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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 call Parish Office for appointment.

**AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL**  
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**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 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021

### MONDAY

443: 1 Tm 2:1-8 Ps 28:2, 7-9 Lk 7:1-10

### TUESDAY 8 am Word and Communion

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

### WEDNESDAY 8 am Mass

445: 1 Tm 3:14-16 Ps 111:1-6 639: Jn 19:25-27

### THURSDAY 8 am Mass

446: 1 Tm 4:12-16 Ps 111:7-10 Lk 7:36-50

### FRIDAY

447: 1 Tm 6:2c-12 Ps 49:6-10, 17-20 Lk 8:1-3

### SATURDAY 4:30 pm Mass

448: 1 Tm 6:13-16 Ps 100:1b-5 Lk 8:4-15

### SUNDAY 9:30 am Mass

134: Wis 2:12, 17-20 Ps 54:3-4, 5-8 Jas 3:16---4:3 Mk 9:30-37



## EDUCATION / FORMATION

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

Ask, who do you see as a leader? What have they done to show you this? What qualities do you think a leader should have? What is Jesus' definition of greatness?

### Reflecting on the Word:

It is natural to want to success and to accomplish

or do something well.

But how should we

define success? Jesus

gives us a wise way to

measure it: he

teaches us that

Whoever  
welcomes  
one of these  
children  
welcomes  
me



Mark 9:30-37

greatness comes when we put ourselves at the service of others, just as he did throughout his life. Examples of greatness do not always appear in the places we expect. Jesus offered one example when he placed a child amid the apostles. Let us look for examples of greatness among the least of us, the poor, the stranger, and even those who are the hardest to love.

### Living the Word:

Explain to your children what servant leadership means. Then invite each family member to name one person who is an example of service to others by what they say or do. What makes this person great and a servant to all? Say a prayer thanking God for these people who are great in the eyes of Jesus.

## PARISH ACTIVITIES

**Sunday, Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> - Parish Picnic! 12-3:30 pm**

**Saturday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> - Catechetical Weekend**

**Sunday, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> - Baptism-10:45 am**

## STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$10,962 Offering: \$12,521.80

Food Pantry: \$200

Children's Good Deed

...Singing songs to my little brother...

## AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal

## PRESCHOOL



We are finally in full force as our new preschool students joined all of us this week for school! This is exciting because for many of them, their first experiences with school

are with us this year. I can't wait to get to know all of them, because that room always makes me smile and brightens my day.

This week, Jesus asks his apostles "who do people say that I am?" They muttered off a lot of different people, but the point in the end was strong; he was not a previous prophet, but in fact Christ. In order to follow Jesus, we must give of ourselves, sacrifice, and follow him. I will be the first to admit that I have struggled with this concept, because I never fully understood the sacrifice and commitment necessary.

... God Bless...

**"The Quilting Group"** The Auburn Christian Quilters will begin meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month September-June. This year's theme is "The Apostles." We will be creating a sampler quilt, a great quilt for beginners to experienced quilters. For questions call Terri Duch at 989-662-6052. The first meeting will be at First Baptist Church, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm. We will follow CDC guidelines for COVID precautions. **All are Welcome!**

### Religious Education

Registration is being taken until Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup>.

Forms are at the west church

entrance. We will begin formation on Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>.



**Sacramental Preparation** applications are available at the west church entrance. Reconciliation preparation will begin in November and Eucharist preparation will begin February.

**Application forms due Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup>.** Preparation sessions are offered during the week.



**Misty Michelle**, our new youth minister, is planning to kick off the year on Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup> with a campfire, s'mores, and some fun "getting-to-know-you" activities! We encourage all youth of the parish

to consider joining and invite your friends too! The registration forms are available at the west church entrance or by calling the Parish Office, 989.662.6861.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Walter and Dorothy Reder on their 70<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary which they will be celebrating this weekend at Mass. Many blessings to them on this AMAZING accomplishment!





## FROM FR. TOM'S DESK

### Twenty-Fourth Sunday Ordinary Time:

Patricia Sanchez, *Celebration*

Today's first reading and Gospel feature two figures who were willingly defined by suffering, for it was through their suffering that they were able to show their true face to the world. Deutero-Isaiah never names the servants he has described in four poignant songs. However, the prophet has described in vivid detail the suffering he endured for the sake of his ministry. In order to speak a word that would rouse his contemporaries, he would endure their rejection; to establish justice for the nations, he would let himself be beaten and mocked. To be the light of the nations and the liberator of prisoners, he would accept being spat upon. To bring healing and wholeness to the blind, the deaf and the lame, he would not shield himself but would give himself over to the wrath of those he had come to save.

This Isaian servant is only fully identified in the person and through the mission of Jesus. The servant would provide the template for us to understand the salvific suffering of the one whom Peter identified as the Christ. No sooner was that noble declaration spoken by Peter than Jesus began to define himself as Christ in terms of suffering. He would be rejected, would suffer greatly, and be killed.

Unaware, as yet, of the true nature of Jesus' identity, Peter would try to set aside the unthinkable notion of a suffering Christ. Yet not only would Jesus persist in defining his salvific service in terms of suffering; he also insisted that his followers should be identified in the same way. Through their suffering for being his disciples, Jesus' followers became who they truly are—living and breathing reflections of him in the world. Disciples do not choose suffering's sake; rather, they accept suffering because of the unity with Jesus that suffering creates and the redemption it helps to affect.

