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Clark Switalski, 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. (Please check with parish office for current schedule) 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 *Please call Parish Office for appointment.

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL
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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.

WEEK OF JANUARY 11, 2021

MONDAY

305: Heb 1:1-6 Ps 97: 1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9 Mk 1:14-20

TUESDAY 8 am Word & Communion

306: Heb 2:5-12 Ps 8: 2ab, 5-9 Mk 1:21-28

WEDNESDAY 8 am Mass

307: Heb 2:14-18 Ps 105:1-4, 6-9 Mk 1:29-39

THURSDAY 8 am Mass

308: Heb 3:7-14 Ps 95:6-7c, 8-11 Mk 1:40-45

FRIDAY

309: Heb 4:1-5, 11 Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8 Mk 2:1-12

SATURDAY 4:30 pm Mass

310: Heb 4:12-16 Ps 19:8-10, 15 Mk 2:13-17

SUNDAY 9:30 am Mass

65:1 Sm 3:3b-10,19 Ps 40:2,4,7-10 1 Cor 6:13c-15a,17-20

Jn1:35-42



EDUCATION / FORMATION

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

What are the similarities and differences between baptisms that you have seen and Jesus' baptism?

Reflecting on the Word:

All four Gospel narratives include the baptism of Jesus, attesting to its importance in his life and the beginning of his ministry. Jesus' baptism became the model of a sacrament of initiation, in which we are all welcomed in the Church and invited into our role as part of the Kingdom of God. God calls Jesus his Son, expresses love, and calls him by name. In our own Baptism, we are also recognized as a beloved child of God, and we are called by name into God's Kingdom.

Living the Word:

Do you have photos or video of your children's Baptism? Share them with your children. Who was there celebrating with you? What did your children wear? How did you feel on their baptismal day? Talk about the significance of holy water, of sacred oils, of the white baptismal garment. Talk about how you live out your baptism each day.

UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

Thursday, January 14th – Parish Council Meeting – 7 pm

Friday, January 15th – ½ day of school

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$10,962 **Offering:** \$12,221

Food Pantry: \$120 **Diocesan Collection:** \$2

We want to acknowledge your generous support of our Parish.

Thank-you so much!

Children Good Deed

...No Children's Good Deeds this week!...



Baptism Preparation

Baptism Preparations Sessions

We offer 2 preparations sessions for our registered parishioners : Prep I session is for first time parents & Prep II is for those parents who have already attended a Prep I session. We are currently offering these sessions in-person and virtually. Contact Sandy, 662-4335 or sdesjardins@auburnac.org to register for a session and set your celebration date!

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal

This month our school is focusing on magnanimity as a virtue. Simply put, this is pursuing greatness through your talents and deeds in life. Teaching the children to be proud of their achievements is a wonderful thing and truly should be celebrated, but they can learn to celebrate with grace.



The baptism of our Lord is a monumental event. The fact that Jesus humbles himself to take part in the sacrament of baptism is key to the creation of the church. He could have walked around the Earth in a magnanimous fashion stating he was the son of God and he could do anything. However, he didn't. He taught us to love first and give selflessly. As we begin a new year, I will work on being a more loving parent, gracious husband, and selfless

✝ **God Bless**



Congratulations!

Allison Rita Vouaux

Daughter of Nicholas &

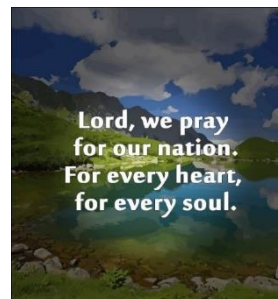
Melissa Vouaux

A Prayer for our Nation

Dear God,

As we face these uncertain times in our nation and the world, we ask you, Lord, to dwell among us. We are comforted by the knowledge that You alone are our Savior and Lord, and the ultimate Master of life. We trust our nation to Your loving care, Lord. Send Your Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation's leaders. Give them the wisdom to *know what is right*, and the *courage* to do it. Give us Your light and Your truth to guide us in our ways so that we may seek Your will in our lives and impact the world around us for Your Kingdom. In Jesus' Name we pray.

Amen





FROM FR. TOM'S DESK

Baptism of the Lord

Patricia Sanchez, *Celebration*

Baptism marks the beginning of the believer's life in Christ. Although this sacramental initiation is an auspicious one, it is nevertheless only a beginning. In order, for the seeds of grace that are sown in baptism to grow to full flower and bear the good fruit of an authentic faith life, believers must follow through from the moment of their baptism to the end of their days. Following through means living a graced life rooted in a relationship with God, one that inspires and influences every other relationship and life experiences.

For those who are graced with the sacrament of baptism as infants, the responsibility for following through first rests upon parental shoulders. Until such time as baptismal promises are understood and owned by the growing believer, the adults in the child's life are the spiritual mentors. But if these adults do not follow through for the child, then the sacrament remains sterile, its graces untapped. Pastors and communal catechists may be required to refuse to celebrate the sacrament if they know it will not be nurtured and would only be an empty ritual without the possibility of developing roots or wings.

