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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 evening activities will be announced by 3:00 PM. Closures will be posted on TV: NBC 25, ABC 12, CBS 5.

EDUCATION / FORMATION

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 3, 2020

MONDAY

323: 2Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13 Ps 3:2-7 Mk 5:1-20

TUESDAY 8:00 am - Word and Communion

324: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30---19:3 Ps 86:1-6 Mk 5:21-43

WEDNESDAY 8:00 am - Mass

325: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17 Ps 32:1-2, 5-7 Mk6:1-6

THURSDAY 8:00 am - Mass

326: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12 (Ps) 1 Chr 29:10-12 Mk 6:7-13

FRIDAY

327: Sir 47:2-11 Ps 18:31, 47, 50-51 Mk 6:14-29

SATURDAY 4:30 p.m.- Mass

328: 1 Kgs 3:4-13 Ps 119:9-14 Mk 6:30-34

SUNDAY 9:30 a.m.- Mass

73: Is58:7-10 Ps112:4-9 1 Cor 2:1-5 Mt 5:13-16



PARISH ACTIVITIES

Tues. Feb.4	10:00 am	Scripture Study
Thurs .Feb.6	6:30-7:30 pm	Youth RCIA-(RB)
Sat. Feb.8	4:30 pm	Mass, Corporate Communion K of C
	8 pm	Eagle Palooza! @ Williams Twp. Hall
		Coffee & Donuts Weekend
		Food Pantry Weekend
Sun. Feb.9	9:30 am	Nursery and CLOW
	10:45 am	Religious Ed
	6 pm	Youth Ministry-(RB)

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$10,962 **Offering:** \$7,633

Children Good Deeds

- ...At a funeral I wanted to stay in the back, but I went to the service...
- ...Played with my dog Tucker for an hour or 2...
- ...Helped carry groceries...Helped Mom with Dad's birthday...
- ...Behaving for my Uncles when they were babysitting...
- ...Reading...I played with my sister...
- ...I played by myself when my sister did her homework...

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.

Corporate Communion Mass



The Eugene A. Forbes Council #3590 will have a Corporate Communion Mass for our members on Saturday February 8th at St Gabriel Parish 4:30pm mass. We will be sponsoring the coffee and donuts after both masses that weekend. If any man in the parish would like to know more about the Knights of Columbus please ask a member after mass or call 989-859-8504. You can also look us up online at www.kofc.org/joinus. Thank-you, Ed Piotrowski

Family Talk Time *Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families*, Sara McGinnis Lee
How was Simeon changed by his encounter with baby Jesus? Have you ever been changed by an encounter with God?

Reflecting on the Word:

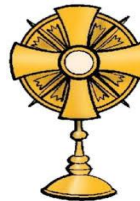
Simeon speaks of the longing all human hearts. As St. Augustine expressed it, "Our hearts are restless until they rest in [God]" Upon setting eyes on the infant Jesus, Simeon's longing is put to rest. He saw the light, Jesus Christ, and saw everything about his life, the world, and his destiny. So, too, is it our destiny to meet God face to face, to look into the light, which illumines every darkness of sin and fear and death. In God, we find the peace that the world cannot provide.



Baptism Preparation Sessions:

First time parent classes will be: February 6th or April 2nd @ 7 pm at the Parish Center. For those parents who have already attended a session, prep will be: March 5th or May 7th @ 7 pm at the Parish Center. Contact Sandy at (989) 6624335 or sdesjardins@auburnac.org to register for a prep session and set your celebration date.

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



This past week we wrapped up Catholic Schools Week. It was a lot of fun and also faith filled, with our 4th and 5th graders sharing some adoration time with Bishop Gruss. The idea of sharing our faith and continuing to build community is why Catholic School is special. This next week, we will kick off our major fundraiser, *Eagle Palooza*, at Williams Township Hall. Every dollar raised will help ensure we can continue to provide a quality education where faith is the center of our conversations.

On February 12, 2020 the school will hold an *Open House* for prospective families with children preschool through 5th grade. If you know anyone in search of a quality, Christ-centered education, please pick up a flyer from the tables and pass them on! We would love to show them our school community! Check out our website for more information www.auburnacschool.org

Going into the community is what is being discussed in the Gospel this week. Jesus is presented at temple, which is a custom in the Jewish faith, where he meets Simeon and Anna, these individuals have been told by God that the savior will come. Unsure of when that is, they both immediately recognize Jesus as the Savior. I have talked many times about seeing Jesus in others, and this can be difficult. When people are angry, upset, or holding onto grudges it can be very difficult to see Jesus, but still we need to try.

✠ **God Bless, Clark Switalski, Principal**



Open House

Wednesday, February 12th 6 pm
Preschool, Jr. Kindergarten, K-5th
 St Gabriel Parish Social Hall

*For more details see the flyer on the last page



beings sinned, death became an inevitable part of life until it was vanquished by Jesus.

Earlier in Chapter 2 of Hebrews, the author referred to Jesus as the leader or pioneer of our salvation (v.10). In his capacity as a pioneer, he has struck the trail we are to follow. As our liberator and our leader, we celebrate Jesus today and present ourselves to him as he was presented to God. There, in God's presence, standing with Jesus, we will be graced with all we need to adhere faithfully to the path he traveled before us.

Special Feast: Presentation of the Lord

Mary M. McGlone

National Catholic Reporter

The presentation of Jesus in the Temple was a bit like our baptisms. This was the formal dedication of a firstborn boy to the God who gave him life. Like baptism, it symbolizes the child's consecration as a part of a people of faith moving toward God.