Jesus, who immersed himself completely in the human condition, experienced every sort and every degree of suffering to translate that experience into an eloquent expression of love. That suffering identified him as the Christ, the Savior. Our suffering, when united to his, identifies us as his own.

### Suffering Servant (Isaiah 50): *Celebration*

Anyone who dares to undertake the ministry of leading others into the light of truth and justice should take these words of the Deutero-Isaian servant to heart. In a sense, today's first reading could be regarded as a job description for such a ministry. Preaching the truth and shedding light on the world's dark deceit and injustice are indeed challenging tasks. But bearing with the consequences of such a ministry will require the minister to cultivate willingness to suffer for what is right and to be defined by that suffering for the sake and the salvation of others.

Whoever the prophet imagined as the servant, and however great were the sufferings he experienced, his awareness of God's presence was also great. In verses 7-9, the servant-prophet calls God "my help" and the near one "who upholds my right." The language and the atmosphere are reminiscent of a courtroom, but the servant is confident of his vindication. Regardless of the maltreatment that he knew because of his ministry, the presence and the power of God sustain the Isaian servant and continues to sustain every other servant God calls to ministry.

### Faith and Good Works ( James 2): *Celebration*

James' very practical advice continues to challenge believers to have integrity and not to tolerate a dichotomy between the faith that is professed with our lips and what is professed by our life. In this text,

James addresses that dichotomy and says, in effect, "Put your money where your mouth is." James was calling upon believers to translate their words of goodwill into actions that extended that goodwill to others in practical and helpful ways. For too long Christianity has been represented as an "either/or" religion when it is more properly a "both/and." In a well-balanced life, there must be both thought and action.

Just as thought and action are necessary counterparts, so also are both prayer and effort integral to the life of faith. Prayer supports and inspires effort, and effort often sends one back to praying. Therefore, for a person of authentic faith, it isn't enough to simply think of helping another, nor is praying for them sufficient. Rather, thoughts and prayers bring faith to life in actions and efforts that tend to the needs of others with generosity and love.

### The Model (Mark 8): *Celebration*

During the Second World War, when Winston Churchill became prime minister of England, he declared that as their leader, all he had to offer his fellow Brits was "blood, toil, tears and sweat." When the great Italian patriot Giuseppe Garibaldi appealed for recruits, he said, "I offer neither pay, nor quarters, nor provisions; I offer hunger, thirst, forced marches, battles and death. Let him who loves his country in his heart, and not with his lips only, follow me." Similarly blunt and truthful, Jesus told his disciples that those who would follow him could do so only if they were willing to deny themselves, take up their crosses and lose their lives for his sake and the sake of the Gospel.

But just as Churchill and Garibaldi did not ask anything of their compatriots that they were not also willing to endure, so did Jesus strike the path for his disciples. His saving mission and his role as the Christ or Messiah would be defined by and expressed through suffering.

### The Question: Rev. Anthony Marinelli, *Service*

Today's reading represents the pivotal moment in the Gospel of Mark. The first half of the Gospel has been dominated by a question: "Who can this be?" (Mark 4:41). Finally, Jesus turns the question around on his followers: "Who do you say that I am?" The mystery of Jesus is about to be revealed: He is the Messiah, but not one that is expected. The liberation that he offers is not freedom from Rome but freedom to live a new kind of life. He is not offering what was expected—he is offering much more. In today's Gospel, Jesus invites his followers to walk in his path, to walk with him on the way of the cross. It is only then that they will truly know who he is. It is only then that they will be able to find within themselves the experience needed to answer the question.

If we examine the experience of Christians over the centuries it becomes apparent that there are many ways to answer the questions: "Who do you say that I am?" Different cultures and generations will focus on different aspects of Jesus. Thirty years ago, the divinity of Jesus was more prominently emphasized. Today, many North Americans think of Jesus as the model of the authentic human person. His words uncover the true meaning of our lives. Central and South Americans, however, focus on the Jesus of the Cross. He says little. But it is his suffering that they can relate to. He is not a Jesus of human fulfillment, But a Jesus of the poor.

The Gospel passage that we read today is one of the most poignant that we will read all year. We are faced with the question that every Christian of every age must face. The answer, it seems, can be found not by talking of Christ but by walking with Him.



*Guide me, Lord,  
along right paths*



**Soccer Challenge 2021:  
Presented by Auburn 3590  
"Knights of Columbus."  
Test your soccer skills!**

**WHO:** Open to Boys and Girls, ages 9-14 years old  
**WHEN:** Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup> from 1-2 pm  
**WHERE:** St. Gabriel Soccer Field  
**QUESTIONS:** Contact Ed Piotrowski—989-859-8504

***Thank-you from the Food Pantry!***

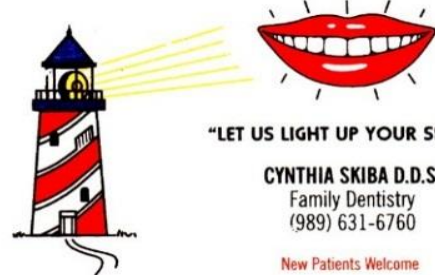
As always, the parishioners of St. Gabriel Parish stepped up to fill our food pantry! You brought donations to church and came in all week to drop off food at the parish center. Because of your generosity we were able to assist **10 families** this week alone with food and household products. We are so blessed to have such a generous congregation that responds when we need help to serve those that **really need help**. Thank-you again for your kindness!




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