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MASSES

***Weekday masses suspended until further notice**
Saturday 4:30 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**

Clark Switalski, School Principal (989) 662-6431

WEATHER POLICY

If Bay City Public Schools or AACCS 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 23rd, 2023

MONDAY

317: Heb 9:15, 24-28 Ps 98:1-6 Mk 3:22-30

TUESDAY 8 am Word and Communion

318: Heb 10:1-10 Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10-11 Mk 3:31-35

WEDNESDAY

519: Acts 22:3-16 Ps 117:1-2 Mk 16:15-18

THURSDAY

520: 2 Tm 1:1-8 Ps 96:1-3, 7-8, 10 320:Mk 4:21-25

FRIDAY

321: Heb 10:32-39 Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40 Mk 4:26-34

SATURDAY 4:30 pm Mass

322: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 (Ps) Lk 1:69-75 Mk 4:35-41

SUNDAY 9:30 am Mass

70: Zep 2:3;12-13 Ps 146:6-10 1 Cor 1:26-31 Mt 5:1-12a



UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

Monday, January 23rd – Choir Practice 6:30 pm

Friday, January 27th – Wedding Rehearsal 5 pm

Saturday, January 27th – Wedding 1 pm

Sunday, January 28th – Catholic Schools Week Begins

CLOW & Nursery 9:30 am/ Religious Ed 10:45 am/ YM 6 pm

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$11,153.84 Offering: \$8,609

Food Pantry: \$100

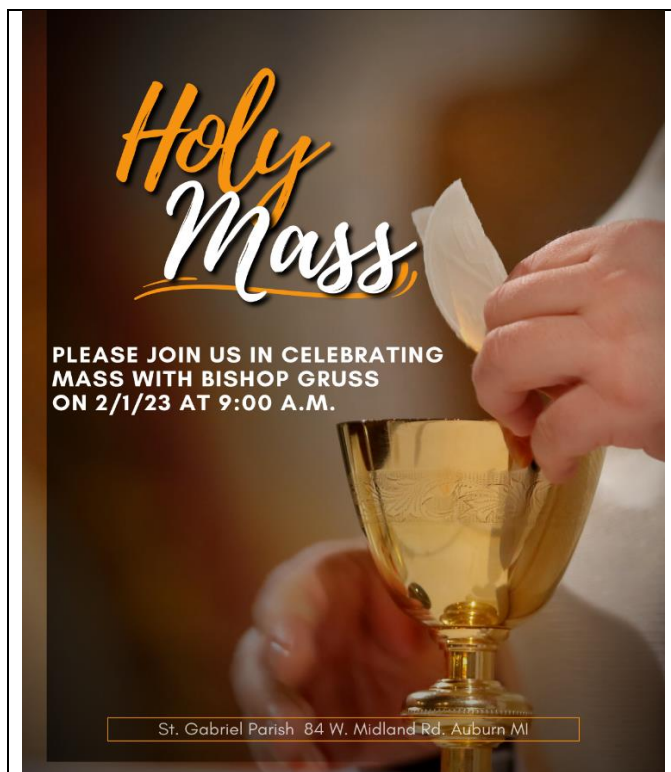
Children's Good Deeds

...Changed my own earrings...

...Playing with my little sister...Paying with my Nana...

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal



Hope to see you there!

EDUCATION / FORMATION

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

I wonder how the Magi felt after traveling for so long, following a star, then finally finding what they were looking for. Right after Jesus was born, he was adored by poor shepherds. Later, he was adored by wealthy, educated Magi. What does this tell us about Jesus and his mission?

Reflecting on the Word:

Today, we hear about the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. Jesus comes upon two sets of brothers, and he calls them. They immediately follow him. These men go where Jesus goes, learn from him, sometimes get his lessons wrong, sometimes get it right, and even momentarily disown Jesus when things are at its worst. Yet they didn't give up. This is their story of following Jesus. Perhaps it is our story too. We have been called, but what has our discipleship looked like? We can find comfort in how the apostles walked with Jesus, knowing that following him is full of ups and downs, full of missteps, but each day Jesus is calling us, too. Are we going to drop our nets and follow him?



