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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 16, 2020

MONDAY

497:Rv. 1:1-4; 2:1-5 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Lk 18:35-43

TUESDAY 8 am Word and Communion

498: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22 Ps 15:2-5 Lk 19:1-10

WEDNESDAY 8 am Mass

499: Rv 4:1-11 Ps 150:1b-6 Lk 19:11-28

THURSDAY 8 am Mass

500: Rv 5:1-10 Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b Lk 19:41-44

FRIDAY

501: Rv 10:8-11 Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 Lk 19:45-48

SATURDAY 4:30 pm Mass

502: Rv 11:4-12 Ps 144:1-2, 9-10 Lk 20:27-40

SUNDAY 9:30 am Mass

160:Ez 34:11-12,15-17 Ps 23:1-3,5-6 1 Cor 15:20-26,28 Mt 25:31-46



EDUCATION / FORMATION

Family Talk Time Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families, Sara McGinnis Lee

What talents do you have? How does Jesus want us to use our talents?

Reflecting on the Word:



God expects that we use, cultivate, nourish and expand the talents and gifts we have been giving. We are asked to use and invest our talents fully for ourselves and for others, in

God's name. when we do, our gifts are made more bountiful

Living the Word:

Help your child identify gifts and talents that God has given them. These need not be with a they are good at, such as playing a sport or being musically inclined or adding numbers up in their heads. What facets of their personalities shine? Does your child lighten situations with humor? Is he or she patient or a good listener? Help your child think of ways to use these gifts as a disciple of Jesus. How can you use these gifts to make the world a better place, both individually and as a family?

UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

Friday, Nov. 20th – ½ Day of School

Giving Trees Weekend

Saturday, Nov. 21st - Baptism – 5:45 pm

Sunday, Nov. 22nd – Baptism – 10:45 am

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$10,962 **Offering:** \$9,321.18

Food Pantry: \$200 **Diocesan Collection:** \$280

* In Memoriam for Philip Rytlewski: \$300

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

Children Good Deeds

...Helped carry in groceries... Helping Mom with laundry...

...Helped rake and cut down "dried flowers"...Helped with groceries...

...Helped get things from upstairs for my Mom...

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal

This week I was able to go into the 2, 3, and 4/5 rooms for a lesson talking about respect. The focus of the lesson was to watch what you say, because once it is said, it can't be taken back. To give the kids a tactile representation of this, some toothpaste was donated (thank you Ashley!), and the kids were told to empty the tube and try to put it back. Obviously, they can't put the toothpaste back, and they become frustrated. Many times, we say things without really thinking about the consequences or weight of our words. This week our kindergarten and 4/5 students were able to show respect through service. They were able to go out to the apple orchard next to the parking lot and collect apples for our pantry. What a wonderful way to show your faith in action! Great job kindergarten and 4/5!



The Gospel this week is talks about our responsibilities to God and how we can show our faithfulness to by increasing our faith and trust in him. God graces us with lots of different talents and it is our duty to go out and share those talents with the world. There is a reason we are all created and a purpose for what happens, it's trusting God and having faith that he will help you through tough times. Please continue to pray for the school as we continue to be in person, every prayer you give is truly a blessing for us!

Christmas News Corner

Giving Trees...



Giving TREE

Beginning next weekend, November 21st and 22nd, the **Giving Trees** will be going up. They will be up through November 27th and 28th (or until all tags are gone), the gifts must then be returned by December 5th and 6th. This year we will have them staged in the **Social Hall**. We have added several "New" trees including one for the Food Pantry and a tree for a family from Sanford who lost everything during the floods earlier this year. Please stop by and pick up a tag or two so we can make someone's Christmas "Merrier"!

Needy Families...

As is the tradition here at St. Gabriel Parish, we will again be "adopting" several local families to treat to a Christmas to remember. The need is especially great this year and we have been asked to support **10 families**. This is twice as many as last year but it is difficult to say no when so many are hurting... What we are asking for from you, the parishioners of St. Gabriel, is for financial help or to buy for one of the families. We would be ever so grateful. If you are interested in helping, please call the parish office at 662-6861 or email us parishoffice@auburnac.org Thank-you in advance for helping us, help those in need.





FROM FR. TOM'S DESK

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Patricia Sanchez, *Franciscan Media*

As the liturgical year winds down, its focus on the last things reminds us that we all live under the sure specter of death. As believers, we accept dying as a passage to life, but we also cannot ignore or waste the finality that death brings. Death reminds us that we are to accept each day as a gift, to become all we can, to do all that we can for as many people as God places in our path. Whether we know how long that might be or not, the concluding liturgical year presses upon us with an urgency that invites each of us to make the most of every moment, for it is of this moment alone that we can be sure.

The woman featured in the first reading from the book of Proverbs inspires us to use well all the moments we are given. She is unnamed, and in her anonymity she illustrates the silent greatness that can be achieved in doing ordinary things with extraordinary care. A good wife and mother (as is illustrated in omitted verses), she prepared a lasting legacy through her simple world of cooking, housework and reaching out to share with those less fortunate.

