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**SCHOOL ENDOWMENT  
 SPREADING THE SPIRIT FUND**

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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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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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**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 17, 2020

### MONDAY

419: Ez 24: 15-24 (Ps) Dt 32:18-21 Mt 19:16-22

### TUESDAY

420: Ez 28:1-10 (Ps) Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35c-36b Mt 19:23-30

### WEDNESDAY 8 am Mass

421: Ez 34:1-11 Ps 23:1-6 Mt 20:1-16

### THURSDAY 8 am Mass

422: Ez 36:23-28 Ps 51:12-15, 18-19 Mt 22:1-14

### FRIDAY

423: Ez 37:1-14 Ps 107:2-9 Mt 22:34-40

### SATURDAY 4:30 pm Mass

424: Ez 43:1-7ab Ps 85:9ab, 10-14 Mt 23:1-12

### SUNDAY 9:30 am Mass

121: Is 22:19-23 Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8 Rom 11:33-36 Mt 16:13-20



## EDUCATION / FORMATION

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

Ask your family to pay attention to the moment at Mass when we say, "Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed,"

### Reflecting on the Word:

Today, we hear another story of the power of faith. When the Canaanite woman asks for healing for her daughter, Jesus tells her it is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs. But, she points out that she does not need to take the food—even the scraps will be enough. We, baptized, are invited to the feast at Christ's table, the food is so rich, that even one crumb would be enough.



### Living the Word:

God always hears what we ask, in prayer, and gives us the healing we need. At home, ask your children to imagine the woman from the Gospel reading following Jesus for two hours, begging him to heal her daughter. Sometimes in life, we need to be as focused and persistent as this woman was with Jesus. We must have persistent faith in God.

## PLEASE NOTE:

As of August 1<sup>st</sup>, the church is open to you for any weekend Mass you would like to attend. We are observing capacity limitations for social distancing and **masks will be required.** \*Remember that if you would still like the bulletin sent to you please contact the parish office.

## STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$10,962 Offering: \$10,942

Food Pantry: \$50.00

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

Children Good Deed

...Helped clean the family room ...

... Went for a bike ride with my brother...

## AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal



As we continue to prepare for the school year, our faith is going to be crucial to help bring some stability to an unstable situation. The correct answer

for one is not always the correct answer for another. Jesus shows us many times how perceptions are not always correct, and that everyone is welcome to take part in his kingdom. The more I think about Jesus and his acceptance of all, the more I believe in the charge of the school to create disciples of our future generations. We have a duty to pass on our faith by teaching our youth how to have faith in God.

The woman in the Gospel this week shows true faith. After the disciples try and tell Jesus to send her away, he shows compassion for the woman and listens to her. Through her words she shows Jesus that she truly believes who he is and his purpose here on earth. Jesus is present to help us through troubling times no matter what and will see us through until the end where we will meet again in the Glory of God the Father.

✠ God Bless



**New Alarm System...** Veteran's Alarm has completed work on installing our new alarm system. This system requires a code that is unique to each individual person. So, if you regularly access the churches, school, parish center or rectory and have not been made aware of your "code" please contact the parish office. We have tried to compose a list of

everyone who would need this info, but we may have inadvertently missed someone.

## For your information...

The parish has been made aware that an individual that attended the 4:30 pm Mass on Saturday August 8<sup>th</sup> has tested positive for COVID-19. The Bay County Health Department has been notified and the parish is working with the Health Department and following the CDC guidelines. If you attended that Mass, please take the precautionary steps as outlined by the Center for Disease Control at <http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.

Because the individual was wearing a mask and practicing social distancing the risk of transmission is relatively low according to the Health Department, but we are required to notify the congregation per the *Response Action Plan* instituted by the Saginaw Diocese



Congratulations!  
Addilyn Rose Swenberg  
daughter of Eric & Mandy



**FROM  
FR. TOM'S  
DESK**

**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time** Patricia Sanchez, *Celebration*

In the centuries since they were called into being as God's people, the Israelites had known themselves to be God's special elect, God's chosen ones. Their perspective on their unique position in God's plan had been clearly enunciated and often affirmed (Deut 7:6-9), and there was a tendency to erect both virtual and real walls around themselves as if to separate God's chosen from the rest of humankind. These walls protect the clean from the unclean, the seemingly good from those thought to be evil, the saved from those outside the pale of God's salvation. These walls even crept into the Jewish Temple; although God-fearing non-Jews were allowed in, they were regulated to a certain court, separate from those thought to be God's special ones. But a different attitude toward non-Jews is reflected in today's text from Trito-Isaiah. Here the prophet envisions foreigners (v.6) participating fully at every level of Jewish life and worship. There are no walls in the prophet's vision—only a house of prayer for all peoples

But divisions are not easily dissolved, and walls are difficult to tear down. For that reason, Jesus frequently addresses the separations that distinguish one person from another. Among his contemporaries, the Canaanite woman and her daughter would have been regarded as underserving of God's care and Jesus' attention. A woman, a supposed sinner and non-Jew, she probably felt herself to be walled out by several layers of prejudice, resentment and suspicion. But Jesus, who did not erect or respect such walls, healed her daughter in response to her sincere faith and intrepid hope.

