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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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 SPREADING THE SPIRIT FUND**

Clark Switalski, School Principal ..... (989) 662-6431

**WEATHER POLICY**

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

When you think of a king and a kingdom what comes to mind? What does a good king do, say, and look like?

### Reflecting on the Word:

This is the last Sunday of the liturgical year. We began the year last Advent by anticipating the birth of Jesus, our King. Today, at the end of the year, we celebrate Jesus as King of the Universe. Jesus admits that he is truly a king but one that Pontius Pilate does not understand. Take some time to reflect on the kingdom that Jesus announces and consider how you would describe the kind of king Jesus is.



### Living the Word:

What does God expect of those who build his kingdom? Jesus says that everyone who belongs to the truth listens to his voice. How do we listen to his voice? How do we show that we belong to the truth? How do people in Jesus' kingdom speak to one another? How do they act toward one another? Then, as a family, decide how you will put this into practice.

### **Christ's Mission Appeal 2021-22:**

Our target for the 2021-2022 **Christ's Mission Appeal** which began October 1<sup>st</sup> is \$69,796. Through November 10<sup>th</sup>, **\$35,773** has been pledged, approximately **51% of our target**. Please prayerfully consider filling out the form you received from the diocese and make a pledge to help us reach our target. Remember that any amount over and above our target comes back to the parish.

### Grant received...

**Saint Gabriel** recently applied for and received a grant of **\$1550** from the diocese. **25% of the donations to the Catholic Relief Service/Rice Bowl collection is kept locally (by the diocese) and our grant is a portion of that 25%.** Great job Janet, our bookkeeper, for securing the grant!

**Needy Families:** As is the tradition here at St. Gabriel Parish, we will again be "adopting" several local families for Christmas. We have been asked if we could sponsor **14 families!** It is so sad to

see that many of these children are asking for toothbrushes, toothpaste, underwear and socks for Christmas gifts. What we again are asking from you, the parishioners of St. Gabriel, is for financial help or to "adopt" a family and buy for them. If you are interested please call the office at (989) 662-6861 or email us [parishoffice@aburnac.org](mailto:parishoffice@aburnac.org) Thank-you in advance for helping us make a family's Christmas brighter!



## **WEEK OF NOVEMBER 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021**

### **MONDAY**

503: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20 (Ps) Dn 3:52-56 Lk 21:1-4

### **TUESDAY 8 am Word and Communion**

504: Dn 2:31-45 (Ps) Dn 3:57-61 Lk 21:5-11

### **WEDNESDAY 8 am Mass**

505: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-18 (Ps) Dn 3:62-67 Lk 21:12-19

### **THURSDAY 9 am Mass Thanksgiving Day**

506: Dn 6:12-28 (Ps) Dn 3:68-74 Lk 21:20-28

### **FRIDAY**

207: Dn 7:2-14 (Ps) Dn 3:75-81 Lk 21:29-33

### **SATURDAY 4:30 pm Mass**

508: Dn 7:15-27 (Ps) Dn 3:82-87 Lk 21:34-36

### **SUNDAY 9:30 am Mass**

3:Jer 33:14-16 Ps25:4-5,8-9,10,14 1 Thes 3:12-42 Lk 21:25-28,34-36



## **PARISH ACTIVITIES**

**Monday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> – Choir Practice 6:30 pm**

**Wednesday, November 24<sup>th</sup> – ½ Day of School**

**Thursday November 25<sup>th</sup> – Happy Thanksgiving!**

**Friday November 26<sup>th</sup> – Parish Office Closed/No School**

**Saturday/Sunday November 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> – Giving Trees**

## **STEWARDSHIP**

**Weekly Target: \$10,962 Offering: \$10,960.50**

**Food Pantry: \$285 World Mission Sunday: \$10**

**Campaign for Human Development: \$205**

**Children's Good Deeds**

...I helped do chores...Helping my friend August...

