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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 20th, 2023

MONDAY

341: Sir 1:1-10 Ps 93:1-2, 5 Mk 9:14-29

TUESDAY 8 am Word and Communion

342: Sir 2:1-11 Ps 37: 3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 Mk 9:30-37

WEDNESDAY Ash Wednesday, 9 am Mass & 7pm Mass

219: J1 2:12-18 Ps 51:3-6b, 12-14, 17 2 Cor 5:20-6:2 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

THURSDAY

220: Dt 30: 15-30 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Lk 9:22-25

FRIDAY

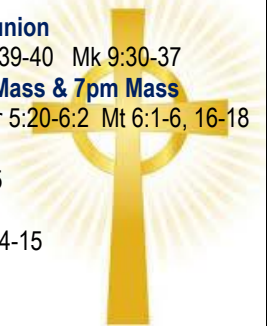
221: Is 58:1-9a Ps 51:3-6a, 18-19 Mt 9:14-15

SATURDAY 4:30 pm Mass

222: Is 58:9b-14 Ps 86:1-6 Lk 5:27-32

SUNDAY 9:30 am Mass

22: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7 Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17 Rom 5:12-19



UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

Monday, February 20th – No School

Choir Practice 6:30 pm

Tuesday, February 21st – Scripture Study 10 am

Scripture Study 7 pm

Sunday, February 26th – Inscription Sunday

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

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$11,153.84 **Offering:** \$9,915
Food Pantry: \$50 **In Memory of:** Bud Rivard \$100

Children's Good Deeds

...Helped Papa with the dishes...Playing with my friend Lily...
...I picked up my toys...Getting my homework done...
...I took care of the dishes all week...I gave my sister a hug...

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal

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Enrollment season is fully underway at the school. If you are interested in being a part of AACCS, please contact the office or go to the school website to schedule a tour! During Catholic schools' week, the students raised over \$1,300.00 for McNally House in Saginaw. As a reward for their hard work, the students got to "pie a teacher" in the face last week and received ice cream with an extra recess this week. Great job AACCS!!

Did you know AACCS has an endowment as well as a scholarship fund for students who need some help for a Catholic education. If you have any interest in supporting either of these ventures, please contact the office, email me, or grab one of the endowment half sheets on the table across from the school office. The endowment provides the school with a yearly amount of money that is used for various programs in the school. In the past we have used money for tuition scholarships, Catholic outreach, or other items not in the year-to-year budget.

... 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

Is there someone in your life that you are having a hard time forgiving? Have you spoken with God about it? How does Jesus show love and forgiveness in his own life? Why do you think this is so important to him?

Reflecting on the Word:

Forgiving and loving your enemies are hard, but we are all sinners. We have made mistakes many times throughout our lives. We have turned our back on the love of God to try and make ourselves happy, and it never works. Yet Jesus forgives us. On the cross Jesus said, "Forgive them, Father, for they know not what they do." As Jesus was in agony, dying for our sins, he wanted us to be forgiven. Jesus is a model for us. There is not a person on earth that God will not forgive for anything. So, there is not a person on earth that we should not forgive also. Forgiveness is hard, but again, Jesus never said following him would be easy.

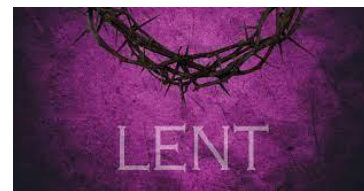


Living the Word:

As a family, reflect on past hurt. Allow those who want to share the time to do so. Then as a family pray for each of these people by name. How do you feel afterward? Ask God to help you pray for this person regularly.

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

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a

weekend for married Christian couples who value their relationship and desire a richer, fuller life together. It's not a retreat, nor a marriage clinic, nor group sensitivity. It's a unique approach aimed at revitalizing Christian Marriage. This is a time for you and your spouse to be alone together. To rediscover each other and together focus on your relationship for an entire weekend. Every marriage deserves that kind of attention! **When?** March 24-26, 2023, **Where?** Center for Ministry **Cost?** \$75.00 per couple and includes room and all weekend meals. **How?** Registrations go directly through the WWME group, so couples can apply at www.wwme.org or call Chris and Darla Vinton at (517) 667-0433.





