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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**

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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 March 5th, 2023

MONDAY

230: Dn 9:4b-10 Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13 Lk 6:36-38

TUESDAY 8 am Word and Communion

231: Is 1:10, 16-20 Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23 Mt 23:1-12

WEDNESDAY

232: Jer 18:18-20 Ps 31:5-6, 14-16 Mt 20:17-28

THURSDAY

233: Jer 17:5-10 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Lk 16:19-31

FRIDAY

234: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Ps 105:16-21 Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

SATURDAY 4:30 pm Mass

235: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Ps 103:1-4, 9-12 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

SUNDAY 9:30 am Mass

28: Ex 17:3-7 Ps 95: 1-2, 6-9 Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 Jn 5-42



UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

Monday, March 6th – No School

Cantor Practice 6 pm - Choir Practice 6:30 pm

Tuesday, March 7th – Scripture Study 10 am

Scripture Study 7 pm

Wednesday, March 8th – Stations of the Cross 2:30 pm

Soup Supper 6 pm – Lecture w/ Fr. Cabrera 7 pm

Thursday, March 9th – AACS Open House 6 pm

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

Religious Ed 10:45 am/ YM 6 pm

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$11,153.84 Offering: \$7,117.75

Catholic Relief Services: \$25

Children's Good Deeds

...Shoveling the driveway...Helped Mom clean...

...Helping give my baby brother a bath...Making my bed...

...Getting myself dressed...Helping little sister get ready for church...

...Holding my sister's hand when she was upset in the car...

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal

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The school is hosting stations of the cross every Wednesday during Lent at 2:30 PM. The students will participate in a live action rendition of the stations and please consider joining us for one of the Wednesdays. Lent is a time for prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. We have been talking with the students about these three

pillars of Lent and how we can give our time, talents, and treasure to help people in our community.

The Gospel this week is the transfiguration of Jesus. The apostles have seen all these great works of mercy and miracles performed by Jesus, but now three of them catch a glimpse of him as God on the mountain side. He shone like the sun and appeared as white as light itself. This would have been one of the most amazing sights to see at the time, and I can only imagine how Peter, James and John must have felt at that moment. Have a great week!

...God Bless ...

EDUCATION / FORMATION

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

Why do you think God said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." What does this week's Gospel reveal to you about who Jesus is?

Reflecting on the Word:



The Transfiguration of Jesus
Matthew 17:1-13

In the Bible, many significant moments with God happen on mountain tops. For example, Moses received the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai and Jesus gave us the Beatitudes preaching on high. In

today's Gospel, we hear that instead of a revelation being given, Jesus is the revelation. Jesus has been walking with his disciples for three years teaching them and performing miracles in front of them, mountain top Jesus is transfigured before them and God tells them, "This is my beloved Son." Jesus reveals his full nature as not only fully human but also fully divine. Jesus is truly God! What a revelation he is!

Living the Word:

Have your children draw a picture of Jesus and then put a flashlight behind the picture to see what he would look like with his face shining like the sun and his clothes white as light.

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,

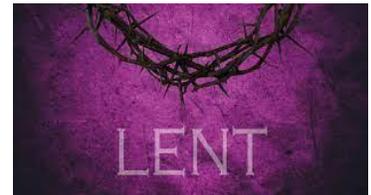
to share and discuss the Sunday readings of Lent. We will be

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



Inscription Sunday

was last Sunday for our parish children. We have 11 children who are preparing to complete the Sacrament of Eucharist. These children committed themselves to prepare to celebrate their 1st Eucharist and passed out their prayer cards after Mass. There will be a display with the children's pictures on it hanging on the south wall of the church and their prayer cards at both entrances of the church. Please take a prayer card and keep these children in your prayers as they prepare to receive holy communion for the first time.



Time to Spring Ahead

Daylight Savings Time Begins! Remember we lose an hour on Sunday March 12th so don't forget to adjust your clocks for Sunday morning Mass!



2nd Sunday of Lent

Sr. Mary McGlone, *Celebration*

We know that the Genesis myths have been preserved not for any pretense of describing historical or scientific events but because they portray timeless truths. Among other things, this story of Adam and Eve tells us that rebellion against God's plan has a long history. The human capacity for creativity and personal growth is susceptible to selfish distortions which bring rivalry with God and one another—and that leads to the lies, murder and mayhem that tragically scar human history. Whether or not we call it original sin, we know that humanity has drifted from our proper relationship to God as well as our whole relationship with self, others, and all created things. Today's readings lead us from the garden to join Jesus in the desert.

Once again the tempter shows up—this time there is no snakeskin costume. Now the devil pretends to be a psychologist and Scripture scholar. As psychologist he twice questions Jesus' sense of identity: "If you are the Son of God..." But in each case the end of the sentence suggests a way to betray his vocation as Son of God, the first by consecrating his power to his own well-being by magically creating bread and the second by demanding that God prove fatherly love on the absurd, fundamentalist terms of stopping his fall from the temple. These feats would have gone far in manipulating public opinion on Jesus' behalf—even if only to win fame as a powerful magician. In response Jesus quotes Scripture right back at the tempter, thereby refusing to be the devil's brand of messiah.

