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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 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

Available 1st Saturday each month at **11:00 AM** in the Sacristy at St. Gabriel Parish ***Currently Suspended**
***Please call Parish Office for appointment.**

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL
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WEATHER POLICY

If Bay City Public Schools 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 20, 2020

MONDAY

395: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8 Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23 Mt 12:38-42

TUESDAY

396: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Ps 85:2-8 Mt 12:46-50

WEDNESDAY

603: Sg 3:1-4a or 2 Cor 5:14-17 Ps 63:2-6, 8-9 Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

THURSDAY

398: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13 Ps 36:6-7b, 8-11 Mt 13:10-17

FRIDAY

399: Jer 3:14-17 (Ps) Jer 31:10-13 Mt 13:18-23

SATURDAY 4:30 pm Mass

605: 2 Cor 4:7-15 Ps 126: 1b, 2-6 Mt 20:20-28

SUNDAY 9:30 am Mass

109: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12 Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130 Rom 8:28-30

Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46



EDUCATION / FORMATION

Family Talk Time *Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families*, Sara McGinnis Lee
Has there ever been a time when someone you know has had his or her good work disrupted by someone or something else? Tell your children about it and ask them to listen carefully to today's Gospel. After hearing today's Gospel, ask your children for their impressions.

Reflecting on the Word:



We are all surrounded by weeds: our own sins and failures, pain and heartache, the evil actions of others, and disasters of the world. These weeds seem to overrun everything that is good in us and in the world. And even still, Jesus urges us to trust in God, to let him judge the wheat from the weeds. For the wheat can still bear good fruit, even when tangled in the weeds. God, the sower of the seed and the one who nourishes the wheat. Is also the just judge who will gather the wheat in due time

Living the Word:

The world we live in isn't black and white. Sometimes it is hard to know what is right or good to do. So, it is important to pray and to be open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Although evil exists in the world and bad things happen, God loves us and forgives our sins when we repent. We must always stay focused on loving God and one another. Give thanks to God for his guidance and unconditional love.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

This is the updated attendance schedule:

July 25th & 26th - A thru K

August 1st & 2nd - L thru Z

Please remember that a mask is required as well as practicing social distancing, 6 feet apart. Thank-you!

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$10,962 Offering: \$6,934

Mission Co-op: \$185 Priests Retirement Fund: \$70

Thank you to everyone who has continued to support the parish so generously. We need your support and it is truly appreciated!

Children G@od Deed

...I helped with my brother's party...

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal

I am proud to announce Mrs. Sandy Gelisse as our next administrative assistant at Auburn Area Catholic School. Sandy has extensive experience within the Diocese of Saginaw. She has been a vital part of St Valentine's and Prince of Peace's office, and we are thrilled to have her come and share her vibrant personality with all of us.



This week Jesus continues to explain the Kingdom of Heaven through parables. The weeds in the wheat field explains to us that no matter what, we have the ability to get into heaven. Living virtuously can be very difficult when weeds are growing all around you, but Jesus tells us that we are the decision makers in whether or not we say yes to God and his ways. The more you work at building that relationship, the better the relationship will be. God's relationship with us is a two-way street where we need to hold up our end of the bargain by treating people with kindness and respect. Loving your enemies can be an arduous task but in the end, God will reward us with peace, love, and eternal rest.

✝ God Bless

For your information... On July 23rd thru the 24th we are having the *parking lot redone*. This will require that the lot be closed to any traffic. So, if you need to get to the parish office you will have to travel along the grass next to the West driveway to get to us. If all goes as planned the parking lot will be available for the week-end masses.

Thanks for your co-operation!

SUMMER Vacation

Please Note:

The Pastor will be on vacation for the month of July.
Fr Jack Johnson will be here July 18th & 19th .and
Fr. Jerry Balwinski will be here July 25th & 26th

HELP WANTED

Job Position(s) Open:

With a desire to prepare for the Fall of the year, we are opening a search for a maintenance/janitor position. Depending on the availability of an applicant, we either will go with one full-time person for both the St. Joseph and St. Anthony sites, or two part-time people. Job descriptions are available upon request from the parish office. Interested individuals are asked to submit a resume and 3 letters of recommendation



Save the Date!

