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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 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 NOVEMBER 2, 2020

MONDAY

668: Wis 3: 1-9 Ps 23:1-6 Rom 5:5-11 Jn6:37-40

TUESDAY 8 am Word and Communion

486: Phil 2:5-11 Ps 22: 26b-32 Lk14:15-24

WEDNESDAY 8 am Mass

487: Phil 2:12-18 Ps 27: 1, 4, 13-14 Lk 14: 25-33

THURSDAY 8 am Mass

488: Phil 3:3-8a Ps 105:2-7 Lk 15:1-10

FRIDAY

489: Phil 3:17--4:1 Ps 122:1-5 Lk 16:1-8

SATURDAY 4:30 pm Mass

490: Phil 4:10-19 Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a, 9 Lk 16:9-15

SUNDAY 9:30 am Mass

154:Wis 6:12-16 Ps 63: 2-8 1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14 Mt 25:1-13

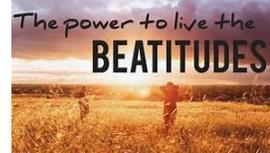


EDUCATION / FORMATION

Family Talk Time Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families, Sara McGinnis Lee
Being Jesus' disciple is very hard, but the saints are wonderful examples that ordinary people can do it. Which Beatitude can we practice today? Do you think it's a blessing to mourn or to hunger or to be persecuted?

Reflecting on the Word:

The Solemnity of All Saints is a celebration honoring all men and women who have followed in the footsteps of Jesus. The blessed, or happy, are those disciples who are simple and humble before God, those who mourn for others, those who are poor and hungry, those who forgive and show mercy, those who seek peace, those who fight for justice, and those who respond to evil and suffering with goodness.. Jesus teaches that true happiness and joy comes in following this difficult road to discipleship



Living the Word:

During prayer, thank God for the gifts we receive (the people in our lives, God's love and mercy, our many blessings). Create a "thanksgiving" tree: cut our leaf shapes in fall colors. Each person should write what he or she is thankful for on a leaf. Place some branches in a vase and tie the leaves to the branch. Each day add another leaf to your tree. Talk about how many blessings God has given, how we should remind ourselves to be thankful for these gifts.

The Beatitudes for families by Tom McGrath

1. Blessed are the families who live, simply, for they will taste the joys of living in God's kingdom.
2. Blessed are the families who make time and space for each family member to mourn life's sorrows and losses, for they will receive God's comfort and consolation.
3. Blessed are the families who humbly receive life's gifts rather than grasp at power and possessions, for they will discover they have been given everything they need.
4. Blessed are the families who nurture a hunger and thirst for fairness so that others will know the justice of God's way.
5. Blessed are families in which mercy is abundant and forgiveness is given freely so that God's mercy will be readily available to all.
6. Blessed are families who ground their lives in God and rise above the lures of temptation, for God will shine his face upon them.
7. Blessed are the families who create peace at home, at school, at work, in the community, and in the world, for they will be God's very own.
8. Blessed are the families who strengthen one another, encourage compassion, and desire to do good despite life's blows and setbacks, for they help bring about the Kingdom of God.



UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

Tuesday, Nov. 3rd – ELECTION DAY! Get out and Vote!

***Anointing of the Sick Weekend**

Saturday, Nov. 7th - Baptism - 10:30 am

Reconciliation – 11 am

Sunday, Nov. 8th - Religious Ed – 10:45 am

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$10,962 **Offering:** \$5,584.82

Food Pantry: \$50 **Diocesan Collection:** \$42

Thank you to everyone who has continued to support the parish so generously. We truly appreciate your support!

Children Good Deeds

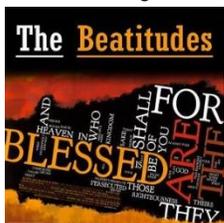
...Helped a friend carry something to her car...

...Cleaned my room...

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal

Being selfless can be a wonderful quality to have as a person. These past couple weeks I have really seen some people being selfless and sharing their time, talents, and even treasure with the school. First off, there have been several volunteers who have given their time to make sure our library is sorted and catalogued. Kyle, Lori, Kelly, Jessica, Mary, and Nicole, I am extremely grateful to all of you for the progress we are making! I can see your hard work, and it is looking great! Secondly, we held a can drive this past week, and boy was I overwhelmed and humbled by the response! Sarah, Ryan, and Sarah, thank you for doing this for our children!!