In our traditions, some families bring the baby dressed in a gown that has passed through the clan, symbolizing ties of faith that link families and generations. Beginning with that gown, the signs of light, the anointing, and passing through the water all symbolize dimensions of the Christian life into which the child is being introduced.

Luke's description of what happened when Joseph and Mary brought Jesus to the Temple is full of symbolism and mystery. Prophets like Malachi had promised that the Lord would one day come to the Temple with a power no one could withstand. Luke's story reveals that only saintly seniors recognize the divine visitation in the guise of the infant child of poor, simply parents.

Luke put everything together in this one scene: The parents were fulfilling the law; God appeared in the Temple; the prophets had predicted the coming; the elders celebrated the event. The scene summarized the mystery of God's presence among us: the law, the prophets, tradition and the Temple.

No matter our starting point, the feast of the Presentation of the Lord invites us to recognize God's fledgling appearances in our world, to marvel at the mystery and to dedicate ourselves to nurturing it.

Openness: (Malachi 3)

Celebration

The prophet counseled his people to ready themselves for the Day of the Lord. Like Amos before him, Malachi described the coming Day of the Lord in terms of purification and judgement. First, a messenger would appear to prepare the way for the Lord. Although the editor of Malachi believed that the prophet was himself the messenger, later traditions assigned the preparatory mission of the messenger to Elijah.

Christians, of course, believe that the role of the messenger promised by the fifth-century prophet was fulfilled in the person and through the mission of John the Baptizer. He prepared the way for Jesus' appearance by calling his contemporaries to prayer and repentance. Christians also recognize that in Jesus' presentation in the Temple, and in his action of cleansing the Temple, he fulfilled Malachi's promises that the Lord would come suddenly to the Temple. Christians also believe that through baptism, each of us becomes a temple, a holy place where the Lord chooses to dwell.

When the Lord comes suddenly to your temple and to mine, what will he find? Will there be room for him? Will we recognize him? Will we welcome him with joy, or will we hang our head in shame? He is coming...he is already here. We, for our part, are to listen to the messengers who are sent among us to prepare his way.

Follow the Leader: (Hebrews 2)

Celebration

Just as humans are flesh and blood (v.14), so did Jesus willingly take on the human condition, even to the point of embracing death so that he might destroy death and its author, the devil. Hellenistic Judaism associated death with the devil and contended that death was not originally part of God's plan for humankind. However, when human

Our Elders: (Luke 2)

Celebration

Simeon is described by Luke as a just and pious man; Anna, too, was very faithful and devout. Together, they were representative of those righteous, true Israelites who were humble enough to recognize Jesus as the promised Messiah. Simeon's double pronouncement also casts him in the role of aged sentinel whose long watch has ended with the appearance of Jesus at the Temple. In Simeon's first pronouncement, traditionally known as the *Nunc Dimittis*, the universal scope of Jesus' mission was affirmed in Isaian terms: "in the sight of all the peoples," "a light of revelation to the Gentiles" (Isa 52:9-10; 49:6, 46:13, 40:5)

Simeon's second announcement, directed at Mary, was more ominous. Describing her son as a sign that will be rejected, Simeon's oracle indicated the manner-in-which Jesus' salvific mission would be accomplished. Notice that Luke has placed "fall" or "downfall" before "rise"; some have understood this as a reference to the passion and death of Jesus (fall) that proceeded his resurrection and glorification (rise). The term rise is used elsewhere in the Gospel to describe the action of rising from the dead

Our Presentation:

Celebration

As we celebrate this feast, let us present ourselves to God, as Jesus did offering all we are, all we have and all we will become; let us, like Jesus, be willing to go forth from this place determined to be a source of light and healing in an often dark, broken world. Let us grow strong and wise, knowing that the favor of God rests upon us (Luke 2:40).

Our Purpose:

Grace Works, Dallas Texas

We gather in this place where the scriptures are read, the word proclaimed, and the sacraments given to say with one voice that God is among us. In Christ, God is beneath us and over us, behind us and before us, with us and within us. Live in his presence always and we will find new joy in living.

"Lord, may I present you to others"



As I indicated in the pastoral letter that accompanied the annual statement of church contributions, I have contacted those who have contributed little or nothing to the church in 2019. I have asked them to inform me of their current status with the parish. We do not simply drop people from parish membership. We challenge them to become active in church attendance and church support. If they are not willing, it is they who decide their status with respect to membership.

Help Stock the Food Pantry:



The following is a list of the requests for the food pantry :

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| Dry Cereal | Bar / Hand Soap |
| Laundry Detergent | Toothbrushes |
| Instant Potatoes | Mouthwash |

Please bring your donations to church next weekend, February 8th and 9th.
Thank-you in advance!

Fish Fry and Bake Sale! The Auburn K of C at 4760 Garfield Rd will be having a fish fry and bake sale on February 7th from 2:30-7pm. This is a TAKE-OUT ONLY dinner , no buffet, but take-outs can be eaten on site. The cost is \$10.00 with proceeds going to our seminarians. All are welcome!



PICTORIAL DIRECTORY NEWS

Unfortunately, we were unable to get enough appointments to schedule another photo session. So those 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 notify Lifetouch to retrieve your archived photo. For questions or concerns call the Parish Office at 662-6861.

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4485 S. Eleven Mile Rd., Auburn

COLUMBARIUM	Parishioner	Non-Parishioner
Single (1 Urn)	\$1,000	\$1,500
Double (2 Urns)	\$1,400	\$1,750
Inurnment	\$ 250 per niche	\$ 300 per niche
CEMETERY	Parishioner	Non-Parishioner
Plot	\$ 500	\$1,200
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

Prices Effective July 1, 2019

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Come check us out!



OPEN HOUSE

Wed. Feb 12, 2020

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