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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 February 6th, 2023

MONDAY

329: Gn 1:1-19 Ps 104: 1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35 Mk 6:53-56

TUESDAY 8 am Word and Communion

330: Gn 1:20—2:4a Ps 8:4-9 Mk 7:1-13

WEDNESDAY

331: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17 Ps 104:1-2, 27-30 Mk 7:14-23

THURSDAY

332: Gn 2:18-25 Ps 128:1-5 Mk 7:24-30

FRIDAY

333: Gn 3:1-8 Ps 32:1-2, 5-7 Mk 7:31-37

SATURDAY 4:30 pm Mass

334: Gn 3:9-24 Ps 90:2-6, 12-13 Mk 8:1-10

SUNDAY 9:30 am Mass

76: Sir 15:15-20 Ps 119:1-2,4-5, 17-18,33-34 1 Cor 2:6-10 Mt 5:17-37



UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

Monday, February 6th – Choir Practice 6:30 pm

Food Pantry, SCRIP, Coffee, and Donuts this weekend

Sunday, February 12th – CLOW & Nursery 9:30 am

Religious Ed 10:45 am/ YM 6 pm

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$11,153.84 Offering: \$6531.45

Food Pantry: \$50

Children's Good Deeds

...Helped shovel the driveway...Helped Mom make Valentine treats...

...I shoveled snow...Helping with shoveling the driveway...

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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We had a very successful Catholic Schools week celebrating AACCS with our staff and students. The children had a penny war this past week aimed at raising funds for the McNally House in Saginaw. As the total amount raised increases, the overall school reward gets better. The end reward with over \$1,000 raised would mean the teachers/staff would get whipped cream pies in the face!

We are all the light of the world. We shouldn't ever hide our love for God and our faith! It should be shared with all we encounter so they know we live our faith through our actions and words. Have a great week!

...God Bless...



EDUCATION / FORMATION

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

What does salt do to food? What could Jesus be asking of us when he calls us to be the salt of the earth? What happens to light placed under a bushel basket? What if light is placed on a lampstand? If our light is the love of Jesus that he has given us, what might he want us to do with it?

Reflecting on the Word:

Being a Christian is not passive. We cannot sit and watch the world and not be part of it. As Christians we are called to be the "salt of the earth" and the "light of the world." Salt is not made to sit in a bowl and never be used. Its purpose is to be added to food for flavor. Light also is meant to push away the darkness. Jesus calls us to take the light that we have received from his love and let it touch every part of our life and the lives of those around us. We are called to bring flavor, to transform the darkness into light with our lives.



Living the Word:

Reread today's Gospel together with this visual; light a candle and place it under a basket. With the lights in the room off, ask your family to share what they observe about the light. Then remove the candle from under the basket and place it on a counter or footrest or table and share your observations again. What new insights does anyone have about the Gospel when they see what happens to the lit candle?

Souper Bowl Collection of Caring



Next weekend our parish youth will be collecting donations as you exit church for the East Side Soup Kitchen. This organization's mission is to provide meals and hope in the heart of Saginaw. This year will be their 43rd year to serve the community, treating all individuals with dignity and respect. Please consider donating to our youth's Souper Bowl collection.

Save the Date...

Our next Blood Drive is scheduled for February 15th, in the social hall. We would like to meet our goal of **25 donations**. There have been many natural disasters, bad weather and simply the winter season that have affected the blood supply nationally. It is very low and we would like to make a difference here at St. Gabriel, however small. You can register at 989-642-5663. Thanks for your support!





FROM FR. TOM'S DESK

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sr. Mary McGlone, *Celebration*

Did you ever try to un-salt what you were cooking? It's nigh well impossible. Once salt has permeated the food it's there; the only solution is to try to dilute it. That is an interesting fact to remember as we hear today's Gospel. When Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth and the light of the world," the "you" he addressed were the disciples who had just heard him say, "Blessed are you when they insult and persecute you because of me." Remembering who is in the audience throws a particular light upon the message we're hearing. To be certain that we understand Jesus' point we should recall that in the first six beatitudes—the Gospel we heard last week—Jesus spoke in the third person (Blessed are the poor in spirit), he didn't get personal (blessed are you) until he talked about suffering for his sake. Jesus was saying that his message is so provocative that those who propagate it will be persecuted, but they will have made a difference. They've salted the situation, and there is no undoing the influence they've had.