We have scheduled our next blood drive. It will be August 26th in the social hall here at St Gabriel, from 1:30 till 6:30 pm. Remember that they would prefer that you pre-register by calling (866) 642-5663 or online at versiti.org/MI
Help us meet our goal!



FROM FR. TOM'S DESK

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Patricia Sanchez, *Celebration*

Featured in today's first reading from Wisdom and in the Matthean Gospel, patience is not simply a "twiddle your thumbs" and "bite your tongue" attitude. Rather, patience is the willingness to wait in hope for something good to happen. The patient person does not stifle the possibility of another's growth with the poison of pessimism. Patience is willing to believe the best of another and does not judge their motives or their actions; the patient person knows that these judgements are best left to God, who is most patient with us all.

In today's first reading, believers are reminded of the benefits we enjoy because of the patience of a loving God. Leniency, kindness, justice, mercy and clemency are shown to those whom God loves as very dear children (v.18). Despite our frequent failings and repeated sins, our patient God gives us what is perhaps the greatest gift of all—time, here and now, to repent of our sins.

The Matthean Jesus called forth this same nonjudgmental quality of patience from his disciples. Today's Gospel invites listeners to deal with others the way God deals with us. While the servants of the householder were ready to pull up the weeds as soon as they appeared, in a sort of nip-it-in-the-bud mentality, the householder was patient enough to let wheat and weeds grow together until the harvest. And so it has always been: The good and the bad grow side by side, and it is God's prerogative alone to judge between them. Moreover; God mercifully withholds divine judgement until the "harvest" that is the eschaton.

Real Power: (Wisdom 12) *Celebration*

A benign expression of power is nutritive, the power that supports life of another. That is the power of parenthood, of the teacher, of anyone who helps others grow into all that they can be. The downfall of this expression of power comes when the giver creates or allows dependency to develop. The corruption of nutritive power creates a welfare state, whether in government, church or family.

God's power as described in today's reading from Wisdom is different. The first statement simply tells us that God's wisdom and power are such that coercion can play no role in the relationship between heaven and earth. This passage extols the divine willingness to forgive and then goes further. By saying "In those who know you, you rebuke temerity," the author indicates that God exercises power by calling everyone to be fully who they are, to speak and act in honesty with no fear of God or human beings.

The end of this reading reminds us that we are to imitate the God in whom we believe. If God, the most powerful, is beyond coercion and domination, how much more should we eschew them! Not only that, but we should judge any attempt at domination, whether by brute force or manipulation, as counter to the will of God. We will be rebuked for our temerity if we fail to speak out against such attitudes and actions.

In the Spirit: (Romans 8) *Celebration*

In his book *Thoughts on Solitude*, Thomas Merton shared a prayer in which he admitted that no matter how we try, we may not be following God's will. He prayed further, "But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing." It was powerfully honest and humble recognition of human limitations by a man many think of as one of our 20th century saints.

Merton said that he hoped he had the desire to please God in everything. The very use of the word hope gives us a hint that he was thinking of the working of the Spirit in him. We hope for what is beyond us; what we can accomplish on our own, what we call a plan. Paul's statement that "The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness," tells Merton that his hope was well placed.

In the two verses we hear today, Paul describes the mystery of the Spirit's action within us. This is the Spirit's personal effect not just on us, but the Spirit dwelling in us and moving us from within. If Paul were not speaking of the context of prayer, what he is saying could almost sound like possession, being taken over by the Spirit. But, Paul prefaced this idea saying that when we do not know how to pray, the Spirit moves in us. The Spirit's work begins with our desire, our attempt to pray. When we open ourselves thus to God, Paul says that the Spirit will pray in and for us, enticing us into greater union with God and God's will.

