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MASSES

***Weekday Masses suspended until further notice**
 Saturday 4:30 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 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

***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 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 August 25th, 2022

MONDAY

413: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c Ps 148:1-2, 11-14 Mt 17:22-27

TUESDAY

414: Ez 2:8—3:4 Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

WEDNESDAY

618: 2 Cor 9:6-10 Ps 112:1-2, 5-9 Jn 12:24-26

THURSDAY

416: Ez 12:1-12 Ps 78:56-59, 61-62 Mt 18:21—19:1

FRIDAY

417: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 (Ps) Is 12:2-3, 4abcd, 5-6 Mt 19:3-12

SATURDAY 4:30 pm Mass

418: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32 Ps 51:12-15, 18-19 Mt 19:13-15

SUNDAY 9:30 am Mass

120: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10 Ps 40:2-4, 18 Heb 12:1-4 Lk 12:49-53



UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

Wednesday, August 10th – Blood Drive 1:30-6:30 pm

Friday, August 12th – Office closes at noon (summer hours)

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$11,153.84 Offering: \$6,834

Food Pantry: \$65

Children's Good Deeds

...I got the mail...

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal

Teachers report on August 15th, but many of them are already in their classrooms setting up. Carpeting will finally be completed after all the abatement for asbestos has wrapped up. We are also looking for a few positions in the school, so if you know anyone interested in a part-time position please send them my way!

Pre-School Aide and Classroom Aide
(School year August - June) Auburn Area Catholic School is looking to hire a classroom aide. The position will be for 3.75 hours a day from 8:30 - 12:15 daily. Applicant must be over 18.

Lunch Server - 10:30-12:30 on school days.
This position is only handing food out to students and helping clean the tables in between lunches. The 5th graders help with the overall end cleaning. No cooking or ordering is required.

After-School Aide 3:30-5:30 (M-F) In order to open our after-school program to our original 5 days a week, we need one more aftercare worker. Please email or call if you know anyone that may be interested.

...God Bless...

The Family of Louise Schick would like to express their gratitude to Fr Tom, Sue, Pat Knieper, and everyone who was so kind in their time of sorrow.



EDUCATION / FORMATION

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

What do you treasure the most? Think about what you treasure in the context of today's Gospel. Do the things we treasure help us to be prepared for when Jesus comes?

Reflecting on the Word:



We are told to be prepared, and to choose wisely what we desire as our treasure. Then Jesus gives us a unique reason for these actions. So often, Jesus calls us to be servants.

In this passage, however, the good servants are waited on by the Master. What a turnaround! If we prepare ourselves well and make good choices in our lifetimes we will be rewarded greatly when we are with God. Because no one knows when Jesus will return, we must always be prepared. We cannot rest from our duties as Christians.

Living the Word:

The servants in the Gospel watched as they waited for the master so that they could help him whenever he arrived. People usually don't plan to need help. This week, practice being observant of the needs of others—at school, work, or home. As a family, discuss what you noticed and how you responded.

Annual Report:

All parishes of the diocese are required to submit our annual report to the diocese finance officer for the past fiscal year which ended on June 30th, 2022. Our bookkeeper worked diligently on it and sent it in before the deadline of July 31st. The chairperson of Administration, Bob Huskins and the pastor must sign each page to witness they have read the report.

This past year and next year are unique because we have received (and will receive more in the months to come) various federal and state funds rebating the parish for monies spent on pre-school and for wages and benefits paid to employees for both church and school during Covid shutdowns. Some of those monies are included in the past fiscal year, others have been received and will be received in the 22-23 fiscal year.

The bottom line of this past fiscal year (July 1st, 2021 to June 30th, 2022) is that we had an income of \$1,392,185.22 and expenses of \$1,206,042 for a net of \$186,143.15.

Medical Update...

The darkness got a little darker my first week of treatment. One of the chemicals in my chemo therapy is known for promoting neuropathy. I've had neuropathy in my feet for 8-10 years. With the treatment my feet became totally numb making walking a very risky business. This week they eliminated that chemical and I had a good week. What the oncologist decides remains to be seen.

I am still coping with the with an inability to keep food down. In the beginning, after losing a lot of weight, it was mentioned it might be necessary to have a feeding tube inserted. This week I agreed to do that. I am awaiting a call from the surgeon. Aside from these issues I am holding my own! Despite the darkness, I believe that the light is going to shine—and I am not referring to the eternal light!





FROM FR. TOM'S DESK

Nineteenth Sunday Ordinary Time:

Patricia Sanchez, *Celebration*

What do you treasure? Whom do you treasure? Today's gospel invites us to ask these questions to help us better hear the words of Jesus: "Wherever your treasure lies, there your heart will be. Treasure is an evocative term that has come to be used as a noun as well as a verb and can apply to everything from caches of gold and silver to precious gems or jewelry to a bingo jackpot, a lottery, or the federal mint. Treasure can also describe a child, friend or spouse who is deeply cherished, or it can refer as well to family heirlooms, lovingly passed down from one generation to the next. Treasure is also a term that can aptly describe each one of us gathered here today. Throughout the Scriptures, there are countless assurances that each of us is cherished by God. As the ultimate attestation that we are treasured by God, God gave us Jesus, beloved Son and Brother, to be lifted up in death and in glory for our forgiveness, healing and salvation (John 3:14,16;12:32).

