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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. 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  
*How would you describe a king? What kind of king is Jesus? How is he different from kings and rulers of the world?*

### Reflecting on the Word:

Jesus Christ is a strange kind of king. He was born into poverty and lived simply. He had followers but no army to assert his power. He had no palace, no possessions, nothing to signal his rank to others. In the end, he was crucified like a common criminal, and those gathered around the cross mocked his claim to kingship. But the criminal suffering alongside him saw Christ clearly: strength in humility, power in sacrifice. This man enjoined Jesus to remember him. May we have the clarity to do the same.

### Living the Word:

We are called to act mercifully towards others, the universe, and yourselves. The more we act with mercy toward all creation, the more mercy will become a grace deeply embedded in our spiritual lives. Others may then witness God's mercy in the way we care for those on the margins and in our care of creation. This Thursday, Americans will be celebrating Thanksgiving Day. We will be preparing our homes and welcoming guests. We also need to prepare our hearts to welcome Christ the King. Thank God for abundant blessings.

**Thanksgiving Table Prayer:** From, *Celebrating Faith: Year-round activities for Catholic families*, by Mary Cronk Farrell



O Gracious God, we give you thanks for your overflowing generosity to us. Thank you for the blessings of the food we eat and especially for this feast today. Thank you for our home and family and

friends, especially for the presence of those gathered here. Thank you for our health, our work and our play. Please send help to those who are hungry, alone, sick, and suffering war and violence. Open our hearts to your love. We ask your blessing through Christ your son, Amen.

*"To be grateful is to recognize the love of God in everything"* - Thomas Merton

### Ring the Bells!

Looking for youth (8-12<sup>th</sup> graders) to play the chimes for the 5 pm Christmas Eve Mass. Practice begins December 1<sup>st</sup> after the 9:30 am Mass, for a half hour, every Sunday through December 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you are interested, **Please call Sue LeVasseur at (989) 205-4322**

**Cantor Scheduling** will be Monday November 25<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. We will be planning for December 1<sup>st</sup> thru February 24<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Sue LeVasseur @ (989) 205-4322 or [susan2488@gmail.com](mailto:susan2488@gmail.com) with available dates if you are not able to attend this scheduling event.

### Online Giving

As of December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 you will have an additional option to **financially** support St. Gabriel Parish using Online Giving. The app provides you a convenient option that you may access at any time, and your gift will be transferred via your preferred method of payment directly to St. Gabriel. No need to share any sensitive account info. Safe, Secure, Simple! You can stop, start and change your contributions at any time.

The following link below will be on our website soon.  
<https://www.osvhub.com/auburnac/funds/contribution>

## WEEK OF NOVEMBER 25, 2019

### MONDAY

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

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

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

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

505: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28 (Ps) Dn 3:62-67 Lk 21:12-19

### THURSDAY 9:00 a.m.- Mass

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

### FRIDAY

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

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

684: Rom 10:9-18 Ps 19:8-11 Mt 4:18-22

### SUNDAY 9:30 a.m.- Mass-First Sunday of Advent

1: Is 2:1-5 Ps 122:1-9 Rom 13:11-14 Mt 24:37-44



## PARISH ACTIVITIES

Mon, Nov. 25	6:30-8pm	Choir Practice
	9am-3pm	Thanksgiving food giveaway
Tues. Nov.26	10am	Scripture Study (PC)
	6:30-8pm	RCIA (PC)
Wed. Nov. 27	Half-Day school	
Thurs. Nov.28	<b>Happy Thanksgiving!</b>	
	School & Parish Office Closed	
Fri. Nov.29	School & Parish office Closed	
Sat. Nov.30	<b>Advent Begins</b>	

## STEWARDSHIP

**Weekly Target:** \$10,962    **Offering:** \$8,368.03

**Food Pantry:** \$40.00    **Christmas Flowers:** \$22.00

**Campaign for Human Development:** \$300.00

Children Good Deeds

Played with my cousin for 2-4 hours...Helped my Mom make pizza  
 Helping clean up the kitchen after dinner...Helped shovel snow  
 Talking to my Dad at hunting camp because he missed me...  
 Helping my Mom make pizza and brownies...Helped shovel driveway

## AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Moderation, our virtue this month, is a completely subjective aspect of our lives. I always live by the fact that something won't be done until it absolutely needs to be done. This can be perceived as "not caring" and "insensitive", but it is quite the opposite. I believe things will get done when they need to, because God has a plan and a vision in my life. The reading this week talks about God's plan for Jesus and how even up to the final minutes of his life, he was tempted. The criminal on one side said "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us." Jesus doesn't condemn him, but waits for the plan of salvation to come to a clearer understanding: placing your faith in God has the power to save you if, and only if, you seek it. The other person crucified on that day states: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." I hope when it comes to that time, I am more like the latter than the previous.

