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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**  
**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.

## WEEK OF NOVEMBER 11, 2019

### MONDAY

491: Wis 1:1-7 Ps 139:1b-10 Lk 17:1-6

### TUESDAY 8:00 a.m.- Word & Communion

492: Wis 2:23 – 3:9 Ps 34:2-3, 16-19 Lk 17:7-10

### WEDNESDAY 8:00 a.m.- Mass

493: Wis 6:1-11 Ps 82:3-4, 6-7 Lk 17:11-19

### THURSDAY 8:00 a.m.- Mass

494: Wis 7:22b – 8:1 Ps 119:89-91,130,135,175 Lk 17:20-25

### FRIDAY 9:00 am-School Mass

495: Wis 13:1-9 Ps 19:2-5b Lk 17:26-37

### SATURDAY 4:30 p.m.- Mass

496: Wis 18:14-16;19:6-9 Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43 Lk 18:1-8

### SUNDAY 9:30 a.m.- Mass

159:Mal 3:19-20a Ps 98:5-9 2Thes 3:7-12 Lk 21:5-19



## EDUCATION / FORMATION

**Family Talk Time** *Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families*, Sara McGinnis Lee  
*What do you think heaven is like? What would it be like to be with God forever?*

### Reflecting on the Word:

The Sadducees had approached Jesus, looking to trick him with a question of which man, in the resurrection, will be married to a woman widowed seven times. Jesus does not respond directly to their query. Instead, he says that to God, all are alive – even the dead. Our Catholic funeral liturgy tells us that life is changed, not ended. Though relationships may cease after death, the love that formed them will not. Love never dies, and we are destined to live in the Love – that is, to live in God – forever.

### Living the Word:

In the Catholic tradition, November is a time to honor the dead. Set up a prayer table devoted to your beloved dead. Add a candle, flowers, Bible and photographs or other mementos. Pray that all of your beloved dead might be with God in heaven and give thanks for the love you still share with them. Invite your children to draw or write a memory about the departed loved one and talk about why that person was special to them.

### Baptism Preparation Sessions

*First time* parent classes will be: December 5, February 6 or April 2 @ 7pm in the Parish Center. For those parents who have already attended a session, prep will be: January 2, March 5 or May 7 @ 7pm in the Parish Center. Please contact Sandy (989) 662-4335 or [sdesjardins@auburnac.org](mailto:sdesjardins@auburnac.org) to register for a prep session and set your celebration date.



## PARISH ACTIVITIES

Mon, Nov. 11	6:30-8pm	Choir Practice
Tues. Nov. 12	10am	Scripture Study (PC)
	6:30-8pm	RCIA (PC)
Wed. Nov. 13	5:30pm	AACS Home Basketball games (WC)
Thurs. Nov. 14	6:30pm	Commission Meetings
	7:30pm	Parish Council Meeting
Sat. Nov. 16	5:30pm	<b>Book Fair Open to Parish</b>
Sun. Nov. 17	9:30am	Nursery/ with CLOW
	10:30am	<b>Book Fair Open to Parish</b>
	10:45am	Religious Ed

## STEWARDSHIP

**Weekly Target:** \$10,962 **Offering:** \$17,319.65

**Food Pantry:** \$28.00 **Christmas Flowers:** \$1074.00

**World Mission Sunday:** \$97.00 **Campaign for Human Dev:** \$30.00

Children Good Deeds

Using good manners when trick or treating...Cleaned my room  
 Playing with my brother nicely...Cleaned up toys and shared candy  
 Let my brother pick a movie I didn't want to watch... Put laundry away  
 Helped someone get a balloon...To help clean the basement  
 Playing with my dog ALOT... Cleaning the kitchen floor.. I did chores  
 Saying thank you for pushing me on the swing...Helping my sister

## AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

This month we are going to work on the virtue of **moderation**, and how it can bring us closer to God. As the holiday seasons begin to draw closer, we need to remember our time is the most precious gift we can give to anyone, even God. Take a trip to the grocery store and you will see a multitude of "best by" or "sell by" dates on almost everything. Now, that does not mean those things are necessarily going to go bad exactly on that date, but it does give a good indication of when we should really start doing a little quality control. Our relationship with God is extremely important and should be treated as such. That is the primary message of the gospel this week. Just contemplate for a second; what would your life look like if you put God first and worked everything else around it, instead of planning everything else and trying to find a spot for God?

