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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 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 26th, 2023

MONDAY

371: Gn 12:1-9 Ps 33:12-13, 18-20, 22 Mt 7:1-5

TUESDAY

372: Gn 13:2, 5-18 Ps 15:2-4b, 5 Mt 7:6, 12-14

WEDNESDAY

373: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18 Ps 105:1-4, 6-9 Mt 7:15-20

THURSDAY

591: Acts 12:1-11 Ps 34:2-9 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18 Mt 16:13-19

FRIDAY

375: G 17:1, 9-10, 15-22 Ps 128:1-5 Mt 8:1-4

SATURDAY Mass 4:30 pm

376: Gn 18:1-15 (Ps) Lk 1:46-50, 53-55 Mt 8:5-17

SUNDAY Mass 9:30 am

97:2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a Ps 89:2-3, 16-19 Rom 6:3-4, 8-11 Mt 10:



UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

Saturday/Sunday, July 1st -2nd – Welcome Father Marc!

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$11,153.84 Offering: \$6,695

Food Pantry:\$25 Priests Retirement: \$1290

In Memory of: Charles Prebay - \$5000

Clarence Uhman - \$75

Children's Good Deeds

...Babysat my mom's boss's dog...

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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This week I am on vacation in the wonderful Roger City area. I hope you all have gotten some good quality time with your families. It is nice to disconnect and not have cell service anywhere except in town. I get

a lot of joy from spending time with my children even as they grow older and wiser. It is a beautiful thing to see them evolve into their own selves and find what their passions are in life.

...God Bless ...

EDUCATION / FORMATION

Family Talk Time:

Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families, Sara McGinnis Lee
What does it say about God that he knows all secrets and even all the hairs on your head? If God knows everything about you, what does that tell you about what he feels for you?

Reflecting on the Word:

Do you know how many hairs are on your head? God does—he knows you better than you know yourself. There is nothing that you can hide from him, and you don't need to hide because God knows all of you and he loves you. Sometimes there are things about us that we are afraid to let others know, afraid they might not like us anymore or think badly of us. Our actions or choices don't change how God feels about each of us, his beloved son or daughter. How does that make you feel?

Living the Word:

Even all the hairs of your head are counted. So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows." Have your children copy this Scripture passage on paper and then draw a picture of themselves. Ask your children to draw strands of hair and count them together. Try counting each strand of hair on their heads. Can you finish counting? Talk about how God our loving Father already knows how many actual hairs on our head we have. What does that say about how intimately he knows us?



Vacation Bible School – Mark your calendar!

July 25, 26, 27 from 9 am - 12 noon. For children in grades K – 5th (Fall 2023) Help needed from youth in grades 6th – 12th Registration forms & youth volunteer forms are available at the west entrance of the church. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Mocny at kmocny@auburnac.org



Father Marc Hopps was born in Bay City and his family were members of St. Vincent de Paul Church, now Saint Catherine of Siena Parish. He attended All Saints High School, after Holy

Trinity Elementary, then University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, graduating with a bachelor's degree in philosophy and Catholic studies. He attended Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit, completing with a master's in divinity and degree in theology (STB). He was ordained to the priesthood on May 31, 2019, by Bishop Walter Hurley and served as parochial vicar at Holy Spirit Parish in Shields from July 1, 2019, for one year. He has served since July 1, 2020, at St. Brigid of Kildare Parish in Midland and St. Mary University Parish in Mt. Pleasant. **Please join us in welcoming Fr. Marc to St Gabriel Parish with coffee and donuts after Mass on July 1&2, his first official weekend!**



12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sr. Mary McGlone, *Celebration*

In today's Gospel Jesus sends the apostles out to preach the coming of the kingdom of heaven in a word and deed. He knows they will encounter resistance and even life-threatening opposition. Thus, he starts and finishes the core of his instructions by saying, "Do not be afraid." Halfway in between those two statements he explains that those who kill the body have very limited power; the real danger comes from those who can suffocate the human spirit. The latter are the ones the prophets railed against, even at the cost of their lives. Today's reading calls us to reconsider our Christian vocation. Each of us was baptized to share in Christ's prophetic ministry. That means we need to stop and ask ourselves if we are willing to step into the space where the way of world contradicts the Gospel and say, "It doesn't have to be this way." It means we must love our world enough to be part of making it what God created it to be. Accepting the call to prophecy means that we are accepting the role of speaking and acting as renegades for life.

Role of the Prophet

Sr. Mary McGlone, *Celebration*

What is a prophet? A prophet is someone called by God to read the signs of the times in the light of the Gospel. A prophet is someone deeply in touch with contemporary reality, one who is loving and courageous enough to expose what is contrary to the will of God as well as galvanize others to believe in and work to create a gospel alternative. Now that's a job description set up to antagonize just about everybody.

Do we wonder why people rejected Jeremiah and plotted against him? The prophetic message is just too demanding! We've seen it time and again. Jeremiah's case presents what could be a cartoon caricature. When a scroll of Jeremiah's prophecy was presented to the king, the king listened to it section by section, and as each segment came to an end he borrowed a knife, cut off the part just read and threw it into the fire (Jeremiah 36). Of course, it didn't take long for even Jeremiah's friends to understand that their relationship with him might not be worth the price.

