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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 February 13th , 2023

Monday

335: Gn 4:1-15, 25 Ps 50:1,08, 16bc-17, 20-21 Mk8:11-13

Tuesday 8 am Word and Communion

336: Gn 6:5-8, 7:1-5, 10 Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 9c-10 Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday 6:30 pm Mass with Fr. Rob

337: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22 Ps 116:12-15, 18-19 Mk 8:22-26

Thursday

338: Gn 9:1-13 Ps 102: 16-18, 19-23, 29 Mk 8:27-33

Friday

339: Gn 11:1-9 Ps 33:10-15 Mk 8:34—9:1

Saturday 4:30 pm Mass

340: Heb 11:1-7 Ps 145:2-5, 10-11 Mk 9:2-13

Sunday 9:30 am Mass

73: Is 58:7-10 Ps 112:4-9 1 Cor 2:1-5 Mt 5:13-16



PARISH ACTIVITIES

Catholic Schools Week!

Tuesday, February 14th – Happy Valentine's Day!

Wednesday, February 15th – Knitters 10 am

Blood Drive 1:30 – 6:30 pm

Thursday, February 16th – School Open House 6 – 7 pm

Friday, February 17th – No School

Sunday, February 5th – CLOW/Nursery 9:30 am

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$11,153.84 Offering: \$10,802

Food Pantry: \$235

Children's Good Deeds

...Behaving well in church during the Bishop's Mass...

...Helped clean the house...Helped make Gramma's birthday cake...

...Making my bed...Took care of laundry...

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal

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This week Wednesday, our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students will be taking a bus to the Capitol for a field trip. Normally, our 3rd grade students are the ones who attend this annual trip, but the older grades have not been able to attend for the past 2 years. The students are very excited to go to Lansing! We also have our

open house this week on Thursday, February 16th from 6:00-7:00 PM. If you know anyone interested in attending AACCS, please have them attend that night.

This month the students are working on the virtue of circumspection. This means we should carefully consider the circumstances and consequences of our actions. Taking a moment to pray before making a decision, asking for advice from someone we trust, or just pausing to think are all ways we can practice this skill in our lives. Have a great week everyone!

...God Bless...

Palm Collection – We will be collecting palms to be burnt for ashes. There will be baskets by the church entrances through February 19th.



EDUCATION / FORMATION

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

Can you name the Ten Commandments? Why did God give us these commandments? Jesus tells us to let our "yes mean yes" and "no mean no." Do you ever say yes to something but do not follow through? Why do you think following through is important to God?

Reflecting on the Word:

Today's Gospel is an excerpt from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. He restates commandments but calls us to take them even further. They are not about following the rules God has laid before us but about living in wisdom and truth that will set us free. If our focus is on following the rules, we have lost the point. If our focus is on loving God, our neighbor, and ourselves then we have embraced the heart of What Jesus is call us to. The commandments are no longer about what are supposed to do or not "supposed" to do, but about truly loving our whole selves. This is the deeper conversion Jesus longs for us to have.



Living the Word:

This week come up with some commandments for your family. Try and think of what will call the members of your family to a deeper love of God, one another, and themselves. Write or print them to be beautifully displayed in your home for your family to see regularly.

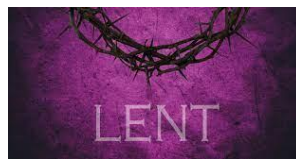
Parish Faith Night was a success!



We had 18 families attend!!!! Thank you to the Education Commission members: Ashley Bock, Katie Dengler, Kelly Hadd, Eva Hinterman, and Kristin Lance. Also thank you to Jennalee

Markel for leading the middle school prayer experience. We hope you use your Prayer Jar to enrich your prayer lives.

Lenten Scripture Study will be offered on



Tuesday's: February 21st, 28th, March 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th at 10 a.m. and at 6:30 p.m. at the Parish Center. Mike Lance will be leading the evening sessions.

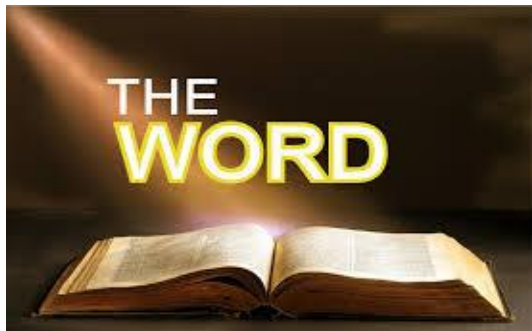
Everyone is welcome to gather, to share and discuss the Sunday readings of Lent. We will be using "Around the Lenten Circle" as our resource. Gatherings will include prayer, scripture passages, questions for reflection and sharing. If you have any questions contact Sandy, 989-662-4335 or faithformation@auburnac.org



Love is patient.
Love is kind.
Love is hopeful.
Love is trusting.
Love is humble.
God, thank you for loving me.
Help me love others too.

Valentine's Day





6th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Patricia Sanchez, *Celebration*

Today's readings talk about an appreciation of divine law. The selection from the Book of Sirach, a collection of Jewish wisdom, claims that obedience to God's law leads to genuine quality of life. The law turns out to be more of a revelation than a demand. God's law offers the pathway to a life full of blessings. When we appreciate that following the law of God leads to tranquility, it makes philosophical sense.

For Paul, divine wisdom refers to neither legal nor philosophical concepts but comes from knowing the mystery of Christ. Paul understands wisdom as the consciousness that comes from allowing the Spirit of God to enlighten us. It is the result of a relationship of love, and therefore it is impossible to understand outside of the context of being caught up in God's love.

