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MASSES

***Weekday masses suspended until further notice**
 Saturday 4:30 PM Sunday 9:30 AM

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 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 31st, 2023

Monday

401: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34 Ps 106:19-23 Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday

402: Ex 33:7-11;34:5b-9,28 Ps 103:6-13 Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday

403: Ex 34:29-35 Ps 99:5-7, 9 Mt 13:44-46

Thursday

404: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38 Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11 Mt 13:47-53

Friday

405: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37 Ps 81:3-6, 10-11 Mt 13:54-58

Saturday 4:30 pm Mass

406: Lv 25:1, 8-17 Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 Mt 14:1-12

Sunday 9:30 am Mass

614: Dn 7:9-10,13-14 Ps 97:1-2,5-6,9 2 Pt 1:16-19 Mt 17:1-9



EDUCATION / FORMATION

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

Jesus compared the Kingdom of heaven to treasure, fine pearls, a great catch of fish that will be sorted, and an inventory of old and new items. Think about the words you used to describe the Kingdom of heaven. Are they similar or different from the Jesus' description? Describe the Kingdom of heaven in one or two of your own words.

Reflecting on the Word:



Jesus shares beautiful parables to help us ponder the grandness of the Kingdom of heaven. Today's parables reveal a different quality of

God's Kingdom. A treasure buried in a field is so wonderful that, once discovered, brings so much joy and changes the finder's whole life. A pearl that is so valuable that, once found, is worth all to the finder. Jesus told these parables because he wants us to discover for ourselves how the Kingdom of heaven is like this treasure and pearl.

Living the Word:

Read these five short parables about the Kingdom of heaven and discuss as a family what each is teaching us: Mark 4:30-32, Matthew 13:45-46, Matthew 13:33, Matthew 13:44, and Mark 4:26-29. What is similar between them, what is different? Remember there are no wrong answers.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Fr Marc is at World Youth Day through August 9th
Friday, August 4th—Parish Office closing at noon (August)
Saturday/Sunday, August 5th-6th -Mission Weekend

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$11,153.84 Offering: \$5,971

Food Pantry: \$190


Children's Good Deeds

...Taking care of the puppies every day...

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Meet the Teacher  The summer is winding down and the students will return in less than a month! We will have our annual curriculum/meet the teacher night on August 17th at 6:00 PM. This will give the students and parents the opportunity to come into the school and see their students' classroom and talk with the teacher. Our goal at AACCS is to build disciples and having the parent's participation is crucial as they are the first educators in their children's lives.

...God Bless...

**Don't forget our Children's calendar on the back of the Parish Calendar! A fun way to finish out the Summer!*



A sincere thank you from the family to all who contributed their time and talents to the funeral for Sandra VanAnhold. It was a beautiful service and a nice tribute to have all her church family helping to honor her. Thank You.

Fr. Paul Aquino SVD will be at **St. Gabriel Parish on August 5-6** to celebrate Masses and to speak about the many ministries of his religious community, Divine Word Missionaries. They are an international religious community of missionary priests and Brothers serving in 79 countries helping to build chapels, celebrate the sacraments and spread the Word of God in remote mission communities.

Please be generous and support this mission!





Greetings from Portugal! I wanted to write and let you know that I have your prayer intentions with me, and I am intentionally praying for them and each of you. This journey is truly a pilgrimage. Flights were delayed for several hours, buses ran behind schedule, one of our group members missed a flight due to delays, and inconveniences abound.

However, God is present directly in the mishaps. Because we spent so much time in the Lisbon Airport, we were able to have Mass in one of the lounges directly in the heart of the busy lobby. People passed by, sometimes with inquisitive looks, and wondered what we were doing. These seeming setbacks also provided opportunities for self-denial and discipline.

At the time I am writing this we are just beginning our journey. I am excited and hopeful for all the blessings God will lavish upon us throughout these weeks. I am praying for the holy haste of Mary who went to see her cousin Elizabeth without delay. I pray for all of us that we respond as readily and quickly to Jesus as Mary does.

Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us! Saints Gabriel, Joseph, and Anthony pray for us!

