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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 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 *Please call Parish Office for appointment.

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL
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WEATHER POLICY

If Bay City Public Schools or AACS 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. Closures will be posted on TV: NBC 25, ABC 12, CBS 5.

Week of October 4th, 2021

MONDAY

461: Jon 1:1—2:2, 11 (Ps) Jon 2:3-5, 8 Lk 10:25-37

TUESDAY 8 am Word and Communion

462: Jon 3:1-10 Ps 130: 1b-4b, 7-8 Lk 10: 38-42

WEDNESDAY 8 am Mass

463: Jon 4:1-11 Ps 86:3-6, 9-10 Lk 11:1-4

THURSDAY 8 am Mass

464: Mal 3:13-20b Ps 1:1-4, 6 Lk 11:5-13

FRIDAY

465: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2 Ps 9:2-3, 6, 8-9, 16 Lk 11:15-26

SATURDAY 4:30 pm Mass

466: Jl 4:12-21 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 Lk 11:27-28

SUNDAY 9:30 am Mass

143: Wis 7:7-11 Ps 90:12-17 Heb 4:12-13 Mk 10:17-30



UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

Monday, October 4th - RCIA

Wednesday, October 6th – Blood Drive-1:30-6:30 pm

SCRIP Sale this weekend after mass

Sunday, October 9th – Religious Ed 10:45 am

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$10,962 **Offering:** \$8,933.55
Food Pantry: \$20 **World Mission Sunday:** \$100
In Memory of Henrietta Roberson: \$160

Children Good Deeds

...I comforted my friend and gave them their star power back...

...I helped Dad fix the lawn sweeper...

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal

The students have all finished their NWEA testing for the beginning of school. We use these scores to track the student progress throughout the year and come up with strategic approaches to how we can help students grow in areas they are struggling in. The testing takes place 3 times per year; the fall (Sept./Oct.), the winter (Jan./Feb.), and the spring (Apr./May).

Next weekend there will be a SCRIP sale! This is a program that offers non-profit entities full value gift cards at a discounted rate. We then sell those gift cards for their full value and receive the difference as a profit. All the cards give a different value to the school, but every little bit helps. So, when you buy any of the gift cards from our SCRIP program, you get a full value gift card and the school receives money to help start up our classrooms, send the 5th grade on a retreat, or support our community events through PTO. The SCRIP sales are still happening in the parish office until further notice, so you can go and tell Kim hello anytime the office is open, pick up a gift card, and help support our Catholic School in the process! We truly appreciate all the support you give to the school!

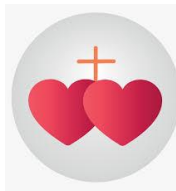
✝ **God Bless**

Don't Forget--Our next blood drive is this Wednesday, October 6th, 1:30 – 6:30 pm in the parish Social Hall.

EDUCATION / FORMATION

Family Talk Time Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families, Sara McGinnis Lee
How do we know Jesus loves us? How does that love make us feel?

Reflecting on the Word:



Jesus speaks about the beauty of marriage and the blessings that are the stronghold of the couple as they journey together through life. The holiness and grace within that act of commitment between two people can never be undone. Every day this commitment is a choice a family makes over and over again. Pope Francis wrote about families in

the "The Joy of Love" (*Amoris laetitia*), focusing on the joys and the challenges of married life. It is a wonderful message for all couples.

Living the Word:

In the Gospel, Jesus blessed the children that were brought to him. Remind your children that on the day of their baptism Jesus also blessed them with his light and life. Bless one another, using a sign from the baptismal rite. With your thumb, make a sign of the cross on the forehead of the people you love.



Youth Ministry Update



Misty Michelle, our new Youth Minister, had her first get-together for the middle and high school students last weekend. They will be producing a monthly newsletter to keep everyone abreast of what they are involved in. *Please* read their first edition on the back of the calendar insert.

Choir News...

"Lord, this is the people that long to sing your praise."



After a year and a half pause it is time to "get the choir back together" This is an "All are welcome" event for anyone to join us on October 11th, at 6:30 pm at church. Questions and answers can be directed to Sue LeVasseur at 989-205-4322 or musicdirector@auburnac.org

Christ's Mission Appeal 2021:

In the next few days, all registered parishioners throughout the Diocese of Saginaw will receive a letter from Bishop Gruss and a brochure about this year's Christ's Mission Appeal. This Appeal is the way that we can all support the ministries offered by the Diocese to our parish and others.

Our parish has received its assessment for this appeal, and it is somewhat lower than last years'. I encourage you to read the materials. There is additional info available on the diocesan website—saginaw.org

Please consider a generous and thoughtful sharing of your blessings with a pledge or donation to the Diocese of Saginaw through this appeal. Feel free to contact the Diocese of Saginaw or the parish office with any questions or concerns.





FROM FR. TOM'S DESK

Twenty-Seventh Sunday Ordinary Time:

Patricia Sanchez, *Celebration*

According to the authors of Genesis, the love between married people was ordained and blessed by God, who intended that the two become one to be helpmates and partners in all they are. Together, married people are to be stewards of all God has made, and together they are to participate in the creative power of God by bringing forth new lives, which are to be cherished as God's precious gifts.

However, for varied reasons, the ideal is not always realized. Many marriages are not lifelong. When approached with this reality, Jesus (Gospel) did not enter into debate about the lawfulness of divorce. Rather he focused on marriage as a divinely ordained union, as did the Genesis authors.

