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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 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend each month. Must be active, registered member of parish family. Contact Sandy DesJardins at 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. Check our website, MyParish app, or Facebook page for up-to-date information.



## FROM FR. TOM'S DESK

### **Fifteenth Sunday (Ordinary Time)** Patricia Sanchez, [Celebration](#)

In today's Gospel, Jesus invites us to find the presence of God in one another. Through the parable of the Samaritan who proved himself to be good, believers are taught to seek out the presence of God not only in those we love, respect, and admire, but also – and especially – in the poor and victimized.

The priest who saw the victim and passed him by was probably thinking about God. Perhaps he was on his way to pray in the synagogue in Jericho or in the temple in Jerusalem. To enter those holy places, the priest could not be ritually defiled by a man who was bloody or maybe even dead. So it was with the Levite. Rather than risk his own holiness, he, like the priest, passed by on the opposite side of the road. We cannot judge their motives; we can only allow their actions to remind us of the times we may have acted similarly.

There were no such excuses offered by the protagonist of Luke's parable. He was a Samaritan, hated by Jews and avoided at all costs. Nevertheless, he showed himself a friend to the man who had been victimized. With mercy, he tended the man; with great generosity, he provided for his care while he recouped his strength. He is the one whom Jesus held out in response to the question "And who is my neighbor?"

While we may agree that, on the intellectual level, all others are our neighbors and that we will find God by ministering to them, there is still the considerable challenge of acting on this conviction. "You have only to carry it out," said the Deuteronomist (first reading). "Go and do likewise," said Jesus to his disciples. As these words are repeated today in our hearing, we too are charged: Go and do likewise to all people, without bias or hesitation.

Who is my neighbor? Who is *not* my neighbor?!

### **Close at Hand (Deuteronomy 30)** [Celebration](#)

We might understand this reading as Moses' down-to-earth summary of the law. In the past, Moses heard the thundering voice of God, and his people were terrified by the signs and wonders they saw. But those events were extraordinary. Human beings wouldn't accomplish anything if such extraordinary occurrences were their daily fare. Moses wanted his people to understand that ordinary life was where they could live in God's grace.

For some, Moses' message is a comfort. But for many — in our own time as well as in Moses' day — the message presents an enigmatic combination of disillusionment and challenge. We can be disillusioned because we want our religion to be difficult, extraordinary, and otherworldly. The thought that saints without halos live on our block deflates our fascination with awe and mystery. We prefer saints with the stigmata to firefighters injured on the job.

Moses debunks those attitudes. God's law is not up in the sky so that you have to be a mystic astronomer to understand it. It is not across some sea so that we have to get an ecclesial passport and take a cruise to find it. "No," Moses admonishes them, essentially saying, "God's ways are in your very bones. It is your nature as a human to live the way God intended. You just tend to distort it in ways you think will make you content, but end up bringing misery to you and those around you."

### **The Father's Revelation (Colossians 1)** [Celebration](#)

Having begun with a meditation on the Cosmic Christ, Paul turns around and underlines Jesus' saving activity as the revealer of God's reconciling love, a love demonstrated through the cross and resurrection. Paul knows that the cross is the most iconoclastic self-revelation God can offer a humanity perennially prone to self-aggrandizement. Thus, Paul underlines the idea that the fullness of divinity dwelt in the crucified and risen Christ. The Gospel of John communicates this idea by showing us Jesus, the Master and Lord, washing the feet of the disciples.

The hymn to Christ that we hear today encourages us to wonder and marvel at God's astonishing revelation of godliness. The two dimensions of the hymn converge to balance one another in our imagination. When we think of the grandeur of the creator of the universe, this hymn reminds us that Christ revealed divine love in vulnerable self-giving. When we contemplate the crucified Jesus, we see him in the light of the Christ, who holds all creation together from the beginning. Allowing these images to illumine one another, we contemplate the truth that in God all things are possible.

### **Called to Action (Luke 10)** [Celebration](#)

Jesus affirmed the lawyer's answer, and their agreement on the requirements of the commands set the stage for the next question. Deuteronomy specifically called on God's people to love their own. (The etymology of the word neighbor in English and Latin-based languages refers specifically to those who are nearby, implying that we should care for those we hang out with.) Jesus' story challenges that narrow interpretation. He suggests that the neighbor is anyone we see who is in need.

