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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 call Parish Office for appointment.

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If Bay City Public Schools or Auburn Area Catholic School close due to inclement weather, daytime (8:00 AM – 4:00 PM), parish activities are canceled. Cancellation of all (including the St Anthony site) evening activities will be announced by 3:00 PM. Closures will be posted on TV: NBC 25, ABC 12, CBS 5

## EDUCATION / FORMATION

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

What is your greatest need today? When we pray the Prayer of the Faithful remember to silently add a request. Listen to and pray for all the other intentions. How can you help make what we prayed for become a reality?

### Reflecting on the Word:

**What do you want Me to do for you?**



**Let me see!**

Bartimaeus was a courageous man. He cried out to Jesus and placed his greatest need before him. Others tried to silence the man, yet Jesus answered his faith and courage with compassion. How courageous am I? Do I continue to ask God for what I

need? Do I have faith that God will hear my request? Prayer is a wonderful way to put our needs before God and trust in God's love and care for us. The key to this passage is what the man did afterward. He followed Jesus "on the way," which was used to describe the early Christians. Are we "on the way"?

### Living the Word:

Our faith always seeks to understand the how and why of things. It is part of our human nature to use our reason. We do not want to be uniformed or blind to something. Allow your children to ask questions about the faith on any teachings they do not understand. If you need assistance your religious education director is a resource for you.

**Nursery** will be available beginning Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. We will provide a safe, loving, and enjoyable environment for our children.

This ministry gives our parents the opportunity to participate in the celebration of the Liturgy.

A very special thank you to Nancy Jarzabkowski, Kelly Lawrence, Lisa Stine, Marlo Tacey & Miranda Tacey.



**Children's Liturgy of the Word** will be offered beginning



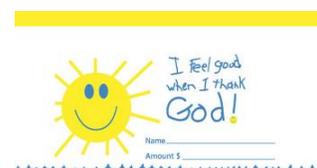
**CHILDREN'S Liturgy of the Word**

Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. This is for all children Kindergarten – 4<sup>th</sup> grade. The children are called forward and process out with a catechist who proclaims the Sunday scriptures from a Children lectionary. The catechist then talks about each reading to help the children

understand its meaning and relate it to their lives. They end each dismissal with Prayers of the Faithful, then return to the assembly. Special thanks to Eva Hinterman, Kristen Lance, Jennalee Markel.

**Children's Envelopes** One of

the primary purposes to encourage your children to use an envelope is to teach them that it does indeed feel good to give. It is more important that a child puts in a nickel, dime or quarter from his own allowance and feels proud of that contribution, than a child put in five dollars from Mom or Dad's wallet, which is meaningless to the child. The other important part of children's envelopes is how they served others by listing a good deed they did that week. Just as the stewardship way of life is a fulfilling and joyful lifestyle for adults, it is also a good lifestyle to teach our children. Unfortunately, in today's world children are bombarded with materialistic messages that often lead to a sense of entitlement and to frustration and dissatisfaction with not having enough. Stewardship encourages an attitude of gratitude knowing that have been blessed and that they are called to share. If your children need envelopes they can be found on the Café Kiosk or at the east door entrance on the table along the wall.



## WEEK OF OCTOBER 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021

### MONDAY

479: Roman 8:12-17 Ps 68:2, 4, 6-7b, 20-21 Lk 13:10-17

### TUESDAY 8 am Word and Communion

480: Rom 8:18-25 Ps 126:1b-6 Lk 13:18-21

### WEDNESDAY 8 am Mass

481: Roman 8:26-30 Ps 13:4-6 Lk 13:22-30

### THURSDAY 8 am Mass

666: Eph 2:16-22 Ps 19:2-5 Lk 6:12-16

### FRIDAY

483: Rom 9:1-5 Ps 147:12-15, 19-20 Lk 14:1-6

### SATURDAY 4:30 pm Mass

484: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29 Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18 Lk 14:1, 7-11

### SUNDAY 9:30 am Mass

152: Dt 6:2-6 Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51 Heb 7:23-28 Mk 12:28b-34



## PARISH ACTIVITIES

**Monday, October 25<sup>th</sup> – Novena in honor of St. Joseph-5 pm**

**Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup> – ½ day of school**

**\*Remembrance Weekend\***

**Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup> – Trunk or Treat – 3:30 – 5 pm**

**~ Happy Halloween!~**

## STEWARDSHIP

**Weekly Target: \$10,962 Offering: \$10,555.49**

**Food Pantry: \$120**

**Mission Co-op: \$230 World Mission Sunday: \$295**

**Children's Good Deed**

...Helping out with books...Cleaning windows...

