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**MASSES**

**\*Weekday masses suspended until further notice**  
 Saturday 4:30 PM 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 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 the 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**

Clark Switalski, School Principal..... (989) 662-6431

**WEATHER POLICY**

If Bay City Public Schools or Auburn Area Catholic School close due to inclement weather, daytime (8:00 AM – 4:00 PM), parish activities are canceled. Cancellation of all (including the St Anthony site) evening activities will be announced by 3:00 PM. Closures will be posted on TV: NBC 25, ABC 12, CBS 5

## Week of July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### Monday

389: Ex 1:8-14, 22 Ps 124:1-8 Mt: 10:34—11:1

### Tuesday

390: Ex 2:1-15a Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34 Mt 11:20-24

### Wednesday

391: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12 Ps 103:1-4, 6-7 Mt 11:25-27

### Thursday

392: Ex 3:13-20 Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9, 24-27 Mt 11:28-30

### Friday

393: Ex 11:10—12:14 Ps 116:12-13, 15-18 Mt 12:1-8

### Saturday 4:30 pm Mass

603: Sg 3:1-4a Ps 63:2-6, 8-9 Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

### Sunday 9:30 am Mass

106: Wis 12:13, 16-19 Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 Rom 8:26-27 Mt 13:24-43



## EDUCATION / FORMATION

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

Why do you think Jesus taught in parables? Parables are stories that teach a lesson. What lessons do you think Jesus wanted us to learn?

### Reflecting on the Word:



Throughout the New Testament, Jesus talked about the Kingdom of heaven through the use of parables. With this method of teaching, he used something from everyday life—a seed, a woman making bread, a pearl, a shepherd—and revealed

truths about himself or the Kingdom of heaven. When we ponder the truths in the parables and pray with them, something different might be revealed to us each time. For two thousand years, we have been pondering these parables and Jesus is still speaking to us through them.

### Living the Word:

Some parables that are good for all ages are the parable of the mustard seed (Mark 4:30-32), the parable of the precious pearl (Matthew 13:45-46), and the parable of the found sheep (Luke 15:4-6). On different days this week, choose a parable to read and think about together. What is Jesus trying to reveal in this parable?

## PARISH ACTIVITIES

**Monday, July 17<sup>th</sup> – Funeral 11 am**

**Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup> – Knitters 10 am**

**Friday, July 21<sup>st</sup> – Parish Office closing at noon (July & Aug.)**

## STEWARDSHIP

**Weekly Target:** \$11,153.84 **Offering:** \$10,882

**Priests Retirement:** \$275 **Food Pantry:** \$85

**Children's Good Deeds**

- ...Being good at the library...Doing my little sister's hair...
- ...Helping Savannah...Helping out when my sister was sick...
- ...Helped Daddy and Papa shovel sand for my pool...
- ...Listening at the baby shower...

## AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

**Clark Switalski, Principal**

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The staff at AACCS would like to officially welcome Father Marc into his role at St. Gabriel's Parish! We look forward to working with him during the school year and can't wait for the students to meet him in August. I know they will be eager to learn about him, ask him questions, and interact with him.

...God Bless...

### Upcoming Virtus Training session

**Monday, September 11, 2023**

Location: St. Gabriel Parish social hall

Time: 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Contact: Barbara Hendrickson at 989-662-6431 or [schooloffice@auburnac.org](mailto:schooloffice@auburnac.org)

To participate in this LIVE training session, the following is required: Register by 9/8/2023 at VIRTUS at [https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg\\_list2.cfm?theme=0](https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list2.cfm?theme=0)

Facilitators: Ilene Dowling & Carol Vos



### Vacation Bible School

**One more week till VBS starts! Space is limited!**

**July 25, 26, 27 from 9 am - noon.**

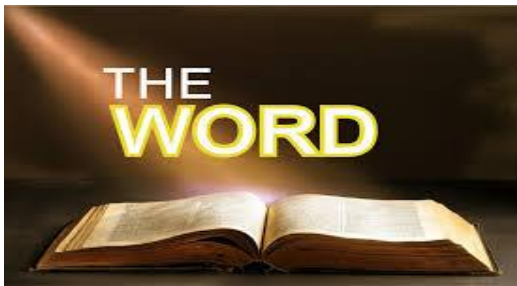
For children in grades K – 5th (Fall 2023). Help is needed from youth in grades 6th – 12<sup>th</sup>. Registration forms & youth volunteer forms are now available at the west entrance of the church. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Mocny,

[kmocny@auburnac.org](mailto:kmocny@auburnac.org)

## JOB OPENING

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>



**Father Marc spent this last week at a conference in Florida on Catholic Schools. We are sure that he absorbed a lot of information to help him lead AACs on their faith journey this upcoming school year. His enthusiasm for this task is contagious and will certainly engage the children when they start school in the Fall!**

**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time** Sr. Mary McGlone, *Celebration*

Why did Jesus speak in parables? In part it surely put everyone in his audience on equal footing. The learned had no better access to his riddles than did the simple, and in this case, farmworkers had the head start. The disciples were among the curious who learned how to wrangle a special advantage. When they didn't know what it meant, they could ask the storyteller himself. To them, Jesus gave an explanation of each phase of this story. But, because it is a parable, there will be more than even his explanation tells us on first hearing.

