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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 2nd 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 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. Check our website, MyParish app, or Facebook page for up-to-date information.



FROM FR. TOM'S DESK

Sixteenth Sunday (Ordinary Time) Sister Mary McGlone, [Celebration](#)

Jesus lived a very active life — moving from town to town, being a thorn in the side to Pharisees, eating with anyone who invited him, and often saying provocative things while at table. Matthew, Mark, and Luke also portray him escaping to pray alone. But even when he tried to escape for time with the disciples, he abandoned their retreat time to respond to the crowds that sought them out. How does his lifestyle help us understand his conversation with Martha?

Martha wanted Jesus to tell her sister to get to work, but Jesus says nothing to Mary. Instead, he notes how harried Martha is. She had taken the bold step of inviting Jesus into her home, and she was concerned to fulfill what Jesus expected of those who received missionaries — to give him a place to stay and something to eat. When Jesus sent his disciples out on mission, he told them to share their peace, to stay with anyone who received them, and to eat whatever was served. Martha invited Jesus, but quickly became “burdened with much serving.” The one thing she lacked was the psychic space to receive his peace — and that’s what tranquil Mary seemed to be soaking up at his feet.

Jesus had accepted Martha’s invitation, and it seemed that what he wanted in a meal from her was real presence — the one thing she was too busy to give. Faith tells us that Christ is present to us in word and sacrament. Today’s Gospel reminds us that Christ’s presence means little if we stay too busy to soak it in. We, too, are called to real presence...in our prayer and with everyone we meet.

Sarah’s Response (Genesis 18) [Celebration](#)

Unfortunately, the Lectionary skips over the details of Sarah’s story (Genesis 18:10-15). Those verses go on to explain that while the men visited, Sarah was sitting inside the tent where she could hear everything. Perhaps the visitors had not yet seen her, but the promise of her pregnancy sent her into a fit of laughter that caught their attention.

This little scene offers a commentary on faith. Sarah represents humanity who, upon hearing God’s ridiculous promises, laughs out loud. The laughter is not mocking, but incredulous; God’s promises are beyond human expectations and potential. When Sarah denies having giggled, the spokesman doesn’t take her to task, but simply assures the couple that nothing is too marvelous for the Lord to do. When we hear this reading in conjunction with today’s Gospel, the combination invites us to reflect on hospitality, on generosity, on faith, and on the fact that God will never be outdone in bestowing lavish love.

Follow the Leader (Colossians 1) [Celebration](#)

When Paul says, “I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake,” he wants the Colossians to understand that nothing he must go through compares to his joy and fulfillment in bringing the Gospel to them. Paul has no qualms about admitting what Jesus told his disciples — if the Christ must suffer, his followers can expect to follow suit.

This is a particularly poignant message because Paul is writing from prison. We don’t know the extent of his sufferings there, but what we know of him assures us that being immobilized and prevented from traveling and preaching would have caused Paul great anguish. However, Paul is not looking for sympathy. Rather, he uses his own suffering as a sign that faith in Christ is no free ride to glory; it promises

a share in his passion. Most of all, Paul believes that suffering, his for their sake and theirs for the sake of others, participates in the good that Christ’s suffering brings to humankind.

In the Middle Stands Virtue (Luke 10) [Celebration](#)

The tension portrayed in this story has not disappeared. Some disciples strive to attend to all the details — the hungry need food and the refugees need shelter. At the same time, the tasks of diakonia, the constant commitment to respond to the needs of others, can become so burdensome that we lose touch with Christ and the Gospel for whom we started it all.

There is no single correct interpretation of the story of Martha and Mary. It seems that Luke sandwiched it between the story of the generous Samaritan and Jesus’ teaching on prayer to indicate that the tension itself is important. Martha and Mary both chose the good, but there can be too much of a good thing. Christian disciples must continually seek the balance.

Hospitality Mary K. Whitacre, [Celebration](#)

Radical hospitality was a special hallmark of this family. Certainly, Jesus’ response to Martha’s complaint wasn’t implying it’s better to sit around while others do all the work. Could it be that Jesus was neither trying to admonish Martha for fretting over the dinner nor accusing Mary of being lazy? Maybe it was not about either/or, but more of a both/and. It sounds like Jesus was thanking them both for their unique expressions of love and recognizing that love has more than one right way. In a world that too often used or abused Jesus’ generosity, together both Martha’s and Mary’s styles of hospitality wrapped Jesus in a graced hug and made him feel special.

