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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 AUGUST 3, 2020

MONDAY

407: Jer 28:1-17 Ps 119:29, 43, 79-80, 95, 102 Mt 24:22-36

TUESDAY

408: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22 Ps 102:16-23, 29 Mt 14:23-36

WEDNESDAY 8 am Mass

409: Jer 31:1-7 (Ps) Jer 31:10-12b, 13 Mt 15:21-28

THURSDAY 8 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

FRIDAY

411: Na 2:1,3;3:1-3,6-7 (Ps) Dt 32:35c-36b, 39abcd,41 Mt 16:24-28

SATURDAY 4:30 pm Mass

412: Hb 1:12-2:4 Ps 9:8-13 Mt 17:14-20

SUNDAY 9:30 am Mass

115: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a Ps 85:9-14 Rom 9:1-5 Mt 14:22-33



EDUCATION / FORMATION

Family Talk Time *Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families*, Sara McGinnis Lee
Is it easy to share? When is it harder to share what you have? Why?

Reflecting on the Word:

Jesus accepts a modest offering of five loaves and two fish and transforms it, increases it into food for all. So, does he transform each of us, when we offer him all that we have. He takes our offering and makes us into his body, food for the life of the world. Today's Gospel is a wonderful story of the abundance that comes from trusting in God and sharing whatever we have. We are reminded that our needs will be met, and our hungers satisfied when we live in relationship to God and to one another.



Living the Word:

Find and read the children's book *Stone Soup* by Ann McGovern. Relate the story to today's Gospel. How might the disciples have felt when Jesus told them to give food to the crowd themselves? What might they have been thinking when they were able to feed everyone in the crowd? How does Jesus transform each of us? How do you feed others?

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal



God will provide! When we are in times of difficulty and struggle. God gives us what we need. It may not always be what we want, but he answers our call for help. This year has been filled with a lot of stress and confusion. As we move forward with the year, we will need to rely on our faith to create a foundation for dealing with anything thrown at us. Jesus had a very dire situation thrown at him, and he reacted by providing food for 5,000 plus from 5 loaves and 2 fish. The fact that the disciples were able to fill 12 wicker baskets is the most amazing part. God provided for those people, and God provides for us on a daily basis.

✠ God Bless

Vacation Bible School wrap-up...

Thank-you! Jesus' Power pulls us through!

What a great 3-day Vacation Bible School! We had 30 children and 13 youth involved in this year's VBS. We learned new songs, learned wonderful ways to care for others, heard Bible stories and how they speak to us, played games and shared a snack. And all while social distancing!

A special thank-you to our leaders in each of the areas: Lindsay Walter, Ciara Abraham, Tim Hall, Jennalee Markel, Sam & Alicia Szilagyi. And for the youth who came and made our time together GREAT! Without all of your time and talents, it would not have been as wonderful as it was! God's Peace and Blessings!



This will be the last bulletin that we mail out.

We hope that you have enjoyed receiving weekly mailings for the last 4 months. The cost was about \$180.00 for each mailing, but we believe the cost was justified because it served to maintain contact with parishioners and was much appreciated. You can get the bulletin on our website (St Gabriel Parish), on My Parish App, at church, or at the office. If you would still like to get your bulletin by mail please contact the parish office at (989) 662-6861 and we can continue to mail your bulletin to you.

A BIG **Thanks** to everyone who helped with the mailings we couldn't have done it without your help!



PLEASE NOTE:

As of the first weekend in August, the 1st & 2nd, we will no longer use the alphabet system to determine mass attendance. From these dates forward the church is open to you for any weekend mass you are able to attend. We are still observing capacity limitations for social distancing and masks will still be required
** Thank-you for cooperating!*

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$10,962 Offering: \$6,050

Food Pantry: \$200 Catholic Relief Services: \$200

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

Children G©©d Deed

...No children's envelopes this week! ...

For your information... Because of dissatisfaction with both our alarm company and our cleaning company, the administration committee and the parish staff embarked on interviewing other possibilities. Contracts with the preferred companies should be finalized soon.

Parking Lot... The parish parking lot was in very bad shape in several places with the main section from east to west in the worst condition. We decided to seal and stripe it anew in hopes of getting two or three more years of use. It is a band-aid approach. Hopefully it serves us well. At present it seemed a better alternative than taking on a \$100,000 plus project.

**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

Welcome Back Fr Tom! Hope you had a pleasant and "restful" vacation! We missed you!





**FROM
FR. TOM'S
DESK**

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Patricia Sanchez, *Celebration*

As you journey through life as Jesus' disciple, do you ever think to yourself, "I have nothing else to give!" or "I am burned out"? If you do, then today's sacred texts will be an oasis, a place and time to stop and pray, to focus and become centered again in God.

Deutero-Isaiah initiates the process of recuperation by reminding his readers that each person has a standing invitation issued by God, who desires to nourish the weary, the thirsty, the poor. God will tend both physical and spiritual needs and asks only that we listen so that we might have life and be renewed in the everlasting covenant. Too often, our weariness and discouragement come from the tendency to think that we alone are responsible, we alone have the resources; that we are somehow irreplaceable or indispensable. In his wisdom, the prophet assures us otherwise, and reminds us that everything we have to give has first been given to us by God—freely, generously and unconditionally.

Sometimes the path of discipleship becomes a lonely road, fraught with dangers that beset us from within (anguish, self-doubt, foundering faith, pessimism) and from without (persecution, rejection, misunderstanding, clashing values). When this happens, Paul reminds us that none of these experiences, nor any person, nor any circumstance can come between us and the love of Christ for us. This love is ever new and always a source of strength and courage. Surely it was this love of Christ that kept Paul going through what often seemed to be overwhelming obstacles and hopeless circumstances. His conviction is contagious. No doubt he meant it, in order that others might be strengthened by his example.