### Tis the Season for SCRIP!

There will be several opportunities to purchase gift cards and help support our school without any extra effort! We will be selling SCRIP during coffee & donuts **this week-end** and again on November 23-24 and December 14-15. It is a great way to start your holiday shopping and we appreciate your purchase!

God Bless, Clark Switalski, Principal



*Congratulations!*  
 Rhys John Grzegorzczuk  
 Son of Todd & Nicole

### Bulk Mailing:

The bulk mailing for Advent will take place on Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup> starting at 10am at the Parish Center. If you are available to help, please call the Parish office at (989) 662-6861 to let us know so we can make sure we have enough people to get this task done.

### Thanksgiving Baskets

We are gearing up for our Thanksgiving food giveaway and want to help as many families as possible. If you are aware of any family who may be in-need of help with Thanksgiving dinner, please contact the Parish office at (989) 662-6861. We would like to try to make sure that no one goes without on Thanksgiving





### Thirty-Second Sunday Ordinary Time

Patricia Sanchez,

Celebration

The brothers and their mother who are featured in today's first reading were tested and did not surrender their faith. At a time of great persecution, they believed, and even though the awareness of a life after death had only recently taken hold among the Israelites, they clung to that belief with tenacity that was contagious. Each brother strengthened the other with his professed belief in eternal life. That belief did not lessen their pain or shorten their suffering, but that enabled each of them to accept their death, however horrible, cruel and unjust, is a passage to life everlasting. In this belief lay their hope, and we who hear the story of the brothers are inspired by them to make hope our sure shelter in every adversity.

When Paul wrote to the Thessalonians (second reading), he spoke of this hope as a grace from God to encourage and strengthen believers. Paul had great hope in his heart when he first preached the Gospel in that Greek city; he hoped that his message would take root in his listeners and that they, in turn, would carry it with them and preach it through their words and works to all surrounding villages and cities. This they did, but not without encountering unbelievers who ridiculed their faith, criticized their lifestyle and threatened their existence. Despite the opposition they faced, Paul's converts in Thessalonica and elsewhere lived their lives not under the onus of threats and danger but in the clear light of hope. They could face even death, as Paul did, and as did the brothers Maccabee, with the confidence that life for them would continue forever.

In today's Gospel, Luke features Jesus talking about the truth of the resurrection with detractors who put forth no faith in his teachings. We do not know if any of his detractors that day were brought to faith, but we do know that his words continue to encourage believers now to keep hope alive. There will be losses in our lives; there will be times of devastating doubt when we wonder: Why? Why do children die young? Why do loved ones suffer? Why are the innocent persecuted, and why does no one seem to be able to stop the onslaught of evil? In those times, the words of Jesus and the experiences of those who have gone before us in faith call forth out hope

### Teach by Example (2 Maccabees 7)

Celebration

In telling the story of the seven brothers and their mother; the author of 2 Maccabees wished to present his contemporaries with heroes whose example would encourage similar faithfulness to God and resistance to the Seleucid tyranny.

If the story of all seven of the brothers and their mother is read in its entirety, it becomes clear that this is more than a gruesome narrative about human depravity. With each brother's torture comes a declaration of his faith in what was then the developing doctrine of the of a personal resurrection. With each declaration there is a noticeable progression of thought that comes to a dramatic climax in today's first reading. Not only would there be a resurrection and life everlasting for the faithful but there would be no resurrection to life for the evil

### Guarding Against Evil (2 Thessalonians 2)

Celebrations

Even, now more than two millennia after they were first written, these teachings remain a challenge for Christians. We are to be strong as we guard against what the ancient author called "the evil one." Scholars disagree as to the identity of "the evil one" (also translated "lawless one" and "son of destruction") About half are of the mind that

it is the antichrist, while the other half argue that it is Satan. In either case, it is clear, that readers must be on their guard against evil.