Help me, Lord, recognize the value of another.

“Give me your poor, your tired...” Rev. Lawrence Mick, [Celebration](#)

A view that sees immigrants as only a problem or a burden or a threat is simply false. Immigrants have enriched the United States and other countries in countless ways in every generation. Sure, there are a few bad actors in any group, but crime by immigrants is less frequent than crime perpetrated by longtime residents. Immigrants bring personal gifts and the gifts of their differing cultures. They keep society vibrant and creative. In most developed countries, immigrants are essential to the future, as birth rates no longer sustain current populations. We need workers and we need new citizens. Hospitality applies not just to church on Sunday but to our neighborhoods and cities, as well as to our regions, states, and countries. Fearmongering and hatred should have no place among those who claim to follow Christ.

Finding the Balance [GraceWorks](#), Dallas, Texas

There is probably a bit of Martha and Mary in each of us. Which one is your most prominent character feature? If you are a Mary most of the time, it is important to remember the Parable of the Good Samaritan that is told just before this story in scripture. At some point, we all must get off the floor where we have been hearing the words of Jesus and put them into concrete action. The work of the kitchen, the service and action for God and neighbor, is sacred and important. But if you are a Martha most of the time, remember that taking a break, recharging your batteries, taking care of your own soul, and spending quiet time at the feet of Jesus is just as important as one’s work and accomplishments for the Kingdom. To fail in that balance is to risk becoming weary in well-doing and to become angry and bitter in the very service that was meant to bring you, and the world, deep joy.

WEEK OF JULY 21, 2019

MONDAY

Sg 3:1-4 or 2 Cor 5:14-17 Ps 63:2-6, 8-9 Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

TUESDAY

Ex 14:21-15:1 Ex 15:8-10, 12, 17 Mt 12:46-50

WEDNESDAY

Ex 16:1-5, 9-15 Ps 78:18-19, 23-28 Mt 13:1-9

THURSDAY

2 Cor 4:7-15 Ps 126:1-6 Mt 20:20-28

FRIDAY

Ex 20:1-17 Ps 19:8-11 Mt 13:18-23

SATURDAY 4:30pm - Mass

Ex 24:3-8 Ps 50:1-2, 5-6, 14-15 Mt 13:24-30

SUNDAY 9:30am - Mass

Gn 18:20-32 Ps 138:1-3, 6-8 Col 2:12-14 Lk 11:1-13



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 – West Campus
Pictorial Directory Photo Sessions by Appointment

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

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

To schedule your appointment, call the Parish Office at 662-6861 or click the link in our auburnac.org website or myParish App.

APPOINTMENT SCHEDULE AT ST. ANTHONY CHURCH

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

Use Prior Directory's Photo? If desire, you may use photo from the prior Directory for a \$10 fee. You will receive a complimentary upcoming Directory. Notify the Parish Office of this request.

General Information: For every family photographed, Lifetouch will provide the Directory at no cost. Plus, those families will receive a complimentary Directory and 8x10" portrait, with no sitting fee. From a variety of poses, you will select one for the Directory. In addition to the 8x10" portrait, you may purchase portraits the day of your session, though you are under no obligation to do so.

Discounts Available

- 20% off coupon available at check-in day of session
- Bring food pantry item to session and receive \$5 off coupon to use toward photo order. Items collected go directly to St. Gabriel Parish Food Pantry.

Also Welcome

- Generational (grandmother/mother/daughter, etc.) photographs
- Your photo with pet – notify Parish Office in advance

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$10,962 Offering: \$9,841
Mission Co-Op: \$690

Children G☺od Deeds

...Watered the garden ...Helped my Daddy rake the lawn
 ...Helped pound in some nails with my Daddy
 ...Helped with brother ...Vacuum ...Watered plants
 ...Got ready to get carpets cleaned

EDUCATION/FORMATION

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

What is one worry I could let go of, even if it is just for a day?