Living the Word:

Many people throughout history have responded to Jesus' call to follow him and make fishers of men. The saints are wonderful examples to us of this response. Throughout this week read the lives of a few saints to inspire your family in your journey to follow Jesus.



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.*

Update for CMA... Here is the latest info for CMA for the week of 1-20-2023. A recent report from the diocese indicates that \$51,740 (69% of our goal) has been pledged toward our target of \$74,253 by only 41% of parish families. If you have not pledged please do so and help us reach our goal.



Congratulations to

Michaela Yenoir &

Joshua Bouza

God bless you both on this day with a lifetime of shared love and joy.



FROM FR. TOM'S DESK

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Sr. Mary McGlone, *Celebration*

As Jesus was walking by the Sea Galilee, he saw Peter and Andrew and said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." They left their nets. A little further down the way he saw James and John and called them. They, too, left their boat and their father and followed him.

What was happening on that seashore? How can anybody explain the fact that four grown men simply left everything behind they had worked for to follow Jesus. What did their wives say?

Many will read the story of the fisherman as a pious tale, an exaggeration that doesn't reflect the details of any real event. Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a German Lutheran pastor executed by the Nazis, would tell us that's heresy, an example of cheap grace, a degradation of the Gospel. Bonhoeffer, with strong backup from Matthew and Mark, insists that when Jesus said, "Follow me," the disciples did just that. He says in *The Cost of Discipleship*; "Until that day...they could remain in obscurity, pursuing their work...observing the law and waiting for the coming of the Messiah." But, he says, with Jesus' call they had to get up and go. They could have stayed as they were, and Jesus could have been their friend, even their consoler, but he would not have been their Lord.

The Call to Change Sr. Mary McGlone, *Celebration*

Jesus' call to conversion is described with the Greek term *metanoia* a word which means much more than the English word "repent." *Metanoia* as an invitation to an alternative reality, a new kind of existence, Jesus named that new existence the reigning of God, or in Matthew's words, the kingdom of heaven. It is not a place, but a way of being. Jesus showed what it was like in everything he said and did. Matthew gave it a shorthand description saying that Jesus went all around, proclaiming the kingdom, making it present by curing every disease and illness—making everything the way it ought to be. An encounter with Jesus was an encounter with the reigning of God and an instant invitation to *metanoia*. It set people on fire.

The greatest obstacle to *metanoia*, Jesus' greatest adversary, was not the demons or the power of oppression. It was an attitude of submission to the way things had always been, the belief that nothing can really change, that heaven might be different, but that history will always repeat itself.

Metanoia is not something the disciples could achieve; they could only be open to it. When it was offered, they had to make a decision, the most important decision of their lives. They had to decide whether to believe in what Jesus offered, to accept him as Lord, or simply respect him as another interesting philosopher whose ideas they could talk about when the seas were calm. We hear about the fishermen who decided to leave behind everything that tied them to "normal life." They would no longer be fishermen. Rather than catch food to sell to nourish others, they themselves would become the nourishment others needed.

Their radical decision was not irrevocable. They had to renew it time and again. Day by day they had to bet their lives on what they know of Jesus' kingdom of heaven. They had to believe that God's reigning was manifest in their relationship with Jesus and the life he shared with them and that its power overruled everything that could rise up against them.

From Prophecy to Fulfillment

Celebration

The essential reason for choosing from Isaiah for this Sunday is that it is a part of a Messianic promise, and it specifically mentions the place Matthew identifies as the area where Jesus began his ministry. The tribal regions of Zebulun and Naphtali became known as upper and lower Galilee after Assyria conquered the territory around 740 B.C.E. The name change was the least of their problems. Foreign occupation of the promised land was so serious that it caused Israel to question the power of God who had brought them to that land. Isaiah reinterpreted their conquest by insisting that the foreigners themselves were under God's power and the occupation was God's will for an unfaithful people. The oracle we hear today announced the promise of a new Davidic king in whom the people placed their hopes for restoration. The point of the reading is that God is in charge of history. God degraded the land but will glorify it.

