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**SCHOOL ENDOWMENT  
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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 \*Please 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 evening activities will be announced by 3:00 PM. Closures will be posted on TV: NBC 25, ABC 12, CBS 5.

## WEEK OF OCTOBER 12, 2020

### MONDAY

467: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1 Ps 113:1b-5a, 6-7 Lk 11:29-32

### TUESDAY 8 am Word and Communion

468: Gal 5:1-6 Ps 119:41, 43-45, 47-48 Lk 11:37-41

### WEDNESDAY 8 am Mass

469: Gal 5:18-25 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Lk 11:42-46

### THURSDAY 8 am Mass

470: Eph 1:1-10 Ps 98:1-6 Lk 11:47-54

### FRIDAY

471: Eph 1:11-14 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13 Lk 12:1-7

### SATURDAY 4:30 pm Mass

472: Eph 1:15-23 Ps 8:2-3b, 4-7 Lk 12:8-12

### SUNDAY 9:30 am Mass

145: Is 45:1, 4-6 Ps 96-1, 3-5, 7-10 1 Thes 1:1-5b Mt 22:15-21

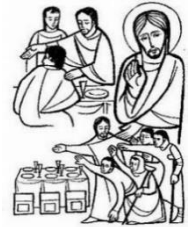


## EDUCATION / FORMATION

**Family Talk Time** Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families, Sara McGinnis Lee  
*Has anyone ever declined your invitation? How did that make you feel? God is always inviting us to come to him. How do we respond to this invitation?*

### Reflecting on the Word:

In this parable, God is presented as a king preparing a wedding feast for his son. Many were invited, but they all rejected the invitation, through indifference or hostility. The king then opened the banquet to everyone—good and bad alike. In the same way, God invites us all to the table, but some reject the invitation. Those who are accepting and prepared for God's Word are worthy of the offer of salvation.



### Living the Word:

Together, make a list of all the ways you can be ready to prepare for God's presence in your life. How can your heart be ready? How can your mind be ready? How can your hands be ready? This week, before bed, make a list of ways God was active throughout the day. Did you talk to people with kindness? Did you try to think as Jesus would? Did you see the good in people? How does preparing for God's presence help you be more welcoming to the love of Jesus throughout your day?

**Sacramental Preparation Applications** will be available at the Parish Center or by contacting Sandy, 989-662-4335 or at [sdesjardins@auburnmac.org](mailto:sdesjardins@auburnmac.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 preparation sessions, 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, 662-4335 or [sdesjardins@auburnmac.org](mailto:sdesjardins@auburnmac.org) to register for a preparation session and set your celebration date.

## PARISH ACTIVITIES

### Scrip Sale after both Masses this weekend!

**Saturday, Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> – Baptism 10:30 am**

**Sunday, Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> – Baptism 10:45 am**

**Religious Ed 10:45-11:45 am**

**Youth Ministry 6-7:45 pm**

## STEWARDSHIP

**Weekly Target:** \$10,962    **Offering:** \$11,571

**Food Pantry:** \$120    **Diocesan Collections:** \$ 175

*Thank you to everyone who has continued to support the parish so generously. We need your support and it is truly appreciated!*

Children G😊d Deed

...No children's envelopes this week! ...

## AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

**Clark Switalski, Principal**

Every month we focus on a different virtue, and this month, we will focus on the cardinal virtue of justice. Justice simply means we are being fair and equitable in everything we do. Treating people with kindness, giving respect to God, and making sure we check our bias before entering a conversation, or contribute to how we can share this virtue. We can respect God by going to mass, praying, and building a relationship with him. Everyone's relationship will be different, and the reverence we feel for God can't be measured or compared to other people. However, we can share our experiences with others and help promote our faith.



Whomsoever you find, invite to the wedding.

Matthew continues to offer Gospels explaining the relationship God has with the Jewish people. The banquet being prepared for the Jewish people is set, they have all been invited, yet many ignored the invitation and went away. God sends prophets, disciples, and apostles to help

guide them back to the banquet, but the people sent by God are tortured or killed. God then punishes the wrongdoers and invites everyone to the banquet. God welcomes everyone in with open arms, as long as you chose to believe and follow him.

AACS is looking to fill the Administrative Assistant position in our school office. Our current Admin needs to step away for personal reasons. Mrs. Gandy has been wonderful thus far and I will truly miss her, and I will cherish the opportunity to have worked with her. If you are interested, a job description can be picked up in the parish office during regular business hours 8:30-4:30 M-F. All paper applications can also be dropped off at the parish office. Questions and electronic applications need to be submitted to [cswitalski@auburnmac.org](mailto:cswitalski@auburnmac.org).