Jesus applies the law of wisdom to the everyday relationships of people in community—and what he says applies as startlingly now as it did on the day he first uttered these things. Jesus reminds us that the anger which leads someone to demean a brother comes from the same root as Cain's murder of Abel. And just in case people missed that subtle reference, he doubled down on it by talking about making peace before you presume to offer anything to God, reminding people that the first murder took place in the context of making an offering to God (Genesis 4:1-10). Jesus capped this teaching off with the warning that if we can't figure out how to make peace among ourselves we'll start taking one another to court and end up imprisoned by our own systems of retribution.

Matthew's Sermon on the Mount presents Jesus as a new Moses, not as the lawyer but a guide who shows the way to a life full of blessing. In Deuteronomy 30, Moses told the people that through the covenant, God was offering them life or death, blessing or curse. When Jesus interpreted the Mosaic Law, he refused to get lost in juridical minutiae but went to the heart of the matter. Fulfillment of the law is simply a question of love.

From Sirach

Celebration

Today's reading from Sirach is part of an exploration of questions of God's omnipotence and omniscience in the face of human free will, and they are responsible. In these lines the sage echoes Moses' speech in Deuteronomy 30:11-20 insisting that human beings have the ability to choose good or evil, that which leads to life or that which causes destruction. This reading presents God's law not as a legal system but as a way of wisdom. This approach is far closer to Native American traditions than to the U.S. judicial system.

The second part of the reading offers great comfort to any who seek God's will. In the midst of extolling God's wisdom and power it assures the reader that God comprehends the human heart. "Fear of the Lord" includes the assurance that God watches over beloved humanity and will never ask for anything harmful. The last line assures anyone who suffers injustice that no matter what the aggressor's legalistic claims might be, nothing that does harm to another is the will of God. Regardless of what authorization people in power might claim, they have no license either to injure others or to demand that others do what is not right.

Paul to the Corinthians and Us

Celebration

Paul describes the wisdom at the heart of Christianity as something incomprehensible to the "rulers of this age," and yet something that the community already grasps as a "mystery." This implies that they accept it and that they live into it, they comprehend its truth ever more deeply. The point of this part of the letter is that God's wisdom is grasped by grace rather than through any intellectual accomplishment. To emphasize that, Paul paraphrases and reinterprets Isaiah 64:3 with this statement: "No ear has ever heard, no eye ever seen, any God but you working such deeds for those who wait.

Paul is picking up on Isaiah's idea that the eye and ear and heart are receptors of knowledge. We tend to believe in most of what we see, we judge what we hear on the basis of our trust in the source, and while we may not consciously admit it, most of us come to final conclusions under the strong influence of the heart. With his poetic rendering of "eye" has not seen..." Paul is saying that there is no human sense or resource capable of discerning God's plan. Only the Spirit of God can reveal God's heart to limited human beings.

Paul's teaching about the mystery of God's plan for humanity is not so much about grasping for understanding as it is about being grasped by love. The experience of God's great love has reordered Paul's whole being and overridden every other kind of knowledge.

Paul assures us that from the beginning of creation, God's plan has been to entice us into participation in this mystery. Everything prepared for it until it came to fulfillment in Christ. We can know this only through the influence of the Spirit who communicates from the very depths of God. Paul's talk about this mystery is nothing short of an invitation to share mysticism. As he told the Corinthians, He tells us that in Christ we are invited to live this mystery.

Women's Rights

Celebration

On the topic of relations between the sexes, Jesus stood up for vulnerable women. First of all, he said that regarding a woman as an object of pleasure denigrates her personhood. At the time when adultery was considered a crime against the women's husband, Jesus described both the lascivious gaze and the adulterous act as an offense against the woman herself, pointing out her primary significance in the whole matter. The same holds with the question of divorce. Because only the man could decide on divorce, it often left the woman without any honorable means of support. If a man puts a woman in that position, says Jesus, he will incur the guilt for whatever happens as a result. No man is free simply to wash his hands of a situation that doesn't please him.



Mass with Fr. Rob...

Dear Friends,

I realize that most of you don't know who I am. In my role here at St. Gabriel there is a good chance

that many of you may never get a chance to see me. With that said, I would like to invite you to come pray with me at Mass this Wednesday, February 15th at 6:30 pm. Please know that you are in my prayers, and I ask that you also pray for me. My hope is to keep the parish moving ahead without any changes until July.

Peace and Blessings,

Fr. Rob Howe

Parochial Administrator *Pro Tem*

Update for CMA... Here is the latest info for CMA.

A recent report from the diocese indicates that \$56,486.57 (76% of our goal) has been pledged toward our target of \$74,253 by 45% of our parish families. If you have not pledged please do so and help us reach our goal. Fr. Tom asks every week how well we are doing!



Ministry Schedule... *looking for new*

members! We are getting ready to do our next schedule and would like to invite anyone who is not currently involved to give us a look. We need parishioners who would be willing to serve as **Eucharistic Ministers** and **Lectors** as well as children 4th grade and older who would like to train as **Altar Servers**.

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Inurnment	\$ 250 per niche	\$ 350 per niche
CEMETERY		
Plot	\$ 600	\$1,300
Burial	\$ 750	\$ 900
Burial of Cremains	\$ 250	\$ 275
Saturday Burial	\$ 250 additional	\$ 250 additional

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