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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. 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 **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.

WEEK OF JANUARY 20 , 2020

MONDAY

311:1 Sm 15:16-23 Ps 50:8-9, 16-17, 23 Mk 2:18-22

TUESDAY 8:00 am - Word and Communion

312:1 Sm 16:1-13 Ps 89:20-22, 27-28 Mk 2:23-28

WEDNESDAY 8:00 am - Mass

313:1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51 Ps 144:1b*2, 9-10 Mk 3:1-6

THURSDAY 8:00 am - Mass

314:1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7 Ps 56:2-3, 9-13 Mk 3:7-12

FRIDAY

315: 1 Sm 24:3-21 Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11 Mk 3:13-19

SATURDAY 4:30 p.m.- Mass

519:Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22 Ps 117:1-2 Mk 16:15-18

SUNDAY 9:30 a.m.- Mass

67: Is 8:23---9:3 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17 Mt4:12-23



EDUCATION / FORMATION

Family Talk Time *Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families*, Sara McGinnis Lee
How would you respond if someone asked you, "Whose disciple are you?"

Reflecting on the Word:

John the Baptist had already given up all that he owned, traveling around preaching repentance of sins. This day, when he was surrounded by his followers (the fruit of his work and sacrifice) he looked toward Jesus and sent them all to follow Jesus. John showed great humility as a witness to Christ, giving up every remnant of his accomplishments in the service of God. Like John, it is our call to direct our successes, achievements, and glory back to God, that we may make him known in all we do.



Living the Word:

The saints all witnessed to the glory and love of God by their lives. Like John, their words and action were directed to give glory to God. Look at the lives of two or three of your favorite saints. How did they witness to God? How did their lives give glory to God? Discuss some ways you can witness to God's love in your daily life.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Mon, Jan.20	6:30-8pm	Choir Practice
Tues. Jan.21	10:00 am	Scripture Study-(PC)
	6:30 pm	Sacramental Prep-(REC)
	6:30 pm	RCIA-(PC)
Thurs.Jan.23	6:30-7:30 pm	Youth RCIA-(RB)
Fri. Jan.24	5 pm	Wedding Rehearsal (Shann)
Sat. Jan.25	Open Enrollment for New Parishioners	
	1:30 pm	Wedding (Shann)
Sun. Jan.26	Open Enrollment for New Parishioners	
	Catholic Schools Week Begins	
	9:30 am	Nursery and CLOW
	10:45 am	Religious Ed

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



This past Friday marked the end of the second quarter. When I sit and think about it, I can't believe the year is halfway over. Time has flown by, and it is so humbling. When we look towards the last half of the year, I pray for continued focus on our studies and support toward the goal of creating a faith enriched atmosphere where students will be able experience Jesus.

The Gospel this week is talking about John the Baptist and the experience he had when he first encountered Jesus. He knew who Jesus was and what he was sent to earth for because of the Holy Spirit. Jesus is present in every person, but not always their actions. Treating people with respect and dignity is an important lesson we teach our children. While it isn't always easy to treat people how we want to be treated, it is the right and just think to do.

Eagle Palooza is three weeks away! This is a great fundraiser for our school, and it helps us to continue spreading Jesus' message to our children. If you have any questions about the event, or would like to help support our school further, feel free to contact the school office.

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$10,962 **Offering:** \$7,165.60

Children Good Deeds

...Listening to Daddy on the first try when getting dressed...
...Playing with my sister



We received the following donations *in memoriam* for: Ron Nowak (\$200), Gary Verbowski (\$150), and Jerome (Jerry) Knieper (\$1,240)

Funeral Thank-you...

The family of Ron Nowak would like to thank Fr. Tom, Sue, the choir, the funeral committee, and everyone who so generously donated food for Ron's funeral. We are so very appreciative. **"Ron may not have changed the world, but he changed everyone that knew him."**

Our sincere gratitude and thanks, *The Ron Nowak Family*

We would like to say **"THANK-YOU"** to the parishioners of St Gabriel for your very generous donations of food and toiletries last week-end. Even though the weather was less than perfect we still received many donations. Remember you can always drop off donations at the Parish Office at any time.



God Bless, Clark Switalski, Principal



Get your Scrip and Eagle Palooza tickets!

Eagle Palooza tickets for the chicken dinner (\$10) and raffle (\$5) will be available for purchase in the social hall after Mass on January 25th & 26th. Tickets are also available in the school office. We will also be selling SCRIP at this time. **Please stop by and help support our school!**

Those who are praying for snow, please stop!





**FROM
FR. TOM'S
DESK**

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Patricia Sanchez

Celebration

As “ordinary” time begins for another liturgical year as well as another calendar year, the attention of the assembly continues to focus on Jesus as the servant of God, empowered by God and sent by God to be the light and salvation of the nations. In today’s gospel, the Isaian Servant theme is reprised; like his fellow evangelists, John understood that the Servant’s mission was accomplished in Jesus.

