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Clark Switalski, School Principal662-6431

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 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 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

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 9, 2020

MONDAY

671: Ez47:1-2,8-9,12 Ps 46:2-3,5-6,8-9 1 Cor 3:9c-11,16-17 Jn2:13-22

TUESDAY Word and Communion

492: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14 Ps 37:3-4, 18, 23, 27, 29 Lk 17:7-10

WEDNESDAY 8 am Mass

493: Ti 3:1-7 Ps 23:1b-6 Lk 17:11-19

THURSDAY 8 am Mass

494: Phlm 7-20 Ps 146:7-10 Lk 17:20-25

FRIDAY

495: 2 Jn 4-9 Ps 119:1-2, 10-11, 17-18 Lk 17:26-37

SATURDAY 4:30 pm Mass

496: 3 Jn 5-8 Ps 112:1-6 Lk 18:1-8

SUNDAY 9:30 am Mass

157: Prv 31:10-13,19-20,30-31 Ps 128:1-5 1 Thes5:1-6 Mt 25:14-30



PARISH ACTIVITIES

Thursday, Nov. 12th – Parish Council Meeting – 7 pm

Sunday, Nov. 15th – Youth Ministry – 6-7:45 pm

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$10,962 **Offering:** \$11,833
Food Pantry: \$150 **Diocesan Collections:** \$ 45
Christmas Flowers: \$747

Thank you for your continued financial support. It is appreciated!

Children Good Deeds

....Helped set up the Halloween party...

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal

This week marks the beginning of our second quarter! We have been blessed thus far and appreciate all your prayers and support. We will have conferences this month where we will meet with one parent and go over their student's progress. We will continue with the

cleaning procedures established, continue to socially distance when we can, and limit the foot traffic in our building.

This week Jesus tells us about how we need to stay awake for you never know when the Kingdom of Heaven is going to come. While we are waiting, we should be diligent in our preparations for it, because the last thing you really want is to be surprised. This month we are talking about respect as our virtue. Respect of other people is a means for us to be prepared for our final destination in heaven. Using the virtues and receiving the sacraments are two ways we can work towards reaching heaven. I wish you all well on your journey and know that there will always be trials and tribulations along the way but know that God is always there to support us.

✠ **God Bless**

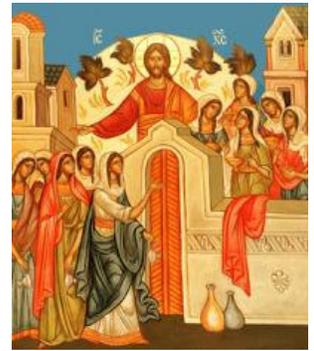
Thank-you!...A heartfelt thanks to the students of Auburn Area Catholic School for the generous donation of food for the Food Pantry this week! The children did a reverse Trick-or-Treat by bringing in dry goods for the pantry rather than getting treats. They filled almost 10 carts with supplies for the pantry! It is wonderful to see the selflessness that the kids are learning in school and the generosity for those that have less. *Big Thanks* to Mr. Switalski for coming up with this great idea!



Family Talk Time Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families: Sara McGinnis Lee
Why is it good to be prepared? What preparations must we make now to meet God someday?

Reflecting on the Word:

In this parable, the door to the Kingdom of heaven is open to all who are prepared and ready to enter through it. The wise disciples of Jesus await his presence and acknowledge that their time is not God's time. They are prepared and ready to go at a moment's notice, while the foolish have not prepared themselves adequately. We have a responsibility for our own preparedness and need to be present to enter the Kingdom of heaven. We need to be awake, attentive, and fully available to walk through the door.



Living the Word:

We celebrate Thanksgiving in a couple of weeks. Before we feast, we need to prepare. Discuss as a family what is needed to be ready for Thanksgiving: grocery shopping, cooking and baking, decorating, cleaning the house or packing suitcases for traveling. Make a list. Ask the children which tasks they would like to help complete. Assist them as needed on their chosen assignments. Ask them how they would prepare if Jesus were coming to the celebration. How can they be ready for Jesus' presence at the table.?



