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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 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 JANUARY 13, 2020

### MONDAY

305: 1 Sm 1:1-8 Ps 116:12-19 Mk 1:14-20

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

306: 1 Sm 1:9-20 (Ps) 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8 Mk 1:21-28

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

307: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20 Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10 Mk 1:29-39

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

308: 1 Sm 4:1-11 Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25 Mk 1:40-45

### FRIDAY 9:00a.m. School Mass

309: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a Ps 89:16-19 Mk 2:1-12

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

310: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a Ps 21:2-7 Mk 2:13-17

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

64: Is 49:3, 5-6 Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10 1 Cor 1:1-3 Jn 1:29-34



## PARISH ACTIVITIES

Mon.,	1-13	6:30-9 pm	VIRTUS training
Tues.,	1-14	10 am	Scripture Study
		6:30-8 pm	RCIA(PC)
Wed.	1-15	10 am	Knitting Club-(PC)
Thurs.	1-16	6 pm	AACS PTO Meeting
		7 pm	School Committee Meeting
Fri.	1-17	4:30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal
Sat.	1-18	1:00 pm	Wedding- (Woody)
<b>Coffee and Donuts Weekend</b>		4:30 pm	Rite of Acceptance
Sun	1-19	6-8 pm	Youth Ministry

## STEWARDSHIP

**Weekly Target:** \$10,962.00 **Offering:** \$10,265.00

**Monthly Target:** \$47,500.00 **December Actual:** \$64,838.96

**Annual Target:** \$570,000.00 **July-December Actual:** \$276,852.16

### Children G<sup>o</sup>o<sup>d</sup> Deeds

To help my Dad shovel snow...Helping my parents pack...  
 Helping my sister get dressed...I got ready for church...  
 Playing nice all day on Friday...Drying and putting away the dishes...  
 ...Doing my Mom's daily chores when she was sick...  
 Raking leaves from the shrubs...Being nice on our family trip...  
 ...To console my sister when she was sad...

## AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

*It was such a joy to see all the children this past week! While I do enjoy my time off, I really miss those smiling faces that give energy and excitement to anyone they meet! This month we have started a new virtue, foresight. As a group we discussed how we need to look ahead in our actions to see what the consequences of our actions might be. Often this is taken negatively, but consequences can be positive as well. For instance, being baptized and living a Christ filled life carries the hope for salvation.*

This week's reading focuses on Jesus' baptism. Jesus was the perfect model for his followers, and baptism is a sacrament bringing us closer to God and the fulfillment and righteousness he provides. Salvation is the goal, and baptism provides us Grace bringing us closer to God. I have found the closer I am to God the more my quality of life goes up.



*If you haven't bought your raffle or chicken dinner tickets for our Eagle Palooza, please stop by the school office. All the monies raised goes to support our parish school and to help us continue to bring God's Grace to all of our 107 students.*

**God Bless, Clark Switalski, Principal**

## EDUCATION / FORMATION

**Family Talk Time** *Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families* : Sara McGinnis Lee  
*Do you see yourself as a beloved child of God?*

### Reflecting on the Word:

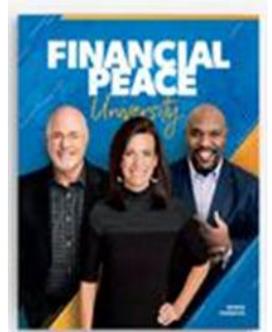
The baptism of Jesus is another epiphany, a moment of revelation. In this baptism, the trinity is revealed (the voice of God the Father, the person of Jesus Christ, and the dove). Jesus' baptism opens the door for all of us to participate in the life of God. We have been called to the same baptismal waters. In baptism, we receive a new life in Christ—we put on Christ, like a garment—and are made into sons and daughters of God, in whom he is well pleased.

### Living the Word:

Share memories of your family members' baptisms. Show pictures or videos, candles and baptismal garments. Ask your children what they think it means to be a son or daughter of God. Add an image of the baptism of Jesus to your prayer table. Read this Gospel again as the family looks upon the images and discuss how Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are represented.

