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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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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 July 10th, 2023

MONDAY

383: Gn 28:10-22a Ps 91:1-4, 14-15 Mt 9:18-26

TUESDAY

384: Gn 32:23-33 Ps 17:1-3, 6-8, 15 Mt 9:32-38

WEDNESDAY

385: Gn 41:55-57, 42:5-7a, 17-24a Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19 Mt 10:1-7

THURSDAY

386: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5 Ps 105:16-21 Mt 10:7-15

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

Monday, July 10th – Funeral 11 am

Tuesday, July 11th – Funeral 11 am

Friday, July 14th – Parish Office closes at noon (July & August)

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$11,153.84 **Offering:** \$12,004

Food Pantry: \$235 **Priests Retirement:** \$95

Children's Good Deeds

...Walking nicely when we visited the theme park...

...Behaving in the car trip...Cleaned my room...

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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The school is still out for summer break, but at the end of the month, Mrs. Mocny is going to lead **Vacation Bible School** for the parish. Please consider joining her for the **VBS** on July 25-27th. She does a great job, and the children have a ton of fun!



Vacation Bible School – Last Call!

July 25, 26, 27 from 9 am - 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

...God Bless ...

EDUCATION / FORMATION

Family Talk Time:

Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families, Sara McGinnis Lee
Jesus has always chosen the small, the young, the poor, and little. Why do you think Jesus prefers these? I wonder what "hidden things" Jesus was speaking about that the "little ones" know.

Reflecting on the Word:

"For although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to little ones." The smallest children have a capacity to understand God. Far better than adults. They fully accept that God loves them—a notion that we start to lose as adults. Children do not need all the details; they are content with knowing that God loves them and wants them. Children can reveal to us some of the deepest truths that



God has "hidden" in the Scriptures. We must be willing to listen. In another Scripture passage, Jesus encourages us to become like little children to enter the kingdom of heaven. Children can show adults the path to God, rather than the other way around.

Living the Word:

This week read Matthew 18:1-5 as a family. Discuss what Jesus is revealing in this Scripture passage and how we should respond to it.

Job Posting

A position has recently been posted on the Diocesan website for a Vicariate Liaison and Coordinator

of Youth and Young Adult Ministry for the Office of Parish Life and Evangelization. The application deadline is Friday, July 28, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. Details of the opening and the job description can be found at:

<https://saginaw.org/employment/diocese-saginaw/vicariate-liaison-and-coordinator-youth-and-young-adult-ministry-0>

July 15 - Marriage Preparation Workshop:

The Diocesan Marriage Preparation In-Person Workshop offers formation for engaged couples preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage. Among the topics presented are Marriage as a Sacrament, Marital Intimacy, Natural Family Planning, Communication, Conflict Resolution, and Family of Origin. The workshop features presentations by trained marriage facilitators, practical couple exercises, private couple discussion and prayer. The workshop will be held at the Center for Ministry located at 5802 Weiss St, Saginaw, on July 15, from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM. The cost for this event is \$90 per couple. Lunch and beverages will be provided. Contact Beth Bauer for more info at bbauer@diosag.org or call 989.797.6655. To register, visit <https://dioceseofsaginawweb.myshelby.org/default.aspx?page=3347>, or contact Maria Coss at mcoss@diosag.org.



Who Is Your King?

The readings today speak of kings and peace. The king that Zechariah speaks of comes into Jerusalem, the holy city, riding on a simple farm animal. The king does not come in grand pomp and circumstance, but in power clothed with humility. Under the leadership of the king there will be no need for war or vengeance. In fact, the very instruments of war and tyranny will be eradicated. Jesus names himself as the righteous king in the gospel today. He praises his Father for revealing the mysteries of God to the simple and childlike. Then he makes an insightful comment. He implores people to approach him for contentment, rest, and refreshment. The heart of the king is meek and humble. The heart of the king is the heart of a Son. The yoke of the king is one of knowing himself as a beloved child of God. We can experience this same yoke of refreshment and peace too. There is one catch, however. If we want to have those encounters, then Jesus needs to be the King. Jesus is the righteous king who comes in power clothed in humility.

I had a wonderful time meeting all of you last weekend at mass. I totally feel welcomed to this parish and look forward to serving you and journeying with you. Thank you for your kindness and encouragement that you have shown to me. I sincerely appreciate it. I pray each one of us make a renewed commitment to the kingship and lordship of Jesus in our lives and please know of my prayers for all of you.

