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**SCHOOL ENDOWMENT
 SPREADING THE SPIRIT FUND**

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 call Parish Office for appointment.

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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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

EDUCATION / FORMATION

Family Talk Time Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families: Sara McGinnis Lee
Have you ever been amazed at something you heard or saw? Why did you react with amazement?

Reflecting on the Word:



In this Gospel, Jesus' command and conviction in both his teaching and deeds were so powerful that witnesses were amazed and astonished. This dramatic reading gives us a glimpse into the charismatic person that Jesus was. Do we have a similar response to Jesus' words and deeds?

Living the Word:

Explain to your children that bad feelings, such as anger or jealousy, make our spirits "unclean." Make a list with your children of all the ways they might be separated for God lately—that is, when they've been mad at someone, when they've hurt someone, when they don't feel loved, when they forget to pray, and so on. Talk about how these things stand between us and God. How might we keep our heart and mind ready and accepting of God's love and presence? If your children have already received the Sacrament of Reconciliation, plan to go to confession as a family.

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 1, 2021

MONDAY

323: Heb 11:32-40 Ps 31:20-24 Mk 5:1-20

TUESDAY 8 am Word and Communion

524: Mal 3:1-4 Ps 24:7-10 Heb 2:14-18 Lk 2:22-40

WEDNESDAY 8 am Mass

325: Heb 12: 4-7, 11-15 Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a Mk 6:1-6

THURSDAY 8 am Mass

326: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24 Ps 48:2-4, 9-11 Mk 6:7-13

FRIDAY

327: Heb 13:1-8 Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9c Mk 6:14-29

SATURDAY 4:30 pm Mass

328: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21 Ps 23:1-6 Mk 6:30-34

SUNDAY 9:30 am Mass

74: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7 Ps 147:1-6 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23 Mk 1:29-39



PARISH ACTIVITIES

***Catholic Schools Week! January 31st through February 6th**

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$10,962 **Offering:** \$7,543

Food Pantry: \$75

Thank you for your continued financial support. It is appreciated!

Children Good Deed

...I helped the babysitter...Playing with Mom...

...I carried in groceries...Helped Mom make lunch...

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal



Catholic Schools week is upon us!

This is a wonderful time to be proud of our school and everything AACCS has accomplished over the years. Growing in your faith while attending school is a special gift that can never be taken away. Building those relationships with your classmates, teachers, and God help to form all parts of a student; socially, educationally, and spiritually. If you ever want to discuss how you can help build more Disciples of Christ, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at the school office, 662-6431. You already do so much, and we are truly blessed here at AACCS.

This week the Gospel references knowledge and authority. Knowing something and how to complete a task doesn't ultimately give you the authority to carry out said task. As we work through our lives, we look to those in authority to help protect us, lead us, and give us direction. Jesus has both the authority and knowledge of God and wants to share that message with everyone. Opening my heart to his authority is something I will never regret, and look forward to the day when I lead someone else towards him.

✝ **God Bless**



Congratulations!

Bryson Jeffrey Knaub

Son of Jerrett & Kylie

Baptism Preparations Sessions

We offer 2 preparations sessions for 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 faithformation@auburnac.org to register for a preparation session and set your celebration date.



Church Directory

UPDATE



They have arrived!

We have received the pictorial directories and will have them available for pick-up, after mass to those who had pictures taken or paid \$10 and used a photo from a past directory or sent in your own. During the week we will have them available at the parish office. We also have several complimentary 8x10 photos that were never pick-up, please check and see if one of them is yours.



**FROM
FR. TOM'S
DESK**

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Patricia Sanchez, *Celebration*

If the classified section of the newspaper or an online Web site for the unemployed were to advertise "Prophet wanted," how many job seekers do you think would apply? Given what we know about prophets from our encounters with them in the scriptures, it is probably reasonable to assume that the applicants would be very few. Prophets are those whom God has called to speak the truth. Although they are graced with the very authority of God, prophets are for the most part unpopular because the truth that they are charged to speak is not always easy to hear or accept. God is encountered in that truth, and those who are unaccustomed to the harsh, bright light of truth will inevitably limp away from that encounter wounded.

Israel had such an encounter with God on Sinai, and as is reflected in today's first reading, they decided they needed someone to "run interference." To that end, God appointed Moses and promised that the ministry of prophecy would continue as God would raise up for each generation men and women to speak the truth with authority.

When made his first public appearances after his baptism by John, his contemporaries recognize that God's promise, was being fulfilled. In awe of his manners and message, those who heard Jesus understood that he was unlike those teachers whose words had lost their potency. They preached on thing but lived otherwise, and their mixed message fell on disinterested, disillusioned ears.

As one who followed Jesus most faithfully, Paul was also recognized as God's prophet and preacher of truth. This truth, which has been preserved in his letters, continues to teach and to challenge. Like Paul, and like Moses and Jesus, contemporary believers are to be faithful to God to be authentic prophets who preach God's truth with authority.

The Role of Prophet: (Deuteronomy 18) *Celebration*

To be a prophet is to be a mother or father or sister to another person. To be a prophet means to care so deeply about the well-being and integrity of another that you are willing to risk your own safety and security in the process. Prophesying is not a 9-to-5 job. It is a calling that consumes every aspect of your existence and every breath you take. Prophets do not have a 401k or a place in Florida where they will retire, because the job of a prophet is never done. Human beings will always need someone who is willing to lay everything on the line in order that the truth be heard. Prophets are not perfect, but they are persistent.

