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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 September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022

### Monday

443:1 Cor 11:17-26, 33 Ps 40:7-10, 17 Lk 7:1-10

### Tuesday 8 am Word and Communion

444: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a Ps 100:1b-5 Lk 7:11-17

### Wednesday

638: Nm 21:4b-9 Ps 78:1b-2, 34-38 Phil 2:6-11 Jn 3:13-17

### Thursday

446: 1 Cor 15:1-11 Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28 639: Jn 19:25-27

### Friday

447: 1 Cor 15:12-20 Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b, 15 Lk 8:1-3

### Saturday 4:30 pm Mass

448: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49 Ps 56:10c-14 Lk 8:4-15

### Sunday 9:30 am Mass

135: Am 8:4-7 Ps 113:1-2, 4-8 1 Tm 2:1-8 Lk 16:1-13



## PARISH ACTIVITIES

Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup> – Cantor Practice 6:30 pm

Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup> – PTO Committee 6 pm  
School Committee 7 pm

Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup> – No School

Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> – Catechetical Weekend

Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> – CLOW 9:30 am

## STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$11,153.84 Offering: \$11,201

Food Pantry: \$50

Children's Good Deeds

...I helped Gramma with the bushes...

## AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal



This week our PK students started their academic journey at AACs. Our 3- and 4-year-old programs always start after the Labor Day weekend. We have seven 3-

year-old students and thirteen 4-year-old students. The first couple weeks can be scary for them, so please keep the little ones in your prayers as they transition to a new experience.

Every coffee and donut weekend there will be a SCRIP sale. You pay \$50 for a gas, Meijer, visa, or clothing store card, you get that value as a gift card and the school receives money from Raise Right. In the end, you get a full value gift card, and AACs gets a little money to help the school. Believe me, every little bit helps along the way, so if you know you are going shopping at Meijer, getting gas at Speedway, or just want a Visa card that can be used anywhere, please consider buying some SCRIP cards!

**Medical Update...** Good News! I have completed my Chemo and Radiation treatments! I will have a respite for several weeks, there will be scans and tests to make sure that the treatments did what they were suppose to do. Then there will be a meeting with the surgeon to determine the next steps, possibly surgery. ~Fr. Tom ~



### Cantor Practice



We will be meeting on Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Scheduling for September, October and November. If you are unable to attend, could you please email Sue LeVasseur [musicdirector@auburnac](mailto:musicdirector@auburnac)

## EDUCATION / FORMATION

**Family Talk Time:** *Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families:* Sara McGinnis Lee  
*When have you been lost or felt alone? How did it feel when you were found? What are some of the ways that we celebrate being with Jesus?*

### Reflecting on the Word:

I wonder how the sheep felt when he was lost. The shepherd didn't wait for his sheep to return. He proactively sought it out. He would have never stopped looking. When that lost sheep saw the Good Shepherd and was placed on his shoulders, he must have felt such relief, such gratefulness, and so loved. Jesus' heart was so joyful he even wants to celebrate! We sometimes stray from Jesus, make choices that separate us from him. He has such love for us, however, that he will never stop seeking us out. When we have returned to his side through the sacrament of reconciliation, he has such joy!

### Living the Word:

As a family this week, talk about the sacrament of reconciliation. Discuss how it feels before and after celebrating this merciful sacrament. Ponder if it might be how the sheep felt when he was lost and then found.

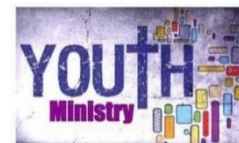


### Religious Education registration

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.



### 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)



**HELP!** We need you to work in the nursery Sunday morning. If you love interacting with children 6 months through 5 years of age this ministry is for you! I am looking for enough people to create a six-week schedule. So, you would only serve every 6<sup>th</sup> week! Please contact Sandy if you can minister to our young families!! [faithformation@auburnac.org](mailto:faithformation@auburnac.org) or (989) 662-4335.



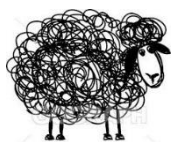


## FROM FR. TOM'S DESK

### Twenty-Fourth Sunday Ordinary Time:

Grace Works, Dallas, Texas

The grace of God is first seen in the fact that while we were still clueless about God, He was already seeking us with a desperate love, leaving clues to help lead us back to Him, clearing the way for our eventual return home. And so, the apostle Paul did not rejoice that he had finally found God. Rather, he rejoiced that even though he was the chief of all sinners, God sought and found him. Likewise, this is the point of the parables about the lost sheep and the lost coin.



It was the shepherd who sought and found and rescued the sheep that went astray. It was the woman who swept the house in search of the missing coin. When the lost was found, and the joy exploded in the story, neither the sheep nor the coin could claim any credit. Even so, humans are

not the primary seeker after God. God is the great seeker after humans. As Jesus said of his own ministry, "the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost (Luke 19:10).

Anyone feeling lost today? Well, God has a good word for you. And here is what God says, "Ready or not, here I come." Isn't it time for you to be found?

### Shame and Honor:(Exodus 32)

Service

In this story, Moses meditates on behalf of the Israelites by appealing to God's "honor." This makes eminent sense in a society whose major values are "honor and shame." While God sneeringly calls the Israelites *your* (Moses') people. Moses responds by tugging on God's sense of honor. *YOU* (God) brought them out of Egypt with such great power and so strong a hand. They are *YOUR* people. Besides, think of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and how you gave them your word of promise.

