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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**

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

## WEEK OF OCTOBER 13, 2019

### MONDAY

467: Rom 1:1-7 Ps 98: 1b-4 Lk 11:29-32

**TUESDAY 8:00 a.m. – Word & Communion**

468: Rom 1:16-25 Ps 19:2-5 Lk 11:37-41

**WEDNESDAY 8:00 a.m. – Mass**

469: Rom 2:1-11 Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9 Lk 11:42-46

**THURSDAY 8:00 a.m. – Mass**

470: Rom 3:21-30 Ps 130:1b-6b Lk 11:47-54

**FRIDAY 9:00 a.m. – School Mass**

661: 2 Tm 4:10-17b Ps145:10-13ab, 17-18 Lk 10:1-9

**SATURDAY**

472: Rom 4:13, 16-18 Ps 105:6-9, 42-43 Lk 12:8-12

**SUNDAY**

147: Ex 17:8-13 Ps 121:1-8 2 Tm 3:14 – 4:2 Lk 18:1-8



## EDUCATION / FORMATION

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

God does not ignore our cries for help or healing. Do you remember to thank God for his goodness to you? How can you show your gratitude?

**Reflecting on the Word:**

The ten lepers, in faith, called out to Jesus for mercy, and their faith was rewarded with physical healing. The only one to return to the Lord in gratitude was the Samaritan. His thankfulness for his physical healing leads to his spiritual healing. Through this encounter, Jesus shows us that no one, not a leper or even a Samaritan, is beyond God's mercy. Salvation is offered to each of us if we only cry out for God's mercy and respond to his love with thankfulness and praise.

**Living the Word:**

The word *Eucharist* means "thanksgiving." How do we thank God in a special way at Mass? Each night this week, set aside time when you can say thank-you to God. Have your children name one thing from that day that they are grateful for. In prayer, you might say "Thank-you God for..."

**Scripture Study**

Begins tuesday, October 22 @ 10am at the Parish Center. Join us, as we study the Book of Revelation.

**Everyone is welcome!!** If you have any questions contact Sandy [sdesjardins@auburnac.org](mailto:sdesjardins@auburnac.org) or 662-4335

**Trunk-n- Treat**

The Education Commission invites all Parish families to a fun filled afternoon for **Trunk-n-Treat! Sunday, October 27, from 4-5pm!** Children and adults dress up in kid-friendly Halloween costumes and go trunk to trunk for treats. The decorated trunks will be lined up at the east side of the parking lot. If you are saying, *trunks?* It is the trunk of your car, SUV, or the tailgate of your truck.

Everyone can get involved! You can do one or all three!

- 1) Bring a bag of candy and place it in the container at the church doors. It will be passed out by those who decorate their trunks, to the children.
- 2) Decorate your trunk, park in the designated area and hand out candy to our children.
- 3) Or just come & enjoy the fun! See the children in their costumes!! Bring your chair so you can sit and watch the children trunk-n-treat & share in the meal.

Children can go vehicle to vehicle at 4 til 5 pm. Donuts and cider will be served this year. There will be drawings. If you are decorating your trunk please arrive at 3:30 pm to get set up. There will be sign-up sheets at the doors of the church next week. If you have any questions contact Sacha Rivet, 667-0930.



## PARISH ACTIVITIES

Mon.,	10-14	6:30-8 pm	Choir Practice
Tues.,	10-15	6:30-8 pm	RCIA (PC)
Wed.,	10-16	10am	Knitting Club (PC)
		3-5 pm	Grief Recovery(PC)
		2-9 pm	Pictures (WC)
Thurs.,	10-17	6 pm	PTO
		7 pm	School Committee
Sat.,	10-19	5:30 pm	Euchre Tournament (WC)
<b>Anointing of the Sick</b> - at all Masses-October 19-20			
Sun.,	10-20	9:30 am	CLOW & Nursery
		10:45 am	Religious Ed

## STEWARDSHIP

**Weekly Target:** \$10,962 **Offering:** \$13,156.50  
Children G☺D Deeds

...Played with my cousin all day...Made mine and my brother's bed  
...Being good and listening to Mom while shopping...Fed Willow Yardwork...Fed Zoey my dog...Helped someone pick up their art box  
...Helped someone find their purse...Cheering up my soccer team  
...Get the toads out of the window well before they die, we have 79!

## AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

The reading this week is one of my favorites of all time. The ten lepers are truly healed by their faith and trust in Jesus. He tells them to go and see the high priest to clear them of the disease. Nine go to the priest and one returns to say thank you to Jesus. I often ponder what they all were thinking, and how such a debilitating disease back then would have affected their lives. Think about it, no contact with any one who did not have the disease, and you were not allowed to enter the cities where people congregated. Does that mean the weren't thankful or did not have faith? I like to think that they were thankful, because Jesus had just given them their lives back. Then Jesus says something really interesting at the end, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you." At this point we are no longer talking about leprosy, we are talking about salvation. Those who show true faith through their actions can be saved through Grace. The more chances, like the lepers, God gives you, are more opportunities to receive Grace. While ten were healed, only one showed the Grace to go back and say *Thank-you*.

Please Join us for a fun evening of **Euchre-citement** this coming weekend, Saturday October 19<sup>th</sup> at our Euchre Tournament. Doors will open at 5:30 pm at the west campus. **Hope to see you there!**

**Saginaw Spirit** Ticket vouchers for home games are available in the school office courtesy of **Reder Landscaping** Please stop by if you would like to attend a game in the future!

**God Bless, Clark Switalski Principal**



**Congratulations!**  
**Harper Anne Miller**  
daughter of Patrick & Jill

## Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

This communal celebration will take place in our parish, at all Masses, October 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of this Sacrament is to give comfort to the sick and to reconcile them to God and the Church community. It serves to help the person anointed have a strong, positive faith attitude and assists in physical, mental, and spiritual healing. Vatican II emphasized that this is a sacrament not only for those dying but also for the seriously ill.



**FROM  
FR. TOM'S  
DESK**

**Growth of the Word (2 Timothy 2)**

Celebrations

Even though he would soon be silenced, Paul was confident that the word of God would continue to be preached, for “the word of God is not chained.” In a homily on these words, John Chrysostom said, “For, just as it is not possible to bind a sunbeam or to shut it up within the house, so neither the preaching of the word...The teacher was bound [Paul] and yet the word flew abroad. He inhabited the prison and yet his doctrine rapidly winged its way everywhere throughout the world!” (Homily XVI). As Paul’s words continue to wing their way throughout our world, we, who are privileged to hear them, are to go forward with courageous, passionate faith.

**Healed and Saved (Luke 17)**

Celebration

Luke’s narrative offers a lesson on gratitude as the proper response to God’s many blessings. But that is not all. Luke’s narrative also affirms that the messianic blessings of healing and salvation were to be enjoyed by all of humankind, even by Samaritans, whom the Jews did not respect. Also in evidence here is the contrast between the many Jews who rejected Jesus and those who, though they were regarded as outsiders (e. g., the Samaritans), accepted Jesus and believed in him. At work in this text, as well, is the distinction between being healed and being saved.

The Samaritan leper’s healing had taught him a new way of relating to God. He became intensely aware that his life was a miraculous gift. He learned to trust God and celebrate every moment. Healing is salvation when we acknowledge God’s gracious initiative and when our response to that initiative is faith. Many who receive God’s blessings only take them. Others are led by them into a life of blessedness.

**Fan the Flames** Deacon Ross Beaudoin, Celebration

Gratitude is not just a social grace. Gratitude is a habit of the heart. None of us is our own source of existence or the source of all that we need to survive and flourish. All of life is a gift to us. Truly grateful persons acknowledge that they are recipients of countless gifts from others, from nature, and from God. True gratitude springs from that essential insight.

The very word “gratitude” comes from the same root as the word “grace”—gift (Latin; *gratia*). Think: “grateful”, “graceful.” In Greek, grateful is *eucharistain*—the word we Christians use for our celebration of the Lord’s Supper. The Eucharist is the ultimate act of gratitude, thanksgiving for life and salvation in Christ.

Gratitude enriches us: It opens us to experience the bounty of God and others. The more we become grateful people, the more we will find to be grateful for.

