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MASSES

***Weekday masses suspended until further notice**

Saturday 4:30 PM

Sunday 9:30 AM

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

***Monthly schedule suspended until further notice**

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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SCHOOL ENDOWMENT

SPREADING THE SPIRIT FUND

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WEATHER POLICY

If Bay City Public Schools or Auburn Area Catholic School 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 16th , 2023

Monday

311: Heb 5:1-10 Ps 110:1-4 Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday 8 am Word and Communion

312: Heb 6:10-20 Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday 9 am Word and Communion

313: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17 Ps 110:1-4 Mk 3:1-6

Thursday

314: Heb 7:25—8:6 Ps 40:7-10, 17 Mk 3:7-12

Friday

315: Heb 8:6-13 Ps 85:8, 10-14 Mk 3:13-19

Saturday 4:30 pm Mass

316: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14 Ps 47:2-3, 6-9 Mk 3:20-21

Sunday 9:30 am Mass

67: Is 8:23—9:3 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17 Mt 4:12-23

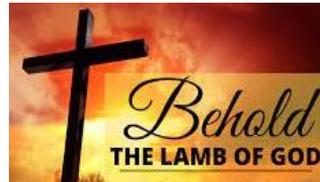


EDUCATION / FORMATION

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

Today we hear John the Baptist's words "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world." We also hear these words during Mass when the priest is holding the Body of Christ. What does this tell us about the Eucharist if these are the words spoken while lifting up the hosts? Who was John the Baptist? What kind of person was he? How can he be a good example to us on how to grow closer to God?

Reflecting on the Word:



Today, we hear another name for Jesus: "Lamb of God." We have heard about Jesus the Good Shepherd who calls his sheep by name, and they follow him.

Today, however, we hear that he is not only the shepherd, but also the lamb. During the Passover in Egypt, the Jewish people offered a sacrifice of a lamb so that they would be saved. Jesus became the sacrificial lamb, the lamb that offers his whole self so that we may be saved and live eternally with him in heaven. Jesus, the Son of God, the Prince of Peace, the Light of the World, is also the "Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world." What love he has for us that he is both our shepherd and our sacrificial lamb.

Living the Word:

There are many beautiful artworks of the *Angus Dei* or "Lamb of God." As a family search online for some of the images and reflect on what you see. What might the image be trying to convey through the symbols used?

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Monday, January 16th – No School

Tuesday, January 17th – Quilters 6:30 pm

Wednesday, January 18th – Knitters 10 am

Friday, January 20th – Wedding Rehearsal 6 pm

Saturday, January 21st – Wedding 1:30 pm

Sunday, January 22nd – CLOW/Nursery 9:30 am

Religious Ed 10:45 am, Youth Ministry 6 pm

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$11,153.84 **Offering:** \$7,515

Retired Religious: \$50 **Food Pantry:** \$95

In Memory of Lorraine Fournier: \$1000 for "Spreading the Spirit"

In Memory of Tammy Reinke: \$125

Children's G😊d Deeds

...Put away dinner...I helped clean up the basement...

...Helping out with dinner...Behaving well at school...

...Spelling my name...Playing with my little sister...

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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This weekend the school children have a long weekend marking the end of the 2nd quarter and Martin Luther King Day. We will return on Tuesday January 17th. The beginning of the fiscal year also brings us closer to Catholic Schools week. We will have mass on February 1st with **Bishop Gross** at 9 AM to help us celebrate our community of faith at St. Gabriel's. We are very excited for this opportunity and welcome all of you to join us for the mass.

The Gospel this week focuses on the baptism of Jesus. Jesus baptizes us in the Holy Spirit and guides us to live as Christians in all parts of our lives. We have a duty to share our talents with our friends, families, and greater community.



God Bless

Medical Update... Father Tom has been moved to a rehab facility and has responded well to his daily physical therapy sessions. Please continue to pray for him so he can come back home soon!



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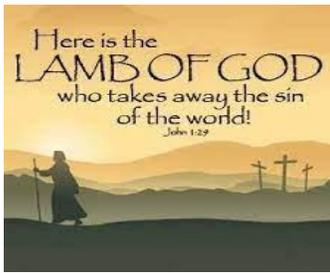
Parish Faith Night focused on the **Practice of Prayer** —

Saturday, February 4th following 4:30 p.m. Mass. A light dinner will be served, and attendees will be broken out by age—including childcare for those under the age of 5. A guest speaker will be presenting to adults and high school aged youth. Families and individuals will close the night by completing a fun activity together. All are welcome. To register for this event, sign up on the sheets at the church entrances or contact the Parish Office, 989-662-6861. *This event is being offered by the Parish Education Commission.*

2022 Statements

Yearly contribution statements will be mailed out by the 3rd week of January. If you have any questions concerning your statement, please call the office at 989-662-6861 to speak with Janet our bookkeeper for clarification.

Update for CMA... Here is the latest info for CMA. A recent report from the diocese indicates that \$47,986 (64% of our goal) has been pledged toward our target of \$74,253. If you have not pledged please do so and help us reach our goal. Fr. Tom has been asking how we are doing!



FROM FR. TOM'S DESK

Ordinary Time:

St. Andrew Bible Missal

Wasted time is not a prized commodity in American society. We are a people ruled by the clock. Time is money because time is to be filled with purposeful controlled activity which is productive of things which can be sold. We are convinced that we must be in control of time. The last thing the productive American would want to do is waste time playing around with realities that do not produce a saleable commodity.

But the Creator of heaven and earth is described by the scriptures as the original and the best of players. Creative activity is playful, and creative people do not feel that what they do is a job. Creative people also have a sense that their creativity and all that they fashion in the creative spirit are gifts they have received. The Christian can speak of this and the contemplative vision which sees all reality as gift or grace. Our thankful response we call worship or eucharist.