...Get my Dad Gatorade when he was sick...

## AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal

The students have been practicing for volleyball and start their games this next week. After months off due to the pandemic the children are looking forward to getting back to sports! It is exciting to take part in some after-school events as the year continues.

The kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade had a very nice time at **Grandma's pumpkin patch** on 10/13. I saw a lot of great pictures from several families showing the children having fun and enjoying a day away from the classroom to celebrate a beautiful Fall Day!



We are preparing for our **Annual Holiday Scrip Sale** so watch for the bulletin insert next weekend.

**... God Bless...**

**Novena:** The diocese announced recently that it was planning, in this year dedicated to St Joseph, a novena in his honor. It is scheduled to take place in several parishes in the diocese, including ours, that are dedicated to St Joseph. The novena begins on Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, at the cathedral. Our parish is the host for the second night, Monday October 25<sup>th</sup>. There will be confessions at 5 pm and liturgy at 6 pm. Fr Bob Byrne will be the celebrant.



## FROM FR. TOM'S DESK

### Thirtieth Sunday Ordinary Time:

Patricia Sanchez, Celebration

Today, the scripture selections, particularly the first reading and Gospel, present us with teachers, albeit unlikely ones, who are intended to arouse in us feelings that will prompt us toward good actions. These teachers are unlikely in that they are what the prophet Jeremiah calls the remnant of Israel. Remnant refers to those few survivors who remain after a catastrophe. The most poignant imagery for the remnant appears in Amos 3:12, where the remnant of Israel is compared to the remnant of a sheep (a pair of legs or the tip of an ear) after an attack by a lion. This graphic description was applied to the precious few who survived the calamities of war and exile because of their unquestioning reliance on God. They are poor, the voiceless, the disenfranchised; they are the blind, the lame, the mothers with child. They are also a blind beggar named Bartimaeus who sits by the roadside on the outskirts of Jericho. But what do these unlikely teachers have to teach us?

Foremost among the lessons imparted by God's special remnant is the faith that inspires them to hold fast to God while all else seemed to elude their grasp. Faithful in all things and in all seasons, they did not allow fear to cripple them or thwart their efforts. Even when it seemed utter foolishness to rely on an unseen God in the face of obvious, formidable adversaries, God's remnant believed.

Along with faithfulness, the remnant of God's poor ones teaches hope. Like faith, hope is also based on the character of God whose promises are never broken but always kept, whose word never lies fallow but is always fulfilled. Hope dares to follow as God leads the remnant homeward (Jeremiah); hope dares to cry out with Bartimaeus, "Jesus have pity on me!" Hope harbors no doubt and when its questions are answered and its needs have been met, hope follows Jesus up the road (Gospel of Mark) without benefit of map or any other directions save that of his presence.

While our unlikely educators, the remnant, appear to be weak, they are teaching us that true strength lies in knowing oneself to be utterly helpless and dependent upon God. Like the blind Bartimaeus, they teach us the courage to cry out our needs and our desires when popular mores would dictate that we be quiet and unobtrusive. They teach us how to throw caution and decorum to the wind when Jesus calls; they bid us jump at the chance to come to him, to know him and to experience his power: They teach us the wisdom of following God's will and ways even when these seem impractical, unpopular, and outdated.

### **The Remnant (Jeremiah 31):** Celebration

Unlike the harsh words that Jeremiah was often burdened to speak, the words that comprise today's first reading were probably welcomed with joy and eager anticipation. The prophet speaks of the happy homecoming of those exiles deported to Assyria after the defeat of the northern kingdom of Israel in 722-721 BCE. They had survived the shame of the conquest, the pain of displacement and the loss of their independence. Yet they endured and were returning to their own land. Because of their limited number and the hardships they had suffered, they called by the prophet "the remnant of Israel." Today's reading identifies the remnant as the disadvantaged members of society. Nursing mothers and pregnant women traveling without husbands would be dependent on their fellow travelers for protection and provisions. The blind and the lame, their handicap often regarded as punishment for sin, were looked upon as less than perfect and less than wholly fit for the life of cult and community. Nevertheless, these little ones will be repatriated as the predilect of God. They who had departed in shame and mourning shall return home in joy, consoled, and guided by God (Ps 126:9).

Jesus recommended the same childlike simplicity, innocence, and reliance on God to his disciples. This same spirituality lies at the heart of the prayer Jesus left with his own as an expression of their relationship with God: Abba, Papa, Daddy, your kingdom come your will be done, give us bread, forgive us as we forgive, protect us in temptation and defend us from evil. Amen.