✝ **God Bless**



*This is 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. An informal session to explore these questions and faith issues in relation to Catholic beliefs is scheduled for Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. For more info contact Kellie Deming at [kdeming@dioceseofsaginaw.org](mailto:kdeming@dioceseofsaginaw.org) or you may also call the parish office at (989) 662-6861. Pre-registration is required.*

## Scrip Sale:

Next weekend, October 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, after both masses the school will be selling Scrip in the Social Hall! Because of Covid-19 we have had to curtail our in-person sales for a while, **but we are back!** It is a great time to get a start on your Christmas shopping and help the school at the same time! A percentage of all sales is donated back to the school, so bring your checkbook!



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**FROM  
FR. TOM'S  
DESK**  
Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Patricia Sanchez, *Celebration*

Last Sunday, as we listened as Paul told the Philippians to “Think on these things.” “These things” referred to all that is true, honorable, just, pure, lovely, gracious, excellent and worthy of praise. Paul understood that those things which occupy our minds also direct and inspire our words and works. By keeping these good things foremost in mind and heart, believers will become more attuned to the invitations and overtures of God as these reveal themselves among us.

At times, these invitations are quite overt and readily recognizable, as in today’s first reading and Gospel. Both texts feature a banquet hosted by God; invitations have been extended, and it devolves upon those invited to avail themselves of the opportunity or not. Similar invitations are extended to each of us on a regular basis. Weekly liturgical celebrations in our home parishes and congregations reach out and invite us to come together to celebrate the blessings of God. Rich fare is available to all; free for the taking is the bounteous feast here, and the feasting table will never be empty. As long as there are those who hunger for God, God will be there to satisfy all.

But we are free to accept these invitations and to avail ourselves of these weekly banquets, or not. Our responsiveness will depend on how sensitive we are to recognize the movements of God; our sensitivity will be proportionate to the quality of our thoughts and ideas. Think on these things, advises Paul. Then your hungers will be genuine; your values will be true; your priorities will be duly aligned, and you shall recognize God’s invitations to you.

**A Place at the Table: ( Isaiah 25)**

*Celebration*

This pericope introduces a theme popular among the ancient Israelites and prepares the praying assembly to welcome today’s Gospel. Just as the vineyard motif (last Sunday) was a standard symbol for the people of Israel, banquet imagery was an apt metaphor for describing God’s salvific love. In an arid land where most of the population scraped by with the minimum of basic necessities, a free banquet of rich food and choice wines was tantamount to paradise. The banquet would be located on a mountain, the special locus of God’s presence. It would also provide an opportunity for forgiveness and healing. Death would be destroyed, and this fact affirms beyond a doubt the messianic character of this dining experience.

When Jesus began to exercise his messianic ministry, he drew upon this rich banquet tradition in order to describe God’s coming reign. Some of his contemporaries thought they were assured places of honor at God’s banquet because of their meticulous study and implement of the law. Jesus challenged their presumptuous by his actions and through his choice of table companions. Dining with the poor and the outcasts of his society, Jesus indicated that God’s invitation was extended to all. A place at the tables could not be earned; it was God’s to give and, if necessary, to revoke.

**Pleasing Support: (Philippians 4)**

*Celebration*

Most scholars agree that these words of Paul were prompted by the monetary support the Philippians sent to him in prison. Usually Paul did not accept such gifts, choosing rather to support himself and to take no recompense for the ministry he loved. But the Philippians were special to Paul, and for them he made an exception. Unfortunately, verses 18-19, in which Paul describes their gift as “a sacrifice pleasing to God” and as “a share in his hardships,” have been omitted from today’s text. Had these verses been included, believers would better appreciate how strong was the partnership between Paul and his converts in Philippi, who supported his work as best they could. Because they shared his ultimate concern, their efforts on his behalf were a pleasing sacrifice that eased Paul’s hardships and gave glory to God.

**Requested response: (Matthew 22)**

*Celebration*

The second parable of the wedding garment probably circulated independently at first; this explains the lack of continuity with the first parable. Isn’t it logical that a person called in from the streets would not have a festal garment to wear?

