



# St. Gabriel Parish

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**MASSES**

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.

**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 AACS 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 June 13<sup>th</sup> , 2022

### MONDAY

365:1 Kgs 21:1-16 Ps 5:2-3b, 4b-7 Mt 5:38-42

### TUESDAY

366: 1 Kgs 21:17-29 Ps 51:3-6b, 11, 16 Mt 5:43-48

### WEDNESDAY 8 am Mass

367: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14 Ps 31:20-21, 24 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

### THURSDAY 8 am Mass

368: Sir 48:1-14 Ps 97:1-7 Mt 6:7-15

### FRIDAY

369: 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20 Ps 132:11-14, 17-18 Mt 6:19-23

### SATURDAY 4:30 pm Mass

370: 2 Chr 24:17-25 Ps 89:4-5, 29-34 Mt 6:24-34

### SUNDAY 9:30 am Mass

169: Gn 14:18-20 Ps 110:1-4 1 Cor 11:23-26 Lk 9:11b-17



## UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

**Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup> – Blood Drive – 1:30-6:30 pm**

**Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup> – Mission Trip Blessing after Mass**

## STEWARDSHIP

**Weekly Target:** \$10,962    **Offering:** \$11,114  
**Food Pantry:** \$270    **Priest Retirement Fund:** \$75  
**Children's Good Deeds**

...Helping my sister at the zoo when she was scared...

...Helping SJ...Making my bed...

## AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal

Our two training sessions last week were insightful, and they gave the teachers a lot of new information to consider as they go through teaching the students. The school is smelling cleaner by the day, and the floors are definitely in better shape than before. We will continue the refurb process as two classrooms will be updated with new flooring, and doors will be updated, and the playground will get a new facelift also! This should all be complete before school is back in session in August!



We are again in the process of looking for an Administrative Assistant for the school. It is based on the school calendar with minimal summer hours, there are health insurance perks, and you get to see some wonderful smiling faces every day! If you know someone that might be interested or would like more information, please send them my way! At [cswitalski@auburnac.org](mailto:cswitalski@auburnac.org) or job descriptions will be available in the Parish Office.

...God Bless...

## EDUCATION / FORMATION

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



*Each time we enter church we are reminded of our baptism and the Trinity. Be attentive when you dip your hand in the holy water font and sign yourself with the cross, praying, "In the name of the Father, and the*

*Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen." Which person of the Trinity do you relate to the most: the Father, the Son, or the Holy Spirit? Why?*

### Reflecting on the Word:

The Holy Spirit guided the apostles and early Church in reflection on the mystery of Trinity and continues to unfold this mystery for us. It still takes lifetimes to fully understand the mystery of the Trinity. But we can begin by viewing the Trinity through the lens of relationship with one another. We are invited to be a part of that relationship, too.

### Living the Word:

You can find many digital resources about faith online. This week, do a search for images about the Trinity. This is a great way to see classic and contemporary representations of the Trinity, which can help spark your reflections on this holy mystery of our faith.

### Vacation Bible School

*Mark your calendar:* July 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>, 2022

For children in grades K – 5th (Fall 2022)

Help needed from youth in grades 6th – 12th

Registration forms & youth volunteer forms are available at the west entrance of the church as well as at the Parish Office



### Knitting Update:



The St. Gabriel knitting group will continue to meet on the third Wednesday of the month throughout the Summer at the Parish Center at 10 am with the next gathering being on June 15<sup>th</sup>. *New members are always welcome, so please join us!*

**Please remember your parish contribution envelopes this Summer. You may send it in the mail or drop it in the collection basket where you attend Mass. It will then get sent to us! You can also use "Online Giving" and have no worries while you are out enjoying the summer! Thank-you for your generosity!**



**Bless me, Father,  
Son, and Holy Spirit**



## FROM FR. TOM'S DESK

### Feast of the Most Holy Family:

Patricia Sanchez, *Celebration*

The word “theophany” refers to a direct encounter with God. The term is a combination of two Greek words: *theos*, God; and *phainos*, appear. A theophany, experienced by an individual or by a group of persons, is usually described by biblical authors as an event that includes (1) a natural disturbance—such as a storm, an earthquake or a bush burning without being consumed—that signals an unusual or unexpected manifestation of God; (2) a revelation from God, whose presence is somehow communicated and affirmed in the natural disturbance; (3) a response, at once fearful and fascinated, on the part of the one gifted with the theophany; (4) an indication that this theophanic experience has changed everything.

Because of the Trinity, we are forever changed. Our relationship with God is forever different. I am no longer a mere creature. God is not simply the Unmoved Mover or the Intelligent Designer. God is Parent, and I am the beloved child. God is Brother, and I am beloved sister or brother. God is Spirit, and I am alive with the very breath of God.

In today's second reading, Paul speaks of the different ways in which God is manifested to humankind. The great apostle to the gentiles was probably not thinking in trinitarian terms; this doctrine would not be enunciated until centuries later. Nevertheless, there hints at the multi-personal and relational character of God here and in texts like the first reading from Israel's sapiential literature. There, the author of Proverbs portrays Wisdom personified as God's helpmate in creation. Later believers would come to understand that God's Word and Wisdom became flesh and blood in the person of Jesus Christ. This same Jesus would round out the believer's experience of the theophany of three by promising that the gift of the Spirit (Gospel, John) would forever remain with his disciples.

