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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 2nd weekend each month. Must be active, registered member of parish family. Contact Linda Knepler at 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 1st Saturday each month at 11:00 AM in the Sacristy at St. Gabriel Parish or call Parish Office for appointment.

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL
 114 W. Midland Rd., Auburn, MI 48611
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**SCHOOL ENDOWMENT
 SPREADING THE SPIRIT FUND**

School Principal 662-6431

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. Check our website, MyParish app, or Facebook page for up-to-date information.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

THANK YOU to all members who participated in the photograph sessions in July.

DUE TO AN OVERWHELMING RESPONSE THE SCHEDULE IS VERY FULL. PLEASE CALL FOR REMAINING AVAILABLE DATES.

To schedule your appointment, call the Parish Office at 662-6861.

Use Prior Directory's Photo? If desire, you may use photo from the prior Directory for a \$10 fee. You will receive a complimentary upcoming Directory. Notify the Parish Office of this request – no need for you to retrieve the photo.

General Information: For every family photographed, Lifetouch will provide the Directory at no cost. Plus, those families will receive a complimentary Directory and 8x10" portrait, with no sitting fee. From a variety of poses, you will select one for the Directory. In addition to the 8x10" portrait, you may purchase portraits the day of your session, though you are under no obligation to do so.



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Parishioner

\$ 1,000
 \$ 1,400
 \$ 250 per niche

Contact St. Gabriel Parish Office
 (989) 662-6861

\$ 1,750
 \$ 300 per niche

CEMETERY

Plot
 Burial
 Burial of Cremains
 Saturday Burial
 Foundation

Parishioner

\$ 500
 \$ 650
 \$ 150
 \$ 200 additional
 \$ 0.40 per sq. inch

Non-Parishioner

\$ 1,200
 \$ 850
 \$ 175
 \$ 200 additional
 \$ 0.40 per sq. inch

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2019

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY 8:00 am – Word & Communion

1 Tm 3:1-13 Ps 101:1b-3b, 5-6 Lk 7:11-17

WEDNESDAY 8:00am - Mass

1 Tm 3:14-16 Ps 111:1-6 Lk 7:31-35

THURSDAY 8:00 am - Mass

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

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY 4:30pm - Mass

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 Ps 19:2-5 Mt 9:9-13

SUNDAY 9:30am - Mass

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



PARISH ACTIVITIES

Wed., Sept. 18	10:00 am	Knitting Club
	6:00 pm	Grief Recovery Orientation
Thurs., Sept. 19	6:00 pm	PTO Meeting
	7:00 pm	School Committee
Fri., Sept. 20	9:00 am	School Mass

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$10,962 **Offering:** \$9,268.63

Children Good Deeds

...helped my brother clean up a spill ...helped my soccer team
...picked up my outside toys ...helped watch Ava ...I vacuumed
...played with my cousin Ava ...sweep
...helped calm down my crying baby brother

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

School is where we go to grow in academics and social awareness. We learn to read, write, calculate, experiment, and learn about our world around us in Social Studies. This is also true for our Faith and attending Saturday or Sunday services. We learn through the actions and teaching of Jesus and the prophets. In order to complete a proper foundation in God, we need to follow those teachings. Jesus tells us to carry our crosses and follow him in order to attain eternal life in heaven. Giving of yourself is one way to follow his teachings and spread his message. I have seen students help someone out who got hurt on the playground, help a new student navigate their day, and even welcome a nervous new principal into feeling at home and peaceful. God wants you to be happy, and happiness is attainable through God; you simply have to listen.

If you wish to support the school's Spreading the Spirit Fund or endowment, please do not hesitate to contact me directly. Please continue sharing the good news of AACs! Thank you for your continued prayers and support. God Bless, Clark Switalski, Principal. 989-662-6431.

CANTOR SCHEDULEING for Sept. 21/22 thru Nov. 28 will take place on Monday evening, Sept. 16, at 6:30 p.m. If you cannot attend, please have "can't serve" dates emailed to me by Sunday, Sept. 15. Sue LeVasseur, susanl2488@gmail.com, 989-205-4322 (cell).

EDUCATION/FORMATION

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

Do you feel lost sometimes? Do you turn to God for help to repent? How do we show mercy?

Reflecting on the Word: In response to the complaints of the Pharisees about his hospitality to sinners, Jesus offers the parable of the lost sheep. God is so loving and understanding and his mercy knows no bounds. He loves those who are already faithful and true but rejoices when the repentant sinner returns to him.

Living the Word: The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a joyful one – we are rejoicing in our return to the sheepfold! Take some time this week to rejoice in God's love and mercy. Set aside time for all family members who have been initiated to receive the sacrament to reflect and spend time in prayer. Afterward, discuss how the sacrament makes each of you feel. Talk about how you can share God's love with others. Remind your children that God always welcomes sinners back. You can celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Gabriel Parish on the 1st Saturday of each month at 11 a.m. or by appointment with Father Tom.

Religious Education Registration: Registration is being taken until **Monday, September 23**. We will be offering elementary formation on Sunday's from 10:45 a.m. – 12 noon. **Kindergarten through 5th grade**. Forms are at the south side of the church near the adult education kiosk. We will begin formation on **Sunday, September 29**.

Youth Ministry (6-12) can use the same forms to sign up for religious education. We will be meeting with the youth once a month this year. That schedule will be published soon. If you would like to get involved with our youth contact Stephanie Schacher, sschacher@auburnmac.org.