Individual or Communal Sr. Mary McGlone, *Celebration*

How did being salt and light go together with Jesus' teaching about not trumpeting your good deeds—even to the extent that your right hand should not know what the left hand is doing? (Matthew 6:1-4). Since much of what Jesus says makes more sense to people who live in a communally oriented culture, we may better understand it through that lens. An individualist culture values independence, personal achievement, and success; it thrives on competition. A communally oriented culture values family or community over individual rights; it prizes unity and cohesion, cooperation, and the groups' reputation. Both types can be destructive when taken to an extreme: individualist become treacherously egoistic, and collectivist can squash the uniqueness of the human person. Each must learn to appreciate the values of the other. As members of an individualist culture we tend to hear Jesus' talk about being the salt and light as calls to each of us as individuals. Jesus' original audience more likely interpreted this as a call to be light-bearing, salty community. There are some significant implications to taking these words to heart in a communal way.

In It Together Sr. Mary McGlone, *Celebration*

There's no doubt that Jesus addressed the Sermon on the Mount to a group, a community of disciples. He was calling on them to join together in the work of welcoming and building up God's reign in their midst. They had to do it together—a grain of salt doesn't make a lot of difference, and one light, even if it's well placed, won't make the city on the hill visible in the dark. Not only could they not do it singly, but living in a loving community was a key element of their witness to the world.

No matter our cultural background, we need to be aware that Jesus invites us into a communal movement. He doesn't offer a methodology for individual salvation any more than we can light the world by ourselves. Today's reading from Isaiah describes Jesus' communities of salt and light. They enlighten the world because in them the hungry are fed, the homeless are taken in and everybody

watches out for one another. They won't dilute their message, and they don't worry about what it costs because they don't believe they can afford to live in the darkness of another kind of world.

Isaiah Tells What Pleases God

Celebration

Isaiah's people were not alone in their injudicious attempts to bribe God with sacrifice. In the case of the people who were fasting, God's answer was simple: "putting on quite a show, but I'm not entertained." Then because they hadn't seemed to get the message in the first 50 or 100 times it had been delivered, the prophet repeats the traditional teaching about what really pleases God.

God is asking people to offer the needy room and board in their own homes. This is not a case of taking food to a shelter or even covering the bill for a night's stay at Motel 6, but bringing the hungry and homeless to the dinner table with the family. And speaking of the family, the literal translation for "do not turn your back on your own" is more like "don't hide from your family."

When you do these things, says the Lord, you will be healed, and your light will shine not because of what you've earned, but what you've learned. Being with God's beloved ones, people who hope mightily and see God's hand in every kindness done to them, is the greatest possible tutorial in spirituality. Most simply, this reading tells us that poor and needy are the people who can lead us to God and reveal where God is at work in our world.

Our Challenge

Ted Walgamont, *Celebration*

When you were baptized, a candle was lit, and the priest prayed over you: "This light is entrusted to you to be kept burning brightly...may you walk always as a child of the light."

God has passed the light of the heavens on to you and to me. Let each of us hold our lives "in the light" and illumine the world we live in by flavoring it with the taste of God.

*"May my words and
deeds give glory to God."*



And the Lord said, GO! And I said, *Who me?* And God said *Yes you!*

And I said, *But I'm not ready yet, company's coming, I can't leave my family or my job, there is no one to take my place.*

And God said, *you're stalling.*

And the Lord said, GO! I said *But I don't want to.*

And God said, *I didn't ask if you wanted to.* And I said, *I'm not that kind of person, my family won't like it, what will the neighbors think?*

And God said, *Baloney!*

And the Lord said, GO! And I said, *Do I have to?*

And God said, *do you love me?* And I said, *I'm scared, people are going to hate me, I can't do it all by myself.*

And God said, *where do you think I'll be?*

And the Lord said, GO! And I sighed, *Here I am...send me.*



In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.
- Matthew 5:16

Food Pantry Requests...

The month of January brought a flurry of food requests. We served 64 families last month! In addition, 5 new people came in to get food and several folks who had not been here in 6 months or more came for boxes. This is what we need...



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| Deodorant | Bar Soap | Toothpaste |
| Toilet Paper | Dish Soap | Tissues |
| Shampoo | Paper Towels | Spaghetti |
| Canned Tuna | Soup | Canned Pasta |
| Peanut Butter | Jelly | Spaghetti Sauce |
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COLUMBARIUM	Parishioner	Non-Parishioner
Single (1 Urn)	\$1,100	\$1,600
Double (2 Urns)	\$1,500	\$1,850
Inurnment	\$ 250 per niche	\$ 350 per niche
CEMETERY	Parishioner	Non-Parishioner
Plot	\$ 600	\$1,300
Burial	\$ 750	\$ 900
Burial of Cremains	\$ 250	\$ 275
Saturday Burial	\$ 250 additional	\$ 250 additional
Foundation	\$ 0.40 per sq. inch	\$ 0.40 per sq. inch

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