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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 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 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 September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022

### MONDAY

449: Prv 3:27-34 Ps 15:2-4b, 5 Lk 8:16-18

### TUESDAY 8 am Word and Communion

450: Prv 21 21:1-6, 10-13 Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34-35, 44 Lk 8:19-21

### WEDNESDAY 9 am Word and Communion

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

### THURSDAY

452: Eccl 1:2-11 Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc Lk 9:7-9

### FRIDAY

453: Eccl 3:1-11 Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4 Lk 9:18-22

### SATURDAY 4:30 pm Mass

454: Eccl 11:9—12:8 Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17 Lk 9:43b-45

### SUNDAY 9:30 am Mass

138: Am 6:1a, 4-7 Ps 146:7-10 1 Tm 6:11-16 Lk 16:19-31



## UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

**Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup> – Registration for Religious Ed and Youth Ministry ends**

**Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> – Knitters – 10 am**

**Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> – First Day of Fall!**

## STEWARDSHIP

**Weekly Target: \$11,153.84 Offering: \$8,179.55**

**Food Pantry: \$90**

### Children's Good Deeds

...Helped Nana make breakfast ...Picked up cars in the living room...

...Gave baby brother his pacifier when he was crying...

...Putting away my laundry when I was told...Helping with baby...

...I helped brush out my baby sister's hair...

## AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

**Clark Switalski, Principal**

The students are starting to get into a routine now as we enter our 5th week of school. They have started their testing for NWEA. One test is not the overall answer in identifying a students' abilities, so we also use the DRA and STAR tests to help us get a better picture of the students' academic needs. These occur 2-3 times per year and help us identify student achievement and gaps where further instruction is needed. We also received our lockers for the annex last week, and the PK playground will be coming soon! We will work on setting a date for installation and removal of the old structure.

The Gospel this week directly ties into our virtue for the month. We are working on trustworthiness as a school. Being able to be relied upon by others is a great skill for the students to learn as they grow up, and one they will use for a lifetime. While it can be as simple as "pick up your clothes" or "take out the trash" now, it will soon develop into harder choices as they progress through middle school, high school, and college/trade school.

**...God Bless...**

## Join the Choir

Here is an opportunity to become part of the Choir and "sing a new song!" Rehearsals start October 3<sup>rd</sup> and will be held on Mondays from

6:30 - 8 pm. We sing at the weekend Masses alternating between Saturday and Sunday. We will be expecting you!



## EDUCATION / FORMATION

**Family Talk Time** Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families, Sara McGinnis Lee  
*What does it mean to be trustworthy? How can we be faithful to and worthy of trust in the small opportunities to love in our everyday lives?*

### Reflecting on the Word:

What does it mean to be trustworthy? If we are willing to lie about small matters: the broken dish, the unbrushed teeth, the bad decision, then it makes it easier to lie about the big stuff in life. But what if Jesus is also speaking about being trustworthy with opportunities to bring his love into the world. Most of us won't save the world in big ways; most of us will save it by the small acts of love that we can do every day of our lives. If Jesus can trust us with our present time in this world, then he will entrust us with the great kingdom of heaven.

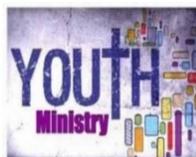
### Living the Word:

Throughout the week look for opportunities to praise your family members for being honest. Notice small things they are being honest about and praise them for their honesty. Look for small acts of love that you can do, or you see others do. You are spreading God's love!

**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. Please know that any child preparing to receive sacraments must be in formation **1 year** prior to receiving their sacrament and the year of celebrating the sacrament.



**Youth Ministry** registration forms are available at the west church entrance. There will be weekly gatherings this year. That schedule will be published soon. Misty Michelle is our youth minister & Cindy Abraham will be lead catechists for the Middle School Youth Formation.



**Sacramental Preparation** applications are available at the west church entrance. Your eligibility for 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 to the suitability of committing your child to sacramental preparation. Reconciliation preparation begins in November and Eucharist preparation begins in February. Application forms are due Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. Prep sessions are offered during the week.



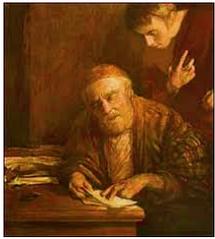
### The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

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, [faithformation@auburnac.org](mailto:faithformation@auburnac.org) or 989-662-4335



### HELP! We need you to work in the nursery Sunday morning.

If you love interacting with children 6 months to 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 sixth week. If you are willing to minister to our young families could you please contact Sandy at [faithformation@auburnac.org](mailto:faithformation@auburnac.org) or (989) 662-4335



## **FROM FR. TOM'S DESK**

### **Twenty-Fifth Sunday Ordinary Time:**

*Grace Works*, Dallas, Texas

Jesus said it this way in our Gospel lesson today, “the person who is trustworthy in small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones.” Character is who you are in the dark when you think no one else is watching. But character is also forged in the small details of living life one moment after another.

Many of us think that our lives are defined only by the great highlight moments, those great mountaintop events someone has dubbed the “fifteen minutes of fame” each of us might have in life. But in truth, our lives are much more defined by the way we handle by the way we handle the small forgotten moments. These are the building blocks of our lives, and they set the direction of our character. Few of us this week will negotiate world peace, or discover a remarkable vaccine to heal disease, or rescue a life in dramatic newsworthy fashion. But all of us will have the chance to help a person across a crowded street, speak kindly to the person serving us at the restaurant table, read to a child, or send an encouraging note to someone who is hurting. None of these acts may seem like the stuff of a highlight film of our lifetime, but to God these are the moments that define a person’s contribution to life. Faithfulness here, where only God sees and only God remembers, is the crucial building block of a person’s life. And whatever great moments may come in that person’s life, it is these forgotten little moments that prepare the way.