Baptism Prep

Preparation sessions are being offered either in-person or virtually for parents wishing to have their children baptized in the coming months. Please contact Sandy at 662-4335 or via email at sdesjardins@auburnac.org

Thank-you...again!

To all the parishioners who took bags last weekend to fill for the Thanksgiving food giveaway! We have received many back already, and we have been overwhelmed by the "overflowing" of many of the bags! Know that your generosity means that needy families will have a brighter holiday because of you...



Thanksgiving Food Drive

Congratulations!

Savannah Jo Lawrence
daughter of
Robert & Kelly Lawrence



Good News...

Kudos to Sue LeVasseur for securing a \$750.00 grant from OCP (Oregon Catholic Press) for music needs for St. Gabriel Parish, specifically choir books. Way to go!



**FROM
FR. TOM'S
DESK**

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sr. Mary McGlone, *Celebration*

Jesus said that wisdom consists in putting his words into practice. The wise young women's oil symbolized their store of experience of living the Gospel. Their discipleship prepared them to enjoy the party that was to come. Living the Gospel is not like hoarding oil or packing a backpack. It is more like riding a bike, learning a new language or being generous. You practice until it comes naturally. For the foolish to beg "lend us some of your oil of preparation" was as absurd as saying "Give me a bit of your balance so I can ride this bike." There are some things each person must do for her or himself and no amount of example from others can make-up for their lack of action.

That brings us to the second questionable part of the parable. Why wouldn't the groom allow them in? For the simple fact that they weren't there for the party that was going on. Like the guy who showed up at the wedding feast without a festive garment, they didn't belong.

Some people tend to interpret this parable to show how many foolish people will be locked out of God's reign. That contradicts the way Jesus talked and acted. Jesus was all about opening the doors and getting everyone to enjoy the party. The caveat is that it is *God's* party that we are invited to enjoy—with absolutely everyone who cares enough to participate. The only requirement for admission is to hear the invitation and act like we want to be a part of it.

Search for Wisdom: (Wisdom 6)

Celebration

Our selection comes from the conclusion of the first part of the book and is an exhortation to seek wisdom for all the good she offers those who love her. The author's particular concern was to help Jewish people appreciate the wisdom of their tradition as they adjusted to being in the midst of the Greek culture. Thus, the book can serve to guide any believers who seek to reframe their faith as cultures change.

Both the Book of Wisdom and Deuteronomy suggest that Wisdom is a personification of God's own Spirit reaching out and dwelling within us. This is the Spirit who hastens to make herself known, who is readily perceived and who will not disappoint. Deuteronomy states specifically what the Book of Wisdom will make explicit later. The purpose of wisdom is to lead one to act aright.

Following Solomon's lead, we understand that Wisdom leads to integrity. Wisdom is easily perceived because all the world can recognize people who act with integrity, those whose actions transform their dogmas into concrete behavior. The person who has sought the ways of God stands out in the crowd.

The search for Wisdom offers a trajectory for life, a reciprocal and ongoing exchange with God. A person may seek Wisdom and Wisdom seeks people who are worthy of her. Each person must keep vigil, always growing, but Wisdom waits eagerly for every seeker. For those who seek, Wisdom is at the gate, at the door, always ready to accompany her lovers in whatever will come their way. Wisdom will lead us through the changing times.

Good Grief: (1 Thessalonians 4)

Celebration

Paul's key phrase regarding how a Christian or Christian community approaches death is his desire that they "may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope." That assumes that people will grieve the death of a loved one, but that Christian will do it in a way marked by their faith.

Grieve, yes, says Paul, but grieve like Christians. Grieve like those who ache for union with their loved ones in the heart of God. Grieve like those who are longing for the Parousia—the day of Christ, when all will be caught up together in joy. Let your grief, like everything else in your life be an expression of your faith and an opportunity to grow in it.

Be Prepared: (Matthew 25)

Celebration

The parables that come toward the end of Matthew's Gospel are all calling us to look at our heart. The parable of the wise and foolish virgins asks us about our commitment for the long haul. Are we like the five who went to the house with just enough oil to check out what was happening? They were there for the entertainment, like people who knew about the bride and groom but who didn't have a significant attachment to them or the celebration. In contrast, the wise young women had been saving up for this occasion. They went early and planned to stay late. The wise ones had been practicing for this party. Nothing could dampen their enthusiasm. If the groom was late, that didn't matter; they knew he would come in both their waking and their dreaming, they were ready.