## Financial Peace University

Dave Ramsey created Financial Peace University nearly 25 years ago after learning how to pay off debt, save and spend money wisely, and build wealth. Today millions of people have used the same principles to transform their lives. If you are looking to get better with your money, we can help you. We'll show you how to dump debt, save for emergencies, and build wealth. It is all about getting on the right financial plan. You can make a change! Wherever you are in the process—making the quest to your mirror, struggling to get your budget to work, paying off that last debt, or debt free and looking for places to give—we can help you take that next step in your money makeover. Sessions will begin in early February. For more information or to sign up for the sessions contact please Dan Dore at 989-750-8430, [DanDore312@gmail.com](mailto:DanDore312@gmail.com) or contact Jeff Stevens at 989-708-5154, [jstevens1988@gmail.com](mailto:jstevens1988@gmail.com)



## Church Directory:

We are attempting to put together a group to work on the Parish Directory. As we wrap up the photo sessions, there is a need to move forward with the layout of the directory as well as proof reading. If you worked on past directories or have "skills" that could help us with this task please contact the Parish Office @ (989) 662-6861 or via email [parishoffice@auburnac.org](mailto:parishoffice@auburnac.org)



## Funeral Thank-you:

A huge THANK YOU to our parish Community for the support and generosity shown us. The service was truly a celebration of Jerry's life. Thank-you to Father Tom for the beautiful Homily, Sue and the choir, Kelly as the cantor, and Bill & Bill alter servers. Special thanks to Marilyn Wells, the luncheon committees and all those who donated food. We are forever grateful for your kindness. *The Jerry Knieper Family*

## Get your Eagle Palooza tickets!

Tickets for the chicken dinner (\$10) and raffle (\$5) will be available for purchase in the social hall after Mass on January 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are also available in the school office.



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## FROM FR. TOM'S DESK

### Baptism of the Lord

Patricia Sanchez *Celebration*

In the midst of powerful signs, what is most startling, apparently even to John the Baptist, is that Jesus's messianic identity is tied not to political revolution but to Isaiah's suffering servant. The inaugural sign, which will be repeated later, mid-course in Jesus's ministry at his Transfiguration is the opening up of the skies—a sign that accompanies divine prophecy—a brilliant light and a heavenly voice. God's intentions are made transparent in Jesus, who is the visible image of the invisible God. Jesus will proclaim God's generous mercy over God's demanding justice. An unprecedented offer is being extended to a sinful world—the full forgiveness of sins. Jesus will take the old, as represented by John, the last Old Testament prophet, and push it forward to the next level. Even John will not be able to follow for a time and does not understand what Jesus is doing. What John is given is Jesus' mysterious name as “Lamb of God”—the paschal victim and sacrifice who is a source of atonement with God. Jesus will take on himself the just punishment for the sins of the world. By his death the enormous burden of evil generated by human sin and selfishness will be absorbed and vanquished so that we can go free.

What kind of Messiah do we want? Are we willing to accept and follow Jesus, who responded to violence by absorbing it into himself, transforming evil by the power of sacrificial love and forgiveness? We have been baptized into Christ, into the same cleansing, defining waters he entered to emerge as God's suffering servant. We find our identity and mission, spiritual and temporal, as his followers. If we accept such a baptism, everything will be different.

### As a Servant: (Isaiah 42 ):

*Celebration*

A person who freely and willingly becomes the servant of another is also willingly accepting that he or she is not the center of the universe. Rather, the other comes first and foremost, and the servant's joy lies in the altruistic gift of self, time, talent and treasure to the other. For believers who assume the role of servants, God is the creative force behind us as well as the center of all things. Those who become servants of God have set aside the wearying struggle of being their own masters in order to serve God by serving those who happen into their lives. How remarkable it is that of all the roles Jesus could have made his own, and of all the ways he could have realized his messianic mission, he chose to be a servant. He behaved as such toward his disciples: he washed their feet, and with his own blood, he mopped up their moral messes to assure them of God's forgiving and liberating love. Jesus assured his own that just as he had come among them as a servant, so also should they (we) serve one another

