineyard owner), we have the option to say yes to Jesus and his mission when we encounter him. How will you respond?

✝ **God Bless**

\*We would like to extend our sincere appreciation to the staff at AACCS. Everyone has worked EXTREMELY hard to make this school year happen. *Special thanks* to Mr. Switalski, the principal, who has worked tirelessly for many weeks to ensure that both students and staff are protected and safe. He has a huge responsibility and takes it very seriously. Please tell him thanks for all his hard work when you see him!



## EDUCATION / FORMATION

**Family Talk Time** *Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families:* Sara McGinnis Lee  
*Have you ever felt jealous of someone for having more than you do? Have you ever felt that you have been treated unfairly?*

### Reflecting on the Word:

In this parable, Jesus is comparing the Kingdom of heaven to a generous landowner who gives the same amount of pay to the workers who came at the end of the day as the workers who were there all day. Our understanding of fairness is in stark contrast to God's abounding generosity. Jesus reminds us that God gives love and grace freely to everyone.

### Living the Word:

Create a chore chart for the week. Explain that some days will have more jobs than others. If you have more than one child, alternate their heavy days of chores. Decide on a small reward for the completion of the work, making sure each child receives the same reward no matter the amount or duration of work. Discuss how it makes each child feel to receive the same reward regardless of the work. If one does not have to work as hard, can we rejoice for that person? Or are we jealous? How can we be more generous with others? Sometimes this week, make a list of how we can share our gifts, talents, and time with others.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

### Baptism Preparations Sessions.

We offer 2 preparations sessions here at St. Gabriel. Prep I session is for first time parents & Prep II is for those parents who have already attended a Prep I session. We are currently offering these sessions in person and virtually Contact Sandy, to register for a session and set your celebration date at either (989) 662-4335 or [sdesjardins@auburnac.org](mailto:sdesjardins@auburnac.org)



**Congratulations!**

**Hope Margaret Putt**

daughter of John & Ashley

**Parker Daniel Putt**

son of Patrick & Crystal



**FROM  
FR. TOM'S  
DESK**

**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Patricia Sanchez, *Celebration*

Today's Gospel and first reading offers believers a glimpse of the mercy of God, which is a mercy without measure and without memory. God deals with sinners with a mercy we could never hope to merit.

Isaiah attributed this quality of mercy to the fact that God is holy and wholly other; God's ways and thoughts are so far beyond human ways and thoughts that they are almost unimaginable. Whereas human beings would punish or take revenge for wrong done, God surprises sinners with generous forgiveness. To that end, the prophet encourages scoundrels and wicked people to turn to God with confidence.

Mercy is also the unnamed virtue that inspired Jesus' parable of the vineyard. Most of us would bristle at what appears to be an injustice perpetrated on hard-working people. But the key to understanding the parable is in the first sentence. It is more than a story about a vineyard. The parable teaches a lesson about the kingdom of heaven. Entrance to the kingdom cannot be earned, no matter how early one rises or how one works. Entrance is God's gift, given freely and mercifully to those who seem by human standards to deserve it, as well as to those who do not. Generous mercy is that quality of God without which we would have no hope of survival.

**The Generosity of God: (Isaiah 55)**

*Celebration*

During their exile, the displaced peoples of Judah had survived the fall of Jerusalem, the ruination of the Temple and the cessation of their sacrificial cult. But they were challenged to use that time to grow closer to God and to one another, rather than squander their time and energies hating their Babylonian oppressors. Instead of crying out for revenge or cursing their enemies, they were to use those years to learn how to forgive as God had forgiven them. The limitless forgiveness of God defies all human boundaries. While we may accept this truth eagerly, it is quite another challenge to emulate God's ways. We cannot evaluate God's responses by the same yardstick we use to measure normal human reactions. When such a measure was applied to the Matthean Jesus (today's Gospel), he left his disciples with a question that continues to challenge us: "Are you envious because I am generous?"

