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**MASSES**

**\*Weekday masses suspended until further notice**

Saturday 4:30 PM

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 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**

**\*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 August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022

### Monday

431: 1Cor 2:1-5 Ps 119: 97-102 634: Mk 6:17-29

### Tuesday

432: 1 Cor 2:10b-16 Ps 145:8-14 Lk 4:31-37

### Wednesday

433:1 Cor 3:1-9 Ps 33:12-15, 20-21 Lk 4:38-44

### Thursday

434:1 Cor 3: 18-23 Ps 24: 1b-4b, 5-6 Lk 5:1-11

### Friday

435: 1 Cor 4:1-5 Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40 Lk 5:33-39

### Saturday 4:30 pm Mass

436: 1 Cor 4:6b-15 Ps 145:17-21 Lk 6:1-5

### Sunday 9:30 am Mass

129: Wis 9:13-18b Ps 90:3-6, 12-17 Phlm 9-10,12-17 Lk 14:25-33



## EDUCATION / FORMATION

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

*When I am with a group of people—in school, at work, with friends—do I always seek to be first? When we give expecting a return, is that truly being generous? How can we be generous to others we don't know?*

### Reflecting on the Word:

Jesus challenges us to know our rightful place by practicing humility. Being humble means being able to recognize who we truly are and act out of that understanding. We must judge ourselves neither to be too great nor too small.

### Living the Word:

Be mindful of how your words match your actions this week. When you promise to do something for a family member, coworker, or classmate, make sure your actions follow your words. Let people know by your kind or loving actions that you are a disciple of Jesus. No words necessary when doing a good deed for someone in need.



## PARISH ACTIVITIES

Friday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> – Office back to regular hours 8:30-4:30

## STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$11,153.84 Offering: \$7,216

Food Pantry: \$145

In Memory of Walter Reder: \$100

Children's Good Deeds

...To do my job...Played with SJ...

...Helped Grammy feed the birds...Using my manners...

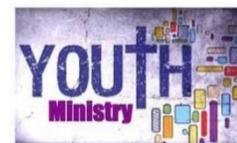


### Religious Education registration

is being taken until Monday September 19<sup>th</sup>. Forms are at the west church entrance. We will begin formation on Sunday September 25<sup>th</sup>, 10:45 a.m.

### Youth Ministry registration

Forms are available at the west church entrance. Gatherings will be weekly this year. The schedule will be published soon. Misty Michelle is our youth minister & Cindy Abraham will be the lead catechists for the Middle School Youth formation.



## AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal

We have officially started the year and thank you to everyone who helped us fill our open positions. We have officially filled all of them, and I am excited to see where this journey takes us. The students have been very excited and engaged in their return! Having prayer, pledge, and morning meeting in our hallway has always been a nice way for the students to get to know each other and put our faith into practice.

Being humble is not always easy. There are times when individuals want recognition or to be praised for their hard work. When I was younger, I didn't understand the concept of humility and being humble. As

an adult, I realize none of the things that happen daily couldn't happen without a team. Kim Buchmann, Jessica Spencer, Katie Moczy, Lauren Heim, Lori Salinas, Melissa Sylvester, Tammy Nelson, Barbara Hendrickson, Bethany Sabias, Chrissy Clare, Laurie Gunther, Joan Moszyk all have contributed in different ways to the success of the school, and I am thankful to have them in the AACs family. The parish office has also been wonderful in helping fill the gaps when school staff is away and has supported us in a more "behind the scenes" way. All roles are important, and everyone has value, because at the end of the day, we are a family that works together to make sure our children can become Disciples of Christ. ...*God Bless...*

Humbled & Exalted

Luke 14:1, 7-11



### Sacramental Preparation applications

are available at the west church entrance. Your eligibility to participate in the sacramental programs is dependent upon the following factors: \* must be a registered parishioner with evidence of family participation at weekend liturgies \*currently enrolled in a parish sponsored religious education program or Auburn Area Catholic School \*participation in a religious education/formation program the previous year \*parish participation in various church ministries and financial stewardship is encouraged \*commitment to church attendance and religious formation after reception of first-time sacrament Prayerful consideration should be given as to the suitability of committing your child to sacramental preparation. Reconciliation preparation will begin in November and Eucharist preparation will begin February. Application forms are due Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. Preparation sessions are offered during the week.

