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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 18th, 2021

MONDAY

661: 2 Tm 4:10-17b Ps 145:10-13, 17-18 Lk 10:1-9

TUESDAY 8 am Word and Communion

474: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21 Ps 40:7-10, 17 Lk 12:12:35-38

WEDNESDAY 8 am Mass

475: Rom 6:12-18 Ps 124:1b-8 Lk 12:39-48

THURSDAY 8 am Mass

476: Rom 6:19-23 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Lk 12:49-53

FRIDAY

4477: Rom 7:18-25a Ps 119:66, 68, 76-77, 93-94 Lk: 12:54-59

SATURDAY 4:30 pm Mass

478: Rom 8:1-11 Ps 24:1b-4b, 5-6 Lk 13:1-9

SUNDAY 9:30 am Mass

149: Jer 31:7-9 Ps 126:1-6 Heb 5:1-6 Mk 10:46-52



EDUCATION / FORMATION

Family Talk Time Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families, Sara McGinnis Lee
The apostles James and John ask Jesus for a favor. What do you think of the favor that they asked of Jesus? Do you think they really understood what they were asking? If you had to ask Jesus a question what would it be?

Reflecting on the Word:

We parents spend much of our time taking care of our children. Sometimes it feels like we are sacrificing ourselves to give them everything they need. Jesus reminds us that we are imitating him when we serve, especially when it feels like we are giving our lives. Jesus gave himself freely. It was only because of his



great love—for his Father and for us—that he was able to keep serving, keep giving. We must be sure our motives are pure and always based in love, that what we do is for God's glory only, and never for ours.

Living the Word:

This week, have your children take responsibility for serving the family meals. Go over a list of tasks, including helping to prepare food, setting the table, bringing food and drink to the table, and passing the dishes around to make sure everyone has had helping of food or refreshing everyone's drinks. At the end of the week, talk about observations or lessons learned about service.



UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

Sunday, October 17th - Flu Shot Clinic after mass with Coffee and Donuts served

Monday, October 18th - RCIA

Tuesday, October 19th - Quilters-parish center-6:30 pm

Thursday, October 21st - PTO Meeting 6 pm

School Committee 7 pm

ANOINTING WEEKEND

Sunday, October 24th - Religious Ed 10:45 am

Youth Ministry 6-7:30 pm

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$10,962 **Offering:** \$9,461.75
Food Pantry: \$100 **World Mission Sunday:** \$30
Mission Co-Op: \$1788
Children Good Deeds
♥...Dancing with my brother...

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal

The end of our first quarter is this upcoming Friday, October 22nd. The students have been working hard at their studies and been putting in the work this quarter.

On Friday, October 29th the school will have a Halloween parade and allow students to wear their Halloween costumes and pass out candy treats to their classmates and teachers. The students will also complete a prayer card that we will send to our sick and

homebound individuals. This is a great way for our students to share their gifts with others, while teaching them humility.

If you are looking for a way to help some children or the school, please consider adding to our *Spreading the Spirit fund*, or one of the Catholic Community of Mid-Michigan endowment funds. *The Spreading the Spirit fund* is set up to directly offer the students in the parish and surrounding parishes financial help to be able to send their children to a Catholic School. Much of our money comes from financial donations from parishioners or a portion of our endowments. This year, our fund is going to be at the lowest it has been since I have been the principal at AACs. This is not because people are misusing it, *but because people have needed it*. If you have the ability, please consider donating to the Spreading the Spirit Fund to help support our Catholic Schools.



✝ God Bless

Christ's Mission Appeal 2021-22:

This year's appeal has begun. Mailings went out to all registered parishioners a week ago. Our target has decreased slightly going from \$71,201 last year to \$69,796 for 2021-22.

The diocese is handling the drive. All pledges or donations are to be sent directly to the diocese. If you have any questions about your participation in the appeal contact the parish office.

Youth Ministry Project: We would like to remind everyone that youth ministry is still taking names for those who may need help with getting the leaves in their yards raked up. They will come to your yard armed with rakes and make quick work of it! Please call the office to register, 989-662-6861





**FROM
FR. TOM'S
DESK**

Twenty-Ninth Sunday Ordinary Time:

Patricia Sanchez, *Celebration*

Together, the prophet we call Deutero-Isaiah, the author of Hebrews and the first evangelist have collaborated to explore the mystery of Jesus' vicarious suffering for the salvation of sinful humankind. The Hebrews Author affirmed that Jesus Christ has sympathized with us in our weaknesses. From the Greek *syn*, "together," and *pathos* – "feeling," "suffering," "emotion"—sympathy means to share the feelings of another. In modern French, *sympathie* suggests a "community of feeling." As one of us in all things but sin, Jesus was able to develop sympathy for sinners but also empathy.

A word coined by the German philosopher Rudolf Lotze in 1858, *Einfühlung* (from *ein*, "in" and *fühlung*, "feeling"), meaning "empathy," describes Jesus' willingness to enter so profoundly into the human condition that he knew and felt and experienced humanity in every way. From that vantage point of absolute union, Jesus took upon himself every human suffering, every sense of dread, every burden of guilt. He made every deserved punishment for sin and willful evil his own and transformed these through his suffering and sacrificial death into an act of redeeming love.

Like Jesus, believers will be called to cultivate sympathy that will gradually but surely grow into empathy for others. Not to be confused with pity or with the sad feeling for the plight of another that might prompt an occasional charitable act, empathy is a personal commitment to the other. Empathy will move sincere disciples to serve the needs of others as Jesus did, to alleviate the suffering of others as Jesus did, to defend the helpless as Jesus did, to speak for the voiceless as Jesus did, and to reach out with unquestioned and unmeasured love to the poor, as Jesus did.