**Fearless Paul: (Philippians 1)**

*Celebration*

When Paul wrote to his beloved friends in Philippi, he was also in prison (probably in Ephesus), and he was aware that his incarceration might end in his death. But Paul did not dread death, innocent though he was; he welcomed it as the passage through which he would travel to be with Christ forever. By his own admission, Paul felt torn and conflicted: "I am caught between the two. Paul was standing at the brink of death, with toes curled over the edge, and he needed to speak about it with trusted friends. In verse 22, Paul implied that dying or not dying was somehow his choice. Perhaps we can better appreciate Paul's state of mind if we interpret this statement as his willingness to take the initiative and walk into his own future, to embrace rather than resist necessity and to be on top rather than beneath his situation. He talks as one who has done it and is free.

**God's Gift: (Matthew 20)**

*Celebration*

In his commentary on this uniquely Matthean parable, Karl Rahner said that this Gospel appears more incomprehensible each time it is read. How difficult it is to appreciate the incalculable mercy of God—that good grace which cannot be tallied up in terms of wages and

justice; that generosity which ultimately colors every divine thought, word and deed. God gives us all we are and all we have. God gives us our very selves, explained Rahner, and whenever we complain that God has treated others better, we are, in effect, refusing to accept our own selves as God's good gift. This parable invites us to admit that we are those laborers who receive the daily wage, i.e., the denarius. Indeed, we ourselves are the denarius.

**Jealous or Not:**

Deacon Dick Folger, *Celebration*

Today's Gospel tells about how, in our greed, we can perceive other people's money as our own. The all-day workers could easily feel that they should get more than the latecomers. But the generous landowner saw it differently: It was his money to give.

It is not unlike the story of a robbery that took place in our nation's capital. Late one night, a mugger wearing a ski mask popped out of the bushes in front of a well-dressed congressman who was taking a stroll through the park. The mugger stuck his gun into the lawmaker's ribs and demanded, "Give me your money."

Indignantly the congressman protested, "You can't do this to me. I am a politician!" The mugger quickly retorted: "In that case, give me my money!"

**Parables Point:**

Fr. James Smith, *Celebration*

Jesus is a realist. He understands that he cannot construct a different reality with the same old pieces. The poor will always be with us; the strong will abuse the weak; and in the end, everyone dies. What Jesus tries to do with parables is to give us glimpses of a better, kinder life. Parables are a kind of non-sense to make us wonder whether life makes sense.

The kingdom of heaven is like a priest who tried to explain parables. Some listened a lot, some a little. They all died, went to heaven and Saint Peter said: "The kingdom of heaven is like...*this!*"

**On Loving:**

Fr. James Smith, *Celebration*

In a burst of love, God created humans with a loving spirit who could love back. Later, at just the right time, God so loved the world that he sent his own son—not to condemn the world but to love it. The Son was a chip off the old block; he loved unconditionally, indiscriminately, uncontrollably. But since humankind can stand only so much love, it got rid of God's Love Child by crucifying him.

This was surely more than grounds for divorce. But no, God used the occasion to seal the marriage covenant between God and his people with the blood of his Son. Then God raised his Son from this dangerous earth to the haven of heaven.

This is the consummate love story So how did we get lost in the subplots of law and sin and judgement? For the same reason we find the generous landowner so unbelievable. Because justice is easier to manage than mercy. Because it is easier to be legal than loving. Because to love is to give up control of our destiny.

But if we do not trust love, we cannot trust God—who is love.



**"Lord, I thank you for your generous love"**



Wedding Congratulations to...

Rachel Rivard &

Matthew Miner

who were united in marriage on Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. We wish them many happy years together!



**Flu Shot Clinic!** Please note the enclosed flyer concerning our scheduled Flu Clinic here at St Gabriel. There will be additional Covid-19 protocols in effect for your protection. Proper social distancing will be in place, masks will be required and one person/family will be allowed in the vaccination area at a time. There are pre-registration forms available in the church entrance that will help save some time when you come for your shot. Please contact the parish office with any questions at (989) 662-6861 or email [parishoffice@auburnac.org](mailto:parishoffice@auburnac.org)

**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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