In today's second reading from Paul's first preserved correspondence, the great apostle shared with the Thessalonians what he also shares with us: the necessity of living in the present moment. Paul advises us to be alert and sober and not to let any opportunity pass us by. Paul urges not to have anything to hide or anything of which to be ashamed when time is no more.

Today's Gospel describes something of a daring and devotion required of believers who wish to make the most of every moment. The Matthean Jesus' parable reminds each of us that we have been given gifts to use, to develop, to share. Not all gifts are the same, but all are valuable, reflective of the One who gives to each of us so uniquely. In Jesus' parable, the servants who were given various shares in their master's possessions did not know how long they would have to use them to their best advantage. Two made the most of what they had and were invited to share more deeply with their master. The other failed to use the gift that he had been given. His inattentiveness to the treasure that was within his grasp communicates the same lesson that we learn each year at this time. Shall we follow his example, or that of the other servants and Paul and the good women of Proverbs?

Whether we know that we have six months to live or six more decades, the urgency with which we live each moment and the best use we make of the gifts we have been given is our gift to God and a way to prepare for the ultimate encounter with death that leads to life.

Everyday Greatness: (Proverbs 31)

Celebration

Today's first reading has been excerpted from the conclusion to Proverbs and show believers how God's wisdom might express itself in those who cultivate this divine gift. Not an abstract figure or a system of sterile philosophical ideas, this woman is a down-to-earth Julia Child or Martha Stewart. The character and activities of this worthy wife are decidedly feminine and domestic—and hers are the virtues and qualities to which all seekers of wisdom may aspire.

Besides being handy and resourceful within the confines of her family, this woman extends herself to others, particularly the poor and the needy. Had the poem been read in its entirety, the praying assembly would have a better sense of this woman who reaches beyond her expected role in order to participate in business ventures and real estate investments. At the heart of all her activity is an inherent "fear of the Lord" (v.30). This is not fright per se, but a reverential awe and respect for God that motivates all she says and does. Earlier in Proverbs, the ancient sage had written that this holy awe is the beginning of wisdom (1:7). Indeed, this is the foundation of all religion.

Be Prepared: (1 Thessalonians 5)

Celebration

Knowing something for certain. Although the Thessalonians knew Jesus would return, and although they were also aware that the day and the hour are unknowable, they allowed themselves to become engaged in speculation as to the particulars of the end time. In his advice to them, Paul called forth wisdom similar to that of the women of Proverbs 31 and the first two servants featured in today's Gospel. He urged them to work on being prepared rather than fritter away their energies on senseless speculation and needless worry. Paul described that preparedness and its lack of terms of night and day, or darkness and light.

Utilizing God's Gifts: (Matthew 25)

Celebration

This parable concludes with the paradox that continues to characterize the followers of Jesus: Those who have been responsive to God's grace and have used their gifts to the best of their ability will be rewarded with even greater responsibility. Faithful in small matters, they are asked to do more. In the process, these generous servants grow into more accurate reflections of the God in whose image they have been created.

On the other hand, those who refuse to make the best use of the gifts God has given them, for whatever reason (fear, laziness, procrastination), will be left to grind their teeth in the darkness. Those left to grind their teeth have refused to grow and will reap the consequences of their choices. We, for our part, are to learn the parable's lesson and take it to heart—sooner rather than later.

Do Not be Afraid:

Denise Simeone, *Celebration*

It is tempting to hide a treasure in the ground. At least it is safe, and it is effortless. Fear can impede us from reaching out. It can get us stuck. In the passage that immediately follows and that we hear next week (Matt 25:31-46), Matthew tells his community what will be necessary to invest and grow this treasure: "I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me. "These were not easy tasks then and are no easier now. Forget fear, do God's will.

Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians reinforces the message of being ready to act, "for the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night" (5:2). Live each moment alert and aware of what you have been given. What treasure did Jesus give us? How did Jesus act? Go and do the same.

Your Turn:

Grace Works

A pop song from the 1970's contains this refrain, "standing on the corner, watching all the girls go by." It is a song about potential love and romance that never quite makes the jump from a young man's idealized fantasy into the real world, with real girls, and real risks. It is a sad song really. And sadder still, if it becomes the epitaph of our lives—on the sidelines, afraid to get into the game, so fearful of losing that we fail to do anything at all. Ironically, that just may be the only way to insure losing it all in the end. So, don't just sit there Christian. Do something!



"Help me, Lord, be a generous person"

Thanksgiving Bags Update :



We have received almost all the Thanksgiving bags back, filled to the brim! We will distribute them on Monday, November 23rd. We want to say a big **THANK-YOU** for your generosity, it will truly brighten the holiday for many people.

In addition to the graciously filled bags we also have to say thanks to Monitor Sugar for the donation of bags of sugar, the Drouin family for allowing us to utilize their apple orchard to pick apples, Sue and Kristi LeVasseur for securing a donation of squash and Pat Knieper for making sweet breads to put with the bags. We are so fortunate to have such a selfless and giving parish!

Proof Reading Thank-you...

A profound thank-you to **Bernie Budzinski, Pat Knieper and Gloria Bratu-Beaver** for their diligent help in proofing the roster of names for the directory. They spent many hours pouring over the tiny print, matching names and numbers to make sure it was correct. Their efforts helped to finally complete this project were invaluable!



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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