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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. 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 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 OCTOBER 20, 2019

MONDAY

473: Rom 4:20-25 (Ps)Lk 1:69-75 Lk 12:13-21

TUESDAY 8:00 a.m. – Word & Communion

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

WEDNESDAY 8:00 a.m. – Mass

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

THURSDAY 8:00 a.m. – Mass

476: Rom 6:19-23 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Lk12:49-53

FRIDAY

477: Rom 7:18-25a Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94, Lk12:54-59

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

150: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18 Ps 34:2-3, 17-19, 23 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18 Lk18:9-14



PARISH ACTIVITIES

Mon.,	10-21	6:30-8 pm	Choir Practice
Tues.,	10-22	10-11:30 am	Scripture Study
		6:30-8 pm	RCIA
Wed.,	10-23	1:30-6:30 pm	Blood Drive @Library
		3-5 pm	Grief Recovery

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$10,962 **Offering:** \$9,482.35

Children Good Deeds

Praying for my friends at school...Helped Mom with the yardwork

Doing the living room when my brother wasn't helping...

Coloring a nice picture for my Mom...

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Prayer can be a wonderful experience, or extremely difficult. The difficult part of prayer is opening the channel of dialogue. It often feels as though it is a one-sided conversation and many times we become disheartened and give up. Teaching children the importance of prayer is one of the areas I would like to focus my attention. I will stop and say a prayer for a child undergoing surgery, with the class mind you, and pray with a child who lost a loved one. It is quite simple, the more students see and experience prayer, the better. Bishop Gruss said something in his talk last Saturday that struck me as an eye-opening statement. We need more of the why in our faith, instead of the what. I need to know why I pray and how my prayers have been answered as opposed to just praying because something happened or I want something to happen. When was the last time you really thanked God for all of the good in your life? It is easier to point out the flaws or complain about the problems rather than trust in God and know it will work itself out.

God Bless, Clark Switalski, Principal

SACRED HEART GLADWIN HOLIDAY BAZAAR

We are looking for quality arts and crafts for our November 22 & 23 bazaar. \$50.00 per table for two days. *This is the largest bazaar in our area!!* To reserve your spot call Fran Delano at 989-426-1096 or Kay Edick at 989-709-6765. All other questions please call Pam Weaver, chairperson 989-426-9667, or Florence Deshano, Advertising 989-426-0670.

Please join us!

EDUCATION / FORMATION

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

What does prayer mean to you? Why do you pray?

Reflecting on the Word:

The Gospel parable is about persistence in prayer. Jesus teaches us that we must pray constantly and not become tired of doing so. Prayer is one way we may deepen our faith and become stronger.

Living the Word:

The *Our Father* is a prayer that Jesus himself taught us to pray. Challenge your family this week to pray the *Our Father* every day. Help your younger children learn that prayer and go over the meaning of certain words and phrases. *Pray unceasingly.*



Scripture Study Tuesday, October 22@ 10 am at the Parish Center.

We will be studying the Book of Revelation. **Everyone is welcome!!**

If you have any questions contact

Sandy, 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 4-5 pm. Cider and donuts will be served this year. There will be drawings. If you are decorating your trunk please arrive by 3:30 pm to get set up, there are sign-up sheets at the doors of the church if you plan on participating. Have any questions? Contact Sacha Rivet @667-0930



Kiosk Books

There are several new books at the kiosk:

- *Praying the Way Jesus Prayed* by Mark Link SJ
- *Letter to a Suffering Church* by Bishop Robert Barron
- *The Joy of Discipleship* by Pope Francis
- *Little Lessons from the Saints* by Bob Burnham
- *Helping Teens with Stress, Anxiety, and Depression* by Roy Pettifors

These books are for you to take, read and pass on to someone else you think will enjoy reading it. *God's Blessing for Happy Reading!!*

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

We are looking for someone to volunteer their time and handyman skills to help some of our parishioners with small fixer-upper jobs. If you are handy with a hammer please consider giving of your time and talent.

Also needed are volunteers to visit our local Auburn Area assisted living facilities. It can be lonely living in these places and there are people who would love a visit from someone.

If you have some extra time to give please call Mary Ellyn Gushow at (989) 662-6745



CONGRATULATIONS!

✠ **To Tim Hadd on 18 years of Lay Ministry Service!** Your Parish community appreciates your devotion to the Church as a "Chosen Servant" of God.



**FROM
FR. TOM'S
DESK**

Twenty-Ninth Sunday Ordinary Time

Patricia Sanchez, Celebration

For the past 16 weeks, the Lucan Jesus has been both guide and mentor, leading the gathered assembly on a literary and theological journey to Jerusalem. In all the places he has traveled, Jesus has been engaged in the ongoing spiritual formation of his disciples, informing them (us) of God's love and saving intent, prompting them (us) to challenge the values of the world., charging them (us) with the mandate of the good news and counseling them (us) as to how that mandate might best be realized.

At those times when his disciples seem to have been staggered by the challenge of discipleship and wearied by the journey, the Lucan Jesus has offered sound advice, advice that has withstood the test of time, advice that continues to support, sober and strengthen believers. This week, and through the person of the widow, featured in the gospel, Jesus affirms for his disciples the "necessity of praying always and not losing heart." As if by way of anticipation, today's first reading from Exodus complements the gospel in that it features Moses, one of our preeminent ancestors in the faith, persevering in prayer with help of Aaron and Hur.