### One in Christ (Acts 10)

*Celebration*

In the course of this narrative, readers can trace an evolution in Peter. At first unaccepting of an open mission to the gentiles and unwilling to share table fellowship with those whom he had regarded, for all of his life, as unclean, Peter held back and refused Cornelius' invitation to come to his home. However, after being enlightened and educated by the power of the spirit and some very convincing visual aids (see Acts 10:9-16), Peter acquiesced to the realization that God's saving purpose and the parameters of salvation were far greater and much more inclusive than he had ever imagined. This realization led to Peter's acceptance of Cornelius' hospitality as well as his acceptance of him as a brother in Christ.

Today's second reading attests to this fact and represents a landmark decision on the part of the early church to accept Gentile believers as their equals in the Lord. Sharing one faith in one Lord, their common baptism in Christ eradicated the differences that had formerly separated them one from the other and made both Jews and Gentiles, brothers and sisters of one another and children of the same Parent-God.

### The Body of Christ (Matthew 3):

*Celebration*

The church celebrates the Baptism of the Lord at the beginning of the calendar year as part of the Christmas season. Baptism is how we are taken up into the mystery of the incarnation. God is in the world in Christ, and by baptism we have been incorporated into the body of Christ. His story and his journey now define us. His paschal mystery of surrender and suffering, glory and eternal life are now our path and our destiny.

The challenge for both liturgy and our personal lives outside of church is to somehow bring the astonishing implications of who we are and what God has called us to be and do into our daily experience. The wonder of our baptism needs to pervade our very consciousness, from our first waking moment to our final sigh before sleep, and even in our dreams.

Do we know who we are in Christ? Do we feel the assurance that flows into us continually from God's voice calling us into existence, sustaining us in love? That voice says to us, “You are my beloved son.” “You are my beloved daughter.” It is not a distant voice, but as intimate to us as our own breath and heartbeat. It flows within our conscious like a lover's conversation. God dwells in us, filling us with light. Do we let this light guide us in our problem-solving and coping, our relationships, even our frustrations and conflicts?

### Sent to Serve:

*Good News*

A story from rabbinic lore tells of a man who was deeply distressed by the condition of the world. On every hand there was trouble and turmoil and exploitation. He saw people suffering in poverty and ignorance. So, he cried out in prayer, “Lord, look at this world of yours. Look at what is going on. The world is such a mess. There is so much misery and pain. Why don't you send somebody to help?” And to his surprise God answered, and said “I did, I sent you.”

### Contribution Statements:

The parish bookkeeper, Janet, has prepared the mailings of statements of annual contributions to the church. All registered parishioners will receive one, even if there were no contributions. The pastor will send a special letter to the non-givers challenging them to do their part.



If you have any questions about your statement, please direct them to the bookkeeper, Janet at the parish office.



“Lord, let my promise  
of baptism direct my  
life”



**We received** a heartfelt thank you note from *Plainview Assisted Living* for the gifts they received from our Giving Tree collection. They expressed how wonderful their Christmas morning was opening the gifts! It is wonderful to see how much appreciation small acts of kindness can generate. Thank-you to all who donated!

**Free Throw Championship...**

The Auburn Knights of Columbus #3590 are sponsoring a *Free Throw Championship* for boys and girls, ages 9-14. It will take place on January 18<sup>th</sup> from 8 am till noon at St. Bridgit Church gym. For more information contact Tim Hall at @ (989) 859-8087 or Phil Ouillette @ (989) 662-4766. Bring your skills!



**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!**

The photo sessions are complete for the upcoming parish directory, however you do have the option of using your photo from the prior directory for a \$10.00 fee and you will receive a copy of the *new* directory. Notify the Parish Office of this request and we will contact Lifetouch to retrieve your archived photo. *For questions or concerns call the Parish Office at 662-6861.*

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