At times, the reality of evil is too easily dismissed or explained away. Texts like this one present the praying assembly with opportunity to admit the reality of evil, to acknowledge the human capacity for evil and to take responsibility for overcoming evil by doing and being good. Paul initiated his prayer against evil in the first century; we continue to pray as he did in the 21<sup>st</sup> century because of evil, unfortunately, will continue to challenge the church until Jesus comes again.

### Moot Point (Luke 20)

Celebration

For their part, the Sadducees did not accept as revelatory any biblical book beyond the Torah; therefore, the notion of resurrection did not lie within their purview. The questions they posed to Jesus weren't motivated by a willingness to learn but by their desire to expose him as a fraud whose teachings were without merit

In their confrontation with Jesus the Sadducees questioned him on the levirate law. Referenced in Deuteronomy 25:5 and Genesis 38:8, this law provided for widows and their children. Without a husband or father to speak and care for them, the lot of these poor ones was a sorry one indeed.. Therefore, they were protected by legislation that encouraged the deceased husband's brother to marry the widow and care for them. But the Sadducees devised a protracted and most improbable *reduction ad absurdum* argument in which one husband after the other died. To which husband would she belong in the afterlife?

The Lucan Jesus was not cowed or drawn into a pointless debate. He explained that the resurrected life is not a mere continuation of this life – therefore, the law is no longer normative. In an entirely new and transformed existence, those who rise from death are no longer bound by human institutions and traditions. For that reason, the Sadducees' question was pointless, their argument moot.

### Prayer....

**"Strengthen my hope Lord, in life eternal"**

#### A Test:

Deacon Dick Folger, Celebration

A son, concerned about his aging father, asked the doctor, "How do you know when someone should be put into a nursing home?"

The doctor explained, "Well, we fill up a bathtub, then we offer them a sponge, a teacup and a bucket and invite them to empty the tub."

"Oh, I understand," the son said. "A competent person would use the bucket because it is bigger than the sponge or the teacup."

"No," the doctor said. "A competent person would pull the plug. Do you want your bed near the window?"

In today's Gospel, Sadducees try to trip Jesus with a Hypothetical question about who will be married to whom at the resurrection of the dead. Jesus pulls the plug on their lack of faith in the God of Life.

#### Eternal Life:

Silas Henderson SDS, Liturgical Press

In the end, our belief in the resurrection of the dead and the promise of life beyond death leads us to an encounter with God who is the God "of the living."

Eternal life isn't a mystery to be puzzled out or something that can be captured in books or in films. Rather, the life offered to us in Jesus is a promise and a gift that is based on our hope and confidence that God is at work in us *even now*. We can experience this resurrection-life even today as we celebrate the joy, mercy, and peace that comes through our faithful relationship with God.

We can be confident that what we experience here in grace will reach its fulfillment in the life to come.



For everyone who will venture into the woods.....

**A Hunter's Prayer**

Lord, I love the great outdoors,  
 Enjoying this great world of yours,  
 Thank you for the fields and streams,  
 Because they are every hunters dream

Lord, I am blessed to be your child  
 Protect me when I'm in the wild.  
 Today I ask and humbly pray,  
 That I will have a fruitful day  
 Amen



For the blessings of St Hubert,  
 the patron Saint of Hunters

**PICTORIAL DIRECTORY**

We are attempting to schedule one more photo date for those who missed getting pictures taken or need retakes. We will start a wait list because we do need to have 20 appointments to make this happen, so please call the Parish office (989) 662-6861 if you are interested. We need to do this soon, so please let us know ASAP !

**THANK-YOU to everyone who participated in the photography sessions! If your picture was taken on October 22<sup>nd</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup> your complimentary photo is now available and can be picked up at the entrance of the church.**

Use Prior Directory's Photo: If desired, you may use a photo from the prior Directory for a \$10 fee. You will receive a complimentary upcoming Directory. Notify the Parish Office of this request – no need for you to retrieve the photo.

Submit Photo: If you have a photo that you would like to use in the next directory please email it to the Parish Office at [parishoffice@auburnac.org](mailto:parishoffice@auburnac.org) along with the full names of the people in the photo for correct identification. There is also a \$10. Fee and you do get a copy of the directory.

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