The second dimension of prophecy is the too often forgotten task of promoting real alternatives. This dimension of the prophetic vocation offers an interpretation of the charge Jesus gives us in today's Gospel: "What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light." How often do we hear a nearly inaudible voice prod us with some version of those most disturbing questions: "Isn't there another possibility? Does it always have to be this way?" These are quite often the question of young people whose experience has not yet taught them to capitulate to "the way things really work" and who have not yet accumulated so much that they feel they must protect it. The moment we find ourselves resisting such questions we need to ask ourselves what we fear, what have we allowed to come into our lives and fetter our hopes?

Your Value

Deacon Dick Folger, *Celebration*

The American humorist, Mark Twain, famously said: "The only reason why God created man is because he was disappointed with the monkey." "Yet, today's Gospel assures us that God loves all of creation; even the smallest of sparrows are in his care. We know that the good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose. Even so, we might have to say that mosquitoes come close to serving no purpose. As sons and daughters of God, we are all called to discover our purpose in life and to acknowledge it before all else. We must forever give glory to the Father who breathes us into life, Walks with us in all our days and calls us home at the end of life.

Jeremiah's Modeling

Celebration

Like most true prophets Jeremiah protested his call from the beginning. Although he cried, "I am too young!" God's response was that he had been called from his mother's womb—a statement that nullified age as a valid impediment. Jeremiah may be most famous for his semi-blasphemous accusation that God had seduced him into prophecy. Jeremiah chose that word seduction very purposefully as an expression of his passion and sense of deception. The vocation to prophecy promised little prestige and even less success. Love of God, of God's word and of God's people were Jeremiah's only motivations. Yet, the people rejected him, the word never seemed to be effective, and Jeremiah didn't feel that God was doing anything to vindicate him.

As we listen to Jeremiah's confession/complaint, we are reminded of just how honest Jewish prayer can be. When the prophet or psalmist feels abandoned or betrayed, politeness and even conventional reverence are overrun by torrents of emotion that leave not one grievance unspoken, not one moan or sigh stifled. These are the prayers of people so intimately involved with God that they can say exactly what they think and feel, knowing God will hear them out. Once Jeremiah has expressed every bit of his sorrow and anger, he then can express his trust in God. As in Psalm 22 which Jesus prayed from the cross, Jeremiah accuses God of abandoning him and mourns the cruelty of his enemies and the betrayal of his friends. But as Psalm 22 moves from despair to hope and faith, Jeremiah ends his prayer with a song of trust that God will rescue him and exact justice in due time.

Perseverance

Heather Neds, *Celebration*

As disciples we need to follow Jesus' example. Jesus knew he was not alone—and neither are we. From the Garden of Gethsemane to his resurrection, God was present there with Jesus. He was there in the words Jesus spoke to those who defended him when he was arrested. God was there comforting Jesus as the crown of thorns pierced his skull and through each snap of the whip and each painful step he took carrying the cross. And after Jesus died, God let the darkness settle before the light was revealed in the resurrection.

Are you standing in the light? Shouting God's praise from the rooftop? Do you acknowledge God when you are in the trenches and the whole world seems to be against you? Do you stand in truth with God as your constant help? Do your words and actions reflect your trust that God will not abandon you, that he is with you through it all? This is what it means to be a disciple.

*"Strengthen me,
Lord, as a disciple"*

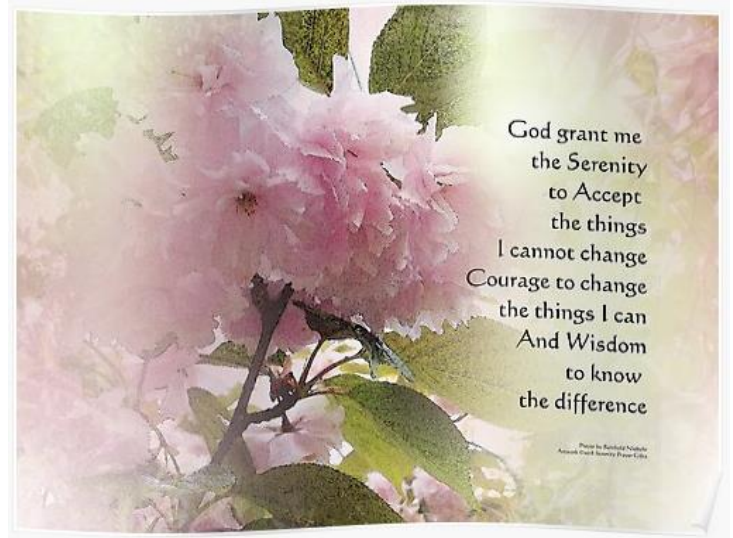


Blood Drive Success!

Our last blood drive ended up with 24 successful donations! Those 24 units will go to save the lives of 66 people, what a great day! The support from the parishioners of St. Gabriel is truly overwhelming and so very appreciated. Please keep up the good work! Our next blood drive is scheduled for August 9th. Maybe we can set a blood donation record!



**THANK YOU
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to Accept
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I cannot change
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the things I can
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the difference



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St. Anthony Cemetery

	Parishioner	Non-Parishioner
COLUMBARIUM		
Single (1 Urn)	\$1,100	\$1,600
Double (2 Urns)	\$1,500	\$1,850
Inurnment	\$ 250 per niche	\$ 350 per niche

	Parishioner	Non-Parishioner
CEMETERY		
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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