**Thanks be to God, Always**

**Tax Consideration:**

Those who are 70.5 years of age should be mindful, if possible, of action, in regards to Required Minimum Distribution (RMD). Those funds can be designated for charitable causes (including the parish). While the amount distributed cannot be claimed as a charitable donation, it can be removed as income. Thereby avoiding taxes on said income. If you have any questions you can contact the parish office.

Also, the number of parishioners using direct deposit for their offering to the church continues to grow. Younger Parishioners in particular, prefer to use their devices/apps for all their “business” transactions. If you have any questions about this option please contact Janet, our bookkeeper, @ 662-6861.

**Twenty-Eighth Sunday Ordinary Time**

Patricia Sanchez,

Celebration

Obviously, the Quality of thankfulness that we are prompted to reflect upon today is more than a matter of mere manners. Rather, it is an attitude or posture toward God that begins with thinking and evolves into thanking. To put it another way, thankfulness is an integral aspect of the faith journey of the believer. Once Naaman the Syrian realized he had been healed by God, his gratitude prompted him to believe; to that end, he declared the uniqueness of God (“no God in all the earth except in Israel”) and was moved to profess his faith in worship (“I will no longer offer...sacrifice to any other God”). Similarly, the Samaritan leper, realizing that he had been healed, acknowledged the divine power at work in Jesus and returned praising God. Notice that Jesus does not praise him solely for his manners but for the thoughtfulness and thankfulness in his heart that had evolved into faith “Your faith has been your salvation.” Viewed in this way, therefore gratitude or thankfulness can be understood as an impetus to and a catalyst of our faith response to God. The more we think, the more we thank; the more we thank, the more we move toward and embrace in faith, love and hope, the One who is the source and the reason for our thinking, thanking and believing.

No reflection in thankfulness, as regards the believing community, would be complete, however, without focusing on our central act of thanksgiving, viz., the Eucharist. Therein, all our thinking, thanking, and believing unite with the saving action of Jesus; therein we celebrate who we are as a community in the company of all those who have gone before us in faith. Therein we lay the firm foundation of faith for all who will come after us, thinking, thanking, and believing in Jesus. Therein the leprosy of sin is forgiven; therein we are nurtured and made whole and holy so that we ourselves can become blessed, broken and given as bread for the life of the world

**God’s Gift (2 Kings 5)**

Celebration

Contemporary readers of today’s first reading can readily trace Naaman’s evolution from *thinking* to *thanking* to *believing* in the God of Israel. At first, a reluctant recipient of God’s blessing, Naaman had to be convinced that a God other than Syria’s and that a river other than those of his native land held any promise of healing for him.

After thinking about his options and the possibility of being made whole, he agreed to wash in the Jordan and, as promised(v.10), he was healed. No doubt, a certain sense of being humbled had entered into Naaman’s considerations. Humility was needed in order to accept the gift of healing in a way he had not expected and from a source he did not know. Humility was needed to accept the gift, not on his own terms but on God’s. At this point in the narrative, Naaman attempted to respond to God’s gift by giving a gift in return (v.15). However, he was soon to learn that God’s gifts cannot be reciprocated by any other response save that of grateful faith.

The gifts of God are not to be bought, nor are they earned; they cannot be had by bribery, nor can they be worthily reciprocated. Therefore, it is the responsibility of the recipients of those gifts to humbly recognize their dependence on God, their creatureliness before their Creator, their sinfulness before their Healer and Redeemer. That Naaman allowed himself to be aware his status before God and that he humbly admitted of his need is attested in the fact that his thinking and thanking led to his believing in God and to his expression of the belief in worship.

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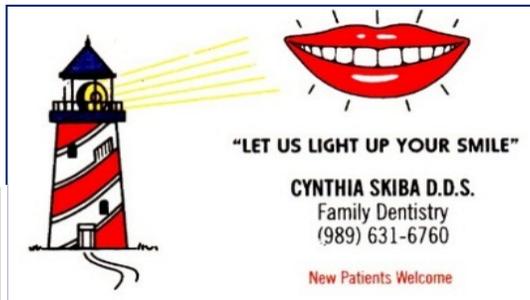
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