We cannot speak of Ordinary Time without speaking of Sunday. Every seven-day celebration of the Lord's Day is the basic structure upon which the Church Year is built. The great liturgical seasons of Advent-Christmas and Lent-Easter are more expansive celebrations of particular aspects of the one paschal mystery which we celebrate every Lord's Day. These special seasons focus our attention upon critical dimensions of one mystery so overwhelming that we are compelled to separate out its various elements for particular attention. These seasons in no way minimize the critical importance of the Sunday celebration through the rest of the year. Ordinary Time is not very ordinary at all. Ordinary Time, the celebration of Sunday, is the identifying mark of the Christian community which comes together, remembering that on the first day of the week the Lord of Life was raised up and creation came at last to completion. Sunday as a day of play and worship is a Sacrament of redeemed time. How we live Sunday proclaims to the world what we believe about redeemed time now and forever.

What happens in our churches every Sunday is the fruit of our week. What happens as the fruit of the week past is the beginning of the week to come. Sunday, like all sacraments, is simultaneously a point of arrival and departure for Christians on their way to the fullness of the kingdom. This is not ordinary at all. This is the fabric of Christian living.

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sr. Mary McGlone, Celebration

Each of the readings we hear this weekend reflects who God created us to be. The first reading reminds us that God called us before we were born. Paul tells us that our vocation is to take up our part in the community God has formed and sent forth for the sake of the world. The Gospel gives us John the Baptist as the model of a servant of God so dedicated that he could recognize God's chosen one and so humble that he could step aside when the time came.

Who are you?

That is the question this week's readings put to each of us individually and as a community that God has called together for the sake of the world. It is a question we need to ask again and again because the meaning of our lives depends on the answers we give. It is only to the extent that we can say who we are that we can also pray, "Here I am, Lord, I come to do your will."

The Baptism as Model

Celebration

When we meet John the Baptist in this reading he has already proclaimed that he was not the Messiah but the one who was preparing the way. The fourth Gospel is careful to present Jesus as distinct from and never subservient to John, even to the point of avoiding the mention of a personal encounter between the two. John simply appears as the forerunner of the one to come. Because John recognized the Spirit's presence in Jesus, he called Jesus the Lamb of God. That title, so familiar to us, occurs only here in the Christian Scripture. The unique feature of the Baptist's phase is that Jesus is the *Lamb of God*. As this Gospel describes it, John the Baptist's relationship to Jesus was always, "He must increase, I must decrease," and John's proclamation that Jesus came from God acknowledged that clearly. John recognized that his vocation was different from Jesus'

While Jesus is the obvious subject of this selection, we might learn more about our vocation from John the Baptist. Outspoken as he was, John knew and admitted his limitations. He said, "I did not know him," and yet, he dedicated his life "that he might be made known to Israel." That is a profound expression of humility. It presents John as a servant who knew what it meant to be an apostle. John was simply the one sent to open the way more than he could imagine.

This week's readings lead us into the season of Ordinary Time with a reflection on who we are called to be as Christians. They remind us that being a Christian is never a solo performance. We are called together, formed by the word of God to become a light to the nations. Like John the Baptist, we are called not for ourselves, but to be able to point out the Lamb of God to others. When we know and accept that vocation, we can call ourselves the church of God in our own hometown and in our world.

On Being Called

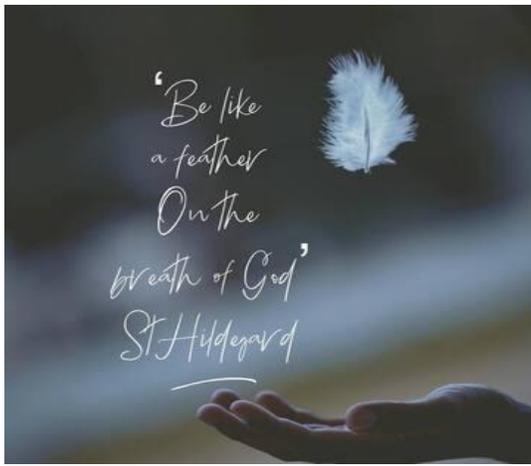
Lorraine Senci, Celebration

The Scriptures on the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time are a reminder of how frequently it is family, friends or mentors who will recognize our latent gifts and offer us a glimpse of where we will be called to serve. Our often-foggy vision gains a bit of clarity when others-through their confident words and actions-empower us to claim our gifts, to take on new responsibilities, and to accept that we, indeed, are being called by God.

As Jesus lived out his call as the "Lamb of God" and "Son of God," he witnessed that God's love, mercy, and compassion knew no boundaries. While John the Baptist initially recognized that Jesus "might be made known to Israel," the words of the prophet Isaiah in the first reading attest that God desires salvation for all people and nations. This passage underscoring the servant's awareness that his call had a wider scope than originally anticipated may have been in Jesus' mind and heart as he brought God's tender love and compassionate care to the outcasts, the unclean and the Gentiles. Jesus responded to a "call within a call"- the phrase St. Teresa of Calcutta used to explain how her unique vocation unfolded-as a "light to the nations," as Isaiah foretold, his call extending far beyond Israel.

The Scriptures this Sunday hint that our calls from God are dynamic, and that they often come through the words of others, inviting, encouraging, and challenging us to claim our gifts with confidence.

*"Lord, help me to recognize
your call and my gifts"*



The Fournier siblings of Lorraine Fournier wish to thank the following people: Father David Parsch, Pat Knieper, the kitchen crew, maintenance, the callers, the hands that prepared and delivered the food, ushers, alter servers, the beautiful choir and last but not least Sue LeVasseur. You all made the day truly beautiful!

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