Isaiah's prophecy describes a time of joy that the people can imagine because it is the inverse of what they have known. They will rejoice as at the harvest, that moment when abundance overflows and the memories of drought and hunger fade. They will party just like their enemies did while plundering Israel's homes and Temple. Finally, the people who were victimized by armed bullies will see the torturers' instruments shattered so that cowering servitude becomes a thing of the past.

Those visions articulate the hopes of any exploited people and can be analogously applied to any situation of injustice and oppression. When Matthew cited this prophecy in the opening of his Gospel it fell on the people's ears like a song of freedom, a remembrance of God's loving concern and will to save. Framing his Gospel against the backdrop of Galilee helps make sense of the disciples' radical response to Jesus' call. Matthew set up his story so that Jesus would appear on the turf of the long-awaited savior, the one who would bring light to the land once known as Zebulun and Naphtali.

Unity is Essential

Celebration

In Paul's mind the problem of a divided community was no playground quarrel! It was such a scandal that Paul saw it as inhibiting Christ's presence in the world—which was simply the other side of the coin of his calling the community the body of Christ.

Paul judges the divisions in the community as rifts over secondary issues. The task of the Christian community is to be the body of Christ. That means its members are to be ready to pour out their lives for the Gospel and in love for each other. When that is their attitude toward one another they will learn how to allow diverse opinions to become sources of truth and grace rather than community cancers.

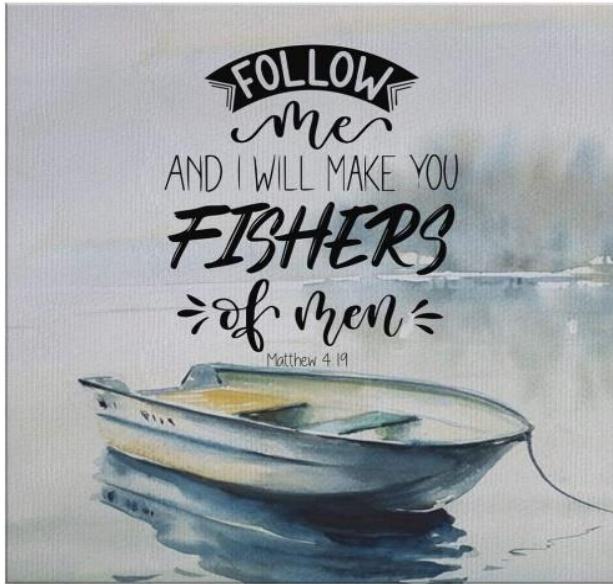
God Calls Us, Now

Sue Robb, *Celebration*

Throughout our lives, the tension between dark and light, division and unity, withdrawal and leadership is one way God draws us into a deeper relationship. As we go forth this week, let us look at our lives and contemplate how God is calling us from our own physical, mental or spiritual darkness into light, from our unthinking words and actions that divide to words of peace that have the power to heal and mend relationships. And let us to consider the gifts and talents we can share with others who are struggling.

How many of us can honestly say we are "perfectly united in mind and thought" with one another and with God? That is today's challenge.

"Lord, help me hear your call."



Reminder...

If you have changed your phone number from a land line to a cellphone or have made any other changes regarding your name or address, we need to know this to have the most current info in our data system. Please call the parish office or drop a note in the collection basket with the changes.



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Parishioner	Non-Parishioner
\$1,100	\$1,600
\$1,500	\$1,850
\$ 250 per niche	\$ 350 per niche

CEMETERY
Plot
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Burial of Cremains
Saturday Burial
Foundation

Parishioner	Non-Parishioner
\$ 600	\$1,300
\$ 750	\$ 900
\$ 250	\$ 275
\$ 250 additional	\$ 250 additional
\$ 0.40 per sq. inch	\$ 0.40 per sq. inch

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