Apparently then, when Jesus said, "Whoever has ears to hear, ought to hear," he was not saying that they had to comprehend what he said. The real requirement was that they must want to understand more than they did. When it comes down to it, we know that those who think they have a firm grasp on something will usually be the least likely to enter into genuine dialogue. We can hand it to the disciples in this instance for being humble and caring enough to ask.

Jesus explained the parable to them, summarizing the fate of his teaching about the kingdom of heaven by describing four ways people respond to his message. Some folks simply don't understand, and the evil one robs them of the little they might have grasped if they had bothered to ask. Others are originally delighted with a gospel of prosperity, the miracles, and great dinners that everyone loves, but take away the *carte blanche* and they can't find it in themselves to pay the price. Then, there are those who from the beginning have been in it for prestige; before long the desire to get ahead or to guarantee their fortune cookie chokes the little life there was in their fledgling faith. Finally, Jesus says there are those who hear and understand and bear fruit to such a degree that even the very least of them enjoys a miracle harvest.

**God's Word** Sr. Mary McGlone, *Celebration*

Isiah proclaims that the word of God is as effective as the rain or snow; it always produces results. That certainly cannot mean that the word of God always brings conversion, otherwise, our world would not be as it is. Isiah is talking about God's word as a word of dialogue. He is saying that the God of Judeo-Christianity desires and initiates a relationship with creation. Our God speaks to us in our own tongue inviting us to communion.

Once heaven reaches out to earth, the horizon has changed, and earth can never be the same. The coming of the word of

God invites humanity into the possibility of a relationship with God, something that no person can achieve on his or her own. Whether or not we accept the offer, the possibility will forever be there. Like an open window cut in what used to be a solid wall, we need not go through it, but everything is different because we could. That is Isiah's message: Once the word of God has come, nothing is the same.

**Do You Hear the News?** Sr. Mary McGlone, *Celebration*

We can assume from the type of sowing, that the seed was grain fruit would entail a different process. What happens when grain is harvested? It becomes, as Isiah said, seed for the Sower and bread for the hungry. The success of Jesus' sowing, even with only a small portion coming to fruition, is astounding and ongoing. Every disciple who has ears to hear must realize that there is a vocation involved in fruitful hearing. Those in whom the word has taken root are called to be seeds for the next sowing and grain to feed the hungry.

Jesus' parable about Sower, seeds and soil invites us to think more about what happens to us when we hear the word of God. Isiah tells us that the word comes as an invitation to allow God to permeate our life as water saturates soil. Jesus promises that if we allow the seed of the word to grow in us the results will be incalculable. The parable tells us to keep listening and asking because there will always be more.

**Till the Soil** Deacon Dick Folger, *Celebration*

Good soil is critical to the harvest. In the 1930's, by deep plowing, the farmers on the prairies of the high plains had ruined the land. They plowed so deep they displaced the deep-rooted grasses that trapped soil and moisture. Combined with severe droughts, devastation came. The great dust storms did the rest, displacing more than two million people. Today's gospel presents us with a parable about seeds. After many perils, only the seeds that were sown in good soil were able to grow. The parable teaches us to recognize that the seed is God's invitation to us. We are the farmers who must prepare our soil to receive these seeds. If we are successful, then we will enjoy a bounteous spiritual harvest in our lives.

**Spread the Word** Carolyn A. Wright, *Celebration*

What is the word of God that you need to speak by your life fully lived? Is it a word of kindness and compassion? A word of redress and challenge? A word of forgiveness and healing? A word of guidance? Sustenance? Nurture? Liberation? Love?

We are a word spoken by God. Who we become in this life gives voice to that word. For those who have eyes to see and those who have ears to hear...what word will they hear in their hearts because of our life well lived in resonance with the Gospel message? How will we each be a *sacra praedicatio* in this world, in our workplace, in our neighborhood and in our families? How will we as words spoken by God, accomplish the will of God through the action of the Word in, and through us so that we, too, might water a parched creation?



*"Let your word, Lord, be a lamp unto my forest."*

**Please note date correction!**

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




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Single (1 Urn)	\$1,100	\$1,600
Double (2 Urns)	\$1,500	\$1,850
Inurnment	\$ 250 per niche	\$ 350 per niche
<b>CEMETERY</b>	Parishioner	Non-Parishioner
Plot	\$ 600	\$1,300
Burial	\$ 750	\$ 900
Burial of Cremains	\$ 250	\$ 275
Saturday Burial	\$ 250 additional	\$ 250 additional
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