...Help pick up toys at school...

...Clean my room and watch bellpepper...???

## **AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

**Clark Switalski, Principal**



This week the students created place mats and prayer cards for the sick and homebound in our community. Being a service to the community, as a whole, is a reason to be Catholic and showing our students how to do this from an early

stage will help make them good people when they grow up. Being loyal to our own beliefs and morals standards is a part of the code we develop as adults and help shape our journeys.

We celebrate Christ the King this weekend, and I can't find a more fitting person to be loyal to than Jesus. He embodied the true nature of being service oriented. He calls for us all to be good stewards of the world, our faith, and our families. It might be a complete oversimplification, but I do believe if we try and be better every day, it will help us to grow in our faith and become closer to Jesus in heaven.

Just a reminder...the next "due date" for Scrip orders from the **Annual Holiday Scrip Sale** is **Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>**! A great way finish (or start) your Holiday Shopping!



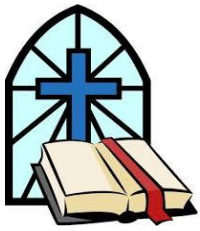
**Have a great weekend!**

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

*It is that time of year...*

Beginning next weekend, **November 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>**, the Giving Trees will be going up. They will be up until December 6<sup>th</sup> or until all the tags are gone. We have **6 very worthwhile** causes to support, and we hope that you will stop by and pick-up a tag or two so we can make Christmas brighter for those less fortunate!





## FROM FR. TOM'S DESK

### **Feast of Christ the King:** Patricia Sanchez, *Celebration*

Today's feast asks us: To whom or what do we give our allegiance? Who holds dominion over us? What are we living for; what energizes and gives meaning to our lives each day? At what alters do we burn incense, and kneel in submission? What have we "enthroned" as our ruler—youth, money, convenience, career, etc.? What power holds sway over us? Calling Christ "king," invites us to accept his way of responding to the world around us. Where is the domain of his kingdom to be found?—wherever people are living his truth. Remember that in John's Gospel the "world" has special significance: it refers to those who choose to live in darkness and falsehood, rejecting God's light and truth. Those who choose the "world's" ways opt to live outside the grace God is offering in Jesus. Today we are asked to turn away from the prejudices, aggression, competition, and injustice of the world's rule and accept the truthful way that Jesus has shown us.

Jesus, the king, wins people over to his rule, not by force or intimidation. We see the truth in him, and his ways and we choose to take his rule in our hearts and minds. Some may come to him because other powers have been miserable disappointments—money, drugs, alcohol, influential careers, power, etc. These people make a life-altering decision: they turn away from past power and turn towards Jesus. Others of us, born into the faith, and still practicing, also have a "turn" to make. We may be in a rut of religious practice, without the investment of our total hearts, minds, and actions. Other powers still have strong sway over us; religion is just one of many loyalties we, in fact, profess. But, in large or small ways, those other powers demand an allegiance that is not of the Gospel, then we have adjustments we need to make.

### **Son of Man (Daniel 7):** *Celebration*

Chapter 7 of Daniel opens with a description of four phantasmal beasts set on destruction that are overcome by the Ancient One. After that victory, Daniel saw "one like a Son of Man," upon whom the ancient one bestowed eternal kingship, with all its accompanying power and glory.

The "one like a Son of Man" who receives dominion presents a thorough and equally mythical counterpoint to the beasts. His appearance is not frightening. He advances amid the sort of clouds that provide shade rather than tempest. As he is presented before the Ancient One, he assumes nothing and receives everything. He is the image of the holy innocents who avoid violence and coercion. The reward bestowed on the Son of Man who represents true humanity is a promise to any who pattern themselves on him rather than fall under the spell of the beasts and their violence (Daniel 7:13-14). Of course, the Son of Man is a figure of Christ, who used that title.

