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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. 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 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.

## WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 29, 2019

### MONDAY

455: Zec 8:1-8 Ps 102:16-23, 29 Lk 9:46-50

### TUESDAY 8:00 am - Word & Communion

456: Zec 8:20-23 Ps 87:1b-7 Lk 9:51-56

### WEDNESDAY 8:00 am - Mass

457: Neh 2:1-8 Ps 137:1-6 650: Mt 18:1-5, 10

### THURSDAY 8:00 am - Mass

458: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 Ps 19:8-11 Lk 10:1-12

### FRIDAY 9:00 am - School Mass

459: Bar 1:15-22 Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9 Lk 10:13-16

### SATURDAY 4:30 pm - Mass

460: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29 Ps 69: 33-37 Lk 10 :17-24

### SUNDAY 9:30 am - Mass

141: Hb 1:2-3; 2: 2-4 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14  
Lk 17:5-10



## EDUCATION / FORMATION

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

How can you share your gifts with others? To whom in your life can you reach out?

### Reflecting on the Word:

St. Augustine described sin as "turning inward" and caring only about the self. In today's Gospel, we see the rich man as a prime example of this sin: a man so selfish that he failed to see someone lying at his door. We are challenged to reflect on the ways in which we turn inward, how we fail to see the needs of those besides ourselves. Our actions have consequences, but so do our lack of actions. God calls us to open our hearts to those in need and to share freely what we have been given.

### Living the Word:

This week, reflect as a family on how you can share your wealth and your gifts with others in need. Discuss how you may have failed to act on behalf of others. Make an action plan and follow it. Pray that all of you might turn outward toward God and the people of God.

### Youth Ministry:



Starts Sunday, September 29, from 5 – 8 pm. Middle School youth will meet in the Social Hall. High School youth will meet in the basement of the Rectory. If you would like to get involved with our youth please contact Stephanie Schacher, [sschacher@auburnac.org](mailto:sschacher@auburnac.org).

## PARISH ACTIVITIES

Tues., Oct. 1	6:30 pm (PC)	RCIA
Wed., Oct. 2	6:00 pm (PC)	Grief Recovery
Sat. Oct. 5	9 am – 3 pm (WC)	Bazaar & Craft Show
Sun., Oct. 6	10:45 am	Religious Ed
	6:00 pm	Youth Ministry

## STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$10,962      Offering: \$6,565.00

### Children Good Deeds

- ...Turned lights off to conserve energy ...I pet my dog
- ...Helped a boat that was out of gas ...Raked up grass ...Yardwork
- ...Let my brother drive the golf cart ...Helped clean up my toys
- ...Being helpful with my cousin, baby Gavin
- ...Helped baby brother calm down in the car ...Put my toys away

## AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Big week happening at AACs!! Our 5<sup>th</sup> grade students attended Camp Timbers Wednesday and came back Friday. It is a great time to get together with other area Catholic schools and share in activities that can nourish the body and soul. We also had a good time at the Homecoming parade! Way to show your Eagle Pride! I think it is great to have an active school and I appreciate all of your hard work and dedication. Next week is our final week of September's virtue, *Perseverance*. As many of our students found out this week at camp, something truly terrifying like a rock wall or canoe does take courage and perseverance to overcome. Often those people telling us to try something new are really looking out for our best interests, and it can be tough. Accepting someone else's input is one of the most difficult things to do in life, imagine how much more difficult that can be when referring to God.

**Please join us** for a night of fun and games at our inaugural AACs Euchre Tournament on October 19<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$20.00 per person and .25 cents per Euchre. Please contact the school office for more information at 989-662-6431.

God Bless  
Clark Switalski, Principal

## Fish Fry and Bake Sale

The K of C at 4760 Garfield Rd are having a fish fry and bake sale on October 4, 2019. We have changed to a TAKE-OUT ONLY dinner. Take outs CAN be eaten on site, but NO BUFFET. Cost is \$10.00 and hours are 2:30 pm to 7 pm. Baked goods are sold separately. *All are Welcome!*

## Jump Start Your Holiday Shopping!



Please help support the Toni & Trish House by attending their Fall/Holiday Bazaar and Craft Show on Saturday October 5, from 9 am till 3 pm in the St. Gabriel Social Hall, West Campus (St. Anthony's Site). There will be many handmade craft participants and local vendors, a bake sale, and silent auction. Lunch will be available. **100% of all proceeds will be donated to the Toni & Trish House.** For more information contact Rita Maier at 989-450-1687.





**FROM  
FR. TOM'S  
DESK**

**Twenty-Seventh Sunday Ordinary Time**

Carol Dempsey, *National Catholic Reporter*, October 2019

The new 2019 Food Security Information Network report records that approximately 113 million people in 53 countries experienced hunger and high levels of food insecurity in 2018. Moreover, 143 million people in another 42 countries are just one step away from acute hunger.

This Sunday's readings are about hunger, both the inability to experience it and the experience of it.

In the reading from Amos, the poet invites us into the homes of the well-to-do among his community. These people live in Zion/Jerusalem, the capital city and urban part of the southern kingdom Judah.

Here we see that these financially comfortable individuals have the luxury of being able to lounge around on ivory beds and lovely couches in their homes. Their palates enjoy choice meats and abundant wine. They have time to make their own music, and they have the means to anoint themselves with the best oils. They take very good care of themselves and in their luxurious, self-indulgent state, they are complacent and unattuned to the injustices within their community.

The poet rails against these people's complacency. Their lifestyle anesthetizes them to the pain and suffering of others.

