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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 *Please call Parish Office for appointment.

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL
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**SCHOOL ENDOWMENT
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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 25th , 2022

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

402: Jer 14:17-22 Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13 Mt 13:36-43

WEDNESDAY

403: Jer 15:10, 16-21 Ps 59:2-4, 10-1, 17-18 Mt 13:44-46

THURSDAY

404: Jer 18:1-6 Ps 146:1b-6b Mt 13:47-53

FRIDAY

405: Jer 26:1-9 Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14 Lk 10:38-42

SATURDAY 4:30 pm Mass

406: Jer 26:11-16, 24 Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34 Mt 14:1-12

SUNDAY 9:30 am Mass

114: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23 Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17 Col 3:1-5, 9-11 Lk 12:13-21



UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

Friday, July 29th – Office closes at noon (*summer hours*)

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$11,153.84 Offering: \$9,939.25

Food Pantry: \$30

Children's Good Deeds

...Helping put things away...Helping my mom...

...Taking care of my cousins' cats...

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal

We have officially interviewed for the Administrative Position at the school, and we will be hiring someone soon. Thank you for all your help in finding the next person who will truly serve as the face and voice of the school either in person or over the phone.



"Jesus was praying in a certain place [...]" These words always throw me into taking a second look. Jesus, the son of God, part of the Trinity was praying. This isn't the only time he prays throughout his ministry, he prayed often and for different reasons. I have often asked

myself the question, if Jesus took all this time to pray, how can I be better and pray more? Sometimes it can be through our rote prayers, adoration, spending time in the church, sitting outside just thinking, or many other ways. The point in all of it is that I am trying to be better at praying daily and working to instill that understanding of its importance in our children at AACCS.

...God Bless...

EDUCATION / FORMATION

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

Think of one phrase from the Our Father that stands out to you. Explain Why.

Reflecting on the Word:



Jesus himself taught us to approach God as Father. Each of these examples demonstrate how generous God is. They encourage us to trust in God to hear our needs and respond. We must never tire of expressing our needs in prayer. Let us be certain that we ask for what is right—what we need and not just what we want.

Living the Word:

Talk candidly at home about your prayer life this week. When have you prayed? When have you felt that your prayers were answered? Were your prayers ever answered in a way that you weren't expecting? Just as Jesus learned to pray from his mother, Mary, your children will learn to pray from you.

Remember to keep your parish record updated

If you have changed your phone number, moved to a new address, or gotten a new email would you please contact the Parish Office, (989)-662-6861 and let us know so we can update our records. We have found many times that our information is incorrect, and we are unable to contact you either by mail, phone, or email. Thank-you for your consideration!



Baptism Prep Sessions:



BAPTISM

We have a wonderful team offering two preparation sessions. Prep I session is for the *first-time* parents, Prep II is for parents who have already attended a Prep I session. Please contact the Parish Office at 989-662-6861 for further information.

Treatment Begins...

I am beginning treatment this Monday, July 25th. The weekly schedule for treatments will be as follows; I will have a 3 hour chemotherapy infusion on Mondays and 5-day-week radiation treatments. This will be for 5 1/2 weeks or 28 treatments. I am glad to finally be able to begin to tackle this "problem"





FROM FR. TOM'S DESK

Seventeenth Sunday Ordinary Time:

Patricia Sanchez, *Celebration*

Why do we pray? This question, asked by believers (and nonbelievers) throughout the centuries, speaks to one of our most essential human needs.

Some argue that if God is omniscient, God already knows all our desires—so why speak to them in prayer? God also knows every human suffering and is aware of every act of violence, injustice, war, and hatred, so why do we petition God to help the tragedies of the human condition? God knows the future; therefore, what purpose do we serve by praying about what lies ahead? God certainly doesn't need praise, gratitude, or repentance, so what good are prayers?

We pray not for God's sake, but for our own. We pray because voicing our praise, expressing our need, and offering our thanks and prayers helps us to know who we are before God and all others. We pray not to inform God of anything but to sensitize our own hearts and minds and souls to the many overtures of God, be they large or small. We pray in order to cultivate a disposition of welcome and trust. We pray to acknowledge that we are not the center of the universe. We pray to surrender ourselves to the Creator, who brought us to life, and to our Redeemer, who saved us from death.

Close to Heart (Genesis 18):

Celebration

In the first reading, the authors of Genesis allow us to hear Abraham talking to God about the fate of Sodom and Gomorrah. As if conferring with an old friend, Abraham gets close to God and, with a boldness that almost seems to border on brazenness, he barter with God on behalf of the just people who may live in Sodom. Surely, reasons Abraham, the just should not be punished for the sake of the wicked. Obviously Abraham's talking with God, i.e., his prayer, has been conditioned by his knowledge of God as caring, merciful, just and attentively involved in the needs and well-being of humankind.