This week Jesus gives us the Beatitudes. The Beatitudes give us a little more practical application of how to live virtuously. When we focus on our own behaviors and become aware of how we treat each other, we can receive Grace from God. Grace is something I will never turn down, and this year I have needed it on a several occasions!! As we continue through this year, please keep us in your prayers.

✝ **God Bless**

Correction...

I received an e-mail from Bishop Gruss indicating that he had read my letter to parishioners about the annual diocesan appeal. In it I had mentioned that the diocesan budget had increased by 5%. He said that was not true and that I should inform my parishioners. He thought you would be happy to hear that.

I apologize for the mistake. Perhaps the 5% increase was an initial proposal that did not materialize because of the onset of the pandemic. Irregardless, our parish target for CMA (formerly CSA) increased by \$4000.00 and under the current challenging circumstances brought on by covid-19 any increase would be unwelcomed. And I still have NOT received my CMA packet!



FROM FR. TOM'S DESK

Feast of All Saints

Roger Lopez OFM, *Franciscan Media*

The Rite Baptism says: “See in this white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity. With your family and friends to help you by word and example, bring that dignity unstained into the everlasting life of heaven.” At Baptism we die with Christ and are raised up with him. We become a new creation, struggling to keep our garment white.

Our Christian tradition highlights men and women who have gone before us, marked with the sign of faith: people who wrestled and struggled to keep their robes dazzling white. How did the saints survive the time of great distress? They washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb. Or put another way, they constantly strove to surrender their will and ego to Christ (Beatitudes). And in that loss of self, they found life.

Today we venerate the saints who live up to their baptismal promises. Surrendering to Christ is not a onetime moment; it is an ongoing choice over a lifetime. This is the moral life: daily choosing to love and forgive, to let go of our pride and glory in our weaknesses. The moral life means living into our fullness. We remember previous holy men and women so that we can see ourselves among them one day. Our life’s journey is a constant washing and bleaching of our ego with the humble blood of Christ. Today. We recall past saints to recommit to our Baptism now as we look to the future as children of God.

In That Number: (Revelation 7)

Sr. Mary McGlone, *NCR*

The author of Revelation described God’s blessed people as 144,000 elects from Israel plus “a great multitude, which no one could count,” from the other nations. Although 144,000 sounds like a lot, the number is puny in comparison to what it symbolizes.

Twelve, the number of tribes of Israel, represents the entire Jewish people. The author squared that number and then multiplied it by 1,000. This total is but a conservative estimate of what God promised Abraham by saying that his descendants would be as numerous as the stars in the sky. That number was then exceeded by the uncountable people from every other land and nation and tongue.

These people are wearing the white robes of victory, the sign that they have come through persecution as sharers in the blood of the lamb. Following Christ, they have been saved *through* although not *from* persecution. They are the people John calls the children of God, the ones whom Jesus describes as the blessed.

Our Status: (1 John 3)

Carol Dempsey OP, *Franciscan Media*

With words of intimacy and warm assurance, John assures his community of God’s great love for them and affirms their identity as children of God. One day they not only will be like God but also will see all the divine glory. Such hopeful words serve as a means of encouragement for community members to keep themselves blameless and pure as pure. Here purity refers to moral purity, not ritual purity.

John’s message brings together the ideas of the new birth and the Parousia. Now the believers are children of God; in the Parousia, they will have an even higher position, which is yet to be revealed. Just as the world did not recognize Jesus in the past, so also the world does not now recognize the Christians as children of the living God.

According to John, the fact that God allows Christians to be called “children of God” indicates God’s personal and loving nature. As children of God, believers are members of the divine household—not only in name but also in fact. As members of this household, Christians are called to live in right relationship with God and with others, to practice the virtues of justice, righteousness, and loving-kindness, living the gospel as preached and modeled by Jesus. Always our hearts are to be committed to God and God’s ways so that when the Parousia arrives, we will be able to enter more fully into the life of God.

Be-Attitude: (Matthew 5)

Sr. Mary McGlone, *NCR*

Speaking about the attitudes that mark disciples, we hear Jesus call them to be poor in spirit, meek and pure of heart. These attitudes characterize a person who trusts in God for everything.