The Gospel reading from Luke sharpens the theme of hunger. The story of the poor man Lazarus and the rich man Dives shows the double sidedness of hunger. Those who hunger will be satisfied. Those who fail to respond to the hunger of others will one day hunger for compassion for themselves but will meet instead the face of indifference. Hunger affects us all..

**Open Eyes (Amos 6)**

*Celebration.*

The eighth-century B.C. prophet Amos was accosting the rich members of Israelite society. Amos was demanding that those whose wealth could afford them a luxurious lifestyle ought also to be concerned with the lives of those less fortunate. Moreover, he warned that a lack of concern by the rich for the poor would result in a radical reversal of their lot; they would lose all and be driven into exile.

Just as Jesus never said that money is the root of all evil, but that the inordinate *love* of money will bring one down, neither did Amos condemn riches in and of themselves. Nor did Amos decry eating well and living well, except when those attitudes and actions resulted in complacency and a lack of caring for the plight of the poor. Amos was convinced that if professed believers in God ignored the poor and went on with their lives as if they did not exist, then they would be condemned by their own inaction.

**Good Example (1 Timothy 6)**

*Celebration*

The author of 1 Timothy, purporting to be Paul, was advising the young church leader that any growth and development that would take place within the community should begin with people, the first whom would be Timothy himself. By pursuing righteousness, patience, justice and so on, he would be offering an example and setting the tone for those whom he served. By keeping the commandments, Timothy would encourage others to do likewise. Like Jesus, like Paul, the author of 1 Timothy knew the importance of living what you profess. To do otherwise is to be grouped with those of whom Jesus said, "Do and observe whatever they tell you but do not follow their example, for they preach but they do not practice" (Matt 23:3).

**Open/Closed Hands (Luke 16)**

*Celebration*

Addressed Initially to the Pharisees (v.16), this parable is not only a lesson about the responsibility of the rich for the poor and the reversal of their fortunes. It also references those resources through which the Pharisees, had they been willing, could have come to accept the message of Jesus. Experts in the Mosaic law and the prophets (v.29), the Pharisees were well versed in the knowledge that the law required sharing with the poor (Lev 19:9-10) and specified, " If any of your kinsmen is in need ...you shall not harden your heart nor close your hand...the needy will never be lacking in the land; that is why I command you to open your hand to your poor and needy kinsmen" (Deut 15:7-11). The prophets were also quite insistent that pious fasting should be accompanied by "sharing bread with the hungry, sheltering the oppressed and homeless, clothing the naked...and not turning your back on your own" (Isa 58:6-7). All this the Pharisees knew, but they did not always put it into practice. They were being challenged to rethink their own behavior based on the experience of the parable's rich man.

**Gated Community?**

*GraceWorks, Dallas TX*

I am troubled today because we put gates around our lives that keep us from the poor. I don't think we consciously install these gates, we simply allow them to be built. We don't see the poor. But, like Lazarus, they have names. We simply don't know them or see them.

Lazarus is at the gate.

I think of children this morning. I think of the divorced, the widowed, the abandoned. I am haunted by these others, all with names but who are nameless to me and to you. We do not see them. We may not want to see them, those who wait at the gate. There are folks you and I pass by every day who are sitting at a gate who need good news. But our gates are there, keeping them at bay, out of reach, out of sight, out of mind.

**"Lord, help me see the needs of others"**

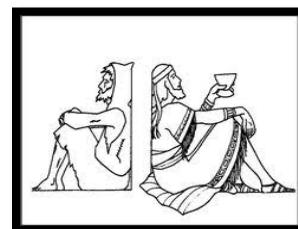
**Raffle Return:**

The parish picnic raffle took in \$4,697.00. There were expenses for the license and for mailing. The net amount of \$4,069.00 will be forwarded to the Auburn Area Catholic School.

**Personnel:**

Kim Grant is our new office manager. She has been in this job for several weeks. It is a big change from Sempliner's, where she worked for two decades, but she is willing to take on the challenge.

Our experiment with Linda Knepfler in the area of pastoral care has ended. Her full-time position at Our Lady of Peace (St. Mary) and her membership there presented challenges difficult to overcome. So, Kellie Deming, our former director of Religious Education and the current Diocesan Director of Lay Ministry, is going to step in and handle RCIA for this year. She may be utilizing others in a team approach.



## PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

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

**DUE TO AN OVERWHELMING RESPONSE THE SCHEDULE IS VERY FULL. PLEASE CALL FOR REMAINING AVAILABLE DATES.**

**To schedule your appointment, call the Parish Office at 662-6861.**

Use Prior Directory's Photo: If desired, you may use a 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.

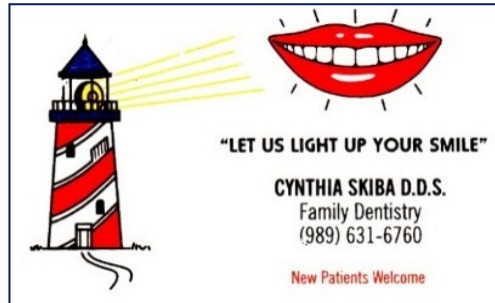
General Information: For every family photographed, Lifetouch will provide the Directory at no cost. Plus, those families will receive a complimentary Directory and an 8X10 portrait, with no sitting fee. From a variety of poses, you will select one for the Directory. In addition to the 8X10 portrait, you may purchase portraits the day of your session, though you are under no obligation to do so.



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	Single (1 Urn)	\$1,000	\$1,500
	Double (2 Urns)	\$1,400	\$1,750
Inurnment	\$ 250 per niche	\$ 300 per niche	
CEMETERY	Parishioner	Non-Parishioner	
	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**