### The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

is the process for adults who desire to join the Catholic faith and for those seeking more information on the Catholic Church. OCIA can also be a method for Catholics to complete their reception of the initiation sacraments. Do you know someone who might consider becoming Catholic or would like more information about our Catholic faith? Contact Sandy DesJardins at 989-662-4355 or [faithformation@auburnac.org](mailto:faithformation@auburnac.org)



### Education Commission

We need people to serve on the Education Commission this year. We meet the 2nd Thursday of each month from 6:30–7:30 p.m. If you are willing to give your time to help evaluate, discuss, and create some education/formation events for our parish, contact Sandy DesJardins, Clark Switalski or Kelly Hadd. We would love to have you help make St. Gabriel a great place to worship and serve!!!! [sdesjardins@auburnac.org](mailto:sdesjardins@auburnac.org) or 989.662.4335



**Medical Update...** The two steps backward appeared when the feeding tube that I am on became clogged. I had to go to the hospital for a procedure to break the clog or or else go through

surgery to replace. Fortunately, the former took place and another surgery was avoided. I just completed my fifth week of treatment and have three more days to go. This coming week one more chemo treatment and three more radiation treatments. There have been some pretty dark days and nights. It is about time to experience improvements along the way. I remain hopeful. ~Fr. Tom ~



## FROM FR. TOM'S DESK

### Twenty-Second Sunday Ordinary Time:

Grace Works, Dallas, Texas

Jesus had something to say on well. In our gospel lesson today, Jesus used the normal patterns of social life to illustrate how important it is to develop an honest humility to counteract the erosive effects of pride. While the guest at the house of a religious leader, Jesus exposed the subtle efforts of the other guests to climb the social ladder through careful positioning and posturing around the table. He challenged people to forego such manipulative techniques, and instead to receive simply and humbly whatever hospitality life offered. Can you imagine life around your office, or in your social circle, or in politics, without those games? What a transformation it would make if we did not have to spend so much energy playing one-upmanship, or posturing for self-promotion, or networking for our own advantage! Of course, we are afraid to drop out of that deadly game because we fear that others will gain advantage over us. But Jesus offers us the challenge, "So what? If you gain the whole world with those manipulative techniques, but lose your own soul, or lose all real relationships along the way, what have you won?" Jesus wants us to set a new pattern in motion in the world, a pattern of honesty and humility, where competitors can be converted into companions, where people shed their masks and accept the glorious truth that we are all basically on the same level with each other.

In such a world there would be no need for social ladder climbing because we would realize the world is not a castle to be taken, but a table to be shared. There would be no need for power grabs because we would realize that power is only valuable in service to help elevate the powerless—or as Jesus called them—"the poor, the crippled, the maimed. And the blind."

### Be Humble:(Sirach 3)

Celebration

An excerpted text, joining together portions of two successive short essays, the first verses of the reading are about humility and the latter verses are concerned with pride. The context of today's reading is that of a parent counseling his child in the fine art of dealing with other people. In his exhortation regarding humility the author praised the value of a modest, genteel life, free of pretentiousness and excessive ambitiousness.

Humility is not to be perceived as a *passive* acceptance but rather, like faith, as an *active* virtue of positive trust. One of the greatest qualities of the Isaian suffering servant (Isaiah 53:7ff) was his humility—his active cooperation with the Lord's power to save his people. When the prophets spoke of the messiah's advent, humility was one of the attributes they assigned to him (Zechariah 9:9). The antithesis of pride that asserted the self in a complete self-reliance, humility, according to Sirach, is especially necessary for those in higher social stratum: "Humble yourself the more, the greater you are" (v.18). Like the author Proverbs, Ben Sira compared pride to foolishness and humility to true wisdom.

### New Relationship: (Hebrews 12): Service, Rea McDonnell, SSND

This author's description of the theophany, God's appearance at Mt. Sinai (Ex 19:16-19), stirs terror. Once Israel assembled to become a people of covenant, addressed by a thundering God. Now we assemble, we whose "names are written in heaven" (Lk 10:20). We are *ekklesia*, our word for church, an assembly, literally those who are called. We are an assembly of the first-born, and we are enrolled, a cause for rejoicing.