Debt Lifted (Colossians 2):

Celebration

Anyone who has ever paid off a mortgage has known the elation that is clearly in evidence in this short text. With that last payment, it seems that a great weight of debt has been lifted and countless years of financial servitude are at an end. Today, the author of Colossians reminds us that Christ has similarly freed us, not financially but spiritually. The bond that stood against us due to sin has been cancelled by the cross. We who were dead in sin have been buried and raised to new life in Christ. I can almost hear an echo of Martin Luther King's "I have a dream" speech. "Free at last!...Free at last! Thank God, almighty, we are free at last."

On Prayer (Luke 11):

Celebration

Jesus knew that his disciples needed to share in the relationship he had with God, so he taught them prayer that we continue to pray. Simple, honest, and profound, Jesus' prayer welcomes us in and establishes our reliance on God, our trust that God forgives, forgets, and continues to love and care for us in spite of ourselves.

We pray because the words we utter in God's presence are the breathing that sustains our lives. We pray because although God is ever present, we must make a conscious effort to center our minds, our hearts, and our energies on the nearness of the divine. God is

nearer to each of us than our own heartbeat, more precious than our own breath. Why pray? Because the day that I cease to pray, I cease to live and to be who I am before God and others.

Answered Prayer:

Celebration

"Hush little baby don't say a word, Mama's going to buy you a mockingbird. And if that mockingbird won't sing, Mama's going to buy you a diamond ring." As it continues, this popular lullaby expresses the unquestioning willingness of parents to satisfy their child's every need and desire, whether these are as necessary as food and shelter or as frivolous as a mockingbird and diamond ring. If parents with all of their imperfections are this willing to provide for their own, how much more will God, who is the epitome of perfection? This is the truth that lies at the heart of this Lucan Gospel.

Attached to the Our Father is a series of teachings on prayer that address the proper posture of the believer in reference to God. Through the parable of the friend knocking at midnight, the Lucan Jesus encouraged persistence in prayer. Literally, the text calls for "shamelessness." If you would rouse yourself at midnight to meet the obligation of hospitality, "how much more" will God attend to your prayers? This dotting attention each of us receives from God should be paid forward in selfless acts of caring for all others, however inconvenient the time or the place or the need.

In this Gospel's final verses, Jesus affirms the divine desire to give good gifts to those who pray, even the greatest gift of all, the Holy Spirit. For our part, we are to be shamelessly persistent and so secure in God's love for us that we ask, seek and knock and never, ever doubt that God will hear and answer every prayer.

God's Answer:

Helene Lutz, *Service*

The author of John's Gospel assures us that God will answer those who pray, and that the answer will be the gift of the Spirit. Only through the Spirit can cynicism and despair be overcome, for it is the Spirit who gives us the wisdom and understanding to recognize God's gifts in whatever form they come to us. It is the Spirit who gives us the faith and the courage to appreciate and accept the fact that God's love for us is what ultimately matters. It is the Spirit who gives us the consolation of knowing that God's concern for us is total and unending. It is the Spirit who enables us to pray as Abraham did, intimately, confidently, and without pretense.

Let us pray then for this Spirit of openness and trust. And let us not doubt that our God is a gracious God who makes all things work for the good.

On Asking:

Dick Folger, *Celebration*

There was once a boy who was always coming home late from school. His father warned him that the next time he came home late he would only get one slice of bread and a glass of water for his supper. The next day he was really late. When he sat down at the table, his parents had plates of delicious food. But on his plate was a single slice of bread. The boy was hungry, and the full impact of his punishment struck home. Tears welled up in his eyes. The father waited a few more moments and then silently exchanged his food-filled plate for his son's slice of bread. In today's Gospel reading, the closing words assure us that even with all our sins, we still know how to give our children good things. Therefore, how much more will God give us if we ask him?





**"Wireless communication is nothing new.
I've been praying for 75 years!"**

Save the Date!

The last Blood Drive of the Summer... Just a reminder that our next blood drive is August 10th, from 1:30-6:30 pm in the Social Hall at St Gabriel Parish. The need for blood is great during the Summer months and many people forget to give because they are busy vacationing and enjoying Summertime activities. Please try to make a point of setting an appointment at Versiti.org/mi or 866-642-5663 for this upcoming Blood Drive and help us to reach our goal!



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