Jesus’ word “poor” depicts genuine beggars. The poor in spirit are people who delight in the realization that everything they have and are is a free gift from God. Those who cultivate that attitude sound like Jesus’ mother, who sang, “The Lord has done great things for me.”

Such an attitude is incompatible with pretension or lording it over others. It culminates in gratitude. The gratitude of the meek and poor in spirit leads inevitably to a purity of heart like that of Mary, who defined herself as “the handmaid of the Lord,” a person who decided that the entire purpose of her life was to respond to God’s great love.

Obviously, the attitudes Jesus described spring from a deep, loving relationship with God. Handmaids and servants of God are people who have opened themselves to feel with God’s heart. They hunger and thirst for justice because they long for the world to be as God created it to be a milieu in which everyone and everything flourishes, in which gifts of each enhance the life of all.

Our Goal:

Rev, Paul Colloton OP, *Liturgical Publication*

The Eight Beatitudes that we hear today remind us that we are totally dependent upon God: “Blessed are the poor in spirit.” And we are mutually interdependent upon one another and all creation: Blessed are the meek, the merciful, the peacemakers, and the pure of heart. When I admit my utter dependence upon God, I no longer act as if I were in charge. There is great freedom that comes from that learning. I discover that I need fewer things, can live with less money, and don’t need to try to control all of life (as if I could, really). This purity of heart and meekness helps me to discover that what really matters most is how my life reflects my gratitude for God’s love and the gift of life in whatever condition I experience at the moment.

I become less judgmental and able to make the kinds of judgement that invite forgiveness and mercy into my life and free me to offer it to others. I look for consequences that call another to accountability without trying to destroy the other. I seek true peace, not just absence of conflict, but the kind of mutual change that comes from dialogue and tolerance. I can accept those whose choices I don’t approve. Like God accepts me even when I make choices of which God doesn’t approve. These are the marks of the saints we remember and honor today. Like them, we are children of God. Like them, we reveal that we praise, reverence, and serve God our Lord, by making love known in our words, deeds and attitudes.

All Souls Day:

Deacon Dick Folger, *Celebration*

Monday is All Souls Day, and we join all the church in praying for those who have gone before us. There are numerous All Souls Day customs observed around the world. In earliest times, it was believed that on this day the dead returned to their former homes to partake of the food of the living. It became a custom in parts of Europe to leave cookies on the kitchen table for and the kitchen was kept warm..

In Mexico, they celebrate the Day of the Dead, when the faithful build private altars and make little skulls of sugar. And in churches, there and elsewhere, many people set up an “altar of remembrance” where parishioners bring framed pictures of their deceased loved ones. These photos bring the dead to mind and provide a focus for prayer during the entire month of November.

Christians pray for the souls of their dead whether they are already with the Lord or still in the process of purification. Jesus says in the Gospel that he will not lose those whom the Father has sent to him. The Father will raise them on the last day, because those who have seen the Son and believe in him will have eternal life.

*“Lead me, Lord, to be before
your throne”*

Thanksgiving Bags :



Starting this weekend, we will have grocery bags, decorated by the students at AACCS, available for our parishioners to take and fill with the items on the list attached. These bags will be handed out to families who have visited our food pantry over the last year. In 2019 we gave out 17 bags to needy families, this year we have invited **50+ families!** With the pandemic, we have seen a dramatic increase in people using the food pantry, so your help is vital! Please take a bag or two and return them filled to church next weekend or anytime to the parish office Mon. through Fri. 8:30 am till 4:30 pm. Thanks in advance for your kindness!

Blood Drive Update...

At last week's blood drive we had 17 pints of blood donated which will go to help save the lives of 51 people as 1 donation can impact up to 3 lives. We are scheduling our next blood drive for **Thursday, December 17th 1:30-6:30.** We have almost reached 100 pints in 2020, quite a feat considering the year we have had! Please consider signing up for our next drive as we have been told by our Versiti representative that covid-19 has drastically impacted the supply of blood in the state. The number of blood drives has declined sharply affecting the number of available blood units. You can pre-register at Versiti.org/MI or by calling 866-642-5663.



PICTORIAL DIRECTORY UPDATE

The publisher has produced a proof! We will work on approving names and addresses and once that is completed it will go to the publisher for print. Keep in mind that Lifetouch is working with a skeleton crew because of the pandemic but they have assured me they will get the directories to us as soon as possible. Thank-you for your patience!

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