This presents an almost overwhelming challenge in an age of global communications. How are we to respond to all the needs we can see today? The Samaritan exhibited two essential qualities that made him a true neighbor. First, he saw the injured man as one like himself. Not knowing his name, faith or past reputation, he saw him simply as a brother in need. Secondly, the Samaritan saw his own possessions and time as potential gifts rather than treasures to be guarded. When we see the needs of our global neighbors, the first thing necessary is to remember that we are all part of the same family and to allow that to discomfort us. Then, with the weight of the neighbor in our heart, we can assess what we have in goods, talent, influence, etc. that we can use to make a difference for the ones in need. We can't do it all, but doing something makes all the difference to the ones we touch. Such action is the most striking way to proclaim the Gospel.

### **Acting with Compassion** Megan Black, [Celebration](#)

When Jesus says that the Samaritan was "moved" with compassion to treat the neighbor as himself, he implicitly suggests that many of us may feel compassion without being moved to action by it, as the priest and the Levite likely were. We feel compassion from a distance, with our social status, privileges, self-concern, and platitudes serving as buffers that protect our pain from other people's pain.

But the Samaritan was so present to his own vulnerability, his own limitations, his own deep dependence on the mercy and goodwill of others that he was able to feel the victim's pain as his own, and his feeling of compassion became a radical act of solidarity and kinship.

The Scriptures tell us time and again that we must love our neighbor as ourselves, and in this Gospel story, Jesus suggests to us that in order to do this, we must be willing to look past our titles, uniforms, masks, and responsibilities to *see ourselves* in our neighbors.

*"May we act, Lord, in time of need."*

## WEEK OF JULY 14, 2019

### MONDAY

Ex 1:8-14, 22 Ps 124:1-8 Mt 10:34-11:1 Eph 3:14-19 Mt 23:8-12

### TUESDAY

Ex 2:1-15 Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34 Mt 11:20-24

### WEDNESDAY

Ex 3:1-6, 9-12 Ps 103:1-4, 6-7 Mt 11:25-27

### THURSDAY

Ex 3:13-20 Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9, 24-27 Mt 11:28-30

### FRIDAY

Ex 11:10-12, 14 Ps 116:12-13, 15-18 Mt 12:1-8

### SATURDAY 4:30pm - Mass

Ex 12:37-42 Ps 136:1, 23-24, 10-15 Mt 12:14-21

### SUNDAY 9:30am - Mass

Gn 18:1-10 Ps 15:2-5 Col 1:24-28 Lk 10:38-42



## UPCOMING

JULY – No Daily Masses

JULY 29-AUGUST 1 – Monday-Thursday – 9:00am-12:00noon

**Vacation Bible School** – East Campus

JULY 29-AUGUST 2 – Monday-Friday – 2:00-9:00pm

**Pictorial Directory Photo Sessions by Appointment**

SEPTEMBER 8 – Sunday – 12:00-4:00pm – East Campus

**Parish Picnic**

## MISSION CO-OP

Thanks to Father Gavin Atkins of the Francis de Sales Community for participating in the missionary cooperative. May we be generous in supporting the Franciscans' activities. There is an envelope in the packet for this purpose. Donations may be made over the next few weeks.

## PICTORIAL DIRECTORY IS YOUR APPOINTMENT SCHEDULED?

A letter announcing our new fellowship Pictorial Directory has been sent to members' homes. We are encouraging 100% participation.

Lifetouch is providing the Directory at no cost to our parish. Plus, every family photographed receives a complimentary Directory and 8x10" portrait, with no sitting fee.

All photography and portrait viewing will take place at our West Campus (St. Anthony Church). A variety of poses will be taken – you will make one selection for the Directory. In addition to your complimentary 8x10" portrait, you will have the opportunity to purchase portraits on the day of your session, though you are under no obligation to do so.

Please be sure to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to be professionally photographed and included in our new St. Gabriel Parish family album. **To schedule your appointment, call the Parish Office at 662-6861 (Monday-Friday 8:30-4:30) or click the link within our [auburnac.org](http://auburnac.org) website or myParish App.**

### APPOINTMENT SCHEDULE

July 29–August 2 (Monday through Friday): 2:00pm-9:00pm

October 8-10 (Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday): 2:00pm-9:00pm

October 12 (Saturday): 9:00am-3:00pm

Remember, this enjoyable and useful tool for our parish is not complete without YOU.

## EDUCATION/FORMATION

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

Where do you expect goodness to occur?

**Reflecting on the Word:** Three people come upon a suffering man and only the Samaritan is moved with compassion. The priest and the Levite may have had good reason to cross to the other side of the road, for they needed to keep clean for worship. But for right worship, the Lord demands justice and mercy. The Samaritan, who is looked down upon for worshipping at a place other than the Temple, shows the face of God to this nearly dead man.

**Living the Word:** Life is full of surprises. As a family, make a list of people that have caused hurt or pain in your life. Then, next to the names, write a list of good things that they have done. Give thanks for those good things, then pray for healing and growth in you and them to rectify the pain they have caused in your life. Help often comes from those that we least expect to provide it.

## AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

- **Thank You!** A HUGE thank you to everyone who volunteered to help with the Corn Fest Parade this weekend. Your time and energy are very much appreciated!
- **Registration:** For more information or to schedule a tour, call the School Office at 662-6431. Registration packets are on the school's bulletin board. You may also contact Mr. Switalski at [cswitalski@auburnac.org](mailto:cswitalski@auburnac.org) or view our website, under Registration at [www.auburnacschool.org](http://www.auburnacschool.org)
- **Reminder to Current Families:** Please return your enrollment packets as soon as possible. You may drop off the packets at the Parish Office (Mon.-Fri. 8:30-4:30), mail, or place them in the box across from the School Office. The office staff would like to complete as many tasks as possible before Curriculum Night in August.

## STEWARDSHIP

**Weekly Target: \$10,962**

**Offering: \$9,775**

**Mission Co-Op: \$901**

### Children G@od Deeds

...Helping with a rummage sale and babysitting for 2 days

...I apologized to my Mom when I made a bad choice

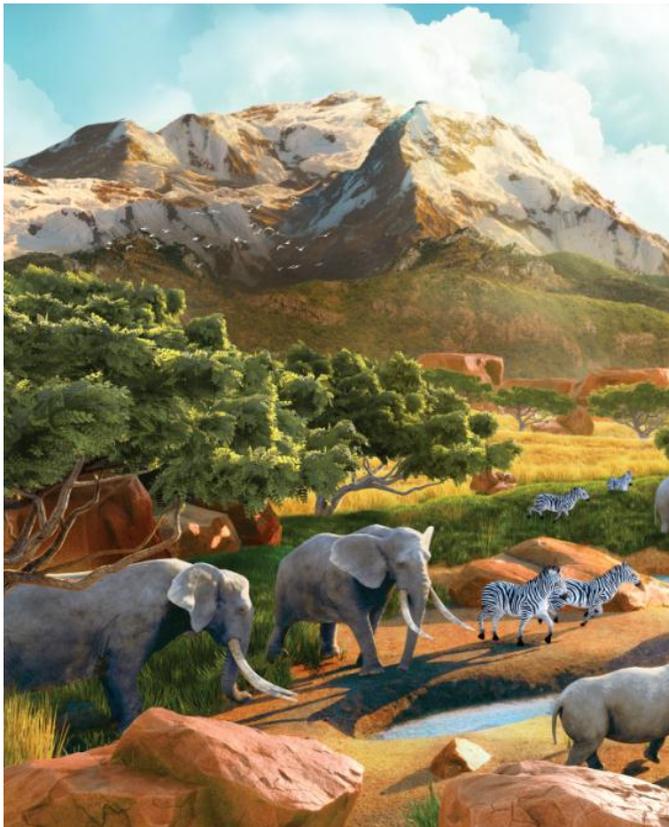
May God continue to bless...

the love in your hearts and your life together  
with deepening faith.



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

July 2	59 Years	Ronald & Phyllis Gerulski
	28	Daniel & Kayla Schick
July 6	56	Michael & Patricia Parent
	34	Frederick & Karen Berg
July 7	24	John & Kathy Tanner
	9	Mark & Lisa Stefaniak
July 10	54	Les & Rebecca Houck
	54	Marziano & JoAnne Ragnone
	9	Joshua & Kim Grocholski
July 12	34	Joseph & Karen Barcia
	22	Patrick & Regina Burke
July 14	40	Joseph & Linda Krengielski



Bring your friends and neighbors!

Everyone is welcome!  
Register today!

**Vacation Bible School ~ July 29-August 1**  
**“ROAR! Life is Wild 🐾 God is Good”**

This epic African adventure engages the whole herd. At ROAR, kids explore God's goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life. Daily activities include music, Bible stories, KidVid Cinema, games, and a snack. Join us Monday through Thursday from 9:00am to 12:00noon. Registration fee is \$12 per child/\$30 per family. Registration forms are available at both entrances. Everyone is welcome to come join in the fun!

**ROAR!** **REQUESTING VOLUNTEERS**  
**MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH**

Your help is needed at Vacation Bible School on **July 29–August 1** (Monday through Thursday) from 9:00am to 12:00noon. It's a great fun opportunity to get service hours! Volunteer forms are available at the school entrance.

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Prices Effective July 1, 2019

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<b>COLUMBARIUM</b>		
Single (1 Urn)	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,500
Double (2 Urns)	\$ 1,400	\$ 1,750
Inurnment	\$ 250 per niche	\$ 300 per niche
<b>CEMETERY</b>		
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

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