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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

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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 August 22nd , 2022

MONDAY

425: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12 Ps 96:1-5 Mt 23:13-22

TUESDAY

426: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17 Ps 96:10-13 Mt 23:23-26

WEDNESDAY

629: Rv 21:9b-14 Ps 145:10-13, 17-18 Jn 1:45-51

THURSDAY

428: 1 Cor 1:1-9 Ps 145:2-7 Mt 24:42-51

FRIDAY

429: 1 Cor 1:17-25 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11 Mt 25:1-13

SATURDAY 4:30 pm Mass

430: 1 Cor 1:26-31 Ps 33:12-13, 18-21 Mt 25:14-30

SUNDAY 9:30 am Mass

126: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29 Ps 68:4-7, 10-11 Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a Lk 14:1, 7-14



UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

Monday, August 22nd – School Begins!

Friday, August 26th – Office closes at noon (summer hours)

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$11,153.84 Offering: \$8,581

Food Pantry: \$290

Children's Good Deeds

...I carried in bags...Returned shopping cart to store...
...Giving my baby brother his pacifier...Helping Dad with yardwork...

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal



Another year starts Monday, and the teachers and students are very excited! Having the opportunity daily to provide a Catholic education to form disciples is a blessing. Please keep all the students and staff in your prayers as we start the 2022-2023 school year and pray for a successful and fruitful year!

We have interviewed for the different positions in the school, and almost have a full staff. We are finalizing a few more interviews but should be in a very good position to be successful this year. Thank you everyone who helped spread the word and encourage people to apply!

...God Bless...



The Family of Walter Reder would like to extend a **BIG THANK-YOU** to The choir, the ladies in the kitchen, Fr. Jerry, Sue, and Bill for making the day extra special.

EDUCATION / FORMATION

Family Talk Time Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families, Sara McGinnis Lee
The kingdom of God requires active engagement on our part. How can we be more intentional about what we say or do?

Reflecting on the Word:

The people in this passage plead with Jesus, offering their faithfulness as a reason for being saved. They ate and drank and listened to Jesus as he spoke among them. Yet Jesus answers by saying he does not know them. What is lacking? We, too, share in the sacred meal at Eucharist. We listen to the Word

of God proclaimed in our churches. What else are we challenged to do to “be saved”? In Addition to prayer, Mass, and the sacraments, serving others will bring us closer to God.

Living the Word:

If your parish has scheduled Eucharistic adoration, that would be an Ideal opportunity to show your children how we honor the real presence of Christ in the host. During adoration, show your children how to genuflect before the monstrance.

Donation Needed!

We are looking for door/game prizes for the annual **Parish Picnic, Sunday September 11**. We are looking for “NEW” items for both adults and children. Items should have a minimum value of \$10. You can drop off your items at the Parish Office. Thank-you in advance for your generosity in helping us make this a great event!

DONATION
REQUESTS



Treatment Update...Fr. Tom

This past week I completed four of the five and one-half weeks of treatment—chemo on Mondays and radiation Monday through Friday. While I am still unable to eat and keep down what I eat, I now have a feeding tube that I am on from 6 pm till 6 am. Hopefully, it will enable me to restore my strength. Right now I do not feel safe going outside on a windy day!



Appreciative: I am most humbled and joyful for the many cards I have received with well wishes and promises of prayers for my recovery. My sister, Debra, who has been spending time looking after her big brother asked me the other day, “Is there anyone in Auburn who hasn’t sent you a card?” She was amazed to see that there weren’t many duplicate cards!

I am much aware of the awesome support coming from the parish community and I treasure it so very, very much... Father Tom





FROM FR. TOM'S DESK

Twenty-First Sunday Ordinary Time:

Patricia Sanchez, *Celebration*

Isaiah's vision, as shared in the first reading, may have been rather shocking for his contemporaries who were accustomed to the privilege of being called God's chosen ones. According to the prophet, that special status and its privileges also included the responsibility of being true witnesses to all other people of the earth so that they too might be gathered in by God.

This gathering-in to God has been a lengthy process that has known as many stops as starts, and it was a topic that Jesus broached quite regularly with his disciples. In today's Gospel, someone asks Jesus, "Lord, will only a few be saved?" Jesus' response includes a description of a great cavalcade of nations being welcomed into the kingdom of God. Like Isaiah, Jesus knew that there are no boundaries or limits to God's loving mercies. All are welcomed unto the God who forgives and saves. However, although salvation is a gift indiscriminately offered to all, it is a gift that is to be individually and daily appropriated in faith. This process of appropriation will always challenge believers, a fact attested in Jesus' descriptive invitation: "Strive to enter through the narrow gate."