**Blessings,
Father Marc**

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Patricia Sanchez, *Celebration*

In "The Candidate" (1972), an "ancient" movie about ever-current issues, Robert Redford stars as a possible Democratic candidate whom a political consultant, played by Peter Boyle, uses to unseat a popular republican senator from California. Having had no political experience or leanings, Redford surrenders himself to the political machine run by Boyle and, in the end, after parroting the party line without investing anything of himself, he wins the election. At the victory party, Redford pulls Boyle aside and asks, "What will we do now?" Redford's character is at a loss; for all his striving, he has very little substance to bring to his victory and it rings quite hollow.

Like Solomon, like the discoverer of hidden treasure and like the pearl merchant, each of us who believes in God and follows Jesus is already possessed of the wisdom, the treasure, and the pearl of the Good News. What remains for us is to answer the question, "What do we do now?" Solomon readily shared his wisdom, and his example invites us to do likewise, even through the wisdom we have learned from Jesus may be contradictory to that of the world. Worldly wisdom may advocate self-promotion and ambitions for power, prestige, and a generous amount of this world's riches. Jesus' wisdom is expressed in altruistic concern for God's least ones, in serving the needs of others and listening to God's life-giving, life-changing word.

Besides wisdom, we are also possessed of a treasure that cannot remain hidden but begs to be shared so that the hungers of many might be satisfied. The treasure we possess is the truth of the Good News, the grace of the presence of God and the joy of loving and being loved. Much of our treasure can be offered in the gift of time spent caring for others and listening to them without making them feel that they have imposed upon or inconvenienced us.

"Lord, may I love you with my whole heart."

Life Changing Event Patricia Sanchez, *Celebration*

When winners of a lottery or a large gambling payoff are asked what they will do with their winnings, the answers usually include plans to quit a job and acquire a wide variety of material goods. Coming into money, especially a huge sum of money, is often described as "a life-changing event," one for which many people long. When Jesus assured his disciples that the greatest "prize" that they could imagine, the kingdom of God, was theirs for the asking, they found themselves confronted with a similarly life-changing event. Jesus described the kingdom in terms of a treasure hidden in a field or a pearl of great price and offered it as a supreme value before which all other treasures paled into insignificance.

Aware of the human desire for securing treasure, Jesus advised his own to seek the kingdom and there find treasure that would survive beyond the grave. But what is the treasure, the pearl, the supreme value that is the reign of God? Many have misconstrued these twin parables, thinking that the kingdom of heaven is an individual possession that must be earned through the renunciation of material things. Despite all the ethical injunctions of the Gospels, the central thought is that the kingdom is something God is *doing* and that it is to be received as a gift, as a life-changing gift. It is not a possession to be acquired and henceforth claimed as a legal and permanent possession. The kingdom of God is a sphere into which one enters. It is a participation in the very life of God; It is taking to heart the treasure of God's Word so as to live in accord with its truth. The kingdom of God is that life-changing event in which my relatedness to God, and God's to me, becomes the alternative reality in which I begin to witness to God's way, God's will, and God's purpose for the world.

Discovery of the hidden treasure or the precious pearl of the kingdom precludes caution and prudence; "buying" such a discovery" means risking the loss of all else for its sake. Costing not less than everything, the supreme value that is the reign of God has already been "purchased" for sinners through the person and the saving mission of Jesus.



Food Pantry Needs

Food Pantry Needs... The month of July proved to be VERY BUSY! We served 75 needy families. Our food pantry is in serious need this next month, we hope you can help! Here is our "wish list" ...

- Canned Pasta**
 - Laundry Soap**
 - Peanut Butter /Jelly**
 - Syrup/Pancake Mix**
 - Canned Fruit**
 - Mashed Potatoes**
 - Hamburger/Tuna Helper**
 - Spaghetti Sauce**
 - Sloppy Joe Mix**
- Shampoo**
 - Dish Soap**
 - Vegetables**
 - Cereal**
 - Tissues**
 - Pasta Sides**
 - Tuna**
 - Spaghetti**
 - Boxed Pasta**

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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
CEMETERY	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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