Perseverance in prayer requires a shift in one's base of security from self to God. Reliance and assurance can no longer be self-centered but God-centered. Independence must yield to dependence upon divine strength and power, and self will must be open to embracing the discerned will of God. Perseverance in prayer is more than true grit that will never quit; it is trust in a God who will never abandon or ignore those who entrust themselves to the divine power, care and mercy in prayer. It is precisely because of the shift from self to God that perseverance in prayer becomes possible, because God, who is utterly reliable, has pledged to hear prayers and has promised that those who ask shall receive, and those who knock will find that no door shall be closed to them. With this assurance, perseverance in prayer without losing heart becomes not only possible but a permanent practice in the life of the believer. Moreover, the results of such God-centered and grace-powered perseverance in prayer will be markedly more impressive than any merely human effort or enterprise. While the sign under the Golden Arches may measure success by the billions of hamburgers sold, the disciple of Jesus understands that the power of prayer and the possibilities that can be wrought by prayer are profoundly more precious, infinitely unquantifiable and eternally enduring.

Posture in Prayer (Exodus 17): Celebration

Standing up with hands outstretched, Moses' posture communicated a powerful message. The horizontal position of his arms signified his connection with his people; his vertical stance represented the divine power. In Moses, and for the benefit of all Israel, divine promise intersected with human potential.

By mentioning the fact that Moses grew weary and needed the help of Aaron and Hur to maintain his position, underscores the necessity of brotherly and sisterly support in prayer. Similarly, by mentioning the rock upon which the weary Moses sat to rest, he intimated that prayer is sometimes hard work. Nevertheless, his message is clear: perseverance in prayer, despite all difficulties, will not go unattended or unanswered by God.

Inventory of Prayer (2 Timothy 3 & 4)

Sr. Mary McGlone National Catholic Reporter

Paul's advice to Timothy gives us a good starting point. Paul tells his young protégé, "Remain faithful to what you have learned and believe because you know from whom you learned it." Paul reminds Timothy that prayerful meditation on the scriptures leads to wisdom for salvation and equips us for every good work.

We might take Paul's words as an invitation to recall the history of our life of prayer--- our interactive relationship with God.

Who taught you to pray? How did they explain the purpose of prayer? How has your image of God changed as you have grown? How has your way of praying changed as you have matured? How would you compare your prayer to your interactions with the people who are closest to you?

Paul reminds us that we grow in prayer in the same way that we mature in relationships. Moving beyond childish magic or attempted coercion, we are invited to look at prayer; be it private or communal, as the deepest expression of our ever-growing relationship with God.

Model of Prayer (Luke 18) Patrick Marrin Celebration

The widow became a model for those early disciples, teaching them both how and when to pray, viz., always and without losing heart (v.1). She was a reminder in times of crisis and moments of despair to *continue* to pray. Through the widow, Jesus taught his own that prayer was not to be a last resort when all the plans, programs and power plays had failed; prayer was and is to be , rather, the *first* and *primary* task of believers. The widow's prayerful pursuit of justice became an expression of deep faith, the kind and quality of faith the Son of Man will be seeking when he returns and is revealed in glory.

Prayer and Action Sr. Margaret Michaud, OSB, Collegeville, Mn.

Along with our prayer, we need to persist in doing all we can to bring about the results we pray for. There is something inconsistent about coming to church to hear the word of God, to share the Eucharist, and to pray for the needs of the world, but then leave with no commitment to do our part in making our prayers fruitful. Persistence in prayer implies personal dedication as well as reliance on divine power. The way we live needs to be in in harmony with the way we pray.

The gospel today ends with a challenge. Jesus has shown how persistence in prayer will help to bring about justice. Then he asks, "When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?" This question, which ends the passage, is for all of us. How real is our faith? What impact does our faith have on our daily lives? Do we ever let the example and teaching of Jesus get inside us? Do we allow it to change us?

Help me Lord, to be persistent in Prayer

PENDING SALE:

We do have someone *very* interested in the 9 Mile Road property (the 14 acres across from the City park). While they do their study of the site, they have confirmed their interest by paying the summer taxes and giving us a \$2,500.00 *in-earnest* payment.



*To our Visitors,
The Parishioners of St. Gabriel
Parish extend a warm welcome to
anyone joining us for worship today.
If you wish to join our Parish Family,
please call the office at (989)662-6861,
8:30am till 4:30pm, Monday thru
Friday.*

✠ **Father Tom**

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Thank-you to everyone who participated in October photography sessions!

The photo sessions are complete for the upcoming directory, however you do have the option of using your photo from the prior directory for a \$10.00 fee and you will receive a copy of the *new* directory. Notify the Parish Office of this request and we will contact Lifetouch to retrieve your archived photo.

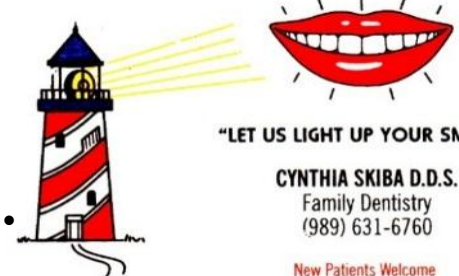
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	Plot \$ 500	\$1,200
	Burial \$ 650	\$ 850
	Burial of Cremains \$ 150	\$ 175
	Saturday Burial \$ 200 additional	\$ 200 additional
	Foundation \$ 0.40 per sq. inch	\$ 0.40 per sq. inch

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