In a world where there is bread enough for everyone if only we would share, a world where OSHA regulations make it impossible to get near the edge of a parapet and emergency rooms must treat every foolhardy showoff, the third temptation might be the most contemporary—the temptation to power. Now the devil tells the truth. Getting the power of the kingdoms of the world demands turning one's back on God and the human vocation to love.

Pope Francis has described the devil's kingdoms as the places where "everything comes under the laws of competition...where the powerful feed upon the powerless." But Jesus offers an unequivocal "no" to idolatry of power and to the spiritual sloth that asks for miracles and refuses personal responsibility. He declines the devil's invitation to a life dedicated to self-service. Jesus' entire ministry is summed up in the yes to his vocation as Son implied in his rejection of the tempter's enticements.

The Fall

Celebration

The delightful myths of the first chapters of Genesis offer profound meditations on the meaning of human life and its travails. To start us off on our forty-day journey, the readings for the First Sunday of Lent deliberately feature the part of the creation story with "the Fall." The tragedy of this story's disobedience finds its reversal in the Gospel's depiction of Jesus, the obedient Son of God in the desert. Before we analyze the story, it may be important to clarify that "myth" is a genre of literature which depicts a truth that goes deeper than mere facts. Myth uses story to illuminate timeless meaning. Thus, while it is unlikely that Adam and Eve and the serpent wandered around Eden talking to each other, the story's depiction of human vulnerability to temptation and deception, our tendency to rebel and wreak havoc in relationships, tells us profound truths about who we are.

Eve took the bait and shared it with her mate. Forgetting that she and Adam were already created in the divine image, they took God

for their rival instead of their source of life. They abandoned the dance of creature with Creator for a wrestling match they could never win. They exposed themselves as trying to be what they were not and were suddenly so ashamed that they had to hide. The myth of the fall explores human rebellion against "creatureliness," the self-destructive drive for autonomy that infects history and wreaks havoc throughout God's creation.

Today's Readings

Celebration

The key concept tying these three readings together is obedience. In this context, obedience is the attitude that initiates right relationships between God and human beings, or we might say obedience is the only way for human beings to relate to God as Father. The story of the Fall in Genesis explains the seeming inevitability of disobedience and the disorder that rebellion creates. When human beings enter a rivalry with God, rivalry and every manner of discord characterized the entire human milieu. Once that has happened, everyone is born into the chaos of a sinful world.

The story of Jesus in the desert presents the alternative. Only because Jesus chose the word of God over bread could he later ask his disciples to go out on a mission unarmed and provisioned. When Jesus refused to jump off the parapet of the temple he refused to use miracles to prove God's love for him and to prove himself to the public. By doing that he demonstrated the faith he asked his disciples to share with him. Finally, in refusing to worship the tempter and the military, economic and political control he offered, Jesus affirmed that love is the only power that can build a future. As Paul tells us, one man's obedience opened the way of life to all.

Good Temptations

Deacon Dick Folger, *Celebration*

Today's Gospel speaks to us about Jesus' temptation in the desert. We are all plagued with temptations. If you are on a diet, your temptation may be to pour more chocolate syrup on your ice cream. If you struggle with personal discipline your temptation may be to yield to sinful actions. From 1952 to 1957 at a time when television was replacing radio, Bishop Fulton J. Sheen burst into the living rooms of America with his "Life is Worth Living" program. Bishop Sheen was a sensation, somewhat like what Pope Francis is today. Bishop Sheen gave us this helpful thought on temptation: "Why is it that any time we speak of temptation we always speak of temptation as something that inclines us to wrong. We have more temptations to become good than we do to become bad."

"Lead me not into temptation."

*Our parish tradition continues this Wednesday with soup supper at 6 pm and at 7 pm our Lenten program: **Eucharist: All In.** With **Father José Cabrera** presenting **The Liturgy of the Word** As a faith community this is our time to come together and be renewed and to deepen our encounter with Christ in the Eucharist. Please join us!*



Needs for the Food Pantry.

With some Covid benefits for needy families ending this month we have already seen an uptick in people requesting food. We are again

asking for your help to stock our pantry so we can serve *everyone* who needs it.

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| Tissues | Toothbrushes | Dish Soap |
| Paper Towels | Canned Fruit | Laundry Detergent |
| Jelly | Sloppy Joe Mix | Baked Beans |
| Spaghetti Sauce | Tuna Helper | Hamburger Helper |
| Mashed Potatoes | Pasta Sides | Mac & Cheese |
| Boxed Pasta | Boxed Cereal | Treats |

"Sometimes it only takes one act of kindness & caring to change a person's life"—Jackie Chan

Update for CMA... Here is the latest info for CMA. A recent report from the diocese indicates that \$58,486.60 (78% of our goal) has been pledged toward our target of \$74,253 by 47% of our parish families. If you have not pledged please do so and help us reach our goal.



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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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