Sacramental Preparation: Applications are available on the Religious Education Registration table near the kiosk. They are **due Monday, September 23**.

Nursery Helper Needed

I am looking for a person to help out in the nursery. You would be responsible to be in the nursery every six weeks. If you would be willing to help, please contact me at sdesjardins@auburnmac.org or 989-662-4335.

R.C.I.A. – An Invitation to Come and See....Have you ever wondered about the Catholic Church or about becoming Catholic? Informal sessions to explore these questions and faith issues in relation to Catholic beliefs will begin on Tuesday, October 1. Pre-registration is required. An informational brochure on becoming Catholic through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is available at the church entrance. For more information call the parish office at 662-6861.

KNITTING CLUB

The Knitting Club will begin again for this season on Wednesday, September 18. We will meet the third Wednesday of each month at the parish center at 10:00 a.m. New members are welcome. If interested, we can even teach you how to knit or crochet. A great hobby!

Save the Date!

Flu Shot Clinic:

October 12 & 13 After mass -----More details to follow



FROM FR. TOM'S DESK

Twenty-Fourth Sunday (Ordinary Time)

Mary M. McGlone, *National Catholic Reporter*, Vol. 55, No.24

Intro: Jesus Addresses his three-part parable discourse to devout people who complain that he gives religion a bad name by hanging out with and even eating with delinquents. To understand this in context, we need to remember that for the Jewish people of Jesus' day, sharing a meal was what we would call sacramental; eating with people was what the equivalent of sharing Communion with them,

First Parable: In response to his critics, Jesus doesn't criticize anybody. He starts by talking about a shepherd – one of Israel's favorite images of God. The trouble is that this shepherd seems extravagantly, even foolishly, attached to one of his sheep. In the absence of a corral or well-trained dogs, sheep have the tendency to scatter; they'll wander after one another and even follow a lousy leader right into the heart of danger.

Jesus asks the group, "What one among you would not leave 99 and go after a stray?" The same answer to his question is "None of us would do that! Why risk 99 for the sake of one?"

Second Parable: The next example sounds just as capricious. A woman has 10 drachmae, coins of relatively small value. Upon losing just one, she becomes a whirlwind of housecleaning, making dust fly until she recovers it. Then she throws a party to show the neighbors that nothing gets lost under her watch.

Third Parable: Finally, we come to Jesus' most popular parable: the prodigal family. To Hebrew ears, this parable summarized much of salvation history. Jesus describes a father who wanted only to give his sons everything he had. One son wasted it on high living, and the other squandered it by thinking of himself as a slave, never taking advantage of what his dad offered. The father had to lure them through rebellion and righteousness before their hearts were ready to enjoy their inheritance.

Conclusion: Luke teaches us that sharing God's heart will catapult us into prodigal freedom. God's first concern is always for the lost. That includes us, whether we have brought it on ourselves by straying or through the self-righteousness of thinking we can and should earn what God offers for free.

Second Chance (Exodus 32)

The Liturgical Press

When we look at our reading from Exodus we see that the people Moses leads out from slavery in Egypt have become depraved. They have made a false god, a molten calf, and are worshipping it. God decides to let his wrath blaze up against them. Moses must have been an interesting person. As much as he respects and loves God, he also has the courage to remind God of his promises to these weak-hearted people. If Moses had a big heart, God's is even bigger, and he relents and doesn't harm the people. God is merciful.

Hope & Forgiveness (1 Timothy 1)

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. He then 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.

The Starting Place

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 up his heart and his home, risking that he will be hurt again, forgiveness will 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.

A Pastor's Bias: I noted with gratitude that some of our recent funerals included memorials to the parish. I think it is a most appropriate act to remember the parish in this way – a giving thanks for the time one has benefited in belonging to the parish. In that vein, I also note the parish is seldom the beneficiary of a parishioner's estate. That practice was much more present in previous parishes I have served. There is a great deal of emphasis today on estate planning, on wills and trusts. I would hope much thought be given to a final gift to the parish in appreciation for what the parish offered you while you were a member. I say this in hope of getting people to consider what can easily be overlooked.

PASTORAL CARE CORNER

Linda Knepler-Coordinator

Homebound and Families in need of Parish Care – I would like to visit anyone wishing a visit or a phone call on a regular basis. We want our parish family to know they are loved, missed regularly at the celebration of the Eucharist, and prayed for daily. Any family member can call in a name throughout the year. Your parent, grandparent, or other family member may not need this support right now but please keep this in mind for future changes in your family.

Grief Recovery Support – The first six months to a year can be difficult after losing a loved one. The first step in coping with grief is to acknowledge that it may be difficult and then to prepare for it in advance by making specific plans and obtaining the support you need. St. Gabriel Parish will begin a six-week series called **Grief Recovery Support**. Orientation will take place on Wednesday, September 18, at 6:00 p.m. at the parish center. This is a FREE event.

Holiday Grief Support - The holidays, especially the first ones after losing a loved one, can be especially difficult for people who are grieving. The first step in coping with grief during the holidays is to acknowledge that the season may be difficult. One can prepare for it in advance by obtaining the support that you need. St. Gabriel's will offer **Coping with the Holidays** on Wednesday, November 6, at 6 p.m. at the Parish Center. This is a FREE event.

Please register for upcoming events, call 989-662-6861 or for more info call Linda at 989-482-9577.