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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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday each month at 11:00 AM in the Sacristy at St. Gabriel Parish \*Please call Parish Office for appointment.

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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.

## EDUCATION / FORMATION

### WEEK OF MARCH 8, 2021

#### MONDAY

237: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4 Lk 4:24-30

#### TUESDAY 8 am Word and Communion

238: Dn 3:25, 34-43 Ps 25:4-5b, 6, 7bc, 8-9 Mt 18:21-35

#### WEDNESDAY 7 pm Mass

239: Dt 4:1, 5-9 Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 Mt 5:17-19

#### THURSDAY 8 am Mass

240: Jer 7:23-28 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 Lk 11:14-23

#### FRIDAY 7 pm Stations of the Cross

241: Hos 14:2-10 Ps 81:6c-11b, 14, 17 Mk 12:28-34

#### SATURDAY 4:30 pm Mass

242: Hos 6:1-6 Ps 51:3-4, 18-21b Lk 18:9-14

#### SUNDAY 9:30 am Mass

32:2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23 Ps 137:1-6 Eph 2:4-10 Jn 3:14-21



### UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup> – Administration Meeting - 6 pm

Parish Council – 7 pm

Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup> – No School – Teachers Reporting

Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup> – Food Pantry Weekend

Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup> – Daylight Savings Time Begins “Spring Ahead”

Religious Ed – 10:45 am

Communal Penance – 1 pm

### STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$10,962 Offering: \$9,349.55

Food Pantry: \$100 Catholic Relief Services: \$5

*We want to acknowledge your generous support of our Parish.*

*Thank-you so much!*

Children G☺od Deed

...Helped put laundry away...

**Family Talk Time** Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families, Sara McGinnis Lee  
*Have you ever felt really, angry? Is it a good feeling? How might we use our emotions in constructive ways?*

#### Reflecting on the Word:



In this Gospel, Jesus reacts strongly to the business transactions in a place of God. He is angry, and that anger spills into physicality. When he perceived the temple, a place of prayer and worship to God, to be overrun with business dealings, he evaluates the situation to be degrading and diminishing to God and responds with anger. In that very human response, he validates our own human emotions. His anger led him to action, he removed the marketplace from the temple. We too, must take our strong emotions and respond appropriately. How can we take our anger, our love, our joy, and use them in a way that benefits God's Kingdom?

#### Living the Word:

Acting in anger can be destructive, so it is good to redirect it so that it fuels actions that are more constructive. Talk with your family about how to redirect feelings of anger. Does taking a deep breath help, or does it help to be alone for a while? Could you stick up for someone being bullied or left out? Could you “take action” on an issue for social justice? As a family, decide to take compassionate action this Lent.

**Inscription Sunday** is this weekend. We have 20 children from our parish preparing to come to the table and receive their 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist. These children will be recognized this weekend at Mass and their prayer cards will be available for you to take and pray for them as they prepare to receive the Sacrament. Next weekend their pictures will be displayed on the wall of church so you can connect their name with their picture.



**The Nicene Creed** is the Church's statement of faith that as a parish family we will be praying during Lent. It is good to change it helps us be less complacent in our prayer. The Nicene Creed is rooted in the proclamation of faith. The first council of Nicea formulated the Nicene Creed in the year 325. The Creed summarizes the beliefs proclaimed by Christian from the earliest day of the Church. Its four principle statements of belief in the Father, the Son, the Spirit and the Church provide an outline of the essential doctrines of the Catholic faith. Both the Apostles and Nicene Creeds essentially say the same thing, with one being more precise (Nicene) and the other summarizing the faith in fewer words (Apostles'). The purpose of each one is the same, affirming the faith and proclaiming before all what we believe. St Augustine said it best, 'Let the creed be like a mirror for you. Look at yourself in it to see whether you really believe all that you claim to believe. And rejoice every day in your faith. If you would like to reflect more on the Creed there is a *Catholic Update* on the tables at the entrances of Church: **The Nicene Creed: What WE Believe by Greg Friedman, OFM**

#### **CMA (formerly CSA) Update:**

With respect to the status of this annual appeal, the good news is, as of \$69,470 has been received of our target of \$71,201! The bad news is that while 55% of parishioners have responded, 45% of our parishioners have not yet respond.



*March is reading month!* This year we are taking an adventure into some good books! Our theme is “Reading is an Adventure”. Along the “journey”, we will make sure to stop and read a few books that take us along a journey. We will have weekly DEAR (drop everything and read) time, dress up days, and will send each other pencil postcards. I have always felt reading is extremely important to a child's educational achievement. The more we get them to read, the more they will learn!

The Gospel this week is talking about the temple and the money changers. Jesus goes into the temple and finds that business is taking place there. He shows his human nature and gets angry. Taking our anger into account and responding appropriately is always a struggle that I constantly grapple with in my dealing with my own children. Using patience, understanding, and prudence I can really think about what needs to be done or said.



✝ God Bless

## AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal





## FROM FR. TOM'S DESK

**New Age: (John 2)**

Celebration

Jesus' bold and forceful actions of entering the temple and driving out the sellers and moneychangers signaled that his ministry would be spent in replacing what had become a sometimes corrupt and defunct sacrificial cult. He would, as it were, overthrow the "tables" of the law and cast out the "merchants" of hypocrisy and legalism. He would replace the old dispensation and system of worship with the new and living temple of his body. On the cross, he would make the perfect offering that would supersede every other sacrifice.

**My Father's House:**

Deacon Dick Folger, Celebration

Spring cleaning is a great therapy. We all need to reboot our computers, refresh ourselves and turn over a new leaf. In the ebb and flow of culture and custom, things silently get out of hand and something finally needs to be done.