Blessings,

Fr. Marc

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sr. Mary McGlone, *Celebration*

This short Gospel gives us a very telling picture of Jesus, his prayer, his discernment, and his trust in God. Whereas the majority of Jesus' teaching in Matthew's Gospel happens through discourses and parables, in this passage Jesus teaches by letting us witness his own relationship with the Father and his discernment of God's will for him. Ultimately, he shows us how to pray the hardest kind of prayer. In the midst of frustration and feelings of failure, he gives thanks. Jesus shows us that the clean of heart can find God in any circumstances. This prayer is a demonstration of profound faith in the God whose ways are not our ways.

Finally, after exposing his own process of prayer and discernment to anyone who would listen, Jesus invited them into the very same process. "Come to me...I will give you rest." When he tells us "Take my yoke, he is saying: "Do as I do, trust as I do. You don't have to think that the world

depends on the success of your plans. When I said that the meek would inherit the earth. I meant that it's an inheritance, not wages or even a bonus.

Today's Gospel challenges us to be as simple, as meek, and humble, as obedient as Jesus himself. He leads us to give thanks when we are thrown off center, diverted from our own plans and schemes. Jesus offers his own yoke of trusting that God is present and leading us in the precise circumstances of each moment—whether we would have chosen them.

The Merest Children

Sr. Mary McGlone, *Celebration*

"I give praise to you, Father ...for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned, you have revealed them to little ones." That's a prayer designed to throw us off center. If we're looking for an ego-boost for being disciples, Jesus' prayer just set us straight. He's thanking God that the unsophisticated have understood him. He praises God because his followers are the folks nobody thinks of as wise or learned. If a bunch of scientists or college students who had finished their first philosophy course characterized our Sunday Mass crowd this way, we'd be haughtily insulted. The implication seems clear that only the naïve or needy find answers in Christ.

The point Jesus is making is not that he's seeking the senseless. It is true, he does hang out with the poor and reach out first to the children, the possessed, the infirmed, etc., but the key insight here is that Jesus' message is impenetrably obscure to folks whose heads and hearts are too full of their own ideas and opinions. They are the self-appointed wise and worldly who can't afford to jeopardize their hard-won and rigidly held security, maybe even their identity, by opening themselves to the alternatives Jesus presents. The risk involved in exposing themselves to an alternative perception of life and faith is an option that sounds pretty dumb to a lot of people. "It's one of those conundrums like "You must lose your life to save it."

What Jesus prays next is more revealing than we might think. He says, "Yes, father, such has been your gracious will." Jesus is praying another version of "Thy will be done," only now he declares his willingness to obey even as he is discovering God's will. His dialogue with God might be reworded to say: "These are the ones you are sending me, Father. What am I to learn from this? What am I to do with this?"

Zechariah and the Just King

Celebration

This prophecy is universal in outlook. Although the wording "from sea to sea" may have inspired U.S. poets in their visions of "Manifest Destiny," the biblical concept actually proffers a strong critique of everything that smacks of chauvinistic nationalism. When the prophet speaks of a dominion that stretches "from sea to sea and the River to the ends of the earth" he is describing the known world, what we in the 21st century would imagine via a photograph of the earth from space. This king's peace-building rule erases boundaries. On the weekend after the celebration in the US of the Fourth of July, Zechariah's prophecy invites us to look at the intersection of our civil and religious life and ask what kind of leadership we seek and support.

Paul in Romans

Celebration

The final verses of this selection offer Paul's version of the Nike slogan "Just do it!" He's saying that Christ's life and death have shown us that the old way offers death via the lonely road of slow, sure loss of beauty and strength; through the ultimate realization that dominance is fleeting; that wealth is powerless to bring joy; and that fame is terribly transient. But Paul says, "You have received the possibility of living by the Spirit. You can see through the flesh with all its phony enticement. You have discovered the way to life, and you are free to take it."

Following Jesus

Deacon Dick Folger, *Celebration*

In Today's Gospel Jesus tells us, "My yoke is easy and my burden light." Those of us who are skeptical and already know the demands of discipleship might ask, "How easy and how light?"

The 1930's movie star Mae West may have had an answer to that question. Known for her light-hearted, bawdy double entendres, she famously said "I never said it would be easy, I only said it would be worth it." Mae would wink and add, "You only live once, but if you do it right, once is enough." Another of her famous lines; "I generally avoid temptation unless I can't resist it."

Mae is correct on all three points. Following Jesus is worth it. Following Jesus is the right way. And avoiding temptation is something we cannot do alone. We need Jesus to prevail.

"Lord, help me rest in you alone."



SAVE THE DATE! We have set a date for the Parish Picnic! It will be held on Sunday, September 10th from 12 - 3:30 pm. Details to follow. Please make plans to attend!



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