While both Isaiah and John keep our eyes on the fact of Jesus’ being called and consecrated by God for the service of salvation, Paul, in the introduction to his Corinthian correspondence challenges his readers to turn their gaze inward. Like Christ, each of us has also been called by God and consecrated, i.e., set apart for service, set apart that we might set the world afire with the good news that *all* are loved and saved by God. Indeed, what has been said of God’s Servant must also be true of us. We, like the Isaian Servant and like Jesus, are to allow the glory of God to shine forth in us. By virtue of our baptism, which, you will recall, the early church described as the sacrament of *enlightenment or illumination*. We are, each of us, individually and together as a community to become light.

Reason for Hope:(Isaiah 49)

Celebration

This song is the second of the four servant songs attributed to the sixth-century B.C.E. Deutero-Isaiah, who shared his people’s exile in Babylonia. Like the others, the song we hear today was intended to offer hope to the Israelites. As interpreted by the prophets, their circumstances as exiles were the direct consequences of their political failures; the prophets also decried the people of Judah for falling short of the ethical, social and moral challenges demanded by their covenantal relationship with God. For that reason, their deliverance was not conceived of as a political victory but as reconciliation with a forgiving God who would restore them to their own land and way of life.

As grim as their situation was, the promises of God were always greater, and the fact that God always delivered on those promises was a source of comfort and strength. For that reason, during the exile and its aftermath, the atmosphere among the Jewish people was rife with messianic expectation, not necessarily for a servant who would suffer (see the third and fourth songs) but for someone who would restore Israel, be a light to the nations and extend God’s salvation to the ends of the earth.

Union in Christ: (1 Cor.1)

Celebration

Paul never ceased to remind his converts and his readers that their union *en Christo*, or “in Christ.” Was more important than any other relationship. A term he would use some 165 times in his correspondence, “in Christ” (v.2) signified a personal relationship with Christ that was so all encompassing that it empowered the believer to become *like* Christ. Being in Christ and being like Christ, the followers of Jesus have the potential to be transformed by Christ for the better. When lived out in the context of community, this process of transformation can be contagious. Community members can become, by their own good example, the impetus that challenges others to grow and change as well. Then, like a chain reaction, believers can become a catalyst for the transformation of all humankind.

Lamb of God: (John 1)

Celebration

As for the title Lamb of God, it seems to have been the evangelist’s intent that his readers call to mind three such lamb figures that were featured in their sacred literatures. First, the title recalled the paschal lamb; according to the tradition recorded in the book of Exodus (12:6-13). Second, the title recalled the figure of the Suffering Servant, described in the fourth song by Isaiah as an innocent, oppressed and condemned lamb who would give his life as an offering for sin (Isaiah 53:7-10). Finally, the title Lamb of God referenced the figure of a lamb featured in Jewish apocalyptic literature; though slain, this lamb conquered sin (Revelation 5:6), became the source of life-giving water (Revelation 7:17; 22:1) and ransomed humankind by its blood (Revelation 5:9). By featuring the Baptizer acclaiming Jesus as Lamb of God, the Johannine evangelist has offered his readers a full blown description of his saving mission, as the lamb by whose blood sinners are delivered from death, as the innocent one who has borne the guilt of the many and the victorious lamb who has forever conquered sin.

At every eucharistic liturgy, the praying assembly raises its collective voice and three times calls upon Jesus as Lamb of God. What John the Baptizer announced near the Jordan over two millennia ago, we continue to celebrate: Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away sin and who grants us peace. In his mercy and in that peace, we are privileged to live our lives, set apart by grace and set afire by love for the sake of the world and in the service of the word.

Share the Fire:

Patricia Sanchez, Celebration

In the cold mountain regions of northern India, where the temperatures can drop dangerously low, travelers are helped to keep warm in this way. They take a small vessel that contains burning coal and cover it up. They weave strings around it and after wrapping it in a cloth, carry it close to them. On one occasion, three men were traveling thus toward the sacred place of Amarnath. One of them saw several other travelers suffering with cold; so he took the coal out of his vessel and lit a fire so that everyone could get warm. Everyone left that place alive.

When it grew dark, the second man of the three took the burning coal out of his vessel and lit a torch with it. By its light, all could the path and all traveled on in safety. The third man of the party mocked the other two and said “You are fools, you have wasted your faire for the sake of others.”

“Show us your fire,” they said to him. When he broke open his vessel, there was no fire, no light, no warmth—only ashes and spent coal. With his fire, one had given warmth to others and another had given light. But the third man was selfish and kept the fire to himself. In the end, it was of no use, not even to him.

In the same way, It is God’s will that the fire of the Holy Spirit that we receive should give warmth and light to others and help them to be saved.



*“Lord, may your light shine,
through my good works”*

Congratulations !

*Julie Ann Woody &
Jordan Anthony
Wiergowski
Married this weekend here
at St Gabriel Parish.*



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



Thank-you! To everyone who donated to the Giving Tree for **Toni & Trish House**, the staff and volunteers would like to express how grateful they are for your thoughtfulness during the Christmas season. Your kindness is helpful throughout the year to help with guests and their families and is truly appreciated!



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.

Submit Photo: If you have a photo that you would like to use in the next directory please email it to the Parish Office at parishoffice@auburnac.org along with the full names of the people in the photo for correct identification. There is also a \$10. Fee and you do get a copy of the directory.

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	Burial of Cremains	\$ 150	\$ 175
	Saturday Burial	\$ 200 additional	\$ 200 additional
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