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**SCHOOL ENDOWMENT
 SPREADING THE SPIRIT FUND**

School Principal662-6431

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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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 27, 2020

MONDAY

317: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10 Ps 89:20-22, 25-26 Mk 3:22-30

TUESDAY 8:00 a.m. Word & Communion

318 :2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19 Ps 24:7-10 Mk3:31-35

WEDNESDAY 8:00 a.m. Mass

319: 2 Sm 7:4-17 Ps89:4-5, 27-30 Mk 4:1-20

THURSDAY 8:00 a.m. Mass

320: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29 Ps 132:1-5, 11-14 Mk 4:21-25

FRIDAY 9:00a.m. School Mass

321: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17 Ps 51:3-7, 10-11 Mk 4:26-34

SATURDAY 4:30 p.m. - Mass

322: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17 Ps 51:12-17 Mk 4:35-41

SUNDAY 9:30 a.m. - Mass

524: Mal 3:1-4 Ps 24:7-10 Heb 2:14-18 Lk 2:22-40



PARISH ACTIVITIES

Mon.,	1-27	Catholic Schools Week	
Tues.,	1-28	10 am	Scripture Study
		6:30-8 pm	RCIA(PC)
Sat.	2-1	11 am	Reconciliation
Sun	2-2	9:30 am	CLOW and Nursery
		10:45 am	Religious Ed

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$10,962.00 **Offering:** \$8,111.11

Children Good Deeds

- ...I helped my friend find something she lost...Making my bed...
- ... Helping a classmate clean up a mess...Reading to the dog...
- ...Shoveling snow...Holding the door for someone...
- ... I cleaned my dinner spot like a *superhero*...
- ...Listening to my parents when it was time to go...

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Catholic Schools Week is upon us! This is a great time to be grateful and proud of the community that has been created here at St. Gabriel's.

We have loving parishioners

who want to see our school succeed, a caring staff that wants to see the children learn and grow, and a solid Christ centered focus to help shape the hearts of our children. None of this could be possible without all our stake holders working together with unified vision, *God's vision*.

God had a vision and Jesus listened. He went to Galilee where the gentiles lived to bring light into the darkness. The light referred to the Holy Spirit. Jesus tells us that everyone that is open to the Holy Spirit should be able to receive the Holy Spirit. There are no boundaries to God's power, and I see it every day in the actions and faces of our students. As they look forward to Catholic Schools Week, please pray for continued success of our students and school and know that you always make a difference bringing light into the darkness by supporting our school.

God Bless, Clark Switalski, Principal



Get your Eagle Palooza tickets!

Eagle Palooza tickets for the chicken dinner (\$10) and raffle (\$5) are available at the school office. It is a great night out with dinner, dancing to live music, silent auction and a 50/50

drawing. **Thank-you for supporting our school!**

EDUCATION / FORMATION

Family Talk Time *Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families* : Sara McGinnis Lee

What are you struggling with right now in your life? How has Jesus been a light in your life? What does hope in Jesus mean to you?

Reflecting on the Word:

During the winter in North America, the days are short and hours in the dark are long. The world is full of suffering and death, wars and famines, poverty and addiction, violence and despair. It is easy to feel worn down by the darkness. But the light of God dawned upon the world at the darkest time of the year. Light and life and hope have arisen. Our hope was born in Bethlehem and he is still being born in our hearts and our lives, bringing light to dark places.

Living the Word:

Pray with your family. You can find the prayers of the day at www.iBreviary.org. Light candles to invoke a sense of reverence to your celebration. After your celebration of evening prayer, talk about your experience. What does it mean to say that Jesus is the light of the World? What are some ways that you can bring light to the dark places of the world?

Ponder the following stories...

1. *Once all the villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of the prayer, all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella. That is faith.*
2. *When you throw babies up in the air, they laugh because they know you will catch them. That is trust.*
3. *Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning, but still we set the alarm to wake up. That is hope.*
4. *We plan big things for tomorrow "in spite of" zero knowledge of the future. That is confidence*
5. *We see suffering, but still, we get married and have children. That is love..*
6. *On an old man's shirt was written "I am not 80 years old: I am sweet 16 with 64 years of experience." That is attitude.*

As a person of faith do you live your life like these stories?