Reminded that we are God's treasures, we return to that initial question: What or Whom do *you* or do *I* treasure? We say that God is our treasure but must also acknowledge that much of our desire for treasure is focused on material wealth and comfort. If God is our treasure, how do we preserve and honor the treasure? Every time we pray together and at every eucharistic sharing, are we able to bring forth treasures new and old to remember and experience all that God is, all that God has been, all that God will be for us all and, through us, for the world?

Gift of Faith (Wisdom 18):

Celebration

Today's first reading is reading is part of that search into those events through which God was revealed to Israel as the God of Abraham and Sarah, of Isaac and Rebekah, of Jacob, Leah, and Rachel. In these verses, the author of Wisdom was recalling that night of nights when the descendants of Abraham and Sarah who were enslaved in Egypt were delivered from death.

Just as the enslaved Hebrews were to rely trustingly in God's power to save and as Abraham and Sarah were to hand their futures over to God in full faith, so the disciples of Jesus are to place their trust, not in material things, but in never-failing treasure with the Lord.

Faith and Hope (Hebrews 11):

Celebration

Two of the greatest treasures of our story as a faith community are set before us today by the author of Hebrews to teach us a lesson in believing. Abraham and Sarah are introduced here by the frequently quoted verse that reminds us that faith is that leap that takes us beyond the security of intellectual knowing to a place where there is no other foothold or security but God. If we can see it, it is not faith; if we can arrive at it logically, it is not faith. If we can prove it by whatever empirical means possible, it is not faith. Rather, faith lives, first, last and always in the assurance and hope that the future is in God's wise and compassionate hands; therefore, all will be well.

Wherever Your Treasure (Luke 11):

Celebration

Immediately preceding this passage which begins with the exhortation to the disciples not to live in fear, the Lucan Jesus was instructing his own to trust in God's care. Rather than worry about their next meal or what they should wear, disciples should look to the created universe and see that every living being is known by and provided for by God. If these are so valued, Jesus reasoned, how much more YOU?! That trust was to allay worry and with it, fear. With the assurance that God had their best interests at heart, Jesus turned the attention of the disciples away from mundane anxieties toward the kingdom. Therein is your treasure; there also should be your heart.

*I thank you, Lord, for the
gift of faith*



Wrong Pursuit:

Dick Folger, *Celebration*

How ill-prepared we are to heed this Sunday's gospel, which tells us to sell what we have and give the money to the poor. The great Russian novelist Leo Tolstoy wrote a short story that confronts humankind with its own greedy nature.

There was once a man whose soul was enslaved by the lust for money. He was offered as much land as he could walk around between sunrise and sunset. The land would be free, but with one stipulation that, unless he was back at the starting point when the sun went down, he would lose his life.

As the sun began to rise, he set off north to get as much land as he could. It was nearing noon when he realized he had better turn to begin completing the square of land. He briskly walked west claiming lush, green pastureland. By late afternoon he headed south and had started running in order to get back to the start by sunset. His prospective estate was proving to be far bigger than he could cover in the stipulated time. Finally, as sunset was approaching he made the turn eastward and dashed to close the gap. As the sun began to sink below the horizon he chased his long shadows staggering toward the starting point. Leaping to reach it, his heart exploded in his chest, and he fell down dead. "And all he needed," wrote Tolstoy, "was six feet by two."

Stewardship:

Rev. Richard Gribble, CSC, *Collegeville*

Jesus asks us to exercise our potential, be prepared for what may come, and use our gifts wisely. We have received many wonderful gifts, but have we exercised our potential with what we have been given? We have been given the gift of faith. This great gift from God challenges us, as we hear in the letter to the Hebrews, to have confident assurance concerning the things we hope for and the convictions we hold about what we cannot see. Have we exercised our faith's full potential? When our faith is tested, do we give into temptation? Do we give up when the situation looks bleak, such as in sickness, unemployment, or problems at home, work, or school? Or do we demonstrate our faith and trust God as many famous biblical figures did? Do we share our gift of faith with those not as privileged as we are? We all have been given many talents—in the classroom as students and teachers, on the athletic field as players and coaches, in the arts as musicians or painters, in the professional world as physicians, engineers, or architects. How would we answer Jesus when he says, "More is expected of the one to whom more is given"? Do we show gratitude to God by giving back some of what we have been given? Are we exercising our full potential? Only you can answer!



Knitting Group

OOPS!... We forgot to put the Knitting group on the August calendar so we would like to remind everyone that the group will be meeting on August 17th at 10 am in the Parish Office conference room.



Death Notice: Walter Reder, a member of this parish, passed away last weekend at Auburn Heights. The family is spread far and wide. Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

Food Pantry Requests

It is Food Pantry Weekend next week! We have had several “new” families come in for food this last month in addition to the normal 40-50 families we serve every month. So we are in real need of your help this month! Here is our “needs” list:



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| Toilet Paper | Tooth Paste | Paper Towels |
| Bar Soap | Laudry Detergent | Shampoo |
| Canned Tuna | Peanut Butter | Jelly |
| Sloppy Joe Mix | Baked Beans | Canned Fruit |
| Instant Potatoes | Pasta Sides | Mac & Cheese |
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