Reflecting on the Word: Where do worry and anxiety ever get us but away from the present? Jesus does not chastise Martha's hospitality or attention to detail but her inability to be present with him in the moment. In our lives, too, there are times to put aside our work to participate in graced moments. Consider whether you have passed by important moments because you were too busy.

Living the Word: Gather the family and ask each member to pick a worry or concern and talk about how they feel when they think about it. Family members can describe the feeling with words or by how their body reacts when they think about the concern. They could also use a metaphor or color to describe the feeling. Then, ask each person to think of what it would feel like if that worry were given over to God for one day.

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

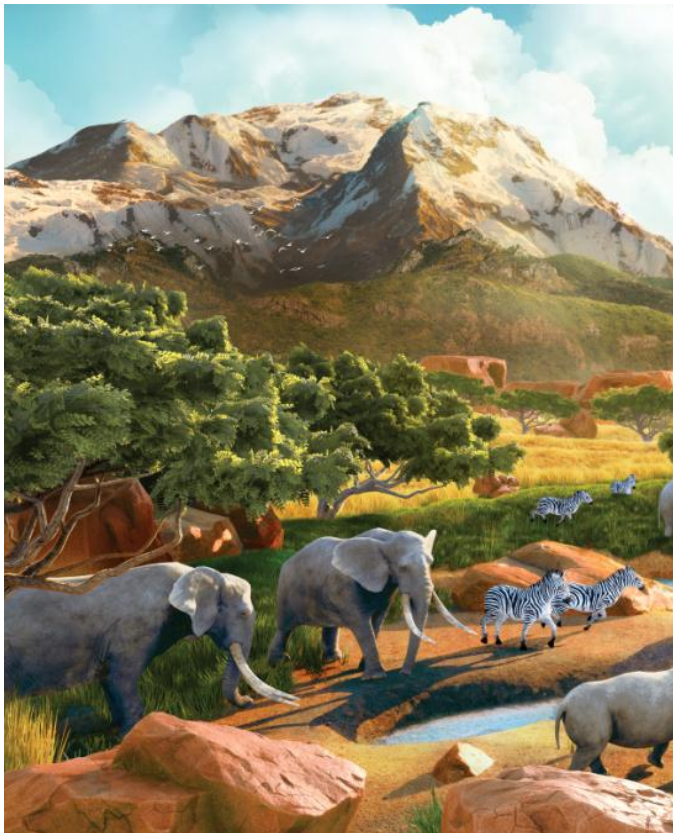
- **MOVING DAY - Wednesday, July 24, from 4:00-8:00pm: We need your help moving the Library to the portable unit.** It's an opportunity to connect with the new Principal (at the other end of a table/box☺). Hot dogs and beverages will be provided. Come ready to work and help celebrate a new chapter in the AACCS story.
- School Office: Please leave a message at 662-6431. Mr. Switalski and Mrs. Chris are in and out of the office - messages are checked periodically. You may also e-mail:
 - Mr. Switalski at cswitalski@auburnac.org
 - Mrs. Chris at ckaczynski@auburnac.org
- Scrip: During the Summer, Scrip is available at the Parish Office on Monday-Friday from 8:30-4:30.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

*Lord, we pray that you bless
these couples with your
grace and love...*



July 15	47 Years	Clarence & Nancy Pietryga
	19	Steve & Jessica Reder
July 17	10	Tony & Jessica Reder
July 19	5	Troy & Michelle Lynch
July 20	46	Michael & Jill Yambrick
	23	Scott & Noreen Wenglikowski
	12	Kristofer & Melissa Ulbricht
July 22	58	Edward & Rita Periard
	13	Timothy & Jennalee Markel
July 23	25	Steve & Theresa Bannister
	8	Eric & Amanda Swenberg
July 24	26	David & Carmen Szilagyi
July 25	49	Timothy & Betty Jo Cichowski
	16	Daniel & Stacey Horwath
July 26	50	John & Diane McNally
	33	Douglas & Lori Putt
July 27	50	Mark & Susan LeVasseur
	34	Edward & Debra Piotrowski
July 30	36	William & Amy Zimmerman
	25	Harold & Linda Perry
July 31	15	Adam & Stephanie Horschig



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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St. Anthony Cemetery
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Prices Effective July 1, 2019

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 (989) 662-6861

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