By Suffering:(Isaiah 53)

Celebration

An excerpt from the fourth of the servant songs, this portrayal of the stricken one contributed to the early church's active, growing appreciation of Jesus' suffering as innocent, vicarious and redemptive; of the all-encompassing embrace of Jesus' action ("for many," i.e., for *all*); and of the promised vindication of the servant. Jesus' path through salvific suffering led to his resurrection: "He shall see the light in fullness of days" (v.10). Aided by the inspired insights of Deutero-Isaiah, early Christian apologists were able to represent Jesus not as a helpless victim of circumstances beyond his control, but as a willing participant in the saving plan of God. They were able to understand and to help others appreciate Jesus' death not merely as an execution but as a freely offered sacrifice.

The servant did not submit to affliction through resignation but as a bold choice to participate with God in an act aimed at breaking the stranglehold of evil. Accordingly, in the servant's death-defying commitment, he doesn't really lose his life but redefines the nature of life as light that pierces the darkness, as forgiveness that erases alienation forever. Followers of Jesus who are committed to sharing in his passion can begin to accept their own suffering for the sake of discipleship not as a travesty of justice or a waste of human potential but as a vital and necessary aspect of God's redemptive design.

Sacrifice for Us: (Hebrews 4):

Celebration

Confidently approach God to receive mercy and find grace, this author exhorted. Such confidence is partially founded in the belief that Jesus has become one of us, to know us from the inside out. From that full knowledge of who we are, how we think, what we desire, how we are tempted and how weak we can be emerges an empathy on which we can rely. Jesus feels for us and with us; he cares for us as one cares for one's own body.

As an expression of his care, Jesus offered himself as the sacrifice by which sinners are saved, and as the Hebrews author has noted in

this text, he also serves as high priest. In Jesus' day, the high priest acted as mediator between God and the people. The Jewish high priest offered sacrifice for his own sin and for that of the people, but he alone entered the Holy of Holies once a year on Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement). Because of the perfect atonement accomplished through Jesus' sacrifice and service as high priest, the Holy of Holies has been opened to all. With Jesus, we enter in boldly and find welcome and joy that exceed our every expectation.

Way to Glory: (Mark 10)

Celebration

In this Gospel, the Marcan Jesus offers clarification. For those who continue to look for a regal, militant messiah, he emphasized the suffering aspect of his salvific mission. Jesus' question concerning the cup of which he would drink and the baptism in which he would be immersed was misconstrued by the brothers, who were probably remembering the traditions about the cup of wealth and well-being (Pss 23:5; 116:13, Jer 16:7) rather than of woe (Ps 75:9; Isa 51:17; Lam 4:21). Jesus, who had already predicted his passion three times in the Marcan Gospel, was obviously concerned with the cup of suffering, which he accepted to drink to the dregs.

In the same way, the baptism to which Jesus referred was not the sacramental rite but the experience of an overwhelming plunge into suffering (Pss 42:7,69:2; Isa 43:2). Referencing his cup, and baptism, Jesus redirected his disciples' desire for glory away from places of honor at his right and left. Glory, insists Jesus, would be theirs if they were willing to follow him through suffering, death to eternal life.

On Letting Go:

Fr, James Smith, *Celebration*

We remain basically unhappy because we are anxious about too many things. There is a lack of gentility, a hidden violence, in bending all things to our own pleasure. We cannot live gently if we are the center of things. When the world has as many centers as there are people, it gyrates uncontrollably. Every time I project my plan onto another, I throw the universe a little out of focus; I do violence to reality.

Gentleness demands a radical decision; a letting go of your position of power. It isn't something you decide to do now and then—it is a whole way of life. And it defines your basic stance in life. If you view life as a warfare, where only the strong and valiant survive, then you will keep your guard up in defense—and the world will be offensive to you. But if you see life as basically benevolent, if the world is out to do you good, then you can safely lower your guard and embrace whatever happens to happen.

Even so, life is complex; and the gospel demands various responses. It takes sensitivity to distinguish the proper responsibilities. But in the cacophony of strident voices, someone must shepherd the silence. When youth is worshipped, someone must defer to age. In a maelstrom of violence, someone must protect the weak. In the face of the huge and gross and ugly, someone has to cultivate the little and lovely things. In a plastic and pavement world, someone must then tend flowers. If not we, then who?

Price of Growth:

Jessie Bazan, *The Liturgical Press*

Signed, sealed, and nourished by the sacraments, we are sent out into the world to be people of service. We are called to take up the cross in our homes, workplaces, across neighborhoods and beyond. Each encounter with a person or the earth, each call answered, each forgiveness granted, each injustice challenged offers opportunities for growth. Our bodies—and hearts—know growth never comes without aches and pains. Yet we keep going, together. We keep taking up the cross of daily demands time and time again, trusting that this is the path of eternal life. Through affliction, we trust that we will "see the light in fullness of days" as the prophet Isaiah says in today's first reading. Jesus promises the darkness of the cross leads to the light of resurrection. May we find strength in his promise.

How may I serve you Lord?

Blood Drive Results...

Our Blood Drive on October 6th ended up with 20 successful donations, 25 presented. Those 20 units will go to help the lives of 60 people! That is what it is all about! We are beyond grateful to everyone who was able to donate. Our last blood drive for 2021 is December 1st so please mark your calendars so we can finish the year with a bang! So far in 2021 we have collected **143 units**, helping save **429 lives!** **Thank you so much!**

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