Check the Oil:

Joe Walker, *Celebration*

The key to understanding this parable is in the metaphor of the oil for the lamp. The oil represents the good that we do in the world. With every kind word, compassionate gesture, and selfless act offered in Christ's name, we are lighting the way for the bridegroom. Today's parable calls to mind Jesus' earlier announcement to the disciples, "you are the light of the world...your light must shine before others, that they see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father" (Matthew 5:14,16)

The wise virgins represent disciples who see every moment as a potential opportunity to be light in the world and act accordingly. This helps us understand why the wise virgins could not simply share their oil with the foolish ones. Each of us is gifted with unique opportunities to express God's love in the world. Each of us must choose to respond to the call to serve in Christ's name.

As we hear Jesus' message, we reflect on the unique opportunities we have, to fill our flask with good works. We can be thankful for those blessed experiences of loving service that help us to be well-prepared for Christ's triumphant return.

On Waiting:

GraceWorks

How we wait in life says much about what we believe and how we manage life's gifts. But how are you waiting for life to unfold the rest of today and tomorrow and beyond? The foolish think of the immediate; pouring only enough oil in a tiny lamp of life for here and now. Finance professionals tell us that the vast majority of adults over the age of 50 have little or nothing saved for retirement. They are waiting for the day when they can walk away from life's labor only to enter retirement with no oil, no plan, no resources.

Parents wait for their young to grow up not aware that the 7 or 10-year-old running through the house will one day be their grandchildren's parents. We in the church can succumb to being so focused on life after death we miss all the life dancing around us for someone to give grace, offer forgiveness, or extend a sympathetic ear. We all wait, but how we wait gives substance or shallowness, meaning or emptiness, joy or despair to what may follow.

So how are you waiting? We have a choice. Don't miss the fact that regardless of how many of those 10 bridesmaids waited, the wedding took place and party took over. Someone has said that "life is what happens while we wait to be happy." How are you waiting?

Importance of Prayer: Sr. Stefanie Weisgram, OSB, *Liturgical Press*

What can help us in being vigilant and prepared for our own life now, and in the moment to come, is taking time to pray—or, if you prefer, taking time to talk with God. Talking with God as you would with a family member, or a friend, will amaze you in the intimacy it brings, and in the wisdom it yields as well. You need not make an appointment. God is always right here and right now. Try it. You will find an experience that reaches into your life, blesses you, and even prepares you for giving an account when your time comes.

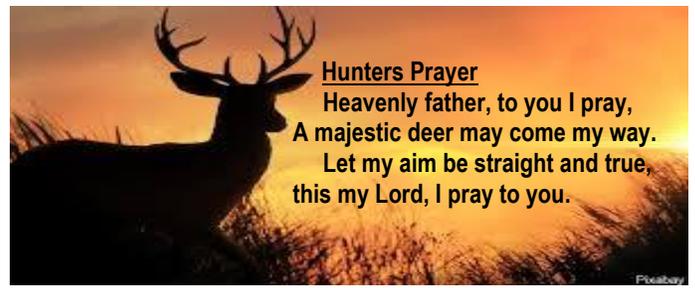


"Help me, Lord, to seize the day"

Our Condolences...

With Sympathy

We would like to offer our sympathy to the families of Phillip Rytlewski (10-25-20) and Eleanor Drouin (11-2-20) who recently passed away. Please keep their loved ones in your prayers...



Hunters Prayer
 Heavenly father, to you I pray,
 A majestic deer may come my way.
 Let my aim be straight and true,
 this my Lord, I pray to you.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY UPDATE

We have completed the proofing of the parish roster of names and addresses along with the name captions listed with the photos. We have sent this info to the publisher so the directory can go to print. We are hoping to have the completed directories by the end of the year depending on how quickly they can get them printed. Thank-you for your patience!

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