**God Bless, Clark Switalski, Principal**



**Congratulations!**  
 Lauren Adalyn Ignash  
 Daughter of Bryan & Melissa



### Thirty-Fourth Sunday Ordinary Time

Sr. Mary McClone,

*National Catholic Reporter*

What do we celebrate on this last Sunday of the church year? The feast called the Solemnity of Christ, King of the Universe is less than a century old, a very recent addition in the light of our 2,000-year history. Pope Pius XI said he established this feast in 1925 to combat the rise of secularism and nationalism. Although the name sounds ostentatious, the readings convey a distinctly different tone.

Luke's Gospel doesn't refer to Jesus as king until the time of his passion. Then Luke tells us that when Jesus made his triumphant entry into Jerusalem, the crowd on that day cried out, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" and soon thereafter shouted, "Crucify him!" Jesus avoided claiming the designation for himself when Pilate asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" At the crucifixion, his executioners turned the title into a way to mock him.

Luke's way of using the term indicates that if we want to think of Christ as a king, we must allow Jesus' own actions to define the meaning of his kingship.

In Luke's Gospel, Jesus exercises his sovereignty by pardoning his persecutors and offering a place in his kingdom to a condemned criminal. He demonstrates his intimate relationship with God through the filial obedience of saying, "Not my will, but yours be done." Jesus exhibited his invincibility by accepting death with unshakable faith in the father's power to give life.

In other words, Jesus lived up to the title placed over his head by redefining kingship, revealing what it looks like in the divine realm rather than in the world of politics and power.

As we celebrate this feast, the readings prod us to examine how seriously we want to take it. Paul not only called Christ the image of the invisible God, but also said that God has made us fit to participate in his kingdom. It is our choice. Jesus' life reveals that obedience is the way to share in divine life. Jesus' practice of forgiveness shows us how to live in true freedom. His passion and death reveal what God's power is like. Christ the King offers us a model of grace, liberty and unfathomable love.

### King or Shepard (2 Samuel 5):

*Celebration*

Although the Jesus of the Gospels shunned the title "king" and avoided those who attempted to foist kingship upon him, he did not shy away from the role of shepherd. In the Johannine Gospel (ch.10), Jesus is featured as the good shepherd who loves and knows his sheep by name. He is also the gate of sheepfold and one who willingly laid down his life to take it up again. In the Lucan Gospel, Jesus teaches the parable of the lost sheep to assure sinners that they are being sought after by a loving God. The love that God has for sinners is clearly evidenced in today's Gospel, wherein the repentant criminal, crucified with Jesus, asks to be remembered by him. Jesus' assurance of paradise eased the sinner's passage through death to life. Today, as we celebrate our Shepherd-King, that same assurance prompts in us a more regular repentance, a more attentive listening and more careful following of the One who promises us a place and leads us to life everlasting.

### Hymn of Faith (Colossians 1)

*Celebration*

At the heart of this excerpt from the Colossians correspondence is an early Christological hymn (vv.15-20). This hymn, like others in the Christian scriptures, captured in lyric and musical for the community's effort to express its faith in the person and the mission of Jesus. This Hymn stands over and against those who may have questioned or

doubted the primacy of Jesus Christ and his unique role in God's plan of salvation; it has set forth the truth of the church's teaching and functions as an expression of the community's faith.

Christ is initially identified here as "the image of the invisible God" (v.15) – the one who images God for humans. Christ is further identified as "the firstborn of all creation" in terms that echo the Hebrew reference to the first fruits. Just as the "firsts" of fields and flock were consecrated to God in grateful acknowledgement of God's power over all the earth, so Christ is the firstborn of creation, consecrated to God as a sign that God is supreme over all of humankind.