### She is God's Gift (Proverbs 8):

*Celebration*

Wisdom speaks, and her voice is decidedly womanly. Wisdom is a term of feminine grammatical gender in Hebrew (*Hokmah*), Greek (*Sophia*) and Latin (*Sapientia*). Wisdom is featured in the scriptures as mother nurturer, female beloved, hostess and gourmet cook as well as preacher, judge, liberator, and establisher of justice. In this excerpt from Proverbs, Wisdom is revealing herself as the first of God's works, whose origin predates the beginning of the world. She is beside God in the vital act of creating all that is. Wisdom is a beneficent, right-ordering power in whom God delights and by whom God creates; her constant effort is to lure human beings to life.

In its long development, the concept of Wisdom has evolved from being appreciated as a skill; to sagaciousness; to a feminine quality that reveals God's gentle, nurturing nature; to a person in whom the mind, heart and will of God are fully revealed in flesh and blood. Wisdom is celebrated today as God's abiding gift to all who seek to discover his will, her love.

### Source of Strength (Romans 5):

*Celebration*

By mingling the themes of affliction and disappointment with those of hope and endurance in this passage, Paul extends a brotherly helping hand to all who struggle to maintain balance in their lives. When difficulties arise, Paul seems to be saying, do not look solely inside yourselves for some reserve of strength. Rather, look to God, look to Christ, be open to the movement of the Spirit and find the resources you need to go forward. Look to the Christ-event, where God is fully

revealed and there where struggling human beings find the solution to sin, to sadness, to separation.

### Living Legacy (John 16):

*Celebration*

This Spirit, of whom Jesus speaks in today's Gospel, offers each of us a similar strength and sense of purpose. In all we do, the Spirit that is Jesus' living legacy to us guides and motivates, challenges, and chides. The Spirit enabled Jesus' earliest disciples to make sense of the Christ-event, to accept a crucified savior and to pierce the mystery of redemptive suffering and loving self-sacrifice. Once grasped by the Spirit, the first followers of Jesus became preachers and teachers of the Christ-event so that all might know and participate in its gifts. Compelled by the Spirit, they carried the good news throughout the then-known world, and when the time came for them to follow Jesus' path through suffering and death to life everlasting, the Spirit served as their courage and constant companion.

### In Threes:

Deacon Dick Folger, *Celebration*

Peter denied Christ three times. Jesus rose on the third day, Jesus told Peter three times to “feed my sheep.” So many things come in threes: Faith, hope, and charity. The magi. Past, present, and future. Priest, prophet, and king. What is it about three that is so powerful?

The triangle has been described as the most durable shape there is. Its three sides and three angles make it a “perfect” figure that will never collapse into another form. Circles might become ovals, for example—but even if you compress them, triangles will always be triangles.

The greatest triangle of all, the Trinity, is what we celebrate today: Our belief they God is three persons in one. We remind ourselves of this mystery every time we cross ourselves and say, “In the name of the Father and Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

### A Relational God:

Fr. James Smith, *Celebration*

God is primarily relational. Father, Son, and Spirit are who they are by doing what they do: relate to each other. Then, God creates outside beings to relate to. God relates to rocks and maples and tigers and humans according to their capacity to respond. Absolutely nothing can exist outside of some direct relationship with God.

The relationship with humankind took a definitive step when God promised Abraham that his descendants would have a special covenant with God. And when God revealed himself in the humanity of Jesus. God's future was forever linked with the destiny of humans. God's life is henceforth incomplete without humankind; God's happiness now depends on the happiness of humanity.

That means that God is intensely involved in each person's life. While God watches over the unfolding evolution and the decline of whole civilizations, he also keeps his eye on every individual. God takes responsibility for every single thing that God has created. In the case of humans, God assumed personal responsibility for each one. It's hard to believe that God cares so much about us. But a God who would not die for you is just another self-centered idol.

### In His Hands:

*Grace Works*, Dallas Texas

A child was afraid to cross a busy street and standing beside his parent he cried for the parent to hold his tiny hand. The parent's arms were already full—a purse, groceries, an umbrella. So, the parent told the child to reach up and take hold of the parent's outstretched finger. But the child refused to cross the street, even with the offer of the parent's finger to hold. “No,” the child protested, “I did not want to hold your hand I want you to hold my hand.” The parent understood, rearranged her load, and offered her child a full hand into which the child's hand slipped confidently. Together they crossed the street.

I am wondering, if we asked the child, now safely on the far side of the street, “Were you disappointed?” What do you think he would say? He would say the same thing all of us—as God's beloved children—will say when we have crossed safely to the other side.

## Sacred Heart Gladwin Rummage Sale



Sacred Heart Gladwin will be hosting a large rummage sale at the **Sacred Heart Activity Center, 402 Silverleaf St., Gladwin MI.** June 16-18, 2022. Times will be,

Thursday 9 am – 6 pm, Friday 9 am – 5 pm, Saturday 9 am – 4 pm. Please join us for a really great event and lots of good deals!



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\$ 200 additional	\$ 200 additional
\$ 0.40 per sq. inch	\$ 0.40 per sq. inch

Contact St. Gabriel Parish Office at 989-662-6861

- **Reminder, there will be a price increase for all cemetery charges on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022**