Drawing near to God is a theme of *Hebrews*. Even drawing near to God as judge is a joy too, because this author throughout his homily has been depicting the compassion and faithfulness of God imaged and embodied in Christ, "the express image of God" (Heb 1:3). Jesus does not need to mediate between a God so gracious as ours and ourselves, but rather our mediator stands between us and our fears, our rush to return to slavery and self-destruction. The new Moses, Christ, negotiates—this time forever—a new covenant with a faithful and compassionate Judge.

### All are Welcomed: (Luke 14): Service, Rea McDonnell, SSND

This passage resembles Luke 20:46 in which Jesus directly rebukes those who take the first place at banquets. The key teaching here: "Everyone who exalts him/herself shall be humbled..." is attached to different stories in Matthew 23:12 and Mark 9:35.

In all these variations, Jesus' point is to reverse the values of society. Our liturgists would have us meditate on humility—a truthful assessment of who we are—by linking the reading from Sirach with today's Gospel excerpt. Luke would have us meditate on Jesus' call to include everyone in our table fellowship (later, Eucharist), even those considered sinners. His challenge is persistent: take small steps out of our safe circle and gradually become aware of, acquainted with, engaged with the lowly and outcast of society.

### Importance of the Table:

Grace Works, Dallas, Texas

The legend of King Arthur's round table of knights symbolized a society without pecking order, where everyone sat around the table in equality. Similarly, the family kitchen table in our homes is the symbolic and literal place where the family prays, shares the bounty of food and drink, where memories are preserved, where laughter reigns, where everyone matters, just because they are family and friend. The table is not a place of competition or accomplishment, only a place of fellowship and welcome.

Is it any wonder, then, that the table is also the central place of gathering and communion with God and with each other in worship? The table of the Lord is the holy place where the vision of Jesus for a new world order to take shape. At God's table, there is no posturing. We are all equally in need of forgiveness, of grace, of God's provision. At God's table there is no competition, for there is enough for everyone. This is not a place for proud fists and clenched teeth. At God's table, the only way to come is with humility, with outstretched hands and open mouths. And if that is true here, at this table, maybe, just maybe, it is true everywhere else too.

### Know Thyself:

Joan DeMerchant, Service

Today's readings remind us that we, like those who have gone before us, can approach God's presence not through our own efforts, but because of Jesus who has acted on our behalf. It is God who cares for us in our defenseless moments and offers us whatever we need. Whatever we have is given as gift. If we find our way to the table at all, it is only because we have been invited there. If we come to the wedding party, it is as guests that we take our place at table. Knowing who we are is a humbling experience. And it is also probably one of the most important tasks of our human growth.

The challenge to live out of this self-knowledge touches our lives on many levels. Among family, friends, colleagues, neighbors, fellow-Christians, or simply other human beings, knowing who we really are frees us to be with one another in equality. It enables us to sit down at table together, whether that table is the simple table of our family meal, the table of human fellowship, or the Eucharistic table which is above all the great "leveler" of all who partake there. This self-knowledge beckons us to invite those who do not yet know the dignity that has been bestowed upon them. It raises for us the discomfiting question of who we are willing to admit to our own tables or our Eucharistic tables. Our sense of hospitality is challenged as well as our need to humble ourselves.

# Christ's Mission APPEAL

## Christ's Mission Appeal News (CMA)

The Diocese informed us this week that the current appeal (21-22) will end with August. The diocese will continue to receive funds for another three months for the benefit of people who are paying on pledges. The new drive will begin the third week of

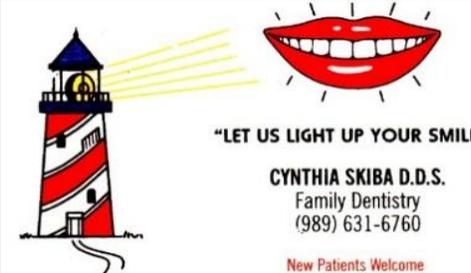
**Parish Picnic Countdown!**...We are two weeks and counting for the "2022 St. Gabriel Parish Picnic!" This year's date is on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> from noon-4 pm. We will have food, drinks, games and giveaways! But most important it will be a chance to gather with fellow parishioners and enjoy an end-of-summer afternoon!




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