William J. Bausch suggests that we recall the times in which Jesus lived. His was a society in which women rarely, if ever, owned property and had no independent means of making a living. For that reason, marriage was a lifesaver. Marriage guaranteed support for the most vulnerable members of society, women, and children. For their protection, marriage had to be stable and enduring. Laws forbidding divorce indicated that women and children should not be left on their own. In criticizing those who advocate divorce, especially for frivolous reasons, Jesus was taking up the cause of the poor and the weak. "He was," says Bausch, "not once-and-for-all condemning divorced persons, but he was coming down squarely on the side of defenseless. 'Don't do that to women!' in his stern message." With this background, we can understand Jesus' words not as condemnation, but as an expression of compassion.

Although the social context of Jesus' day no longer exists, his message of compassion and his desire to protect the weak and defenseless continues to apply. Whether married or divorced, whether gay or straight, all people are cherished creations of God. Whether or not each is able to sustain a lasting relationship with another is not a reason to judge or condemn them. On the contrary, like Jesus, we can be compassionate and caring, trusting in the good consciences of others and respectful of the difficult decisions they must make. To exclude those most in need of the ministrations of the faith community would not only be unkind; it would be contrary to the example set by Jesus and the Gospel he came to proclaim

United in Love:(Genesis 2)

Celebration

Man and woman have been purposefully created for one another by God to share a loving and complementary relationship. Woman's equality with man is affirmed in that she is described as having been made from a part of him, i.e., from the same substance (or species) and nature. Working from the premise that "it is not good for the man to be alone" (v. 18) and insisting that none of the various animals, birds or fish would be suitable companions, God performed a stunning and fresh creative act. Like the man, the woman is God's free creation. These two creatures belong together in the garden where solidarity, trust, mutual respect, and well-being can grow.

Given their divinely ordained complementary relationship, the union of married persons is understood to be fitting ("that is why..."v.24) and intended for the fulfillment of the two as one flesh. While sexuality is an important aspect in a marital union, it is not the only means of expressing oneness. Praying together, working together, growing old and better together, married persons are also to preserve a sense of service to something greater than themselves. They have bonded to combine and channel their growing love toward the service of God and others, toward their children, their elders, the poor, the future, and the betterment of society. Understood in this way married persons and their children can truly be the nucleus that society needs to grow into more authentically good and loving images of God.

Brothers and Sisters: (Hebrews 2):

Celebration

Jesus achieved his perfection by becoming one with those he was sent to save. He attained solidarity with humankind; he was incarnate in time. Space, flesh and blood. In this solidarity, Jesus feels what humans feel. It is almost impossible to understand another's sorrow or suffering unless we have known it ourselves. A person without anxiety finds it hard to conceive of the tortures of nervousness, just as the physically fit do not truly comprehend the weariness of the sick. Those who learn easily do not understand how someone else can find studying so challenging. Someone who has never loved deeply cannot realize the pain of losing one's greatest love.

But Jesus does understand because his solidarity with the human experience was absolute. He was so intensely one of us that he freely chose to redeem us and make us free to enter into the very relationship he shares with God. Through that relationship, all became the beloved brothers and sisters of Jesus. This is a radical theological point. What the ancient author is saying is that when Jesus sees a criminal on death row, or a homeless woman crawling into a cardboard box for shelter on a cold night, or a person robbed of their dignity through mental illness; when Jesus sees a woman mourning the death of her child or a man ravaged by cancer or a child slowly starving to death, he does not see a sad statistic or a faceless victim. He sees a brother and a sister whom he loves. The daily challenge for believers who are brothers and sisters of Jesus is to take these words to heart.

Ideal and The Real: (Mark 10)

Celebration

The true essence of this passage is that Jesus was mending the loose morality of his day. Those who entered marriage only for pleasure had to be reminded of its responsibilities. Those who looked to marriage only for romance had to be reminded of its deeply spiritual nature. In teaching as he did, the Marcan Jesus was building a rampart around the home. Try as we may, sometimes that rampart is breached. Nevertheless, this same Jesus remains present to the married and the unmarried, the separated and the divorced with mercy and acceptance and healing love for all.

Like Little Children: (Mark 10)

Celebration

In the latter part of this Gospel, Jesus' defense of children and his insistence that they were to be emulated for their innocence and simplicity represented a radical departure from the way children were treated in his culture. With no rights of their own, children, like women, were treated like property. But Jesus, who loved and valued all persons, treated the children with respect and care. "Let them come," he told his impatient and angry disciples. Then Jesus held out the example of the children to his followers. Children are not capable of meriting anything. Depending on the goodwill of others, children are completely vulnerable and full of trust. By the same token, God's favor is a gift, entirely underserved. The only possible human response is grateful acceptance.

A Greater Call:

Good News

Women and children were both, in society of the time and in most societies since, considered negligible—and disposable. They were told what to do and used for the convenience and pleasure of their masters—if they continued convenient and pleasurable. Just as most societies have misused women, so most have exploited children, whether as pawns in dynastic marriages or as cheap labor in factories, or prostitutes for a lucrative market. They are still being used in this way in our country. Sweatshops are not just in Asia. Child pornography—which can include the killing of the child—is growing. In a country where one child in five lives in poverty we can't make much of a claim to be following Jesus any more than we can make that claim for our treatment of women. But Jesus welcomed women and children and listened and defended both, if necessary, forgave and always, blessed. Let us not imagine that today's scripture is just about forbidding divorce. It is about forbidding abuse, and calling us to dignity, caring and a future of companionship in working for the reign of God.

Food Pantry Requests...

It is a new month, and we are looking for donations for the pantry. If you can help, it will be much appreciated! You can bring donations to church next weekend or drop them at the Parish Office any time we are open!

Canned Tuna	Jelly/Peanut Butter	Tuna Helper
Baked Beans	Pancake Mix/Syrup	Spaghetti Sauce
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