### **Our High Priest (Hebrews 5):**

Celebration

Jesus Christ is our high priest in that he is the mediator of salvation. Salvation explains Jon Sobrino (*Christ the Liberator*, Orbis Books, Maryknoll, NY: 2001) is a complex concept since it includes the multiple oppressions and wants from which human beings need to be saved. An all-embracing concept, salvation is understood in anthropological language as overcoming the dehumanization of the human. In a religious sense, salvation means closing the distance between God and humankind, a distance widened ethically by sin but also by the radical differences between divine and human nature. To approach God, one must be able to enter a different world, the world of the sacred, radically distinct from the profane, the sphere of the divine. Because of Jesus, our high priest, appointed and anointed by God, we have access to this sphere of the sacred. Within this sphere of the sacred, we find salvation and the answer to all our needs; we find forgiveness and healing, bread and hope, truth and justice, life, and peace.

### **Up the Road (Mark 10):**

Celebration

Framing the Marcan Jesus' special instructions regarding the purpose and personal cost of his mission and the subsequent cost of discipleship (8:22-10:52) are the cures of two blind persons. Jesus' healing of the first blind man of Bethsaida was a gradual cure, requiring two touches by Jesus; in the end, the man who saw less clearly at first left Jesus' presence seeing everything distinctly. Some scholars suggest that the cure is a Marcan symbol for the gradual process of enlightenment and understanding on the part of Jesus' disciples.

In contrast to this first gradual cure, the second healing features Bartimaeus, calling out in confidence to Jesus under the messianic title, Son of David. His cure is immediate and is attributed by Jesus to his faith. Although Jesus directed the now-seeing Bartimaeus to be on his way, today's Gospel concludes with the statement "he received his sight and started to follow Jesus on the way." Clearly Bartimaeus also functions as a symbol of the disciples who, having come to know and believe and see Jesus for who he truly is, agrees to make Jesus' way his or her own.

### **Deep Faith:**

Deacon Dick Folger, Celebration

"I want to see!" is a heart-rendering cry. But being able to see is risky. As Jesus threatened the Pharisees: "If you were really blind you would not be guilty; but since you say, 'We see' you are guilty."

Bartimaeus is unlike most of us, whose faith comes to us from our families and our churches and schools. We learned the answer to all of life's problems way before we even knew how to ask the questions. Every Catholic of a certain age knows catechism answers; but they do not spring from a great need to know. They are the answers to someone else's questions, so they don't dig deeply into our own experience of reality or our experience of God.

Faith freely given is easily accepted but hardly helpful. Real faith must rise out of our lack of faith. It must be born of an absolute need to know. We tend to use our faith as a pattern to impose over reality. We vaguely know that there is a God, but do not experience God. We recall Jesus' warning. Better not believe at all if it does not come from a deep heart-rendering need to see.

*"Lord, that I may see you"*



All Parish families are invited to participate in Trunk-n-Treat on Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup> 3:30-5 pm. It is a fun filled afternoon where the children and adults dress up in family friendly Halloween costumes and go *trunk to trunk* for treats. The decorated trunks will be lined up on the east side of the parking lot. If you are saying, *trunks?* It is the trunk of your car, SUV or tailgate of your truck Everyone can get involved:

- 1) *Bring a bag of candy, put it in the container at the church It will be passed out by those who decorated their trunks*
- 2) *Decorate your trunk 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. Or do all 3.....*

A light dinner will be served beginning at 4 p.m. There will be drawings at 4:45 p.m. If you are passing out candy please arrive at 3:00 p.m. to get set up on the east side of the parking lot. There are sign-up sheets church if you are willing to decorate your trunk or plan on attending. Questions? Contact Misty Michelle [youthff@auburnac.org](mailto:youthff@auburnac.org)

**This will be a great way to start your Halloween Celebration!**

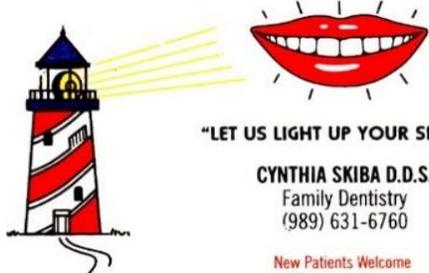
**\* Event sponsored by Youth Ministry**

### Flu Shot Clinic Follow-up

There were **31 people** who received a flu shot last Sunday after mass! This was a great turnout and everyone there was able to enjoy coffee and donuts for the first time in a long time! The parish would like to extend a **Big Thank-you** to Walmart pharmacy and parishioner Crystal Putt for making it all happen!




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