Last November the nation was ready for the kind of housecleaning change that swept new leadership into power. In today's Gospel, the situation on the holy ground of the temple had gradually gotten out of hand. The moneychangers who converted Roman money into the necessary Jewish shekel were disrespectfully setting up shop in the temple precincts. People were selling animals on the spot. The temple had become a busy marketplace instead of a house of worship. Jesus swept in with change and reclaimed reverence for his Father's house.

**Righteous Anger:**

Grace Works, Dallas, TX

Was Jesus mad? You better believe it! His great intimacy with God, his undying love for all of God's people, and his burning passion for people to know and worship God could not allow him to watch the misuse of the Temple with apathetic disinterest. Great love cares too much, expects too much, desires too much to be other than angry when faced with such a scene as Jesus saw that day in the temple. I wonder what Jesus would do if he came in person to our place of worship today? Would he be pleased with our attentiveness in worship? Would he be pleased with our maintenance of the house of God? Would he be pleased with our focus on prayer, or on our care for outsiders? I hope so. I would never want to displease the One who loves us so much that he would die for us all, would you?

**Our Challenge:**

Grace Works, Dallas, TX

Jesus taught us this with every step he took those last weeks of his life. It was Jesus who said that losing leads to finding, giving creates wealth, and in dying to self we rise into the glory of God. But few seem to embrace that foolish message today. Where are the men and women who will speak God's truth to power, who are so in love with Jesus Christ that love defines behavior rather than feelings?

In this third week of following our Lord to Jerusalem and the cross, the Gospel reaches across the span of millennia to show us more than tell us that the One who dies on a cross is the laughingstock of the world. He is the foolish Savior who gives his life believing love is more powerful than hate and weakness the sure sign of God's strength. How will it be for you in the "after" moments of hearing this crazy Gospel yet once again

We have a choice. Will it be the foolish notion that when someone hurts you, you can love them toward reconciliation? Might the choice be to open your checkbook and make love a verb by investing in feeding the hungry, and housing the homeless? Could this foolish Gospel take hold in our lives to such a degree that we believe the kingdoms of this world will become the Kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ and he shall reign forever and ever? So be foolish! Follow Jesus! Live in love to the glory of God.

*"Thank you, Father, for the gift of your Son"*



### **Third Sunday of Lent:**

Patricia Sanchez, Celebration

Because scripture is God's living word mediated to the reader through a variety of authors in countless different ways, there are always many doors and windows through which to enter into the weekly gift it offers. For example, we could easily enter the door opened to us in the first reading and reflect on the law as the means by which the Israelites expressed their faithfulness to the God with whom they had a covenant of love. We could consider if our lives are being lived consonant with or contrary to the laws that are offered to us as guides in both Testaments. We could even reflect upon our attitude toward the laws of our city, state, and country and how these laws challenge our consciences.

Paul opens a door to God's word in today's second reading and invites us to compare the ways and the will and the wisdom of God to that of human beings. Like the Jews and the Greeks who thought God's ways to be foolish, weak, or illogical, we may sometimes find God's ways too difficult. In those times, we are invited to trust and believe in the one God whose knowledge and wisdom are infinite.

Jesus' words to the sellers and moneychangers in the temple, as interpreted by John in today's Gospel, open yet another door. Jesus challenges us not to be swallowed up by the consumerism that characterizes our culture, but instead to invest our attention and energies in spiritual stock that does not fail.

### **The Commandments : (Exodus 20)**

Celebration

Commandments One through Three of the law concern the appropriate attitude and conduct of one who is privileged to be related to God. These laws insist on monotheism, which grew gradually among the Israelites

Laws regarding the Lord's name prohibited its use for any purpose other than prayer. Since the name was thought to be an extension of the person, manipulation or abuse of the name was tantamount to an affront to the person, in this instance, God. Many ancient cultures observed a rest day, but the Israelites attached a religious motivation to it. In their rest, they made time to worship the God who created all that is and rested on the seventh day.

Commandments Four through Ten govern interpersonal relationships. Each precept safeguards the values upon which a wholesome and holy society is structured: family (Fourth), life (Fifth), marriage and fidelity (Sixth), property rights (Seventh), truth (Eighth), and home and hearth (Ninth, and Tenth). It is significant that all the prescriptions of the Decalogue were regarded as an expression of God's will for the people. Therefore, the observance of these laws is to be understood as a faith response to God.

### **Folly of the Cross: (1 Corinthians)**

Celebration

Rather than argue against the objections of Jews or Greeks, Paul simply but strongly affirmed that God and God's ways cannot be measured by human standards. In the suffering and crucified Christ, Paul saw an expression of divine power and wisdom that could only be penetrated and accepted in faith. This was the challenge he held out to the Corinthians; he holds that same challenge out for our acceptance or rejection today.

To believe that God has accomplished the salvation of sinners through the suffering and death of a beloved Son on the cross is to accept that we will be thought of as foolish and absurd in a world whose values are often at odds with the Gospel. To accept a suffering Savior is also to accept the redemptive role that suffering can have in our own lives. To accept suffering and to unite it with that of Christ Jesus is to participate in God's great gift of redemption, here and now and forever.

## Food Pantry Needs...



We are going to try to get back into a routine of the second week-end of the month being Food Pantry Weekend. You can drop off donations at the parish office or bring them to mass Saturday or Sunday. These are the needs that the Pantry has for this month:

Canned Pasta	Tuna Helper	Pasta/Rice Sides
Dish Soap	Shampoo	Sloppy Joe Mix
Tissues	Deodorant	Toothpaste



**WANTED** a person who is willing to give of their time to help a parishioner with their yard work. Raking, pruning, general yard clean-up was the request. The parishioner will assist you with the work as able. If you are this person contact Kim at the Parish Office, at 662-6861 or [parishoffice@auburnac.org](mailto:parishoffice@auburnac.org)

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