God, in true Mediterranean fashion, is touched by this appeal to his honor. So, he relents in his intent to punish these deviants lest he be perceived as behaving shamefully.

### Devine Mercy: (1 Timothy 1):

Sr. Stephanie Weisgram, The Liturgical Press

We hear Paul's praise of Christ Jesus who has treated him so mercifully. Paul speaks straight from the heart when describing himself as a blasphemer, a persecutor, and arrogant. Then he reminds Timothy of Jesus' mission to save sinners and that although he, Paul was the foremost sinner, Jesus forgave even him. Jesus' merciful forgiveness for Paul shows how patient Jesus is, and those who come to believe in Jesus can count on this patience for them too. We might say that Paul's gospel is that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. For this reason, we can all have hope in divine mercy.

### Power of Parables: (Luke 15): Rev. Anthony Marinelli, Service

Today's Gospel passage has been called by one Scripture scholar "the heart of Luke's Gospel," a claim that would be difficult to debate. In it we find the classic parable of the Prodigal Son and two other parables of divine mercy, the parable of the lost sheep and the lost coin. If there is a problem with the passage, it is that it suffers from an overabundance of riches. Although the three parables were probably not spoken together originally by Jesus, Luke has united them because of

their common these: The Lord seeks out the lost and welcomes them home with love.

These parables, like all the parables that Jesus told, were never simply meant to be clever tales. They were told in a certain context and in order to understand the parables we must understand their original situation. Luke makes it easy and provides the context: The scribes and Pharisees were upset that Jesus welcomed and ate with sinners. The Pharisee means "separate one" and refers to their habit of not associating with those who did not keep the law of Moses.

In the four Gospels of the New Testament, the Pharisees rarely get any positive treatment from the evangelists. There is no doubt that Jesus came into conflict with some of the Pharisees of his time, but in fact, it was the Pharisees who were the devout Jews, the ones who kept Judaism alive in times of difficulty and foreign oppression. It seemed that some perhaps even may, were confounded that Jesus would so easily associate with those who were outside the Law. It is with this background that Jesus.

**Need to Remember:** Catherine Upchurch, The Liturgical Press

God wants us to learn how to remember—to remember what God has done for us in the past, to ponder with clarity the undeserved mercy we experience daily, and to return to the God who loves us and fashions us to abide in love as well. One of the ways we see this in the gospels is through the way Jesus uses parables to ignite the imagination of his listeners. He tells a story about a lost sheep, another about a lost coin, and another about a lost son, but what Jesus is really telling his listeners is that God will always be that good shepherd, that persistent woman, and that lavishly generous father. That is what we need to remember as we envision how God acts in our world how God equips us to be in our world.



### Difficult Task:

Grace Works, Dallas, Texas

The miracle of forgiveness cannot be earned. In fact, it is precisely the unmerited, undeserved quality of mercy that has the greatest chance of inspiring true repentance and life change in a prodigal who is trying to come home. If, like this father in the story, you are praying and hoping for a restored relationship with someone who has betrayed or abandoned you, the place to start, in fact the only thing you can do, is pray to God for the gift of a heart so big that it seeks the prodigal back home more than his apology, and restoration of the relationship more than justice. We are not good at this. But God is. Eventually every one of us will find ourselves in the place of the father in this story. And make no mistake about it, if the father does not open his heart and his home, risking that he will be hurt again, forgiveness did not happen. And the shattered Humpty Dumpty pieces of humanity will not be put back together again. Grace has to start somewhere, and that place is in the heart of one who has been wronged.



"Rejoice with  
me; for I have  
found my sheep  
which was lost!"  
— Luke 15:6



## Quilters

The Auburn Christian Quilters, an ecumenical quilting group, will be meeting the third Tuesday or Wednesday of each month from September 2022 through June 2023. The theme this year will be "The Role of Women in the Bible" We will be creating a mystery quilt. A great quilt for beginners to experienced quilters. If you have questions, you are invited to call Terri at 989-662-6052 from St. Gabriel. April at 989-225-0763 from United Methodist Church. Or Lee at 989-662-4228 at First Baptist Church. **All are Welcome!**

## Soccer Challenge 2022...presented

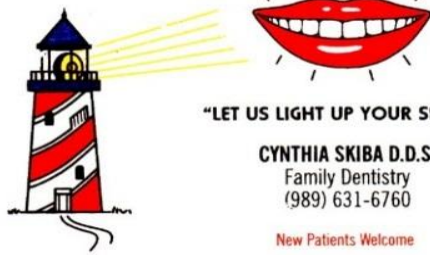
by Auburn 3590 Knights of Columbus "Test your skills!" This year's event is on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm, during the Parish Picnic. The event is open to boys and girls ages 9-14 years old. There will be trophies and certificates awarded. For further info please contact Ed Piotrowski at 989-859-8504. **See you there!**




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## St. Anthony Cemetery

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Burial	\$ 750	\$ 900
Burial of Cremains	\$ 250	\$ 275
Saturday Burial	\$ 250 additional	\$ 250 additional

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