In today's Gospel, believers are reassured of the support of God's grace in living out the promises that were made and the commitment that was begun at baptism. To illustrate this truth, the first evangelist offers us a literary and theological window into the baptism of Jesus. Like Jesus, we have been baptized with water, and like Jesus, we have received the Holy Spirit through our baptismal anointing. We, for our part, are to heed the voice that spoke from the heavens on that day and to recognize Jesus as the beloved Son of God whom we are to emulate in all we are, in all we do.

This very Jesus, who submitted to baptism in order to be immersed in the human condition, will guide our growth and inspire our efforts, as long as we continue to follow his lead. In our faithful following, we will be able to avail ourselves of the daily graces that God gives to all who are trying to follow through in keeping the promises and realizing the commitment of their baptism.

Called to Serve: (Isaiah 4) *Celebration*

A person who freely and willingly becomes the servant of another is also willingly accepting that he or she is not the center of the universe. Rather, the other comes first and foremost, and the servant's joy lies in the altruistic gift of self, time, talent and treasure to the other. For believers who assume the role of servants, God is the creative force behind us as well as the center of all things. Those who become servants of God have set aside the wearying struggle of being their own masters in order to serve God by serving those who happen into their lives. How remarkable it is that of all the roles Jesus could have made his own, and of all the ways he could have realized his messianic mission, he chose to be a servant. He behaved as such toward his disciples; he washed their feet, and with his own blood, he mopped up their moral messes to assure them of God's forgiving and liberating love. Jesus assured his own that just as he had come among them as a servant, so also should they (we) serve one another.

Open to All: (Acts 10) *Celebration*

Two millennia ago, the world into which Jesus was born and in which the church began to develop could have been characterized by varying degrees of separation. Among the Romans, there were distinctions between patricians and plebeians; in the army in which Cornelius was enlisted, men were distinguished and separated by rank. Culturally and academically, the Greeks thought themselves to be a step ahead of all other human cultures, whom they referred to as barbarians. Among the Jews, there were both legislated and traditional separations between themselves, as God's chosen

people, and the gentiles; between men and women; between clean and unclean; between slave and free.

Rather than support or affirm any of these separations or the superior ethnicity of one group over another, Jesus, as described here by Luke, "went about doing good." That goodness was not reserved for a few but was intended for all of humankind in the form of healing and welcoming forgiveness. When Jesus interacted with those in need, he did not ask to see their credentials before extending God's love to them. Nor did he judge their worthiness or lack thereof. He saw the need and extended himself in service.

Our Role: (Mark 1) *Celebration*

When John acknowledged Jesus and accepted the saving plan of God that was being revealed in him, he also realized that his own role was about to change. He would no longer be the "main attraction." Rather, he had been the opening act," and when Jesus appeared, John stood aside. Thereafter, John's role would be one of directing others to Jesus. As we honor John and celebrate Jesus' baptism today, we cannot help but remember that part of our own role as baptized believers is to direct others to Jesus, drawing them both by word and example to the good news of salvation. This process can be likened to a "following through." Graced at baptism, we are to become conduits of grace for others. Not a one-time event, baptism is a lifelong evolution whereby baptismal promises are realized, and others are directed to God in Christ Jesus.

Called to Grow: Patrick Marrin, *Celebration*

A baptized life develops day by day and in stages, like all natural, development. We gradually come to maturity through experience and in relationship. The church offers us the rich sacramental context that supports us in a living web of nourishment, forgiveness, healing and love. Every day, in every way, up or down, in sorrow or joy, privation or abundance, to the day we take our last breath, God is part of us, because we are part of God. Baptism guarantees this.

Baptism calls us today to be ready to follow Jesus through the rest of the year. As the church guides us through the seasons of Lent, Easter, Pentecost and Ordinary Time, we will grow with Christ and become more like him as his words inhabit our thoughts and his love takes hold in our hearts. If this seems like an ideal life, it is, but because God had called us into Christ, it is our real life, our becoming now who we will be for all eternity.

You're Up: *Good News, January 2002*

A story from rabbinic lore tells of a man who was deeply distressed by the condition of the world. On every hand there was trouble and turmoil and exploitation. He saw people suffering in poverty and ignorance. So, he cried out in prayer, "Lord, look at this world of yours. Look at what is going on. The world is such a mess. There is so much misery and pain. Why don't you send somebody to help?" And to his surprise God answered and said, "I did. I sent you."

Parents and Baptism: Rev. Mark Suslenko, *Connect*

There is no doubt that most parents want what is best for their children. Yet so often they look in some of the wrong places for the ingredients of success. The place to both set sail and set anchor is with baptism. If folks could stay close to what is celebrated in that sacrament, they would find the guidance they seek. A commitment to God and the church must always come first and the rest will fall into place, with better order and in more abundance than could have humanly been orchestrated. At no time should other obligations—whether they are work, service or leisure—come before gathering of the baptized each Sunday where our common identities are celebrated, and our hearts fed with the bread and cup of Life.

*"Strengthen me, Lord, in my
commitment to serve"*





Food Pantry :

Thank-you to everyone who dropped off food, toiletries and monetary donations to the parish office this week, and those of you who brought donations to church this weekend. We gave out over **300 boxes** of food in 2020! This would not be possible without the very generous support of the parishioners of St. Gabriel, you *always* respond so graciously when we ask for help. 2021 looks to be just as busy judging by our first week! So keep us in your thoughts and prayers.



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