### In Word and In Deed (Luke 23 )

*Celebration*

Jesus' exchange with the repentant criminal illustrates that he followed his prayers with practicum. Unlike the other criminal, who used his last moments of life to blaspheme Jesus and to echo the taunts of the leaders of the people and the soldiers, the remorseful criminal used the little time he had left to ask for Jesus' remembrance of him (v.42). He saw that Jesus would enter his kingdom not by coming down from the cross but by dying. His request for remembrance is both a confession of faith and an indication that he had somehow probed and understood the mystery of the good news—that Jesus' suffering, rejection and even death on a cross are necessary to the plan that will lead to the forgiveness and redemption of sinners. While others who looked at the sight of Jesus dying supposed that the end of his ministry was near, the repentant criminal somehow realized that the end was but a beginning for Jesus, for himself and for all sinners

### The Object of Your Affection:

Rev. Mark Suslenko

*Connect*

G.K. Chesterton is often quoted as saying "When man ceases to worship God he does not worship nothing but worships everything." While it is argued whether he actually said this or something similar, the implications of his thoughts are intriguing. In addition, to the normal associations we make with the word "worship," it also connotes a great or excessive love, admiration and respect felt for somebody or something. We can also add that the object of our "worship" is what or who motivates us, claims us, and inspires us to get up in the morning to start again.

As we gather on this feast of Christ the King, many may say that it is obvious who and what we worship: Jesus Christ. But is it really that obvious? While we say that we "worship" God on our lips, does this God actually claim us, motivate us, inspire us, or have our untiring love, admiration, and respect? Just because we come to church does not mean that we actually worship God. We may worship an idea of God rather than the living and true King of the Universe.

Even though Israel was warned many years ago about creating and worshiping the golden calf, we still struggle with this. It is so easy to place other things on par with God and justify it. We convince ourselves that it makes sense. We elevate things like work, technology, sports, social status, self-image, entertainment, possessions, and even self-fulfillment. Even our fears and anxieties can compete with God! To get a better handle on all of this we can ask ourselves a couple of questions. First, what occupies most of our time? Second, what occupies the bulk of our thoughts? Taking an assessment of what occupies our time and dominates our thoughts is a good measuring stick for determining exactly who or what competes with the living and true God. Ponder that for a moment.

*"Jesus, Remember Me"*

## Fun Facts About Thanksgiving:

The first American Thanksgiving was celebrated on September 8<sup>th</sup> (feast of the birth of the Blessed Virgin) in 1565 in St. Augustine, Florida. The Native Americans and Spanish settlers held a feast and Mass was offered. 500 soldiers, 200 sailors and 100 families & artisans, along with the Timucua Indians celebrated the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in gratitude to God. This was 56 years before the Puritan pilgrims of Massachusetts Squanto, the beloved hero of Thanksgiving at Plymouth Rock, was Catholic! He had been enslaved by the English but was freed by Spanish Franciscans, was baptized and became Catholic. So, it was a baptized Catholic Native American who orchestrated what became known as *Thanksgiving*.

And let everyone remember that "Thanksgiving" in Greek is Eucharista. This, the Body and Blood of Christ is the true "Thanksgiving Meal"



## Thank-you!:

The bulk mailing for Advent will take place on Monday and we were so fortunate to have a great group of ladies to help us complete this task. We are very fortunate to have people willing to give so freely of their time and talent when needed! *Thank-you Ladies!*

## Homebound Ministry Request:

We are looking for new or "like" new rosaries to give to our homebound and sick. We also accept new or "like" new 2-4 inch stand up crucifixes, brown scapulars, small prayer books and 2-4 inch religious statues. If you would like to receive one of these *free* items please call the Parish office at (989) 662-6861.

**Christ Homebound Ministry** wants to thank you for your donations.

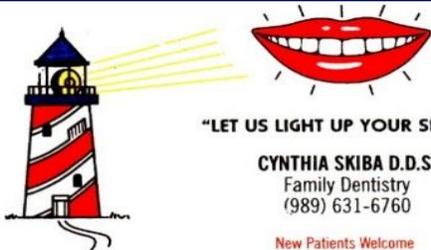
## PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

**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 !**

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.

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