People do not gain entrance through that gate by mere familiarity with Jesus. Even those who share his table then, and we who gather around the eucharistic table now, cannot presume to have a free ride when it comes to entering the kingdom. Jesus says as much in today's Gospel when he tells those who were trading on his friendship: "I don't know you; depart from me!"

What will make us recognizable to Jesus? What is the discipline (second reading) that will assure us a welcome? Perhaps the answer is best expressed in a Hasidic tale. A rabbi asked his students how to determine the hour of dawn when night ends and day begins. One answered, "when from a distance you can distinguish a dog from a sheep." "No," answered the rabbi. Another offered, "When you can distinguish between a fig tree and a grapevine." Again, the rabbi said "No." "Then tell us." Said the students. "You'll know that the sun has risen," said the rabbi. "When you can look into the faces of human beings, and you have enough light to recognize them as your brothers and sisters. Up until then, it is night, and darkness is still with us.

Those who believe that Jesus, the Son, has risen from the dead understand that with his saving action, God has introduced the light of goodness and love into the world. Those who believe and welcome that light begin to see others as Jesus sees them: with love and not prejudice, with attentiveness and not apathy.

Great Reunions (Isaiah 66):

Celebration

Isaiah ministered in the years immediately after the people's return from exile in Babylonia. He not only assured his contemporaries that they were forgiven and welcomed home to God and to their homeland, but that their experience of redemption would be a "sign" (v.19) whereby all other nations would be gathered in by God. Indeed, God's people were to reach out to welcome all the people of the earth. From among these, the Lord would send "fugitives," i.e., gentile emissaries who would proselytize even more distant lands. Scholars tell us that Tarshish referred to Spain; Put and Lud to North Africa; and Tubal and Javan to Ionia and Asia Minor, Positive while the origin of Mosoch remains uncertain.

Positive Discipline (Hebrews 12):

Celebration

While the word "discipline" usually evokes the notion of punishment, etymologically this is not its first definition. This term, referred to the whole process of education and formation whereby young persons are helped to develop those qualities of mind and body that characterize the authentic adult: strength, stability, and the coping skills necessary to deal with the joys as well as the struggles of life.

Therefore, the Hebrews author invited his late first century contemporaries to regard the harsh realities of their lives as teachable moments that were an inherent source of growth for those willing to learn, rather than as God's punishment for their sin.

The Narrow Way (Luke 13):

Celebration

Given traditional expectations, Jesus' response was probably an unwelcome affront, particularly for those who presumed that their salvation was assured by virtue of their ancestry. Jesus warned of a "narrow gate," the entrance to which was not determined by bloodlines but by their recognition of Jesus as the God-given way to salvation. Acceptance of Jesus, his identity, his mission, his teachings, his challenges and above all his cross, as the means whereby God chose to extend salvation to sinners—all these acceptances constitute entrance into the kingdom by the narrow way.

"Many will attempt to enter, said Jesus, "but will not be strong enough." With this warning, Jesus indicated that the source of believers' strength lay in God and in grace, not in themselves or their traditions or presumptions. Believers are to cultivate that strength by a thorough knowledge of Jesus that arises from an ever-growing faith and deepening relationship. This relationship must be based on more casual conversation or even occasional table fellowship; this is a relationship where believers must assimilate the mind and spirit of Jesus so that they become living reflections of him for others.

Image of God:

Fr. James Smith, *Celebration*

We know that God is a Spirit, which is hard to imagine, but easy to see its effects. When we see someone doing good, we see the Spirit. When we experience joy for no sufficient reason, we know the Spirit. When things go well, we can imagine the Spirit at work. When things go wrong, we can imagine the Spirit consoling us. Isn't this precisely the work of God's Holy Spirit in the world?

The supreme image of God is love. That is even the biblical definition of God. Love can be abstract, therefore hard to imagine. But you know what love is. You have felt yourself become a different person and the world become a different place when you love. That is something like God feels, and you know how it feels when you are loved: safe, wholesome, desirable. That is how God feels when we love him.

Quotable:

*It is not enough to share the meal
And give him room to teach.
He wants us to practice
What we heard him preach*



Back-to-School Prayer

*Loving and Gracious Lord,
As our students begin a new school year,
I pray that you will keep them in your care.
Send your Spirit to open their minds
to all that is true and beautiful and good
Help them to see the gifts and talents
you have given them and to use them well.
Help them to grow in knowledge and wisdom.
Help them to be kind to others
and lead others to be kind to them.
Give their teachers patience and understanding
and help them teach what is just and true.
Send your angels to guide and guard our
children and to keep them from all harm.
Open their young hearts to your presence
and enfold them in your peace and protection.
Hold them in the palm of your hand
and bring them home safely at day's end. Amen.*



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