Souper Bowl Collection of Caring:

Next weekend our parish youth will be collecting donations as you exit church.

These donations will go to *the East Side Soup Kitchen* which depends on the support of the community to continue making a positive impact.

This organization provides nutritious lunchtime meals Monday thru Friday with dignity and respect for all who come in the door. The kitchen also provides an After-School Meal to children at all recreation centers requesting service. Please consider donating to our youth's Souper Bowl collection.



➤ Why are the RCIA candidates dismissed at mass?

Studying the word of God is one of the best spiritual ways that candidates and catechumens can prepare for the Sacraments of Initiation. RCIA 82 states that the "Breaking open of the Word" has 4 main purposes for the catechumen and candidate.

- 1) *To implant in their hearts the teachings they are receiving*
- 2) *To give them instruction and experience in aspects & ways of prayer*
- 3) *To explain to them the signs, celebrations and seasons of the liturgy*
- 4) *To prepare them to enter the worship assembly of the community*

After the dismissal they do not leave .They discuss the scriptures for a deeper reflection on the Sunday readings and homily. This is where they receive their spiritual nourishment until they are fed the Eucharist.

Please Pray for our candidates: James Baker, Jason Clark, David DuRusha, Olivia Kramer and Jerry, Jessey and Zoey Hirsch



**FROM
FR. TOM'S
DESK**

Called to Serve (Matthew 4):

Celebration

To aid his efforts at being light and bringing light to Israel, to Judah and to all nations, Jesus called upon others to serve with him. First among those servant disciples were fishermen. Another leader, hoping to change hearts and lives, might have opted for a more influential and credentialed group of coworkers. Jesus could have called upon the glitterati of his world, whose fame would have attracted many a curious crowd. He could have tapped the learned for service; with their wisdom and knowledge of the law, these would have commanded the attention and respect of many. Jesus could also have taken his message to those whose political power and might would have assured its promulgation. But Jesus chose to follow the example of God, whose habit it was to choose the lowest and the least likely people in whom to work wonders of grace.

Follow the Light: Patricia Sanchez

Celebration

Today as we remember Jesus' wholehearted dedication to his mission and the initial call of the first disciples, let us also remember that that moment when first we were claimed by Christ and agreed to leave the darkness of sin behind in order to welcome his saving day. Regardless of how often we may slip back into the gloom, Jesus' call to discipleship will never be revoked. Regardless of how often the suffering and struggles of this world threaten to dim the radiance of our hope and the fire of our faith, Jesus will never fail us. So, let us leave all else behind and center our lives once again on the Light who dispels darkness and the Life who has vanquished death.

Follow the Light (2):

Celebration

Two bumbling burglars were trying to get over a garden wall. Without ladder or rope, they were unable to scale the tall stone structure. Then one man took out his flashlight and proposed shining the beam on the top of the wall so the other could climb up the shaft of light. "How dumb do you think I am?" said his partner, "I'd get halfway up, and you would turn the light off!"

Isaiah envisions God's promise appearing like a light shining on a people covered in darkness. Jesus is that light. Our challenge is to trust that what he has called us to do in this world is in fact possible with faith. He will not abandon us halfway up, and his light, though it may seem at times so fragile that we have conjured it up ourselves, is true and dependable.

Our Response?:

Grace Works, Dallas TX.

It is not enough to be willing to leave a settled way of life. Jesus also called the disciples, as he calls us all still, to take up a new way. He called them to follow him. There was no magic power in this simple call, for the gospels tell of others who heard this exact same call from Jesus who turned him down flat. No, these fishermen were not put in a trance, or under a spell, by Jesus. He simply called them to change their plans, to exchange all they knew for a journey without maps, to follow him toward a horizon that offered both sacrifice and joy. And in that step toward his call, those simple fishermen stepped into the forefront of the most sweeping change in human history. No one who makes a difference in life can do so from the comfort and safety of the status quo. There must be some leap of faith, for progress to happen. As in baseball. You can't steal second while keeping your foot on first.