Paul clung to a similar hope regarding his Jewish brothers and sisters who had not accepted Jesus as their Messiah. He pleaded with those who continued to remain behind walls of rejection and disbelief. He himself had worked at bulldozing the walls that separated Jew from gentile, praying to ignite a desire in his fellow Jews for the all-inclusive gospel that he preached.

**All are Welcome: (Isaiah 56)** *Celebration*

In celebrating their return to their homeland, Trito-Isaiah intimated that the Israelites were not going to leave all else and all others behind. Nor should they reconstruct the walls of separation that had formerly kept those thought to be unworthy or unwelcome at a distance. On the contrary, those foreigners who would acquiesce to God's will and God's ways were to be welcomed; they were to pray shoulder to shoulder with God's chosen ones in God's house.

Like Deutero-Isaiah, whose ministry he continued, Trito-Isaiah kept before his contemporaries the virtues of God: Justice, mercy, righteousness and compassion. However, rather than simply admiring these virtues in God, the prophets represented them as moral imperatives demanded of all God's people because of the relationship they were privileged to share. They hoped that when the people emulated these virtues, their hearts would grow warmer and larger, and their minds would become more open and welcoming, so that they would be able to see the image of God reflected in all others. It is an ideal that has yet to be realized. Believers continue to struggle against prejudice, bigotry and ignorance until such time as visions like this one come true.

**All are Called: (Romans 11)** *Celebration*

When Paul was unsuccessful in converting many of his Jewish contemporaries with his eloquent preaching of the good news, or with his declaration that the law and the prophets had been fulfilled in Jesus, he was quite willing to try another approach. He hoped that his preaching to the gentiles would evoke such an enthusiastic response

in them that Jews would witness their transformation and desire a share of their joy.

We cannot know for certain the number of Jews who were converted to Christ through Paul's efforts, but it is clear, that Paul was content to do his best and entrust the rest to God. He remained convinced that those who had not accepted Christ would not be deprived of salvation because, as he put it, "the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable" (v.29).

**The Human Jesus: (Matthew 15)** *Celebration*

It's a little surprising that Matthew and Mark preserved a story that shows Jesus in such a poor light. We might say that. Then again, we could admit that it shows Jesus as capable of growing and changing his perspective. This incident must have been a thorough shock to the disciples. This woman who had no right to make a claim on Jesus, got him to reconsider his position, to accept an alternative viewpoint, and to do something he had not been prepared to do. He was being just as open as he demanded that others be! This story adds credence to his Gethsemane prayer, showing him to be a real human being who matured and learned, who wanted to accept God's will even when it contradicted his own assumptions, preferences or desires.

**Lesson on Prayer:** Fr. James Smith, *Celebration*

A pupil went to his Master and said, 'I have tried everything I know about learning how to pray. But I keep getting distracted. Please teach me how to pray.' So, the Master shoved his head underwater and held it there until the student almost drowned. Struggling to the surface, the student complained, 'How does that teach me how to pray?' The master replied, 'When you want to pray as much as you want to breathe, you will pray.'



**"Lord, help me persist in prayer"**

**Follow the Leader:** Rev. Richard Gribble, *The Liturgical Press*

Most certainly God welcomes all; God created all and rejects no one. The Christian community of faith is a good example of how God accepts all. We come from different ethnic groups; we are of different races. We all have different states in life, yet we are all here together today at this Mass, this common celebration of thanksgiving. God accepts us for who we are today, not what we were yesterday, not what we will be tomorrow, but rather, as we are today—sinners struggling to further our relationship with God.

The only thing that can separate us from God is ourselves. Saint Paul speaks of God's abundant mercy to all people Paul says that the gifts and mercy of God are never lost. God has given us free will, but at times we sin. Yet, as Paul says, God allowed us to enter into disobedience—imperfection, in other words—so that he could show us mercy. God wants to be merciful. His arms are open on the cross; he waits for our return. There is nothing, absolutely nothing that God cannot forgive, except that for which we fail to ask forgiveness.

Since God forgives and welcomes us we must do the same to those who enter our lives. We must be forgiving to those who hurt us, whether that be physically or psychologically. People will ignore us; this must be forgiven also. People at times will make life very difficult and uncomfortable for us. Jesus asks us to love them in return. Our task in life is to be bountiful in mercy to others as God is with us .



**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

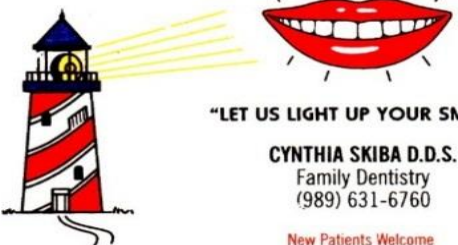
**Parishioner in need...**

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](mailto: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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Burial	\$ 650	\$ 850
Burial of Cremains	\$ 150	\$ 175
Saturday Burial	\$ 200 additional	\$ 200 additional
Foundation	\$ 0.40 per sq. inch	\$ 0.40 per sq. inch

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