Still Time: (Matthew 13) *Celebration*

The role of the church of the first century (as well as the 21st century) was clarified in the interpretation of Jesus' parable (vv. 36-43). Like Jesus, his followers are to sow good seeds, indiscriminately and with a patient hope that does not judge the growth of others. The Matthean church of the 80's was not without its weeds—the unbelieving, the weak the heretics, the false teachers and the backsliders. These same "weeds" continue to grow among us to this day. Nevertheless, until God decides that it is harvest time, there is still time for change and growth and repentance. When harvest time does come, it will be too late to affect the conversion necessary for being gathered into God's good barn.

Harvest will indeed come for all of us, but until then, Jesus' parable reminds us that, even in ourselves, wheat is growing along with weeds. We have virtues but also flaws, saintliness but also sinfulness. Therefore, while we are permitted time to repent of our sins (v. 19, Wisdom, first reading), we should avail ourselves of the opportunity. Good seed has been sown on us. What we do to welcome that seed and foster its growth is a responsibility not to be taken lightly.

Co-operation: Deacon Dick Folger, *Celebration*

A determined young man bought a run-down, abandoned farm. The fields were overgrown with weeds, the farmhouse roof had caved in, and the fences were broken. During his first day of work, the local priest stopped by to bless the man's work, saying "May you and God work together to make this the farm of your dreams!"

A few months later, the priest stopped by again and was amazed at the progress. The farmhouse was completely rebuilt, livestock were feeding in the well-fenced pens, and the fields were filled with crops planted in neat rows. "This is wonderful!" the priest said, "Look what God and you have accomplished together!"

"Yes, Father," said the young farmer, "but don't forget what the farm was like when God was working it alone!"

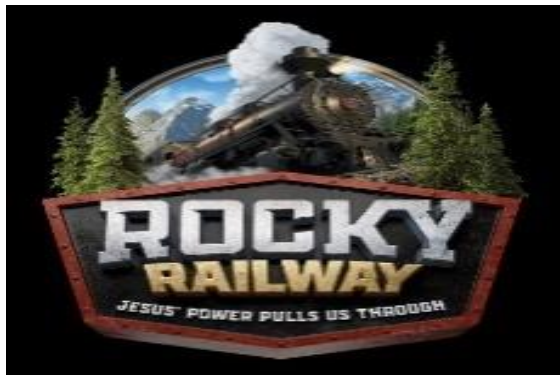
Weed Control: Grace Works, Dallas Texas

Times are, like Paul, we pray, staring at the weeds, "with groans that words cannot express." We long for answers, we want God to give us the green light, if not to "Round-Up" the weeds, at least to mow them down for a season. Such is not the work God places in our hands. In fact, the parable clearly teaches that, at the end of time, God will deal with the weeds, not us.

So dear ones, you may take up the cause of weed control. Some spend much of their lives doing so angry, bitter, disappointed. I know, like you, I've often rallied my angry soul to weed control. Our Lord, however, offers us a better way to deal with weeds. His better way is a much holier calling brimming with contagious joy. And what is that? Spend your life nurturing the gospel. Love those whose lives seem choked by weeds; comfort the confused; sit patiently with the grieving; surprise the cynic with unexpected flowers, and maybe do it anonymously. Yes, that's it. Send gospel flowers. Even let them grow inside your own life and watch the weeds shrivel until the day when God takes them all away. Amen



"Help me, Lord, to refrain from judging others"



LAST DAY FOR REGISTRATION IS MONDAY!!!

- *Vacation Bible School Days:*
 - *Rocky Railway:*
- **“Jesus Power Pulls Us Through”**
- 4 year old preschool – 5th grade (Fall 2020)
- Tuesday, July 28–30 from 9 am –12 noon
- **Registrations are due by Monday, July 20th**
- *No registrations* will be taken on Tuesday, July 28th
Youth volunteers needed grades 6th –12th (Fall 2020)
All Forms are available at Parish Center

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY UPDATE

We have been working diligently on the pictorial directory. We have completed the activity pages and are ready to submit it. Once we have proofed names and addresses, then we can get it into the publisher for printing. Thank-you for your patience!

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