With the words of Deutero-Isaiah and Paul to renew our spirits, we turn to Matthean Jesus, who is busy feeding a multitude of hungry people in today's Gospel. The disciples' desire to send the people on their way gives us a sense of the weariness inherent in following Jesus. Nevertheless, Jesus presses his disciples to be more generous. Discipleship is not a 9-to-5 job. Service is not something we do by appointment only in a clean, comfortable office environment. "Give them some food yourselves," says Jesus, regardless of the time or the place or the task at hand.

The Invitation: (Isaiah 55) *Celebration*

How different is the invitation extended in today's first reading! It is not the *crème de la crème* but the poorest of the poor who are the special recipients of God's hospitality. Moreover, it is not just a few but *all* people who are welcomed to eat, listen and be renewed.

This invitation is part of the conclusion of the Book of Comfort (Isa 40-55). It is not just a great banquet God will host here, but a feast of homecoming, not unlike the party thrown for his prodigal son by the forgiving father of Luke 15. Like the prodigal, the Israelites had been unfaithful and found themselves far from home, exiled in Babylonia. Like the prodigal, they longed to return to their homeland and to God. Deutero-Isaiah's invitation promised them a warm welcome and a renewal of the covenantal relationship they shared with God.

Conviction: (Romans 8) *Celebration*

Paul had learned that nothing and no one could come between him and the risen Christ he had first encountered on the Damascus road. This knowledge did not make Paul immune to suffering or lessen his struggle in any way, but it enabled him to persevere by relying fully on the presence of God within him. Moreover, Paul was convinced that his suffering with Christ and for Christ had redemptive value. From this conviction, Paul drew the strength to continue his efforts for Christ and the Gospel. He knew he was loved, and that made all the difference in his life.

Our Nourishment: (Matthew 14)

Service

The story of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes is the only miracle that can be found in all four Gospels. The evangelists' concerns are more theological than historical. In this miracle, there is an obvious foreshadowing of the Eucharist. John's Gospel makes clear by positioning the story shortly before the Bread of Life discourse. In Matthew, the sequence of gestures described is the same as the sequence that takes place at the Last Supper: "took...looked up...blessed...broke...gave." Likewise, in feeding five thousand, there is an implicit reference to the messianic banquet which will be enjoyed by all in the reign of God. If the miracles reveal the power of God's reign at work, this one shows that in God's reign all the hungers of the human family will be met. God's reign is already at work in and through Jesus, and thus it is not a purely "spiritual" reign as if people were angels, nor is it a purely physical banquet as if men and women were merely animals. Like the events portrayed in today's Gospel, Jesus feeds both body and soul.

The Christian Symbol: Deacon Dick Folger, *Celebration*

If you travel to the ruins of the ancient city of Ephesus, in Turkey, you will see "wagon wheel" symbols carved in the doorways of the homes of the early Christians. These eight-spoked wheels were a secret, Christian symbol made by drawing a circle and slicing it into quarters and then into eighths. The marks are a combination of the letters IXOYE, which spell the word "fish," or *ichthys* in Greek. These letters also stand for "Jesus Christ Son of God Savior."

After Jesus fed 5,000 people with only two fish and five loaves, it is no wonder that a fish would become the Christian symbol, reminding followers of that great miracle. This story in today's Gospel and other fishing references we hear in the scriptures are continuing reminders of Jesus' ministry among us.

Feed Them Yourselves: Patricia Sanchez, *Celebration*

In today's Gospel, the Matthean Jesus is featured as charging his disciples: "Give them something to eat yourselves." Instead of looking to another to satisfy the hungry crowd or simply sending the crowd away, Jesus asked his disciples to look to their own resources. He encouraged them to make use of what was at hand rather than bemoan what they were lacking. In the end, and with his help, they were able to feed those whom had gathered round them.

Wise in the ways of God, Deutero-Isaiah, in today's first reading, advocates a manner of dealing with the hungry that prioritizes their needs. First, empty stomachs are to be filled: "Come, eat, drink." Then, when physical hungers have been met, those who serve God's poor can offer other sustenance in the form of teaching, preaching and elucidating the Word of God: "Listen that you may have life."

As one who served God's people wisely and well, Paul (Romans, second reading) understood that his own hungers also had to be identified. This he did by giving himself completely to the Gospel and to the community of believers. With Christ, in Christ, for Christ and because of Christ from whom he chose never to be separated, Paul could do all things. He could be food for the hungry. He could readily share the bread from which he himself drew life and strength. He gloried in that gift. Today we join him in celebrating our belonging to Christ and in renewing our resolve to feed others, as we ourselves continue to be fed by him.



"Lord, satisfy my hungry heart."



Food Pantry Weekend: We are going to try to go back to our **regular schedule** for collections for the food pantry of the **second weekend** of the month. Thanks for all your support during this difficult time! This is our List...

Canned fruit
Applesauce
Canned green beans
Pancake mix

Mouthwash
Mashed potatoes
Mac & Cheese
Laundry soap
Shampoo/conditioner

Baked beans
Paper towels
Toothpaste
Hamburger Helper
Taco Meals

Parishioner in need...

Robert Berg has been a member of St Gabriel in Auburn since he was baptized into the church in 1955. He is now in need of a kidney transplant. If you are willing to give the gift of life, please contact the family at kidney4bob@yahoo.com or direct to Henry Ford Hospital Transplant Department to find out more on being a living donor champion. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.



PICTORIAL DIRECTORY UPDATE

We have been working diligently on the pictorial directory! We have completed the activity pages and submitted them along with the parish roster of names and addresses. The publisher will produce a proof and once we have approved everything it will go to print. Thank-you for your patience!

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