So, if your life’s ambition is to do something great, or to become someone famous, pay attention to the smallest details and the insignificant moments first. So, aspire not to save humanity in general, but to make a world of difference in the life of a single person. And God will applaud, even if no one else notices that the world just became a more beautiful place.

### **Social Justice (Amos 8):**

*Service*

Amos certainly addresses a situation in which greed and the desire for capital gain have the upper hand. The opening line of this reading makes it clear that the rich are so involved in economic exploitation that the poor of the land are dying. Even as they observe their religious rest from work, the rich cannot wait until “the new moon be over” so that they can return to their money-making pursuits. When they do return to their business, it is an abomination. They “fix their scales for cheating” by adjusting the weights (ephah, shekel) so that the balance is in their favor. Most heinous to Amos is the conviction that these servers of money ignore a central tenet of Israel’s moral traditions: the protection of the poor and powerless.

In Amos, poverty is a creation of the rich, an oppression by those who have upon those who have not. This prophet’s reading of the economic situation of his time may seem to us almost Marxist. Unlike Marxists, however, Amos’s vision is founded on the covenant with Yahweh. Yahweh expects members of the covenant to act justly with each other. The rich have violated the covenant by using the weakness of the poor for their own economic gain.

### **Good Christian and Good Citizen (1 Timothy 2):**

*Service*

This letter was written by a disciple of Paul at a time after the great apostle’s death. It reflects a period of Church life when the intense

expectation of Christ’s return in glory was waning. Throughout the letter there is an expressed desire that Christians settle into the structures of society and gain respect for themselves as good citizens. As today’s reading makes clear, the author wishes that Christians “be able to lead undisturbed and tranquil lives in perfect piety and dignity.” In the inspired view of this author, our allegiance to both church and state are complementary.

### **Influence of Faith (Luke 16):**

*Service*

In Luke’s Gospel the choice is over the use of wealth. Luke would here maintain that there is no possibility of remaining neutral in economic matters. As faith and money talk, one cannot sit back and watch, throwing an approving nod to one side and now the other. One must choose which one of these powers in fact rules one’s life. This is not to deny that believers will be faced with times when fiscal responsibility, wise investment, and financial planning will have something important to say. But in Christian living, faith must be an active partner in the conversation. Moreover, if the message of Luke be heard, when money and faith come to a standoff, the believer must be prepared to let faith have the final word.

### **Call to Action:**

*Grace Works*, Dallas Texas

We cannot live as if there is no tomorrow, any more than we can live only for tomorrow. The master in this parable commends the manager for his shrewd dealings. Perhaps the master was pleasantly surprised to receive at least a portion of some stubborn outstanding debts. Or maybe after commending him, the master still fired the man. We do not know, and it does not matter. For the point of this story is not to entertain us, to set up the sequel of what happens next in the lives of the master or the manager or the creditors. The point of the story is to invite us, to warn us, to instruct us to prepare for our own audit before God. So, pay attention to the small things, the unseen things, where only you and God are watching. Do the right thing, every time, to everyone, as to God. But whatever you do, don’t just sit there. Do something.

### **Carpe Diem:**

Rev. Richard Gribble, CSC, *The Liturgical Press*

The famous nineteenth-century American writer O. Henry tells the story of a little girl whose mother had died. Each day the child waited for her father to arrive home from work, for the one thing she desired most was to sit in her father’s lap and cuddle up to him. She was emotionally starved and desperate for affection. Each night, however, her father followed the same routine. He prepared dinner, ate, washed the dishes, and then plopped into his favorite chair and read until bedtime. When his daughter came to sit in his lap he would always give the same reply, “Honey, Daddy is too tired. I have worked hard all day. Why don’t you go outside and play with your friends.” The girl went outside and amused herself as best as she could. As one might expect the inevitable happened. As the girl grew older she accepted expressions of affection from anyone and everyone who offered them. Finally, instead of playing in the street she became a prostitute. One day the girl died from a drug overdose. As she approached the gates of heaven, St. Peter said to Jesus, “She’s a bad one, Lord. You know she was a prostitute and died of a drug overdose. I guess that leaves only one place for her.” Jesus, however, surprised Peter in saying, “Let her into heaven, but when her father’s time for judgement comes hold him responsible for what became of her life.”

*“Lord, may I be your  
faithful servant”*

**Trustworthy**

**Christ's Mission Appeal** is right around the corner. This is the annual campaign conducted by the Catholic Diocese of Saginaw for ministries that are made available for parishes throughout the Diocese—and in support of the wider Church. We will learn more about Christ's Mission Appeal next weekend and you will be receiving a letter and packet of information from Bishop Gruss about this important appeal.

St. Gabriel Parish will be hosting a **“Virtus Session” on Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup> 6–8:30 pm.**

This will be held in the Social Hall. If you are interested in volunteering in School, going on field trips or any other events involving St. Gabriel Parish or AACS you **Must** have this training, it is required by the Diocese of Saginaw. Please go to the Diocesan website to sign-up or call the School or Parish office for more information.

**Parish Picnic Wrap up**

While it may have been a little wet toward the end of the picnic, we were blessed for the most part with a pleasant day, not too hot and not too cold. We would like to say thank you to the Parish Council and the Commissions (and their spouses!) who made the arrangements, took care of set-up/tear down, helped with food, including the wonderful spread prepared by Rick and Marie LaRocque, donated gifts for door/Bingo prizes including Ed Welz who donated his handmade birdhouses and bench, and those who made sure everything was cleaned up afterwards. This event really and truly takes a village. We are very lucky to have a very ambitious, hardworking village!



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