### **Prayer of Praise (Revelation 1):** *Celebration*

The reading for today's feast is a "doxology," a proclamation of praise of Christ. Positioned at the beginning of the book, it serves as a statement of faith and devotion but also as an introduction to the core message of the entire work: Christ is the beginning and the end.

There is a lot packed into this short creed and prayer of praise. First, knowing that it is proclaimed by a people facing persecution, we can see that it highlights their faith that the man Jesus, the Christ, had his own time of being tested and had to demonstrate that he was

a faithful witness. In fact, this prayer reminds us that it was precisely Jesus' faithfulness in the test that gave God the opportunity to make of him the "firstborn of the dead and the ruler of the kings of the earth." The opening line thus reminds the people of the foundation of their faith. Given all of that, there is nothing to do but sing Christ's praises.

### **Gospel Choice (John 18):** *Celebration*

The Solemnity of Christ the King brings the church year to a close. Interestingly, in the three-year cycle of readings, it is in this B cycle that the Gospel refers to Jesus as a king. In Year A, we hear of the Son of Man coming in his glory to judge the world, and in Year C, the Gospel goes to the foot of the cross to hear Jesus speak of being in paradise that very day.

The choice of John 18 as the Gospel for the feast of Christ the King emphasizes this celebration as the culmination of the church year, reminding us that the original celebration of Christ as King is the feast of the Ascension, and that the one who ascended to the right hand of the father is the crucified and risen Christ. So today's feast is not just a celebration of a title of Christ but one that recapitulates the entire church year. It proclaims who Christ is, from where and why he came; and it reminds us of what sort of kingship he wields.

The choice of this Gospel for the feast of Christ the King invites us to review the year's liturgies, to recall what we have learned of the Lord and the truth about the kingdom we are invited to enjoy together. It reminds us that God's reign is "not of this world" in the sense that it is neither territorial nor conventionally political. To participate in his reign, we need but hear and heed the voice of our Shepherd-King.

### **The Proclamation** Dick Folger, *Celebration*

The Feast of Christ the King was created by Pope Pius XI in 1925 to stem the tide of what he saw as an "Anything Goes" world and to refocus our attention on Jesus.

Seven hundred years before Jesus' birth, the Prophet Micah announced his coming. The Magi came in search of a king. The people hailed him as king when he entered Jerusalem. Caiaphas and Pontius Pilot asked if he was King of the Jews, and his cross was raised with a sign declaring him King of the Jews.

Today's feast reminds us that Jesus is the Lord of the Universe, above all people, communities, nations, and governments. He is God's Son, our redeemer. We belong to him. His kingdom will have no end.

### **Called to Testify** *Connect*, Liturgical Publications

As the Lord told Pilate, "my kingdom does not belong to this world." His kingdom is not established in a particular place or even in a particular time. Rather, the realm of the King of the universe encompasses all the other kingdoms of the world. And everyone is invited to be the privileged subject of this King. The key to entering this kingdom, as Jesus says, is to listen to his voice. Heeding the voice of Jesus enables us to belong to this kingdom that is founded upon truth.

Jesus defines his authority in these terms: "For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth." As Christians, we profess to follow the King of kings. Therefore, as members of his royal realm, we too should be about the business of testifying to the truth: that Jesus is in fact God-made-man and that, through his death and resurrection, he has saved us from our sins. This Gospel message, both simple and profound, is a truth that never grows old. Let us boldly profess the truth of the Gospel as we invite all those we encounter to join in the joy of the kingdom of Jesus.

# Thank-you, Thank-You!



We hosted our **Thanksgiving Dinner Giveaway** this week and we helped more than **50 families** celebrate the holiday with all the "fixins" from the turkey to cranberry sauce to stuffing and delicious homemade bread

(generously made and donated by Pat Knieper)! As usual, the parishioners of St. Gabriel so generously donated bags and bags of food, we did not have supply anything but the turkeys! Know that your kindness helps us provide a brighter holiday for so many...



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