God continues to speak to humankind through the living words of scripture as well as through individuals who have been grasped by the Spirit to communicate God's truth. In order, to discern true from false prophecy, the community of believers is also graced by the Spirit of God. True prophets always raise important questions. They are always countercultural. They oppose destruction, the killing of innocents, death and poverty. Their messages may seem simplistic, but they come out of a long tradition, and we do ourselves no favor to ignore them. Prophets may make us angry and uncomfortable, but out of this discomfiture comes self-awareness, God-awareness.

United with Christ: (1 Corinthians 7) *Celebration*

Paul expected the end time, and his teaching might best be regarded as "crisis advice." Such advice would be radical. All else pales into insignificance before eternal realities. What purpose could be served, reasoned Paul, by getting into a temporal union with its obligations and responsibilities, when before you know it, the end will be upon us? A practical man, with his priorities well-ordered, Paul thought it would be wiser for people to get busy preparing for an eternal relationship with Christ.

But, some may ask, what do we do with Paul's advice in this interim between the comings of Christ? Paul's teachings about eschatology are timeless and valuable in that they enable us to look to the future with hope and trust, fully aware that our salvation depends not on our efforts at restructuring the world but on the loving mercy of God. Paul's ideas also encourage us to find our identity in Christ rather than in whatever roles society assigns us. If we make the effort to grasp these truths, we will be ready to make our way more through all the exigencies of life in this world. Paul did this, as did Jesus before him.

Teaching with Authority: (Mark 1) *Celebration*

According to Mark, Jesus' authority came from the simple fact that his word was borne out in deed. That's what we see in the expulsion of the unclean spirit. He preached about the kingdom of God and his word made it appear. His word was like the divine word of Genesis, creating the very reality of which he spoke.

As Mark weaves his Gospel message, he shows that the people who saw Jesus were amazed and questioning one another. They saw his authority but didn't know what to make of it. At the same time, the unclean spirit, a representative of the demonic world, knew right away what Jesus was all about. The question "Have you come to destroy us?" suggests what the next phrase makes explicit: The demons recognize that Jesus had been sent by God and their power was impotent against him. It would take the disciples a little longer to answer the question of what Jesus meant for them.

"What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?" Mark puts this question before every reader of the Gospel. He invites us to journey with him through the rest of the story to learn just what it means that Jesus' word and deed brought the time of fulfillment.

Cosmic Christ: Fr. James Smith, *Celebration*

As an individual human, Jesus was restricted to a single culture, a single century. But the Cosmic Christ is equally close to every age and civilization. He communicates this universal presence through his Holy Spirit. God's Spirit had hovered over the waters of creation, spoken through the prophets, inspired every thought, word and deed of Jesus on earth. Now, God's Spirit comes into his own, so creation is now Spiritualized by God's personal Spirit. We are living in the greatest time of history.

And it's not over. Creation and humankind will continue to evolve under the direction of God's Spirit until it reaches a critical mass in the Cosmic Christ. Then the glorified Christ will take to himself the glorified matter of creation and present it to his Father. There will be a new heaven and a new earth.

Ongoing Miracles: *Grace Works, Dallas, Texas*

We do not know for sure what the man was thinking or hoping, but we do know Jesus was not so overcome by fear or preconceived bias that he could not see the future possibilities for this man. With only a word, Jesus trumped the darkness that seized the man, and restored him to the person God had created him to be all along. God never intended the darkness to win. The people were amazed, not only that Jesus possessed more power than the forces of darkness, but that there was still so much potential for good in the man they would have presumed totally worthless. This is good news for us today. No matter how far we fall, how given over to the darkness we may be, how hopeless a person's sin, there is always the possibility for redemption through the love of Jesus Christ. Aren't you glad?

With Us?... Contribution statements were sent out last week. All registered individuals/families received a statement, even if they contributed nothing during the previous calendar year. Year-end results reveal 89 registered parishioners gave a total \$680. Despite Covid-19 restrictions the parish continued functioning and overhead costs continued to occur. Justice for all demands those who failed to support the parish during difficult times be confronted. A letter will go out this week to those 89 parishioners questioning their lack of response.



CMA (formerly CSA) Update:

These are the latest numbers for the CMA collection; Our target is \$71,201, pledged so far is \$63,005 with \$57,750.28 having been paid. We are at 88% of our targeted assessment by 47% of parishioners. So, if you have not already sent in your pledge card, please do so. **Less than half** of our congregation has paid 88% of our target, we need *everyone's* participation to meet our goal! Remember that you can mail your pledge directly to the Diocese of Saginaw, drop it in the collection basket at week-end Masses or bring it to the parish office, Monday – Friday, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm.

Thank you for your support to help us meet our goal!

Food Pantry Request:

We need some replenishment in the food pantry! If you are able to help out, here is our list:

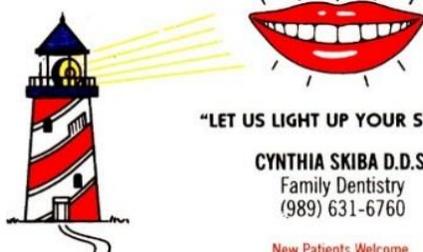
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- Canned Fruit
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Inurnment	\$ 250 per niche	\$ 300 per niche
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Plot	\$ 500	\$1,200
Burial	\$ 650	\$ 850
Burial of Cremains	\$ 150	\$ 175
Saturday Burial	\$ 200 additional	\$ 200 additional
Foundation	\$ 0.40 per sq. inch	\$ 0.40 per sq. inch

Contact St. Gabriel Parish Office at 989-662-6861

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