No doubt the evangelist appended the parable here in order to affirm believers’ responsibility for responding to God’s call to salvation (the great feast of the kingdom) by cooperating with the grace God extends. Perhaps the wedding garment alluded to baptism, when believers put on the Lord Jesus Christ; their new life in Christ is symbolized by a white garment. The person in the parable without the proper attire could represent those who did not live up to their commitment, although they were invited to the feast of God’s reign and were baptized. Through the harsh treatment of the ill-dressed guest, the Matthean Jesus, the evangelist and his church warn against becoming lax or taking the invitations of God for granted.

Each day, the very fact that we awaken and are still breathing, is in itself an invitation to live that day as our response to the God who loves us. In little things and in large things, all we do and all we say constitutes our RSVP to God.

**God’s Invitation:**

Patricia Sanchez, *Celebration*

The 20<sup>th</sup>- century theologian Paul Tillich described a person’s god as their “ultimate concern.” Whatever is most important to us is our god. What is our *god*?

Perhaps one way of answering this question is to consider how we respond to God’s many invitations in our lives. Some of those are standing invitations that invite us to gather regularly for liturgy. These weekly or even daily invitations can become so routine that we might not be fully present at the banquet of word and bread and fellowship.

God’s invitations reveal themselves in other ways as well. Through the persons who reach out to us in their need, God invites us to share. Through those who suffer injustice, God invites our advocacy and responsible participation at the ballot box. Through those who have no one to speak for them, no one to uphold their rights to live and work without fear, God invites our persistent involvement on their behalf.

In the beauties of nature, God invites our awe and admiration; in the calamities of nature, God invites our trust. In the warmth of friendship and familial harmony, God invites our gratitude; in the pain and turmoil of strained relationships, God invites our perseverance. In the vigor of our youth and good health, God invites our grateful service; in the pain of sickness and the struggles of old age, God invites our endurance and calm. In all our fears, in all our frustrations, in all our sadness, desires, accomplishments and joys, God is inviting us to be at peace and center upon the One who is to be our ultimate concern.



*Help me Lord, to recognize the need for my involvement*

**Ready or Not:**

From, *Good News*

The kingdom of God is not for those who bully their way through life, searching for booty. Nor is it for those who set limits, jealously guarding their own little patch. Nor for those who are unwilling to look for the new and unexpected. Coming to God’s banquet requires a state of readiness for anything anywhere. Like a patient excavator we cannot miss the moment, even if it turns up unexpectedly in the muddy dullness of every day. And we must care enough to give our very selves when that moment comes. We are guests at the feast of a King who invites us with the words, “Everything is ready.” The question is, are we?



In this week's bulletin we have enclosed a pamphlet from *Michigan Catholic Conference* concerning your vote 2020. It is a great resource for information about the issues to consider before voting, Catholic teachings, and questions to assist voters in evaluating candidate platforms. Consider these tools for prayer and reflection during the *conscience formation process*. And make your vote count on November 3<sup>rd</sup> !!

**Thank-you** to everyone who donated to the Food Pantry last week! We have given away 40 + boxes of food and toiletries in the last month. *That is double what were giving away last year, at this time!* The pandemic has increased the number of people who need your donations, many who have never had to ask for help before...*they are so very grateful for your kindness!*



### **PICTORIAL DIRECTORY UPDATE**

The publisher has produced a proof which we should be getting next week. Once we have approved everything it will go to print and then ship to us for distribution. Thank-you for your patience!

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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

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# October 2020



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 8:00a Mass	2	3 11:00a Confessions 4:30p Mass
4 9:30a Mass 10:45a Religious Ed	5	6 8:00a Word and Communion	7 8:00a Mass	8 8:00a Mass 7:00p Parish Council Meeting	9	10 4:30p Mass
11 9:30a Mass 10:45a Religious Ed	12 Columbus Day	13 8:00a Word and Communion	14 8:00a Mass	15 8:00a Mass	16	17 11:00a Baptism 4:30p Mass 5:30p Script Sale after Mass
18 9:30a Mass 10:30a Script Sale after Mass 10:45a Religious Ed 10:45a Baptism 6:00p Youth Ministry	19	20 8:00a Word and Communion 6:30p Christian Quilters-(WC)	21 8:00a Mass	22 8:00a Mass 1:30p -6:30p Blood Drive	23	24 CMA (Formerly CSA) Weekend United Nations Day 4:30p Mass
25 CMA(Formerly CSA) Weekend 9:30a Mass	26	27 8:00a Word and Communion	28 8:00a Mass	29 8:00a Mass	30	31 Halloween 4:30p Mass