7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sr. Mary McGlone, *Celebration*

One day God told Moses to assemble the entire community of Israel for an important message. So, Moses did as he was told and God said: "Be holy, for I, the Lord, your God, am holy." What on earth did that mean? It seems redundant to call God holy; what else could God be? The people sought holiness by obeying God's laws, but how could that make them holy like God?

Jesus issued essentially this same command at the end of today's Gospel, except that Jesus used the word "perfect" instead of "holy." It sounds like an impossible demand. How can we be like God? The minute we ask that question, we hear an echo of the first chapter of Genesis: "God created humankind in the divine image." We must have some potential! Perhaps our major problem has been with our definition of holiness of godly perfection.

If we work backwards in today's Gospel we hear about God's unprejudiced treatment of the just and unjust, those well-known for their goodness and those known for anything but love of God or others. The measure of God's holiness or perfection seems to be the way God sends sun and rain to everybody. That must be what Jesus meant when he said: "Love your enemies that you may be children of your heavenly father."

Example Given Sr. Mary McGlone, *Celebration*

We need to explore the translation that says "offer no resistance to one who is evil." "When did Jesus let evil pass untrammelled? A better translation of that statement is "Do not react with hostility to one who is evil." That's an entirely different thing from not resisting evil. So, the practical question is how to resist without hostility. Jesus suggests that when somebody slaps you, you should turn the other cheek. The play in this bit of wisdom comes with the carefully chosen word "slap." Jesus didn't say "When your spouse beats you," or "When the gang bullies you again," instead, he said, "When somebody slaps you." A slap is meant to demean rather than draw blood. A slap doesn't invite a fist fight; it is a put-down, a power play in the social hierarchy. Note that the slap Matthew portrays was back-handed (right hand to right cheek). Jesus was describing something intended to put the victim in his or her place rather than incapacitate her or him.

So too with walking the extra mile. A Roman soldier could force a local resident to carry his pack, but for only one mile. The offer to go a second mile robbed the uniformed bully of the initiative and put him in danger of being reported for going beyond the limits.

In the third example the power imbalance was economic. A poor person had borrowed money and all he had as collateral was his tunic, the outer garment that also served as his blanket at night. If the lender wanted to refuse to return the tunic until the loan was paid, he could get a group of collaborators to make the judgement on his behalf.

Priorities

Celebration

"Thus says the Lord: 'Be holy for I, the Lord, your God, am holy.'" On one level, there's a socio/psychological theory underneath the idea that we tend to become like whatever god we worship. As human beings we naturally imitate what we admire. We see what others acclaim as desirable and suddenly we can't wait to have it for ourselves. It is as if there is a yawning emptiness in us, a hunger ever seeking satisfaction that impels us to look outside ourselves for more. Thus, we wear our team's colors and buy the car that bespeaks our values, be they for the flashy or the ostentatiously ecologically responsible. This is the tendency that makes us prone to idolatry. We should not think of idolatry just as some ancient pagan ritual of bowing down before a totem but recognize that every choice we make says something about our ultimate values. We can recognize what we truly worship not so much by where we might go to church but rather by noting on what we spend our energy and our money. We know what has become holy to us by what makes us cheer, by what we strive to be and do.

To Evil with Good

Celebration

Jesus wanted his followers to circumvent the spirals of hostility in the world, thus he taught them how to respond in a way that decreased antagonism and increase humanity. The "lex talionis," an eye for an eye, recognized objective equality in terms of damage. The alternative Jesus proposed personalized the interaction. In his examples the injured party who refuses to be treated as an inferior human being becomes the greater in terms of humanity, and simultaneously inviting the other into a more human milieu. That sounds a bit like "The last shall be first," and it also presages how Jesus would respond to his own arrest, saying that those who live by the sword will die by it.

From the time of Moses on, God has called a people to be holy, which ultimately means to be caught up in and by love. Jesus' message in today's Gospel is that we were made for more than pettiness and futility, and that no power on earth can demean us to the point of erasing our humanity.

"When faced with evil let me not respond in kind."





Become a member of St. Gabriel Parish

We recently have had 5 new families join the parish. If anyone is interested in joining the

Parish please contact the Parish Office, 989-662-6861 and set up an appointment to register. It only takes about 15 minutes. Make that call become a part of this faith community.



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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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