And so, these men followed Jesus and with that step they entered a lifetime of motion. Following involves action, daring, movement. It is not the sedentary. Following is the opposite of sloth. "Follow me," Jesus said. And they did. So here is the question: will we?

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sr. Mary McGlone

National Catholic Reporter

According to Matthew, Jesus began his ministry on behalf of the kingdom by preaching metanoia, a concept often translated as repentance. English doesn't have a word strong enough to translate metanoia—perhaps our religion has become too tame to imagine it. Metanoia is nothing short of revolutionary change of outlook. It could be compared to the difference between seeing things in two or three dimensions: One perceives every relationship differently as a result of metanoia.

One biblical image of metanoia would be St. Paul's mind-blowing transformation on the road to Damascus. In that incident, Paul, the persecuting preacher, became a missionary and martyr for the faith of his former victims.

More common is what happened to the disciples Jesus invited to leave their boats to follow him. They dropped everything at the invitation, but from that moment until the day of his resurrection, Jesus had to cajole, tutor and sometimes outright denounce their behavior in his efforts to transform them into disciples who could carry forth his mission. Their metanoia was a process, not a once-for-all miracle.

Most of us are more like the disciples than like Paul. Even with that, the majority of us aren't called to leave everything behind, but rather to let our daily life go through the gradual transformations that can turn every profession, every job, and all our relationships into experiences of the kingdom of heaven.

Let Your Light Shine: (Isaiah 8):

Celebration

Followers of Jesus believe that Isaiah's promises were fulfilled in his coming. This belief is celebrated in the midnight liturgy for Christmas; the Isaiah oracle proclaims that in the birth of Jesus, a new light has come. As the light who shone in the darkness of human struggle, Jesus' birth could be likened to the dawn of a new day of peace, justice and truth. This belief is given a voice in today's Gospel by the Matthean evangelist, who understood that the beginning of Jesus' public ministry signaled the end of the era of darkness and the birth of a new age of the reign of God.

These two great moments—Jesus' birth and the beginning of his saving mission—are integral aspects of the Christ-event. The consequences of this saving event continue to be felt in the world through the efforts of Jesus' followers. Baptized into his life, death and resurrection, believers are called to be light for others. It remains our choice whether to answer that call or not.

One in Christ (1 Corinthians 1)

Celebration

With only a little imagination, 21st-century believers may see a reflection of themselves in that early Corinthian community. We are not one but many Christian churches, each one claiming the prerogative of authenticity and therefore of importance over all others. While there may be tolerance among some or mutual acceptance among others, there is also an unfortunate lack of such things that bear witness not to Christ but to human pride and parochialism. If Paul were to address the church today, he might call us out for insisting, "I belong to Luther" or "I belong to Calvin" or "to Wesley" or "to the new pope." For this reason, Paul's words remain relevant in their challenge for us to find, retain and respect our unity in Christ. Others may lead us to Christ, and we are grateful for their part in God's plan, but in the end, our allegiance and our faith must find its source and center in Jesus Christ.



Congratulations!
*Kendra Shann &
Jonathan Robbins*
*Married this week-end 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



Employment Opportunity!

The school is looking to hire an administrative assistant for Auburn Area Catholic School for the 20-21 school year. This is a fulltime position within the school year. Must be a well-organized multi-tasker, proficient in Word, Excel and Publisher and have good inter/intra-personal skills with children and adults. See the school office or parish center for a complete job description.



PICTORIAL DIRECTORY NEWS

Unfortunately, we were unable to get enough appointments to schedule another photo session. So those of you who did not get your picture taken will have to submit a photo to the Parish Office of your choosing or use your photo from the last 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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Burial	\$ 650	\$ 850
Burial of Cremains	\$ 150	\$ 175
Saturday Burial	\$ 200 additional	\$ 200 additional
Foundation	\$ 0.40 per sq. inch	\$ 0.40 per sq. inch

Contact St. Gabriel Parish Office at 989-662-6861

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